

AGENDA
Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting

Public Meeting: **Monday, March 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
1801 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

The Commission May Vote to Approve, Disapprove or Take Other Action on Any of the Following Items. The Commission May Vote to Authorize Public Comment on Any Agenda Item Requesting a Rule Change.

1. Call to Order – Chairman John Groendyke
2. Roll Call – Rhonda Hurst
3. Invocation – Alan Peoples
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Alan Peoples
5. Introduction of Guests
6. Presentation of Awards – J.D. Strong, Director

Rodney Derrick, Data Analyst/Programmer – 20 years

7. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on minutes of the February 11, 2019 regular Commission meeting.
8. Presentation of the January 31, 2019 Financial Statement and consideration and vote to approve, amend or reject miscellaneous donations – Melinda Streich, Assistant Director of Administration and Finance.
9. Director's Report – J.D. Strong
 - a. Federal and Congressional Update
 - Oklahoma Legislative Update – Corey Jager, Legislative Liaison
 - b. Calendar Items – discussion of upcoming department calendar items.
 - c. Agency Update – an update on current activity within each division of the agency.
10. Discussion and action as necessary with respect to adopting a written Position Statement from the Commission pertaining to legislation – Chairman Groendyke.
11. Presentation on the ODWC contributions to duck conservation in Canada – J.D. Strong and Dave Kostersky, Ducks Unlimited Canada.
12. Presentation and consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on a donation of \$2,388.50 from Quail Forever in support of upland game conservation efforts on Cross Timbers, Keystone, Honobia Creek and Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas – Bill Dinkines, Assistant Chief of Wildlife Division, Laura McIver, Oklahoma Regional Representative of Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever and John Bellah, President, Central Oklahoma 89er Chapter of Quail Forever.
13. Update from the Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association (OPBA) on statewide activities made possible through the support and funding provided by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation – Alan Peoples, Chief of Wildlife Division and John Weir and Russell Stevens, Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association.

14. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on the ODWC Facility Use Agreement and Policy and Alcohol Policy – J.D. Strong.
15. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's Strategic Plan – J.D. Strong
16. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on Permanent Rules – Nels Rodefeld, Chief of Information & Education Division.

Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation

Chapter 1. Operations and Procedures

Subchapter 5. General Course and Method of Operation

800:1-5-2. General course and method operation [AMENDED]

Subchapter 11. Publications

800:1-11-1. Charges for workshops, publications and other material [AMENDED]

These rule changes will allow the Wildlife Commission more flexibility on setting regular Commission meetings pursuant to HB 1501 passed during the 2017 Legislative Session. This rule change will also update the list of items and fees for sale by the Wildlife Department. Several items in this chapter are no longer available, and one item will be added. The new license database system provides the option to sell a collectible hard card version of hunting and fishing licenses. Card orders will be fulfilled by our vendor and will include license privileges for the given year. This rule proposal will add the hard card to the list of merchandise we offer, and establish the fee. This hard card is optional and not required to hunt or fish. All of the listed items are voluntary purchases.

17. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on Permanent Rules – Barry Bolton, Chief of Fisheries Division.

Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation

Chapter 10. Sport Fishing Rules

Subchapter 1. Harvest and Possession Limits

800:10-1-4. Size limits on fish [AMENDED]

80:10-1-5. Bag limits on fish [AMENDED]

These rules will remove harvest and possession limits on private ponds allowing landowners to manage fish populations and will simplify paddlefish angling by removing the requirement for anglers to complete the "Record of Game" section on their paddlefish permit.

18. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on Permanent Rules – Alan Peoples, Chief of Wildlife Division.

Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation

Chapter 25. Wildlife Rules

Subchapter 5. Migratory Bird Hunting Season

800:25-5-2. Hunting dates, bag and possession limits for migratory birds [AMENDED]

Part 11. Waterfowl Hunting Blinds

800:25-5-48. Purpose [REVOKED]

800:25-5-49. Permits for permanent or temporary blinds [REVOKED]

800:25-5-50. Drawing process [REVOKED]

800:25-5-51. Blind construction [AMENDED]

Part 23. Waterfowl Hunting on Sooner Lake

800:25-5-96. Blinds [AMENDED]

Subchapter 7. General Hunting Seasons

Part 5. Upland Game

800:25-7-15. Wild turkey – Fall; dates, limits and open areas [AMENDED]

800:25-7-19. Wild Turkey – general provisions [AMENDED]

