

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

2021 RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

Title 800, Chapter 1

800:1-3-3. Functions, organization, power and duties

- Remove duplicate text that is already outlined in Title 29 and/or the Oklahoma Constitution.

800:1-5-2. General course and method of operation

- Remove duplicate text that is already outlined in Title 29 and update procedures in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the APA.

800:1-10-2. Receipt of Complaints

- Change Personnel Coordinator to Human Resource Administrator.

800:1-10-3 Investigation of complaints

- Strike the word 'tape' from "tape recorded" and update procedures on complaint investigations.

800:1-10-5. Review of complaint disposition

- Change Personnel Coordinator to Human Resource Administrator.

800:1-10-7. Duties of investigators and Division Chiefs in regard to complaints

- Change Personnel Coordinator to Human Resource Administrator.

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

- Update the list of publications ODWC has for sale to the public to reflect what is currently offered.

800:1-13-1 Purpose

- Update Title 29 reference number due to statute changes.

800:1-13-2. License dealer bonding requirements

- Remove section. ODWC no longer has bonding requirements for license dealers.

800:1-13-3. Dealer operating provisions

- Remove repealed statutes and replace with current statute. Make changes to reflect how license dealers are required to operate under the new electronic system.

800:1-13-4. Termination of license dealership

- Update this section to reflect changes due to license dealers being required to use the electronic system.

800:1-13-5. Penalties

- Remove section to reflect changes in statute.

800:1-13-6. Opportunity for hearing

- Remove the word "shall" from areas in Title 800 where it is not necessary and update the section to reflect changes due to license dealers being required to use the electronic system.

800:1-13-7. Hearing procedures

- Remove the word shall from areas in Title 800 where it is not necessary.

800:1-13-8. Telephone license dealers

- Remove section. ODWC no longer has telephone license dealers.

800:1-15-2. Hunter Education Certification requirements

- Allow non-residents to complete hunter education certification through the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation online course.

800:1-15-3. Instructors

- Remove hunter education volunteer instructor incentive program which no longer exists.

800:1-15-4. Administrative requirements

- Update section to reflect hunter education course electronic reporting.

800:1-19-1. Instructors

- Remove aquatic education volunteer instructor incentive program which no longer exists.

800:1-19-2. Administrative requirements

- Update section to reflect aquatic education course electronic reporting.

Title 800, Chapter 10

800:10-1-3. Additional definitions

- Housekeeping edits. The definition of “in the field” was relocated from another section.

800:10-1-4. Size Limits on Fish

800:10-1-5. Bag Limits on Fish

- Merge these two sections into one in order to provide the most clarity and consistency.
- Remove scientific names for consistency.
- Clarify and consolidate species culling restrictions.
- Clarify the take of species by bow and arrow, gig, spear and speargun with clarification on disposal of remains.
- New, aggregate bag limit for Close To Home waters.
- New aggregate bag limit of three (3) trout, statewide.
- Remove Monday and Friday paddlefish catch and release only restriction (harvest is now permitted seven days a week).
- Alligator gar catch and release rules clarified as only permitted for rod and reel.
- Make the alligator gar May statewide harvest closure a permanent rule. (currently in effect by emergency)
- Removal of bag limit for tiger muskie.

800:10-1-7. Possession limit

- Housekeeping edits and corrections or simplifications.
- Clarify restriction on cleaning fish while actively engaged in fishing.

800:10-3-5. Use of bow and arrow, grabhooks, gigs, spears and spearguns, snagging, noodling and netting

- Change minnow trap labeling requirements from name and address to customer identification number.
- Remove prohibition bowfishing on tiger muskie at Lake Carl Etling.
- Modification of prohibition on snagging in the Arkansas River at Zink Dam.

800:10-3-6. Use of trotlines, throwlines, limblines, juglines and yo-yo's

- Change labeling of trotlines, etc., requirement from name and address to customer identification number.

800:10-3-7. Penalties

- Move this section to renumber later in section.

800:10-3-8. Harvest tagging and reporting

- New section on field tagging and harvest reporting to make all field tagging of required fish the same.

800:10-3-9. Penalties

- Renumber 800:10-3-7 to 800:10-3-9.

800:10-5-2. Department fishing areas

- Allow non-motorized boats on Doc Hollis Lake.

800:10-5-3. Designated trout areas

- Move verbiage for culling trout to 800:10-1-4.
- Change stringer labeling requirement from name and address to customer identification number.

