

**TITLE 800. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
CHAPTER 25. WILDLIFE RULES**

SUBCHAPTER 1. HUNTING/TRAPPING ON OKLAHOMA TOURISM AND RECREATION LANDS

800:25-1-5. Trapping on Lake Thunderbird State Park [REVOKED]

The following provisions apply to trapping on Lake Thunderbird State Park:

- ~~(1) **Species which may be trapped.** Beaver may be trapped.~~
~~(2) **Dates.** Trapping dates are to be determined annually by Lake Thunderbird State Park Manager.~~
~~(3) **Method of harvest.** The method of harvest shall be legal traps, as approved by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, to be used for water drown sets only; a water drown set is the placement of a trap so that it is completely submerged beneath the surface of the water. All traps must be identified with the trapper's name.~~
~~(4) **Access.** Trappers must register at park headquarters prior to setting any traps. In addition, each trapper must report his harvest in person at park headquarters daily between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Hog Creek campground is closed to all trapping. The park manager may limit the number of trappers and/or traps set if necessary.~~

SUBCHAPTER 3. HUNTING ON CORPS OF ENGINEERS LANDS

800:25-3-2. Areas open to archery equipment and shotguns with pellets only

The following Corps of Engineers areas are open to archery equipment and shotguns with pellets only:

- (1) Canton Lake: A 80-acre unit above Highway 58A in the Sandy Cove Area.
(2) Keystone Lake:
(A) A 460-acre unit including land north and south of the Cowskin North Recreation Area.
(B) A 200-acre unit on the west side of the north end of the Highway 64 bridge.
(C) A 530-acre unit north of the New Mannford Ramp area.
(D) A 480-acre unit east of the Cimarron Park area.
(E) A 100-acre unit north and south of the Pawnee Cove Access Point.
(F) A 200-acre unit in the Old Mannford Ramp area.
(G) A 280-acre unit on the south side of the road ending at Washington Irving North.
(H) A 120-acre unit west and south of the Sinnett Cemetery and south of the old Keystone road.
(I) A 200-acre unit south of Highway 51 on Bakers Branch.
(J) A 135-acre area on the west side of Walnut Creek (old Walnut Creek #3).
(3) Hugo Lake: Except, archery only during all deer seasons.
(A) A 2,373-acre unit in the Kiamichi Park Area.
(B) A 418-acre unit in the Salt Creek Area.
(C) A 478-acre unit in the Wilson Point Area.
(D) A 481-acre unit in the Virgil Point Area.
(E) A 280-acre unit in the Sawyer Bluff Area.
(F) A 60-acre unit in the Rattan Landing Area.
(G) A 500-acre unit in the embankment area above Hugo Dam.
(4) Tenkiller Ferry Lake: A 110-acre unit north of the asphalt road and east of Highway 10A.
(5) Copan Lake: Except, archery equipment only during all deer seasons.
(A) A 650-acre unit below the dam.
(B) A 100-acre unit east and southeast of Copan Point Park.
(C) Three islands north of Washington Cove Park.
(6) Fort Gibson Lake:
(A) A 300-acre unit on the north side of North Bay.
(B) A 800-acre unit on the south side of the Chouteau Creek, starting at Highway 69 and running east and south to Highway 33.
(C) A 320-acre unit across the lake from the Chouteau Bend Recreation Area.
(D) A 480-acre unit on the west side of Mallard Bay.
(E) A 103 -acre unit in Section 13 of the Blue Bill Point housing addition.
(F) A 160-acre unit west of the town of Murphy.
(G) A 650-acre unit on Pryor Creek beginning on the east side of Highway 69 in

Sections 29, 30 & 31.

(H) A 190-acre unit in the south ½ of Section 12, north of the Blue Bill Recreation Area.

(I) A 120-acre unit west of the town of Hulbert.

(7) Sardis:

(A) A 950-acre unit in the Potato Hills Area.

(B) A 100-acre unit in the Sardis Cove Area.

(8) Webbers Falls Lock and Dam 16:

(A) A 37-acre unit on the peninsula north of the lock and dam.

(B) A 150-acre unit in the Hopewell Park Area.

(C) A 150-acre unit in the Brewer's Bend Area only open for hunting 1 December through 28 February.

(D) A 50-acre unit south of the Spaniard Creek Area.

(E) A 60-acre unit off Lock View access road and south of the project office.

(9) Lake Texoma:

(A) A 380-acre unit below Denison Dam.

(B) A 160-acre unit in the Willow Springs Area.

(C) A 100-acre unit in the Buncombe Creek West Area

(D) A 110-acre unit on the Limestone Creek Area.

(E) A 250-acre unit on the Treasure Island, North Island Group.

(F) A 512-acre unit in the McLaughlin Creek Southwest Area.

(G) A 1,100-acre unit in the Washita Point Area.

(H) A 300-acre unit south of the Butcher Pen Area.

(I) A 800-acre unit on either side of Highway 70 on the east side of the lake.

(J) A 650-acre unit in the Lakeside West and South Area.

(K) A 420-acre unit in the Lebanon Area.

(L) A 226-acre unit on the west side of Wilson Creek.

(M) A 130-acre unit in the Caney Creek Area.

(O) A 170-acre unit in the Oakview North Area.

(P) A 115-acre unit in the North Platter Flats Area.

(Q) A 95-acre unit in the Newberry Creek South Area.

(10) Kaw Lake:

(A) A 280-acre unit in the Traders Bend Area.

(B) A 320-acre unit in the Sarge Creek Cove Area.

(C) A 220-acre unit in the Burbank Landing Area.

(D) A 110-acre unit between Sandy Park Swim Beach and Osage Cove.

(E) A 100-acre unit in the Bear Creek Cove, open for hunting only from 15 September through 15 February.

(F) A 186-acre unit south of Camp McFadden and north of a housing addition.

(11) Eufaula Lake:

(A) Open for archery equipment 1 October through 28 February and open for shotguns with pellets from 1 November through 28 February.

(i) A 165 -acre unit in the Highway 31 Landing Area.

(ii) A 128 -acre unit in Holiday Cove Recreation Area.

(iii) A 200-acre unit in Hickory Point Recreation Area.

(iv) A 90 -acre unit in the Gentry Creek Recreation Area.

(B) Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment and shotguns with pellets.

(i) A 275-acre unit known as Duchess Creek Island.

(ii) A 47-acre unit in Juniper Park.

(iii) A 99-acre unit in the Coal Creek area.

(iv) A 69-acre unit southwest of the city of Crowder.

(v) A 116-acre unit east of the city of Crowder.

(vi) A 95-acre unit in the Rock Creek Heights area.

(vii) A 63-acre unit around Highway 9 Marina.

(viii) A 411-acre unit in the area of Highway 9A.

- (ix) A 247-acre unit known as Bunny Creek.
- (x) A 251-acre unit in Sandy Bass Bay.
- (xi) A 32-acre unit in Dam Site area.
- (xii) A 95-acre unit below Eufaula Dam, north of the river
- (xiii) A 443-acre unit in the Longtown Creek area known as Round Tree Landing.
- (C) Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment and shotguns with pellets, except for the 2nd Friday through Monday in December: A 395-acre unit in the Brooken Cove Recreational Area.
- (D) Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment and shotguns with pellets only, except closed the 3rd Friday of October through the 1st weekend of November: A 533-acre unit in the Gaines Creek Recreational Area.
- (12) Chouteau Lock and Dam 17: All lands beginning from the MK&T Railroad below Chouteau Lock and Dam 17 and continuing upstream to Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18, except that Pecan Park is open to hunting with archery equipment only and the Chouteau Lock and Dam 17 has a 600 yard "No Hunting" buffer area around both the lock and dam, and that Coal Creek Access Point and Afton Landing Park are closed to all hunting.
- (13) Hulah Lake:
 - (A) A 200-acre unit in the Turkey Creek Point Area.
 - (B) A 60-acre unit below Hulah Dam.
 - (C) A 375-acre unit in the Caney Bend Area.
- (14) Wister Lake: A 400-acre unit east of the uncontrolled spillway and Glendale Dike.
- (15) Oologah Lake:
 - (A) A 80-acre unit on the east side of Blue Creek Park.
 - (B) A 180 acre-unit on the south side of Spencer Creek Park.
 - (C) A 120-acre unit east of Double Creek Park.
- (16) Waurika Lake: All lands presently designated as open to public hunting, except fall turkey hunting is archery only.
- (17) Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18: All lands beginning from Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18 and continuing upstream to Interstate 44, except that the Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18 has a 600 yard 'No Hunting' buffer area around it, and that Bluegill Access Point, Highway 33 Access Point and Bluff Landing Public Use Area are closed to all hunting.