Part 12. Antelope

800:25-7-48. Dates, open areas, bag limits and hunting hours and regulations [AMENDED]

Part 13. Deer

800:25-7-50. General provisions for deer [AMENDED]

800:25-7-54. Legal firearms and archery specifications [AMENDED]

Part 14. Elk

800:25-7-57. Dates, open areas, bag limit and hunting hours [AMENDED]

Part 15. Furbearers

800:25-7-60. Dates and legal furbearers [AMENDED]

Part 16. Black Bears

800:25-7-67. Dates, open areas, bag limits, hunting hours, legal means of take, quotas, prohibited activities [AMENDED]

Part 19. Seasons on Areas Owned or Managed by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

800:25-7-81.2. Arbuckle Springs WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-87.1. Candy Creek WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-94.5. Deep Fork WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-97. Fobb Bottom WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-102.1.1. Grady County WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-106. Heyburn WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-108. Hickory Creek WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-115. Kaw WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-116. Keystone WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-120. Love Valley WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-126.1. Neosho WMA [NEW]

800:25-7-128. Okmulgee PHA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-143. Skiatook WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-144. Sparrowhawk WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-149. Texoma/Washita Arm WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-149.2. Thomas A. Bamberger Sr WMA [NEW]

800:25-7-151. Tishomingo WMU/Cooperative Unit [AMENDED]

Subchapter 13. Commercial Hunt Areas

800:25-13-9. Tagging requirements [AMENDED]

Subchapter 19. Oklahoma Endangered Species

800:25-19.6. Species listing [AMENDED]

Subchapter 24. Import of Cervids

800:25-24-1. Purpose [AMENDED]

800:25-24-3. Requirements [AMENDED]

Subchapter 30. Wildlife Depredation on Agricultural Crops

800:25-30-2. Procedures [AMENDED]

Subchapter 42. Director Authority for CWD Response [NEW]

800:25-42-1. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) response rules [NEW]

800:25-42-2. Revocation authority for CWD response rules [NEW]

Subchapter 5 – Remove reference to the waterfowl hunting regulations booklet since they are now included in the general hunting booklet; eliminate the drawing process for permanent waterfowl hunting blinds on Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs, and change all these reservoirs to temporary blinds only; require hunters to obtain a daily permit for blinds when hunting on Sooner Lake.

Subchapter 7 - Remove the requirement for hunters to complete the "Record of Game" section on their annual license for all big game species. Open several counties and WMA's to fall turkey hunting; make several WMA's shotgun only for safety reasons. Allow any centerfire rifle, pistol, or shotgun firing a single projectile to be used for hunting deer. Change raccoon season to open year-round. Open all areas east of Highway 69 and South of Interstate 40 to bear hunting; and prohibit the harvest of collared bears. Open Deep Fork WMA deer gun season and close small game seasons during this time for safety reasons. Open waterfowl season on Sparrowhawk WMA. Establish hunting seasons and dates on two new Wildlife Management Areas: Neosho WMA and Thomas A. Bamberger Sr. WMA.

Subchapter 13 – Require commercial hunt areas to keep ID tags in all released animals until deceased.

Subchapter 19 – Update/correct names in the list of species of special concern.

Subchapter 24 – Restrict the import of some cervid carcass parts to help protect Oklahoma's native deer and elk population from the threat of CWD.

Subchapter 30 – Remove rusty blackbird from the list of allowable species of take under the National Depredation Order due to population declines, but still allows for individual permits from USFWS.

Subchapter 42 – Add new subchapter that will allow the Director to implement or revoke CWD management actions as necessary.

19. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on Permanent Rules – Alan Peoples.

Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation

Chapter 30. Department of Wildlife Lands Management

Subchapter 1. Use of Department Managed Lands

800:30-1-4. Camping [AMENDED]

This rule will add the recently acquired Thomas A. Bamberger Sr. WMA to the list of areas that do not allow overnight camping.

20. Discussion of the solicitation to lease ODWC owned mineral interest in Blaine County, which the Commission by majority vote may decide to discuss in Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. 307(B)(3); with any action thereon to take place through discussion, consideration and vote in Open session – Alan Peoples, Chief of Wildlife Division.
 - a. Vote to enter into Executive Session.
 - b. Vote to return to Open Session.
 - c. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on solicitation to lease ODWC owned mineral interest in Blaine County.
21. New Business – Discussion of any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

22. Announce the April Commission meeting is canceled and the date for the next regular Commission Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
23. Adjourn

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