800:10-5-5. Tailwaters

- Remove Arkansas River restriction.
- Change fish harvest labeling requirement from name and license number to customer identification number.

800:10-5-6. Lakes, reservoirs, rivers and streams

- Add restriction on the dumping of fish carcasses.

Title 800, Chapter 15

800:15-1-1. Purpose *{Commercial Harvest Rules Aquatic Species}*

- Update Title 29 reference number due to statute changes.

800:15-1-2. License Requirements

- Revise title of this section to "General; licensing, operating provisions, and closed areas".
- Remove language regarding commercial fishing in waters of the state – the Department no longer issues permits.
- Add provision for commercial fishing at municipal or privately owned waters.

800:15-1-3. General; operating provisions

- Revoke this section. The Department no longer issues permits for commercial fishing in waters of this state, therefore these rules are unnecessary.

800:15-1-4. Open and closed areas

- Revoke this section. The Department no longer issues permits for commercial fishing in waters of the state, therefore these rules are unnecessary.

800:15-1-5. Special rules; paddlefish

- Remove language regarding commercial fishing.

800:15-3-1. Purpose *{Commercial Minnow Seining}*

- Remove the word 'harvest' and add 'sale and transfer'. Update Title 29 reference number due to statute changes.

800:15-3-2. License and fee requirements

- Update language to reflect import and transport of minnows, not harvest.

800:15-3-3. General; operating provisions

- Combine the operating provisions and closed areas into one section and update language to reflect import and transport of minnows, not harvest.

800:15-3-4. Closed areas

- Revoke this section and move language to 800:15-3-3 to combine with operating provisions.

800:15-3-5. Special restrictions

- Revoke this section. This section is no longer needed as the Department does not issue permits for wild minnow harvest.

800:15-5-1. Purpose *{Commercial Shad Harvest}*

- Update Title 29 reference number due to statute changes.

800:15-5-2. Licenses and fee requirements

- Revoke this section. The Department no longer issues permits for commercial shad harvest.

800:15-5-3. General: operating provisions

- Add licensing and closed areas information to this section to clarify that all waters of this state are closed to commercial shad harvest, while allowing for the Department to issue permits for commercial shad harvest on municipal or private waters.

800:15-5-4. Areas open

- Revoke this section. The Department no longer issues permits for commercial shad harvest.

800:15-7-1. Purpose *{Commercial Mussel Harvest}*

- Update Title 29 reference number due to statute changes.

800:15-7-2. License and fee requirements

- Revoke this section. The Department no longer issues permits for commercial mussel harvest.

800:15-7-3. General; operating provisions

- Add licensing and closed areas information to this section to clarify that all water of this state are closed to commercial mussel harvest, while allowing for the Department to issue permits for commercial mussel harvest on municipal or private waters.

800:15-7-4. Mussel sanctuaries

- Revoke this section. The Department no longer issues permits for commercial mussel harvest.

800:15-7-5. Species restrictions

- Revoke this section. The Department no longer issues permits for commercial mussel harvest.

800:15-9-3. General; operating provisions

- Change turtle trap and net labeling requirement from name and address to customer identification number.

Title 800, Chapter 25

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

- Revoke section. This section is out of date and no longer necessary. Trapping has not been allowed on park property in over 15 years.

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

- Update USACE regulations on Eufaula Lake: Gaines Creek Recreational Area. Opens an additional 533 acres in the Gaines Creek.

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

- Update USACE regulations on Fort Supply, adding a 46-acre unit in the Project Office Area.

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

- Update language to reflect the correct name of the regulations booklet as the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

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

- Update language to reflect the correct name of the regulations booklet as the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

800:25-5-105. Dates for waterfowl hunting

- Revoke section. This section references rules for Tishomingo that have been revoked or changed. These are now covered under 800:25-7-151.

800:25-5-106. General provisions

- Revoke section. Section is out of date and remaining language has been added to 800-25-7-151 to eliminate duplicate sections.

800:25-7-3. General Provisions

- Add dove hunters to the list of exempted hunters required to wear hunter orange during the required times of year.
- Clear up confusion of when and where hunter orange is required. Replace “area” with “zone”, to eliminate potential confusion with Wildlife Management Areas.
- Add rules to simplify and update our harvest tagging and harvest reporting requirements, update information

to reflect the electronic license system. Replaces address and license number labeling requirement to customer identification number, and eliminates outdated reference to check stations.

- Strike unnecessary rule on shot size while hunting feral hogs, (there is no shot size restriction)

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

- Remove specific listing of counties and add that open counties will be determined annually and published in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations. This will allow the list of open counties to be set, and changed as needed, by Commission resolution.

