

AGENDA
Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting

Public Meeting: **Monday, August 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
1801 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Due to social distancing requirements, seating may be limited, but for additional public accessibility, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, this meeting is also scheduled to be streamed live and recorded at www.youtube.com/user/outdooroklahoma

The Commission may vote to approve, disapprove or take other action on any of the following items. The Commission may vote to authorize public comment on any agenda item requesting a rule change.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Bruce Mabrey
2. Roll Call – Rhonda Hurst
3. Invocation – Russ Horton
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Russ Horton
5. Introduction of Guests
6. Presentation of Awards – J.D. Strong, Director

Joe Williams, Assistant Hatchery Manager – 20 years; Tim Campbell, Warden – 25 years; Mark Walker, Warden Supervisor – 25 years; Nathan Erdman, Chief of Law Enforcement – 25 years; John Davenport, Hatchery Supervisor – 30 years.

7. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on minutes of the June 17, 2020 regular Commission meeting.
8. Director's Report – J.D. Strong
 - a. Federal and Congressional Update
 - Oklahoma Legislative Update – Corey Jager, Legislative Liaison
 - b. Calendar Items – discussion of upcoming department calendar items.
 - c. Agency Update – an update on current activity within each division of the agency.
9. Presentation of the May 30, 2020 and June 30, 2020 Financial Statement and consideration and vote to approve, amend or reject miscellaneous donations – Amanda Storck, CFO and Chief of Administration.
10. Presentation on the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's licensing system including updates on license sales increases, marketing successes and improved tools for customer service. - Amanda Storck and Mike Chrisman, License Supervisor.
11. Consideration and Vote to Approve, Amend, or Take Other Action on a resolution to recognize Brandon Adams ([SLAMMED - Oklahoma's Big 5](#)) for his outstanding promotion of Oklahoma's diverse hunting opportunities – Nels Rodefled, Chief of Information & Education.

12. Recognition and presentation of the Wildlife Division Biologist and Technician of the Year Awards recipients Dallas Barber and Emily Clark – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division.
13. Recognition of the Fisheries Division 2019 Professional of the Year Award recipient Richard Snow, Biologist – Ken Cunningham, Assistant Chief of Fisheries Division.
14. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on Emergency Rule – Barry Bolton, Chief of Fisheries Division.

Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation
Chapter 10. Sport Fishing Rules
Subchapter 1. Harvest and Possession Limits
800:10-1-5. Bag Limits on Fish [AMENDED]

This emergency rule will expand to statewide (all waters) the current May 1 to May 31 closed season for alligator gar. The proposed rule would prohibit all harvest of alligator gar by any method of take, on all waters of the state, for the month of May. The May 1 to May 31 closure to alligator gar harvest on Lake Texoma was implemented as a protective measure when incidents of potential overharvest of susceptible adults were observed in spawning habitat. Episodic and infrequent recruitment due to sub-optimal spawning environmental conditions (e.g. inadequate spawning habitat available or highly fluctuating water levels) compels ODWC to protect spawning alligator gar during years when local conditions allow for a successful spawn. We propose to expand this alligator gar harvest closure during the month of May to all statewide waters to protect this species during its most vulnerable period of the year.

15. Discussion and action, if necessary, concerning the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation, including a status update, introduction of the Foundation's new Executive Director, fundraising, and other related matters involving the Foundation - Commissioner Barwick and Foundation President Richard Hatcher.
16. New Business – Discussion of any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
17. Announce the date for the next regular Commission Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Broken Bow Library, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.
18. Adjourn

People with disabilities may request accommodations by calling 405-522-6279 at least three days before the meeting.