800:25-3-3. Areas open to archery equipment only

The following Corps of Engineers areas are open to archery equipment only:

- (1) Birch Lake: A 450-acre unit in the Birch cove, Outlet Park and Twin cove areas.
- (2) Kaw Lake:
 - (A) A 400-acre unit in the Washunga Bay Area.
 - (B) A 600-acre unit in the McFadden Cove Area and below the dam embankment access road.
 - (C) A 236-acre unit in the Osage Cove Area open from 1 December to 31 December.
 - (D) A 60-acre unit south of Kaw City and west of Pioneer Park.
- (3) Fort Gibson:
 - (A) A 515-acre unit on the south side of Mallard Bay.
 - (B) A 360-acre unit on the north side of the mouth of North Bay.
 - (C) A 50-acre unit south of Jackson Bay Area.
 - (D) A 150-acre area on the northeast end of Ranger Creek.
 - (E) A 488-acre unit on the south side of Whitehorn Cove Concession.
 - (F) A 100-acre unit in the Snug Harbor area.
 - (G) A 320-acre unit on the south side of North Bay.
 - (H) A 320-acre unit on the north side of Long Bay.
 - (I) A 70-acre area on the upper end of Pryor Creek adjacent to the east side of Highway 69.
 - (J) A 36-acre area in Section 6, T16N, R20E.
 - (K) A 77-acre area on the north shore of Ranger Creek.
 - (L) A 166-acre area west of Taylor Ferry South Park in Sections 20 & 21, T17N, R19E.

- (4) Copan Lake:
 - (A) A 50-acre unit north of Copan Point Park.
 - (B) A 50-acre unit north of the Post Oak area.
 - (C) A 5-acre unit west of Post Oak Park between the old and new Highway 10.
 - (D) A 340-acre unit north of the Washington Cove Park.
- (5) Heyburn Lake: A 120-acre unit on the south side of the Dam Site Area and west of the outlet channel.
- (6) Skiatook Lake:
 - (A) A 138-acre unit in the Osage Park Area.
 - (B) A 150-acre unit area below Skiatook Dam.
 - (C) A 120-acre unit in Hominy Landing.
- (7) Hulah Lake: A 40-acre unit south of the Hulah State Park office.
- (8) Pine Creek Lake:
 - (A) A 200-acre unit north of Highway 3 and south of the old highway.
 - (B) A 120-acre unit west of Little River Park.
- (9) Fort Supply: ~~A 183-acre unit in the south portion of Fort Supply Park.~~
 - (A) A 183-acre unit in the south portion of Fort Supply Park.
 - (B) A 46-acre unit in the Project Office Area.
- (10) Arcadia Conservation Education Area: (Open by ODWC sanctioned controlled hunt through the City of Edmond Game and Fish Commission only.)
 - (A) A 500-acre unit ½ mile North of Memorial Road on Midwest Boulevard
 - (B) 230-acre unit at Douglas and 150th street.
- (11) Keystone Lake: A 570-acre area south of the town of Prue (old Walnut Creek #1).
- (12) Lake Texoma:
 - (A) A 610-acre unit in the Burns Run Area
 - (B) A 550-acre unit in the Alberta Creek Area.
 - (C) A 60-acre unit in the Colbert Boat Club Area.
 - (D) A 40-acre unit in the Oak Hills Area.
 - (E) A 100-acre unit in the Willafa Woods Area.
 - (F) A 50-acre unit in the Buncombe Creek South Area.
- (13) Hugo Lake:
 - (A) A 13 acre unit located across from Wilson Point in Section 18, east of Highway 147.
 - (B) A 40 acre unit located north of County Road E2040 in Section 6 and east of Highway 147.

SUBCHAPTER 5. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SEASON

PART 23. WATERFOWL HUNTING ON SOONER LAKE

800:25-5-94. Hunting area, dates and hunting hours/days

- (a) **Hunt area.** Areas open to hunting at Sooner Lake shall be published ~~annually~~ in the ~~Oklahoma Waterfowl Regulations booklet~~ Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.
- (b) **Hunt dates.** Waterfowl hunting on Sooner Lake is open during all legal waterfowl seasons.
- (c) **Hunting hours.** Hunting hours are one-half hour before official sunrise to sunset on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

800:25-5-95. Species which may be hunted

Species which may be hunted on Sooner Lake are all legal waterfowl (ducks and geese) and coots as established under federal frameworks and published ~~annually~~ in the ~~Oklahoma Waterfowl Regulations~~ Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

PART 25. HUNTING AT TISHOMINGO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT

800:25-5-105. Dates for waterfowl hunting [REVOKED]

- (a) ~~The hunting period for ducks shall be those dates established for Zone 2 in 800:25-5-3.~~

~~(b) The hunting period for geese shall be those dates established in 800:25-5-15 and 800:25-5-16.~~

800:25-5-106. General provisions [REVOKED]

The following general provisions apply to hunting at the Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit (TWMU).

~~(1) All hunters must check in and out of hunt areas regardless of game being hunted. Waterfowl hunters hunting west of the Washita River will use the check station. All other hunters may use the check station or the self registration boxes located at various hunter access points.~~

~~(2) Access is limited to walk in use only during deer muzzleloader and regular deer gun seasons.~~

~~(3) The management unit will be open for waterfowl hunting until 1:00 p.m. daily.~~

**SUBCHAPTER 7. GENERAL HUNTING SEASONS
PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

800:25-7-3. General provisions

(a) Any person hunting any wildlife in open areas during the youth deer gun, bear muzzleloader, deer muzzleloader, deer gun, holiday antlerless deer gun (in open zones), elk gun (in open counties) or September antelope gun (in open areas) seasons with a shotgun and rifled slug, or any rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber long rifle, must possess a valid bear, deer, elk, or antelope license, unless otherwise exempt. Any person hunting feral hogs in open areas during the deer gun, deer primitive, elk, bear or antelope season with a shotgun and rifled slug, or any rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire, must possess a filled or unfilled deer, elk, bear or antelope license appropriate for that season unless otherwise exempt.

(b) No person while in the field may possess or attempt to harvest any wildlife, except waterfowl and crane, with shotgun utilizing shot larger than #4 buckshot.

(c) Any person participating in primitive firearms season, deer gun seasons, elk season, antelope season and bear gun season must conspicuously wear both a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both totaling 500 square inches or more of clothing, both consisting of daylight fluorescent orange color totaling not less than 400 square inches [Title 29 O.S., Section 5-205, Part A]. All other hunters, except those hunting waterfowl, dove, crow or crane, or while hunting furbearing animals at night must wear either a head covering or upper garment of fluorescent orange clothing during the deer primitive firearms season, deer gun seasons, elk season, antelope season and bear primitive firearms season, or bear gun season in areas/zones where these ~~seasons~~ seasons are open.

(d) For purposes of pheasant, turkey, deer, elk, bear and antelope regulations, 'final destination' shall be the hunter's residence or place of consumption.

(e) No person may possess any game bird, animal or other wildlife, or portions thereof that have been taken by another person unless such game bird, animal or other wildlife, contain information giving the taker's name, ~~address, license number, customer identification number~~, date taken and the number and kind of game bird, animal or wildlife. In addition, information on deer, elk, antelope, bear and turkey must include ~~where game was checked or electronic check station~~ the confirmation number as proof that the ~~animal~~ animal's harvest has been ~~checked~~ properly reported. The person's name and address receiving said wildlife must also appear on the written information.

(f) No person shall concentrate, drive, molest, hunt, take, capture or kill; or attempt to take any wildlife by the aid of any fire or smoke whether man-made or natural.

(g) No person may hunt, chase, capture, shoot at, wound or kill any moose or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, except as otherwise provided by statute or Commission rule.

(h) Private landowner regulations regarding any items covered by these rules may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive than these rules.

(i) Dogs may be used in taking all game species in these rules except bear, deer, elk, antelope and turkey. Exceptions to this rule would be the use of a leashed dog to track downed game after notification to the game warden of location and having no means of take on person while tracking.