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

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800:25-7-17.1. Wild turkey – Spring Youth Season

- Remove specific hunting season dates and bag limits and add that dates and bag limits will be determined annually and published in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

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

- Remove obsolete language about check stations and carcass tags.
- Remove harvest tagging and reporting requirement and relocate to 800:25-7-3.

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

- Remove harvest tagging and reporting requirements and relocate to 800:25-7-3.

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

- Remove harvest tagging and reporting requirement and relocate to 800:25-7-3.

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

- Allow Youth Deer Antlerless Gun Licenses to be used during the Holiday Antlerless Deer Gun Season.

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

- Remove harvest tagging and reporting requirements and relocate to 800:25-7-3.

800:25-7-61. Bag limits

- Strike “spotted skunk” as the taking of spotted skunk is prohibited.

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

- Change the term Ranger to Warden.

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

- Remove harvest tagging and reporting requirements and relocate to 800:25-7-3.

800:25-7-84. Black Kettle WMA

- Open rail and gallinule to same as statewide season dates except closed first nine days of deer gun season. Allow more opportunity and make rules consistent with other WMA's in the region.
- Limit fall turkey harvest to one tom limit.

800:25-7-85. Blue River Hunt Area

- Extend deer gun season for entire 16 day season. Increases opportunity.

800:25-7-88. Canton WMA

- Reduce spring turkey limit to one tom. Make rules consistent with other WMA's in the region.

800:25-7-89. Canton WRP

- Reduce spring turkey limit to one tom. Make rules consistent with other WMA's in the region.

800:25-7-92.1. Cimarron Bluff WMA

- Open hunting for a number of species during Deer Muzzleloader season and after the first nine days of Deer Gun Season. Increase opportunity and make rules consistent with other WMA's in the region.

800:25-7-92.2. Cimarron Hills WMA

- Open hunting for a number of species during Deer Muzzleloader season and after the first nine days of Deer Gun Season. Increase opportunity and make rules consistent with other WMA's in the region.

800:25-7-95. Ellis County WMA

- Open rail and gallinule to same as statewide except closed first nine days of deer gun season. Increase opportunity and make rules consistent with the other WMA's in the region.
- Limit spring/fall turkey harvest to one tom limit.

800:25-7-98. Ft. Cobb WMA

- Remove nontoxic shot requirement for crow hunting. Less restrictive measure.
- Open deer muzzleloader season. Increase opportunity.
- Close spring turkey hunting at 7:00 p.m. daily. Make rule consistent with other WMA's in the region.
- Close pursuit with hounds and predator/furbearer calling during the first nine days of deer gun season to eliminate hunting season conflict. Make rule consistent with other WMA's in the region.

800:25-7-100. Fort Gibson WRP

- Open predator/furbearer same as statewide season dates, except closed October 15 – January 31. Increase opportunity.

800:25-7-102.1. Gist WMA

- Open common snipe and rail and gallinule same as statewide season dates. Increase opportunity and make rule consistent with other WMA's in the region.
- Allow trapping open to water sets, live box traps and enclosed trigger traps only. Increase opportunity and make rule consistent with other WMA's in the region.
- Open spring turkey season same as statewide season dates, one tom limit, hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily. Increase opportunity and make rule consistent with other WMA's in the region.

800:25-7-105.5. Hackberry Flat WMA

- Open deer gun season to the first nine days only. Muzzleloading firearms only. Increase opportunity.

- Open squirrel season same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season. Increase opportunity.
 - Close rabbit season during the first nine days of deer gun season.
 - Close crow season during the first nine days of deer gun season.
 - Close dove season during the first nine days of deer gun season.
 - Close common snipe during the first nine days of deer gun season.
 - Close woodcock during the first nine days of deer gun season.
 - Close pursuit with hounds during the first nine days of deer gun season.
 - Close predator/furbearer calling during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- Note: All proposed closings are to reduce potential hunter conflict during new firearm deer season.

800:25-7-106. Heyburn WMA

- Open trapping to same as statewide season dates. Increase opportunity.

800:25-7-115. Kaw WMA

- Open trapping to same as statewide season dates. Increase opportunity.

800:25-7-116. Keystone WMA

- Remove deer gun regulation regarding antlerless hunting.
- Remove bag limit restrictions during deer muzzleloading season. Increase opportunity.

800:25-7-117. Lexington WMA

- Open all of muzzleloading season for antlerless harvest. Increase opportunity and help achieve deer management goals.