(j) Except as otherwise provided for by law or Commission rule, nothing shall prohibit the year round pursuit of game, which may be lawfully hunted with the use of hunting dogs, for dog training or sport only. However unless otherwise provided, no person in pursuit of game with hunting dogs outside of the regular harvest season shall have in their possession the means to harvest such game.

~~(k) The pursuit of feral hogs with a shotgun on private property is not restricted by shot size.~~ Harvest tagging of game – All persons taking a deer, elk, antelope, bear, or turkey must immediately secure their name, customer identification number, date and time of harvest to the carcass.

(l) Harvest reporting of game – All deer, elk, antelope, bear, or turkey taken must be reported by the hunter to the

Department within 24 hours of leaving the hunt area. Instructions for reporting of harvest will be provided in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations and on the Department's website. Once reported, a carcass tag or online confirmation number will be issued. This tag or confirmation number must remain with the carcass to its final destination or through processing and/or storage at a commercial processing or storage facility. Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the carcass until the harvest has been properly reported.

PART 5. UPLAND GAME

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

The following hunting dates, bag limits and areas open to hunting apply to fall turkey hunting:

(1) **Dates.** The dates for Fall turkey hunting are:

(A) Archery: Concurrent with the deer archery season.

(B) Gun: The last Saturday of the deer primitive season through the Friday preceding deer gun season.

(2) **Season limit.** The season limit shall be one turkey per hunter for the fall season.

(3) **Open areas and bag Limit - archery.** The bag limit is one turkey of either-sex and the season is open statewide.

(4) **Open areas and bag limit – gun.** The fall limit is one turkey. County bag limits may be "tom only" or "either-sex". Open counties and countyCounty bag limits will be determined annually and published in the ~~current~~Oklahoma ~~Hunting Guide and~~Fishing and Hunting Regulations. ~~The counties open to gun hunting are:~~

~~(A) The following counties are open to any legal firearm hunting: Alfalfa, Beaver, Beckham, Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, Carter, Cimarron, Cleveland, Comanche, Cotton, Creek, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Garvin, Grady, Grant, Greer, Harmon, Harper, Hughes, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnston, Kay, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Lincoln, Logan, Love, Major, Marshall, McClain, Murray, Noble, Okfuskee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Osage, Pawnee, Payne, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Roger Mills, Seminole, Stephens, Texas, Tillman, Washita, Woods, and Woodward.~~

~~(B) The following counties open to shotgun hunting only: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Haskell, McIntosh, Muskogee, Nowata, Sequoyah, Wagoner, and Washington.~~

800:25-7-17. Wild turkey - Spring; dates, limits and open areas

~~(a) The following hunting dates, bag limits and areas open to hunting apply to spring turkey hunting in counties listed in paragraph (3) of this Section:~~

~~(1) **Dates.** The dates for spring turkey hunting shall be April 6 through May 6.~~

~~(2) **Daily, season and possession limit.** The season bag limit is three tom turkeys statewide. No more than one tom may be taken in any county with a one tom bag limit; no more than two toms may be taken in any county with a two tom bag limit.~~

~~(3) **Bag limit and open areas.** The following is a listing of counties open to hunting and the bag limit for those counties:~~

~~(A) All counties statewide except Atoka, Choctaw, Coal, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, Pittsburg, and Pushmataha. County bag limits will be determined annually and published in the current Oklahoma Hunting Guide and Regulations.~~

~~(b) The following hunting dates, bag limits and areas open to hunting apply to spring turkey hunting in Southeast Oklahoma.~~

~~(1) **Dates.** The dates for spring turkey hunting shall be the Monday following the third Saturday in April through May 6.~~

~~(2) **Daily, season and possession limit.** The season bag limit for the spring season in the Southeast Oklahoma region, comprising the following counties: Atoka, Choctaw, Coal, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, Pittsburg and Pushmataha will be determined annually and published in the current Oklahoma Hunting Guide.~~

~~(3) **Bag limit and open areas.** Southeast Oklahoma counties only Atoka, Choctaw, Coal, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, Pittsburg, and Pushmataha. County bag limits will be determined annually and published in the current Oklahoma Hunting Guide and Regulations.~~

Season dates, bag limits and areas open to hunting will be determined annually and published in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

800:25-7-17.1. Wild Turkey - Spring Youth Season

- (a) Age Requirements: All youth under 18 years of age. All participants, while hunting, are required to be accompanied by an adult, 18 years or older. The adult accompanying the youth hunter shall not possess a firearm or bow.
- (b) Dates: ~~The dates for the youth season shall be the Saturday and Sunday prior to the opening day of the regular statewide Spring Turkey Season; except for the Southeast Oklahoma Counties (Atoka, Choctaw, Coal, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, Pittsburg and Pushmataha) the dates shall be the third Saturday in April and continuing for two days through Sunday.~~ The dates for the youth season will be determined annually and published in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.
- (c) Open Areas: The season is open statewide.
- (d) Bag Limit. One tom turkey. ~~An unfilled Spring turkey license shall be valid during the regular statewide Spring Turkey Season and/or the Southeast Spring Turkey Season.~~ A turkey taken during the spring youth season shall count against the regular spring season bag limit.

800:25-7-19. Wild turkey - general provisions

The following general provisions apply to the taking of turkey:

- (1) **Tom turkey description.** A tom turkey is any bearded turkey, regardless of sex.
- (2) **Hunting hours.** The hunting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
- (3) **Baiting.** Turkeys may not be taken within 100 yards of any bait. "Bait" shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain or other feed so as to constitute for such birds a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any area where hunters are attempting to take them. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the taking of wild turkey over standing crops, grain crops, properly shucked on the field where grown or grain found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural operations.
- (4) **Roost shooting.** Roost shooting is prohibited.
- (5) **Decoys and recorded calls.** Hunting turkey with artificial decoys is permitted. Live decoys and recorded calls are prohibited.
- (6) **Tagging.** ~~The following provisions apply to the tagging and checking of turkey:~~
 - ~~(A) Persons taking a turkey shall securely attach their name, license number, the current date and time of harvest immediately to the carcass.~~
 - ~~(B) Evidence of sex (one leg with foot) or beard must remain on the bird until it has been checked. Beards on hens must remain intact until the bird has reached final destination.~~
 - ~~(C) A separate tag is required for each bird that is hunted. Hunters who possess Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation lifetime hunting or lifetime combination licenses are exempt from the date and time tagging requirements outlined in 6 (A).~~
- ~~(7) Reporting.~~ All turkeys harvested must be checked in at a hunter check station, or with an authorized Department employee, or must be checked online at www.wildlifedepartment.com no later than 24 hours upon leaving the hunt area. Once checked, the turkey will be issued a carcass tag or an online confirmation number. This tag or confirmation number must remain with the carcass to its final destination or through processing and/or storage at commercial processing or storage facilities. **Evidence of Sex.** Beard or one foot must be naturally attached.
- ~~(8)~~ **Turkey License and Fee.** All persons hunting wild turkeys, unless otherwise exempt, must possess a turkey tag license. A separate turkey license is required for each bird hunted. Fee for turkey tags-license will be \$9.00 plus \$1.00 vendor fee.

PART 12. ANTELOPE

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

The following dates, open areas, bag limits, hunting hours and regulations apply to archery antelope season:

- (1) **Dates.** Hunting dates will be established annually and published in the ~~current Oklahoma Hunting Guide.~~ Fishing and Hunting Regulations.
- (2) **Open Areas.** The archery antelope season is open in Cimarron County and that portion of Texas County west of Highway 136.
- (3) **Bag limit.** The archery bag limit is two antelope, which may include no more than one buck. The archery antelope is not bonus and counts against the statewide bag limit for antelope.
- (4) **Hunting hours.** The hunting hours are the same as those established for deer archery season.
- (5) **Tagging and Checking.** ~~The following applies to the tagging and checking of antelope:~~

- ~~— (A) Persons taking an antelope shall securely attach their name and license number immediately to the carcass.~~
 - ~~— (B) All antelope must be checked as described in the Oklahoma Hunting Guide.~~
 - ~~— (C) Evidence of sex (head) must not be removed from the carcass until the carcass has been checked. Antelope tags must remain with the carcass through processing and/or storage at commercial processing or storage facilities.~~
 - ~~— (D) Any antelope or any portion of any antelope transferred to another person must have the hunter's name, address, hunting license number and date harvested attached to the animal. The person's name and address receiving said wildlife must also appear on the written information.~~
- ~~(6)(5) Legal Means of Take:~~ Same as for deer archery season. Hunter fluorescent clothing requirements are the same as those required for the deer archery season.

PART 13. DEER

800:25-7-50. General provisions for deer

The following general hunting provisions apply to the taking of deer:

(1) **Bonus deer.** The bonus deer designation includes all controlled deer hunts on public and private lands. A permit awarded by drawing is required for all bonus deer hunts in addition to a bonus deer tag. Hunters may hunt only in that area specified on their bonus deer permit. The bonus deer tag is valid for only the designated controlled hunt. Deer taken during a bonus hunt do not count against the statewide deer limit.

(2) **Hunting hours.** The hunting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

(3) **Antlered deer.** An antlered deer is any deer, regardless of sex, with at least three inch antler length above the natural hairline on either side.

~~(4) Tagging and checking.~~ The following provisions apply to the tagging and checking of deer:

~~— (A) Persons taking a deer shall securely attach their name, license number, current date and time of harvest immediately to the carcass.~~

~~— (B) All deer must be checked in at a hunter check station, or with an authorized Department employee, or online at www.wildlifedepartment.com no later than 24 hours upon leaving the hunt area. Once checked, the deer will be issued a carcass tag or an online confirmation number. This tag or confirmation number must remain with the carcass to its final destination or through processing and/or storage at commercial processing or storage facilities. Carcass may be checked in quartered with the sex organs still naturally attached and head accompanying the carcass.~~

~~(5)(4)~~ No more than six (6) deer per individual may be taken statewide by anyone regardless of seasons hunted. This limit may include no more than two (2) antlered deer regardless of seasons hunted, unless otherwise authorized by the Department.

~~(6)(5) Legal Means of Taking:~~ Telemetric radio tracking devices for archery are legal, however, thermal tracking devices or detecting units are prohibited.

~~(7)(6) Shed Antlers.~~ It shall be lawful for persons to gather, possess, and sell shed antlers of deer.

(A) Shed antlers will be defined as: An antler which has been dropped naturally from a deer as part of the annual life cycle and the antler has a rounded base commonly known as the antler button or burr attached which signifies a natural process.

(B) No person may take shed antlers from private property without the permission of the landowner.

(C) The Buyer must possess a Bill of Sale showing:

(i) The Seller/Taker's full name and address.

(ii) The number of individual antlers purchased.

(D) The Seller/Taker must keep or provide:

(i) Total number of individual antlers sold.

(ii) Buyers name and address.

800:25-7-55. Deer-Youth Gun Season

(a) **Age Requirements.** All youth under 18 years of age and eligible to purchase an antlerless or antlered youth deer gun permit. All participants, while hunting, are required to be accompanied by an adult, 18 years or older. The adult shall not hunt, except that the adult may archery hunt with valid licenses while accompanying the youth hunter. The adult hunter accompanying the youth hunter shall not possess any rifle, shotgun, or pistol.

(b) **Dates.** The dates for the youth season shall be a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday as published in the ~~current Oklahoma Hunting Guide and Regulations~~ Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

(c) **Open Areas.** The season is open statewide. Wildlife Management Areas will be open as published in the ~~current Oklahoma Hunting Guide.~~ Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

(d) **Bag Limit.** Two (2) deer, which may include no more than one (1) antlered deer. An unfilled antlerless or antlered youth deer gun ~~permit~~ license shall be valid during the regular deer gun season in designated zones. An unfilled antlerless youth deer gun license shall be valid during the holiday antlerless deer gun season in designated zones.

(e) **Legal means of taking.** All rifles (conventional or muzzleloader), handguns, shotguns or bows legal during the deer gun season shall also be legal during the youth deer season.

(f) **Wild Turkey.** A wild turkey may also be taken during the deer youth gun season in counties which are also open during the regular Fall Turkey Gun Season. ~~Age Requirements, and Dates, and Legal Means of Taking~~ are the same as those for Deer Youth Gun Season. Legal Means of Taking are the same as those for the Fall Turkey Season. The Fall Turkey Bag Limit and Season Limit is the same as described in the ~~current Oklahoma Hunting Guide and Regulations~~ Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

PART 14. ELK

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

The following dates, open areas, bag limit and hunting hours apply to elk hunting:

(1) **Dates.** Hunting dates will be established by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission and will be published in the ~~Oklahoma Hunting Guide~~ Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

(2) **Open areas.** The season is open on private lands statewide. Separate elk management zones may be established and will be published in the ~~Oklahoma Hunting Guide~~ Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

(3) **Bag limit.** The bag limit, antler restriction and sex restrictions will be established by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. All such restrictions and bag limits will be published in the ~~Oklahoma Hunting Guide~~ Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

(4) **Hunting hours.** The hunting hours are the same as those established for the deer gun season.

(5) **Tagging and checking.** ~~The following provisions apply to the tagging and checking of elk:~~

~~(A) Persons taking an elk shall securely attach their name, license number, current date and time of harvest immediately to the carcass.~~

~~(B) All elk must be checked in at a hunter check station, or with an authorized Department employee, or online at www.wildlifedepartment.com no later than 24 hours upon leaving the hunt area. Once checked, the elk will be issued a carcass tag or an online confirmation number. This tag or confirmation number must remain with the carcass to its final destination or through processing and/or storage at commercial processing or storage facilities. Carcass may be checked in quartered with sex organs still naturally attached and head accompanying the carcass.~~

~~(C) Evidence of sex (head) must not be removed from the carcass until the carcass has been checked. However, carcasses may be checked in quartered with the sex organs naturally attached and head accompanying the carcass. Elk tags must remain with the carcass through processing and/or storage at commercial processing or storage facilities.~~

PART 15. FURBEARERS

800:25-7-61. Bag limits

The following daily and season bag limits apply to the taking of legal furbearers:

(1) Daily bag limits:

(A) Bobcat - no bag limit.

(B) Gray fox - 2 per licensee.

(C) Red fox - 1 per licensee.

~~(D) Badger, beaver, coyote, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, raccoon, river otter, spotted skunk, striped skunk, and weasel - no daily bag limit.~~

(2) Season bag limits:

(A) Bobcat - 20 per licensee.

(B) Gray fox/Red fox combined - 6 per licensee, no more than 2 may be red fox.

(C) Badger, beaver, coyote, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, raccoon, striped skunk and weasel - no bag limit.

(D) River otter - 4 per licensee.

800:25-7-64. General provisions for furbearers

The following general provisions apply to the taking of furbearers:

- (1) **Sale of carcass.** The skinned carcass of any legal furbearer or predator may be sold, offered or displayed for sale or bartered at any time. The sale of scent glands from furbearers or predators is permitted.
- (2) **Bobcat and River Otter export tag.**
 - (A) No bobcat or river otter pelt may be held in possession after 10 working days after the close of furbearer season by the taker or buyer, sold, purchased or bartered within Oklahoma, nor taken out of Oklahoma without having first affixed a permanent tag to the pelt. This tag shall serve as an export tag.
 - (B) The tag must be affixed by an authorized employee of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, a designated agent, or a private tagging station. Private tagging station may charge \$0.75 per tag fee.
 - (C) It is the responsibility of the possessor of the bobcat or river otter pelt, not the Department, to ensure that the pelt is legally tagged.
 - (D) No untagged bobcat or river otter harvested in another state may be possessed in Oklahoma.
- (3) **Possession of carcasses or hides.**
 - (A) It shall be illegal to possess live animals, carcasses or raw furs of swift fox, ringtail, or spotted skunk, unless proven that each carcass or hide was taken legally outside of the State of Oklahoma.
 - (B) Proof of legality or origin for carcasses or green hides shall be a tag or other marking device attached to or imprinted on each and every hide in such a way that it cannot be removed intact. The tag or marking must be the official method used by the issuing agency. If any identification is not required by the issuing agency, a hunting or trapping license appropriate to the species taken is required as proof.
- (4) **Night hunting of coyotes.** It shall be unlawful to hunt, take or attempt to take coyotes within the period of dark to daylight with the aid of any artificial light and/or any sight dog. Persons hunting at night must first obtain permission from the County Game ~~Ranger~~ Warden. Anyone hunting at night must use a shotgun, utilizing size 6 shot or smaller.