800:25-7-121. Major County WMA

- Reduce spring turkey limit to one tom. Make rule consistent with other WMA's in the region.

800:25-7-126. Mountain Park WMA

- Remove firearm restrictions. Increase opportunity.
- Close spring turkey season hunting hours at 7:00 p.m. daily. Make rule consistent with other WMA's in the region.

800:25-7-128. Okmulgee PHA

- Allow harvest of antlerless deer during muzzleloading firearms season. Increase opportunity.

800:25-7-134. Packsaddle WMA

- Limit spring turkey harvest to one tom regardless of method of take. Make rule consistent with other WMA's in the region.
- Restrict fall turkey hunting to one tom limit.

800:25-7-136. Pushmataha WMA

- Open trapping same as statewide season dates. Increase opportunity.

800: 25-7-139.1. Sandhills WMA (currently in Emergency Status)

- Establish hunting seasons on the newly acquired Sandhills WMA.

800:25-7-140. Sandy Sanders WMA

- Open rail and gallinule same as statewide season dates.
- Open common snipe same as statewide season dates, except close during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- Open woodcock same as statewide season dates, except close during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- Open muzzleloader same as statewide season dates, except closed to antlerless mule deer hunting.

800:25-7-143. Skiatook WMA

- Remove bag limit restrictions during deer gun and muzzleloader seasons. Increase opportunity.

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

- Require hunters to sign in and sign out at designated location(s) on the WMU.
- Close waterfowl hunting at 1:00 p.m.

800:25-7-154. Waurika WMA

- Remove firearms restrictions. Increase opportunity.
- Close spring turkey hunting hours at 7:00 p.m. daily. Make rule consistent with other WMA's in the region.
- Open deer muzzleloader season same as statewide season dates. Increase opportunity.

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

- Update language and add a prohibition on smoking and other fire hazards.

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

- Update language, expand access dates, expand hunting opportunity, remove unused and introduce new OLAP property types, and standardize species regulations with other public access areas.

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

- Correct a typo.

800:25-9-7. Schedule of hunts

- Delete outdated reference to a brochure.

800:25-9-12. General Antelope Regulation

- Move harvest tagging and reporting requirements to 25-7-3.

800:25-13-6. Facility requirements

- Reduce the requirement of Commercial Upland Hunting Facilities from a four strand barb wire fence to a clearly marked boundary area.

800:25-21-1. Purpose *{Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp Design Competition}*

- Revoke this section and move to procedure manual and website.

800:25-21-2. Contest Rules for Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp Design Competition

- Revoke this section and move to procedure manual and website.

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

- New language to move procedures for the competition to the Department website.

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

- Add archery as a legal method of take to fill DCAP permits. Increase opportunity.
- Replace Game Division with Wildlife Division. Outdated language.

800:25-37-5. Procedures and guidelines *{NWCO operators}*

- Allow Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators (NWCO) the use of four coil spring traps and change jaw spread to 8 ½ inches.
- Modify language to allow for nuisance wildlife to be trapped and removed in areas where it is not possible to place traps out of the view of the public.

800:25-40-3. Qualifications and enrollment procedures *{for OLAP}*

- Further explain landowner applicant selection.

Title 800, Chapter 30

800:30-1-2. Use Restrictions

- Update outdated language and reference to obsolete booklets.
- Close entry into safety zones with any means of take.

800:30-1-4. Camping

- Establish camping regulations for Sandhill WMA. Corrects an oversight in original rules that inadvertently prohibited hunter and fisherman camping on Sandhills WMA.
- Establish rules for fires in designated camping areas.

800:30-1-5. Vehicles

- Clarify prohibition of ATVs/UTVs on wildlife management areas roads unless it is a county road that traverses the WMA.

800:30-1-7. Livestock and feral hogs (currently in Emergency Status)

- Close feral hog hunting on the following WMA's: Hackberry Flat, Kaw, Sandy Sanders, and Waurika. Increase effectiveness of feral hog control efforts during a special pilot project currently underway by Wildlife Services and the USDA in two zones in the state.

800:30-1-18. Nonambulatory and motor vehicle permittee's

- Allow those with non-ambulatory permits to legally operate UTVs over 700 cc's on our public lands. Most UTV's now manufactured are over 700cc's.

800:30-1-20. Restricted Public Use

- Allow hunter and angler camping on Ellis County WMA (Lake Vincent). Increase opportunity.
- Remove Sandy Sanders WMA from restricted public use areas. Increase opportunity.