PART 16. BLACK BEAR

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

The following dates, open areas, bag limits, hunting hours, legal means of take, quotas, and prohibited activities apply to bear seasons:

- (1) **Dates.** The dates for bear archery season shall be October 1 through the third Sunday in October. The dates for bear muzzleloader season shall run concurrently with deer muzzleloader season.
- (2) **Open areas.** The counties open to bear hunting are Choctaw, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, and Pushmataha; and that portion of McIntosh, Muskogee, and Sequoyah south of Interstate 40; and that portion of Atoka, Bryan, McIntosh, and Pittsburg east of U.S. Highway 69.
- (3) **Bag limit.** The bag limit is one bear, regardless of seasons hunted.
- (4) **Hunting hours.** The hunting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- (5) **Legal means of taking.** Bear may be taken with archery equipment or muzzleloading firearms described as legal for deer for the respective season.
- ~~(6) **Tagging and checking.** The following provisions apply to the tagging and checking of bears:
 - (A) Persons taking a bear shall securely attach their name and license number immediately to the carcass.
 - (B) All bears must be checked as described in the Oklahoma Hunting Guide.
 - (C) Evidence of sex must not be removed from the carcass until the bear has been checked by ODWC personnel. However, carcass may be checked in quartered with sex organs naturally attached and head accompanying the carcass. Bear carcass tags must remain with the carcass through the processing and storage process.~~
- ~~(7)~~**(6) Quotas.** Quotas will be set by the Wildlife Conservation Commission as needed and listed in the Oklahoma ~~Hunting Guide~~ Fishing and Hunting Regulations. When the quota is met, the hunt for that year is closed. Harvest totals must be checked each day either on-line or by phone to make sure the quota has not been met before hunting bear.
- ~~(8)~~**(7) Prohibited activities.**
 - (A) No baiting allowed on Wildlife Management Areas.
 - (B) Shooting females with cubs is prohibited.
 - (C) No den shooting of bears.
 - (D) Shooting cubs is prohibited.
 - (E) Shooting collared bears is prohibited.

PART 19. SEASONS ON AREAS OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDILFE SERVICE

800:25-7-84. Black Kettle WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Black Kettle WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey-Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, ~~either sex~~ one (1) tom limit.
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, ~~one bird either sex~~ one (1) tom limit, shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey-Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit. Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates, except closed first nine days of deer gun season.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer-archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer-primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates.
- (15) Deer-gun: Same as statewide season dates, except closed last seven days.
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

800.25-7-85. Blue River Hunt Area

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Blue River Hunt Area: Hunting is restricted to shotgun or bow and arrow only.

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey-Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, either-sex.
 - (B) Gun: Closed season.
- (5) Turkey-Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates.
- (12) Woodcock. Same as statewide season dates.
- (13) Deer-archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer-primitive firearms: Closed season.
- (15) Deer-gun: Same as statewide season dates, except closed ~~the last seven days and closed~~ to antlerless deer hunting. Shotgun only.
- (16) Trapping: Closed season.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

800:25-7-88. Canton WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Canton WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed the first nine days of deer gun season and hunting hours close at 4:30 p.m. daily.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, either-sex.
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, one bird either-sex , shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 21 tom limit.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide dates, except closed the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide dates, except closed the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates except closed the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide dates, except closed the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide dates, except closed the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates.
- (15) Deer - gun: Same as statewide season dates except controlled hunts opening weekend and the following seven days of the season buck only hunting. Closed the last seven days of the season.
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide dates, except closed during deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide dates, except closed during deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

800:25-7-89. Canton WRP

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Canton WRP:

- (1) Quail: Closed season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: closed season.
- (4) Turkey -Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 - January 31.
 - (B) Gun: Closed season.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 21 tom limit. For the purpose of the bag, the WRP is considered part of Canton WMA.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 - January 31.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 - January 31.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 - January 31.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 - January 31.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 - January 31.
- (11) Common snipe: Closed season.
- (12) Woodcock: Closed season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 - January 31.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: Closed season.
- (15) Deer - gun: Closed season.
- (16) Trapping: Closed season.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 - January 31.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 - January 31.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 - January 31.

800:25-7-92.1. Cimarron Bluff Wildlife Management Area

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Cimarron Bluff WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except ~~open the Monday following the close~~ closed during the first nine days of deer gun season. Hunting hours close at 12:00 noon daily.
- (2) Pheasant: Same as statewide season dates, except ~~open the Monday following the close~~ closed during the first nine days of deer gun season. Hunting hours close at 12:00 noon daily.

- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey-Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates. One (1) bird either-sex.
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, ~~except closed during deer muzzleloader season.~~ One (1) bird either-sex, shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey-Spring: Same as statewide season dates, One (1) tom limit. Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer-archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer-primitive firearms: Controlled Hunts Only.
- (15) Deer-gun: Controlled Hunts Only.
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during deer muzzleloader season and deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed ~~during deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.

800:25-7-92.2 Cimarron Hills Wildlife Management Area

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Cimarron Hills WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except ~~open the Monday following the close~~ closed during the first nine days of deer gun season. Hunting hours close at 12:00 noon daily.
- (2) Pheasant: ~~Open the Monday following the close of deer gun season through February 15~~ Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season. Hunting hours close at 12:00 noon daily.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates. One (1) bird either sex.
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, ~~except closed during muzzleloader season and deer gun season.~~ One (1) bird either sex, shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates, One (1) tom limit. Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed ~~during deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first

nine days of deer gun season.

(12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.

(13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.

(14) Deer - primitive firearms: Controlled Hunts Only.

(15) Deer - gun: Controlled Hunts Only.

(16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.

(17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during deer muzzleloader season and deer gun season.

(18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.

(19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during ~~deer muzzleloader season and~~ the first nine days of deer gun season.

800:25-7-95. Ellis County WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Ellis County WMA:

(1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

(2) Pheasant: Closed season.

(3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.

(4) Turkey-Fall:

(A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, ~~either sex one (1) tom limit.~~

(B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, ~~either sex one (1) tom limit.~~

(5) Turkey-Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit. Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.

(6) Squirrel: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

(7) Rabbit: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

(8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates

(9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.

(10) Rail and gallinule: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates, except closed first nine days of deer gun season.

(11) Common snipe: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

(12) Woodcock: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

(13) Deer-archery: Same as statewide season dates.

(14) Deer-primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates.

(15) Deer-gun: Same as statewide season dates, except closed the last seven days of deer gun season. Antlerless hunting permitted last two days of the area season.

(16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.

(17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

(18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

(19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

800:25-7-98. Fort Cobb WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Fort Cobb WMA: Unless otherwise provided, hunting is restricted to shotgun or bow and arrow only.

(1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

(2) Pheasant: Closed season.

(3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.

(4) Turkey-Fall:

(A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates.

(B) Gun: Closed season.

(5) Turkey-Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit. Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.

(6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

(7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

(8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates, ~~federally approved nontoxic shot only.~~

(9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.

- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer-archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer-primitive firearms: ~~Controlled hunts only.~~ Same as statewide season dates.
- (15) Deer-gun: Same as statewide season dates, except closed last seven days.
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed first nine days of deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

800:25-7-100. Fort Gibson WRP

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Fort Gibson WRP. Unless otherwise provided, firearms are restricted to rimfire ammunition or shotguns with pellets only:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 - January 31.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey-Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Controlled hunts only.
 - (B) Gun: Controlled hunts only.
- (5) Turkey-Spring: Controlled hunts only.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15-January 31.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15-January 31.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15-January 31.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15-January 31.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15-January 31.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15-January 31.
- (12) Woodcock: Closed season.
- (13) Deer-archery: Controlled hunts only.
- (14) Deer-primitive firearms: Controlled hunts only.
- (15) Deer-gun: Closed season.
- (16) Trapping: Closed season.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Closed season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 – January 31.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15-January 31.

800:25-7-102.1. Gist WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Gist WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates.
 - (B) Gun: Closed season.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates, one (1) tom limit; Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates.
- (12) Woodcock: Closed season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.

- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: Closed season.
- (15) Deer - gun: Closed season.
- (16) Trapping: ~~Closed season.~~ Open to water sets, live box traps and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

800:25-7-105.5. Hackberry Flat WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Hackberry Flat WMA: All shotgun hunting restricted to federally approved nontoxic shot.

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Closed season.
 - (B) Gun: Closed season.
- (5) Turkey-Spring: Closed season.
- (6) Squirrel: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer-archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer-primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates.
- (15) Deer-gun: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates, except open the first nine days only. Muzzleloading firearms only.
- (16) Trapping: Closed season.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide dates, except closed at 1:00 p.m. daily.

800:25-7-106. Heyburn WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Heyburn WMA.

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, either-sex.
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit, shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates.
- (15) Deer - gun: Same as statewide season dates, except closed the last seven days of deer gun season.

- (16) Trapping: ~~Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.~~ Same as statewide season dates.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

800:25-7-115. Kaw WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Kaw WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during deer primitive and first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Same as statewide season dates and bag limits, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, either-sex.
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit, shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates.
- (15) Deer - gun: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during last seven days of deer gun season.
- (16) Trapping: ~~Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only. Those lands north of River Road on the Arkansas River Arm and north of Ferguson Road on the Beaver Creek Arm are also open to statewide trapping methods from January 1 through the last day of February.~~ Same as statewide season dates.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

800:25-7-116. Keystone WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Keystone WMA: That portion of the Arkansas River arm of the Keystone WMA that was formerly the waterfowl refuge has restricted hunting. The west boundary of this portion is a northern extension of Swan Drive in the City of Cleveland. In this designated area, lands in Osage County and in the Arkansas River are restricted to archery and shotgun with pellets only; lands in Pawnee County are restricted to archery only.

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates.
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates; 1 tom limit, shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.

- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates, ~~bag limit of one antlered and one antlerless deer.~~
- (15) Deer - gun: Same as statewide season dates, except open ~~to antlerless hunting on opening day only, bag limit of one antlered and one antlerless deer,~~ the first nine days only and Cottonwood Creek Wetland Development Unit lands are closed.
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

800:25-7-117. Lexington WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Lexington WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except open the Monday following the close of the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey-Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Closed Season.
 - (B) Gun: Closed season.
- (5) Turkey-Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide dates, except open the Monday following the close of the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates, ~~except closed to antlerless harvest the first 2 days.~~
- (15) Deer - gun: Controlled hunts only.
- (16) Trapping: Closed season.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide dates, except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.

800:25-7-121. Major County WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Major County WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed the first nine days of deer gun season and hunting hours close at 4:30 p.m. daily.
- (2) Pheasant: closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, either-sex.

- (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, one bird of either-sex.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 21 tom limit.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates, except closed the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Closed season
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide dates, except closed the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide dates, except closed the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates, except closed to antlerless hunting.
- (15) Deer - gun: Same as statewide season dates, except closed the last seven days of deer gun season, and closed to antlerless hunting.
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide dates, except closed during deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide dates, except closed during deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

800:25-7-126. Mountain Park WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Mountain Park WMA: ~~Unless otherwise provided, firearms are restricted to rimfire ammunition or shotguns with pellets.~~

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey-Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates.
 - (B) Gun: Closed season.
- (5) Turkey-Spring: Same as statewide season dates. 1 tom limit. Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates.
- (13) Deer-archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer-primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates.
- (15) Deer-gun: Closed season.
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

800:25-7-128. Okmulgee PHA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Okmulgee PHA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide dates, except closed from the opening day of deer archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, either-sex.
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit, shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same As statewide season, 1 tom limit.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed from opening day of deer archery season through first nine

days of deer gun season.

- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide dates, except closed from the opening day of deer archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Open December 9 - March 4.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through first nine days of deer gun season.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through first nine days of deer gun season.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide dates except closed from opening day of archery season through first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide dates, except closed from the opening day of deer archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates, ~~closed to antlerless deer hunting.~~
- (15) Deer - gun: Same as statewide season dates, except closed to antlerless deer hunting.
- (16) Trapping: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through first nine days of deer gun season.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through first nine days of deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of archery season through first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

800:25-7-134. Packsaddle WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Packsaddle WMA.

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, ~~either sex~~ one (1) tom limit.
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates; one (1) tom limit, shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates, ~~one (1)~~ one (1) tom limit. Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates,
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates, except closed to mule deer antlerless hunting.
- (15) Deer - gun: Same as statewide season dates, except closed the last seven days of deer gun season. Antlerless hunting permitted last two days of area season.
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates except closed opening day of archery season through deer gun season. In addition, closed during spring turkey season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

800:25-7-136. Pushmataha WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Pushmataha WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.

- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates.
 - (B) Gun: Closed season.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as Southeast season dates. Bag limit will be determined annually and published in the current Oklahoma ~~Fishing and Hunting Regulations~~Hunting Guide.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide dates, except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates, except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates, except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed from the opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: controlled hunts only.
- (15) Deer - gun: Controlled hunts only.
- (16) Trapping: ~~Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.~~ Same as statewide season dates.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season. In addition, closed during spring turkey season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season. In addition, closed during spring turkey season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates, except closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine days of deer gun season.

800:25-7-139.1. Sandhills WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Sandhills WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season. Hunting hours close at 4:30 PM daily.
- (2) Pheasant: Same as statewide season dates and bag limit, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season. Hunting hours close at 4:30 p.m. daily.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:

 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates.
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit. Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer - Primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates, except closed to antlerless hunting.
- (15) Deer - gun: Controlled hunts only.
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during deer gun season.

(19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

800:25-7-140. Sandy Sanders WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Sandy Sanders WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season. Hunting hours close at 4:30 PM daily.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit.
 - (B) Gun: Closed season.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit. Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: ~~Closed season.~~ Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: ~~Controlled hunts only.~~ Same as statewide season dates, except closed to antlerless mule deer hunting.
- (15) Deer - gun: Controlled hunts only.
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/~~bur~~~~bearer~~fur~~bearer~~ calling: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season

800:25-7-143. Skiatook WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Skiatook WMA:

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey-Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates.
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit, shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey-Spring: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer-archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer-primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates, ~~bag limit of one antlered and one antlerless deer.~~
- (15) Deer-gun: Same as statewide season dates, ~~bag limit of one antlered and one antlerless deer.~~
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

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

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Tishomingo WMU/Cooperative Unit: All hunters must sign-in and sign-out at the designated location(s) on the WMU. All shotgun hunting is restricted to federally approved nontoxic shot and the possession of lead shot is prohibited.

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey -Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, either-sex
 - (B) Gun: Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit, shotgun only.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates, one tom limit.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates.
- (15) Deer - gun: Same as statewide season dates.
- (16) Trapping: Closed season.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Closed season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates, except closed at 1:00 p.m. daily.

800:25-7-154. Waurika WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Waurika WMA: ~~Unless otherwise provided, firearms are restricted to rimfire ammunition or shotguns with pellets.~~

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey - Fall:
 - (A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates.
 - (B) Gun: Closed season.
- (5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates. 1 tom limit. Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates.
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: ~~Controlled hunts only.~~ Same as statewide season dates.
- (15) Deer - gun: Closed season.
- (16) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates.

PART 25. OKLAHOMA LAND ACCESS PROGRAM

800:25-7-180. General provisions for OLAP walk-in areas

- (a) Hunting seasons and bag limits are consistent with the applicable statewide legislation unless stated otherwise in the OLAP map directory and/or on posted signs at the walk-in area.
- (b) OLAP walk-in areas are considered Department managed lands and subject to the provision therein unless stated otherwise.
- (c) Access is allowed from two hours before official sunrise to 60 minutes after official sunset unless stated otherwise in the OLAP map directory and/or on posted signs at the walk-in area.
- (d) Vehicular access onto OLAP walk-in areas is prohibited.
- (e) No overnight camping, smoking, or open fires are permitted on OLAP walk-in areas.
- (f) Dogs are allowed on OLAP walk-in areas for the pursuit of game only, with the exception of service dogs. Dogs shall not harass livestock, persons, or property on OLAP walk-in areas.
- (g) Horses are prohibited on OLAP walk-in areas.
- (h) Permanent type blinds and stands are prohibited, and hunters are limited to one temporary blind or stand per person.
- (i) Persons accessing OLAP walk-in areas must possess a valid hunting license, fishing license, or conservation passport.
- (j) It is unlawful for any person to refuse to leave an OLAP walk-in area when requested by the cooperator, a Department representative, or a law enforcement officer.
- (k) Any unlawful removal of OLAP signs, kiosks, maps, or other postings is prohibited.
- ~~(l) Any Title 29 or Title 800 rule violation incurred by persons on OLAP walk-in areas may incur any applicable fines.~~

800:25-7-181. OLAP walk-in hunting areas, seasons, and equipment restrictions

- (a) Access is allowed for hunting activities only. All other activities are prohibited on OLAP walk-in hunting areas unless stated otherwise in the OLAP map directory and/or on posted signs at the walk-on area.
- (b) The following defines types of OLAP Walk-in Hunting Areas.
 - (1) Access allowed from September 1 – ~~February 15~~May 6. General: Regulations and methods of take consistent with statewide regulations.
 - (2) Access allowed from September 1 – ~~February 15~~May 6. Archery/Shotgun with pellets only. Pellet size may not be larger than conventional T (0.200" dia.).
 - ~~(3) Access allowed from September 1 – 30.~~
 - ~~(4) Access allowed for Spring Turkey:~~
 - ~~(A) Access in southeast region consistent with southeast region spring turkey season dates.~~
 - ~~(B) Access statewide excludes the southeast region consistent with statewide spring turkey season dates.~~
 - ~~(5)(3) Controlled Hunt Area: Access granted by permit drawn through the controlled hunt program.~~
 - ~~(4) Limited Access Area: Access granted by daily permit drawn through OLAP daily permit system.~~
- (c) Quail: Hunting hours close at 4:30 p.m. daily.
- (d) Pheasant: Hunting hours close at 4:30 p.m. daily.
- (e) Turkey – Spring: Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.
- (f) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.

800:25-7-182. OLAP wildlife-viewing areas, seasons, and equipment restrictions

- (a) Hunting is prohibited on OLAP wildlife-viewing areas. Fishing may be allowed if the property is concurrently enrolled as a walk-in fishing area.
- (b) No more than 25% of the total acres leased in the OLAP may be ~~designed~~designated as wildlife-viewing area.

**SUBCHAPTER 9. CONTROLLED HUNTS
PART 1. GUIDELINES**

800:25-9-7. Schedule of hunts

A complete schedule of available controlled hunts will be posted annually through the Department's website. Restrictions pertaining to method of take, number of permits, dates, locations and other harvest restrictions will be included in this brochure.

PART 3. ANTELOPE

800:25-9-12. General Antelope Regulation

- (a) General regulations for antelope shall be the same as those established for deer gun season.
- ~~(b) Any antelope or any portion of any antelope transferred to another person must have the hunter's name, address, hunting license number and date harvested attached to the animal. The person's name and address receiving said wildlife must also appear on the written information.~~
- ~~(c)(b)~~ Private landowner regulations regarding any items covered by these rules may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive than these rules.
- ~~(d) The following provisions apply to the tagging and checking of antelope.~~
- ~~(1) Persons taking an antelope shall immediately attach their name and license number to the carcass.~~
- ~~(2) Persons taking an antelope must directly take the antelope to the check station in Cimarron or Texas County where it will be tagged with a carcass tag that shall remain with the carcass through processing, transportation and storage.~~
- ~~(3) Evidence of sex (head) must not be removed until the carcass has been checked.~~
- ~~(e)(c)~~ The yearly statewide bag limit for antelope is two (2) antelope, which may include no more than one (1) buck. Antelope taken on controlled hunts are not bonus antelope and count towards the statewide bag limit.
- ~~(f)(d)~~ A buck antelope is any antelope, regardless of sex, with a black cheek patch.
- ~~(g)(e)~~ All antelope hunters are required to have written permission on property that they are hunting and must carry this permission on their person while hunting. However, landowners, operators (agriculture lessee) and their spouse or child, lessee, or immediate family hunting on their own property are exempt. Persons with a current valid hunting license and antelope license are exempt from this provision only while hunting on actively enrolled OLAP walk-in hunting areas.
- ~~(h)(f)~~ Hunter fluorescent orange clothing requirements are the same as those required for deer gun season.

SUBCHAPTER 13. COMMERCIAL HUNT AREAS

800:25-13-6. Facility requirements

The facility requirements on a Commercial Hunting Area for wildlife are as follows:

- (1) **Birds only.** The minimum requirement ~~for fencing a bird area is a four strand barb wire fence~~ clearly marked boundary between the hunt area and surrounding area.
- (2) **Wildlife other than birds hunted for sport.** The minimum requirements for wildlife is at least eight foot of welded or woven wire or cyclone fence and the top two feet of the eight foot fence can be barbed wire, and must be fenced in a way to prevent licensed wildlife from escaping and big game animals belonging to the state from entering and be capable of retaining animals within the specified area, or other similar or suitable approved fence.
- (3) **Type of signs.** The type of signs to be used on a Commercial Hunting Area must be metal signs, or other weather-proof material and these signs must be posted at all corners and entrances and along the boundary at 1/3 mile intervals. If a licensee chooses not to renew their Commercial Hunting Area license, then the signs shall be removed from the area by October 1st of the same year. No person shall post or cause to be posted Commercial Hunting Area signs unless the area posted has been licensed by the Department as a Commercial Hunting Area.
- (4) **Size of signs.** The size of signs to be used on a Commercial Hunting Area should be 24" x 12" and the signs must be placed facing outside on boundary lines.
- (5) **Wording of signs.** The signs on a Commercial Hunting Area must contain the wording, "Commercial Hunting Area Licensed by Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation". The signs must also display the Commercial Hunting Area license number for the area on the same side of the sign as the mandated wording.
- (6) **Final Enclosure.** Prior to final enclosure of areas for the hunting of wildlife other than birds a drive must be made throughout the area in the presence of designated Department employees to make a reasonable effort to ensure that any wild whitetail or mule deer, elk, antelope, or other big game, are not present on the area. No wild whitetail or mule deer, elk, antelope, or other big game are to be reintroduced into the area after the final enclosure.
- (7) **Inspection.** The Commercial Hunting Area to be hunted must be inspected and approved by personnel of the Department and all records, and facilities, of such areas shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by authorized representatives of the Department, and/or authorized representatives of the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture may request blood and/or meat samples be collected from all deer and elk killed and sent to

their Department.

(8) **Exemptions:** Any area that has been enclosed by a fence deemed suitable for containing big game animals for a minimum of 10 years prior to applying for this license shall be exempt from conducting a drive throughout the area to ensure no wild deer, elk, antelope or other big game are present on the area, as required in paragraph (6) above.

SUBCHAPTER 21. OKLAHOMA WATERFOWL STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION

800:25-21-1. Purpose [REVOKED]

~~— This Subchapter establishes standards, specifications and specific guidelines for the submission of art to be considered for selection of the annual Oklahoma Waterfowl Hunting Stamp. This Subchapter also establishes entry fees and purchase price for the winning art.~~

800:25-21-2. Contest rules for Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp Design Competition [REVOKED]

~~— The following are the contest rules for the Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp Design Competition:~~

- ~~(1) Artwork may be in any of the following media: acrylic, oil, watercolor, scratchboard, pencil, pen and ink, tempera, etc. Photographs are not eligible. Painting must be on a smooth surface, rather than a textured surface such as canvas.~~
- ~~(2) One design per contestant. The design must be two dimensional and horizontal: 6 ½ inches high and 9 inches wide.~~
- ~~(3) A nonrefundable entry fee of \$20.00 must accompany each entry. These funds will be used to cover the cost of packaging, insuring and mailing entries back to artist and to support the purchase award.~~
- ~~(4) Any resident of the United States is eligible. Any member of the contest judging panel or any member of his or her immediate family or any employee of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is ineligible.~~
- ~~(5) The winning artist will be ineligible to compete the following two years. If a previous winner should win again, his/her eligibility is extended to four years after each win.~~
- ~~(6) The Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp Design must be matted with a single layer of white mat board 9 inches high x 12 inches wide with the opening cut precisely 6 ½ x 9" (plus or minus 1/16"). The mat board must not have a black or colored inner or outer accent border.~~
- ~~(7) Artwork must not be framed or under glass. An acetate covering should be used to protect the artwork. This cover must be easily removed for judging or will be left in place.~~
- ~~(8) No scroll work or lettering can appear on the design itself. Any design signed or lettered by the artist will be disqualified. However, the name and address of the artist must be on the back of the design.~~
- ~~(9) The waterfowl species to be depicted will be determined annually by the Department and that species must be the dominant feature in the design. Any habitat appearing in the design must be typical for that species in Oklahoma.~~
- ~~(10) The design must be of the artist's own creation, neither copied nor duplicated from any previously published art, including paintings, drawings in any medium or published photographs. An entry form affirming such originality must be signed and submitted with the entry.~~
- ~~(11) The winning artist will receive a purchase award of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00), and 50 prints (special artist's proof edition) of the design if the Department makes such a reproduction.~~
- ~~(12) Utmost precautions will be taken to protect entries from damage, but the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation cannot be responsible for loss.~~
- ~~(13) Any entry which fails to comply with any of the requirements of this competition shall be disqualified.~~
- ~~(14) The winning entry will become the sole and exclusive property of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and the winning artist will be required to execute an appropriate release of all rights in and to said entry prior to the receipt of any prize money. The artist will be required to sign and number all prints of the winning design if the Department makes such a reproduction and remark a minimum of 25 prints.~~
- ~~(15) Any refusal of the winning artist to sign said release, to challenge the rules or regulations concerning release of rights or otherwise take any action that would delay the reproduction of the art as a state waterfowl stamp or limited edition print, shall be grounds for that art being disqualified as regards payment of purchase award and use of print. In the event a disqualification should occur, the art receiving the next highest number of points in the judges voting shall be then declared the winner and shall be used to reproduce the state waterfowl stamp and limited edition print.~~

800:25-21-3. Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp Design Competition

The Department may select artwork for the Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp from an art contest. Contest procedures will be published to the Department's website at least thirty (30) days prior to the entry period, and will include the following details:

- (1) Participant eligibility

- (2) Artwork criteria and contest entry procedures
- (3) Contest entry period and timeline for announcement of winner(s)
- (4) Winner selection procedures
- (5) Entry fee (if applicable)
- (6) Contest prizes
- (7) Additional limitations and restrictions

SUBCHAPTER 30. WILDLIFE DEPREDATION ON AGRICULTURAL CROPS

800:25-30-5. DCAP (Damage Control Assistance Permits)

(a) Achieving an adequate harvest of antlerless deer is widely recognized as the most economical, long-term solution to reducing deer damage. Special antlerless deer permits may be made available to landowners who have documented depredation to agricultural crops (completed complaint and damage investigation procedures). Each permit will allow the holder of an antlerless deer ~~tag license~~ or lifetime hunting/combination license to harvest one (1) antlerless deer on any day during ~~the statewide deer primitive, deer gun, and special antlerless deer gun seasons~~ the deer season, given that method of take is currently open. Permits will be issued free of charge based on the acreage, crop planted, and amount of damage sustained. All antlerless deer harvested must be tagged immediately with the self-locking, numbered tag, and will be considered bonus deer. Except for antlerless hunt zone restrictions on the day of harvest, all other regulations pertaining to ~~muzzleloader and deer gun~~ deer seasons shall apply. Permits may be used only on specific properties for which they are issued.

(b) All deer harvested under DCAP must be recorded in the record book provided. Record books and unused tags must be returned to ~~Game Wildlife~~ Game Wildlife Division, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, 1801 N. Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73105 within 10 days following the close of the deer gun season.

SUBCHAPTER 37. NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL OPERATORS PROGRAM

800:25-37-5. Procedures and guidelines

The following regulations for a NWCO permit shall be in effect to establish what species of wildlife may be taken under such a permit, the legal methods that may be used to control nuisance wildlife under such a permit, and the legal methods of disposal of nuisance wildlife under such permit.

- (1) NWCO Permittees are only authorized to trap and relocate or euthanize the following wildlife species when such action is warranted by a valid nuisance wildlife complaint including, but not limited to: armadillo, badger, bats, beaver, bobcat, coyote, jackrabbit, cottontail rabbit, fox squirrel, gray squirrel, red fox, gray fox, porcupine, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, raccoon, river otter, snakes, striped skunk, and weasel.
- (2) Problems and complaints concerning deer, elk, turkey, bear, alligator, antelope, mountain lion, big horn sheep, endangered or threatened species and game birds will only be handled when specifically authorized in writing by the Director of the ODWC.
- (3) The sale, trade, barter, gifting, or retention of any wildlife, or parts thereof, except coyotes and beavers, taken under authority of a NWCO permit is prohibited, except wildlife legally taken during established trapping seasons and in accordance with all other pertinent rules and laws not associated with NWCO rules may be sold or otherwise disposed of as provided by law.
- (4) The sale, trade, barter, gifting or retention of beavers, coyotes, or parts thereof, taken under authority of a NWCO permitted is allowed with the proper documentation containing the taker's name and permit number.
- (5) NWCO permittees must follow all state and federal laws that apply to the taking of wildlife with the exception of season dates and bag limits except as otherwise provided in this section.
- (6) Only damage or nuisance complaints affecting humans and/or their property may be controlled. Complaints involving conflicts between two or more wildlife species are not valid nuisance wildlife complaints.

- (7) All wildlife taken under a NWCO permit shall be taken and disposed of in a manner to ensure safe and effective handling and/or euthanasia. Euthanasia of a captured animal is to be performed under the guidelines adopted by the American Veterinary Medicine Association.
- (8) Traps and other similar devices set by a NWCO shall be checked at least once every 24 hours and all animals removed. Traps must have the Operators name and NWCO permit number attached.
- (9) The following are legal methods of control under a NWCO permit:
- (A) box or live trap;
 - (B) smooth-jawed single spring or double spring up to four coil offset steel leg-hold traps with a jaw spread of no more than eight and one half inches;
 - (C) body gripping style traps less than size 330, except size 330 may be used for water sets for beavers only;
 - (D) shooting where permitted by law or by city ordinance;
 - (E) snares which shall have a locking device that prevents the loop from closing to a circumference less than ten (10) inches if the snare is set on or just above ground level. If the snare is set in an attic or similar situation there is no loop restriction; and
 - (F) enclosed trigger traps.
- (10) All trapping devices must be placed in a manner that will:
- (A) minimize the risk of non-target animals;
 - (B) minimize the risk to public and pets; and
 - (C) every effort must be made for trapping devices to be out of the view of the general public when at all possible.
 - (D) signs must be posted in conspicuous places in order to inform the public that traps are in use.
 - (E) signs must have minimum dimensions of five inches by eight inches and the wording "TRAPS" must be included and be conspicuous on the signs and printed in letters at least two inches tall.
- (11) Shooting with firearms shall be subject to all state, county and municipal restrictions and ordinances. Night shooting is allowed for nuisance beavers only under the following conditions:
- (A) NWCO must notify the game warden(s) in the county where activity will occur twenty-four (24) hours prior to such activity;
 - (B) must be conducted in a safe manner to prevent injury to people, livestock and damage to personal property.
- (12) When relocation is authorized, the NWCO may have the wildlife in possession for no more than 24 hours unless specifically authorized by the Department.
- (13) Wildlife not euthanized, but is relocated, shall be released outside any city limit but not more than one county distant from the capture site and must be within the state of Oklahoma.
- (14) Wildlife shall not be released on private land without written permission of the landowner or landowner designee.
- (15) Wildlife shall not be released on public land without first obtaining written permission from the governmental entity owning or administering the release property.
- (16) Captured wildlife that appears to be sick or diseased shall be euthanized rather than relocated. Burial or incineration of these carcasses is required.

SUBCHAPTER 40. OKLAHOMA LAND ACCESS PROGRAM

800:25-40-3. Qualifications and enrollment procedures

The following are some of the basic qualifications and procedures for application and enrollment in the Oklahoma Land Access Program:

- (1) A qualifying private landowner shall be the owner of record or lessee with both authority and operational control over the lands proposed for OLAP enrollment for the term of the contract.
- (2) A qualifying OLAP walk-in area must be accessible from a public road.

- (3) A private landowner interested in enrolling in the OLAP must fill out, sign, and submit an enrollment application to the Department representative. Department representatives may assist with completion of enrollment application forms. Enrollment application forms are available at applicable Department offices and on the Department website.
- (4) Applicants must provide:
- (A) A legal description of the proposed OLAP walk-in area.
 - (B) Evidence of property ownership, or a copy of the lease agreement if the applicant is an authorized lessee.
- (5) All OLAP lease agreements shall provide a public purpose. Department personnel shall evaluate potential OLAP walk-in areas to determine if the property is suitable for providing public hunting, fishing, and/or wildlife viewing.
- (6) Selection of applicants is at the discretion of the Department and is made with consideration of benefits to wildlife and safety to the public.