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
J.D. Strong, Director

Personnel Actions
July 2020

New Hires

Promotions

Kelly Adams, I&E Specialist to I&E Supervisor, 7/1/20

Transfers

Kurt Kuklinski, Fisheries Research Supervisor to Wildlife Research Supervisor,
Diversity, effective 07/01/2020

Resignations/Terminations

Retirements

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
J.D. Strong, Director

Personnel Actions
June 2020

New Hires

Sara Jane Koehler – Grants Assistant, 6/1/2020

Megan Moore – License Assistant, 6/15/20

Promotions

Joshua Richardson - Wildlife Senior Biologist to Wildlife Research Supervisor,
Private Lands, effective 06/15/2020

Transfers

Resignations/Terminations

Retirements

Charles Baker 6/30/2020, Fisheries, 34 years

Ira Wood 6/30/2020, Wildlife, 29 years

MINUTES

Of the Regular Meeting on June 17, 2020 of the

OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, June 17, 2020. Commission meeting dates are filed with the Secretary of State, Office of Administrative Rules before December 15, annually. The Agenda is listed on the Department's website and was posted at the entrance of the Wildlife Department Building on June 8, 2020 at 12:10 p.m.

Due to social distancing requirements, seating may be limited, but for additional public accessibility, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, this meeting is also scheduled to be streamed live and recorded at www.youtube.com/user/outdooroklahoma

Chairman Bruce Mabrey called the Commission in session at 9:00 a.m.

Rhonda Hurst, Executive Assistant, called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRUCE R. MABREY, Chairman
 ROBERT S. HUGHES II, Vice-Chairman
 LEIGH A. GADDIS, Secretary
 BILL K. BREWSTER, Member
 JAMES V. BARWICK, Member
 JOHN D. GROENDYKE, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: JOHN P. ZELBST, Member
 C. RICK HOLDER, Member

J.D. Strong, Director, introduced the following guests: Laura McIver, James Dietsch, Quail Forever; Chad Dillingham, District 8 Commissioner (FY21); Scott Alls, Oklahoma State Director of USDA APHIS Wildlife Services; Ken Wagner, Secretary of Energy & Environment (SOEE); Katie Lioppolt, office of SOEE; Tyler Talley, eCapitol.

Motion was made by Mr. Groendyke, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2020 regular Commission meeting. Motion carried with Commissioners Brewster, Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes".

Corey Jager, Legislative Liaison, gave a legislative update and said that no wildlife bills were sent to the Governor during this Legislative Session. The House did pass a bill that would have allowed the ODWC Commission to set license fees, but it never made it through the Senate.

Director Strong highlighted the Congressional report submitted by Brittnee Preston, the Department's part-time Federal and Congressional Liaison. This report was sent to all Commissioners and will be kept with the minutes of this meeting. Director Strong gave a Director's Report on calendar items and agency updates. This report was given to the Commission and will be kept with the minutes of this meeting. Director Strong announced that Oklahoma was supposed to host the Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies annual conference in 2022 but due to Covid and the cancellation of the 2020 meeting, Oklahoma will host the 101st annual meeting in 2023. He also recognized Commissioner Groendyke for his 44

years of service to the Department, as this is Commissioner Groendyke's last official meeting. Mr. Groendyke stated that he was very proud of the progress that had been made during his tenure and that he had enjoyed being a member of the Commission and working alongside the Wildlife Department employees. He also introduced Mr. Chad Dillingham, who was appointed by Governor Stitt to replace Mr. Groendyke as the District 8 Commissioner.

Amanda Storck, CFO and Chief of Administration, presented the Financial Statement for April 30, 2020. Motion was made by Mr. Barwick, seconded by Mr. Brewster to accept the statement as presented and approve miscellaneous contributions. Motion carried with Commissioners Brewster, Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes".

Amanda Storck presented and requested Commission approval for the Department's FY 2021 Annual Budget. Ms. Storck explained the following:

The Retirement/Finance Committee (chaired by Commissioner Groendyke and includes Commissioners Gaddis, Mabrey, Zelbst) met at 1:00 p.m. on Friday May 29, 2020 to review the proposed budget. The budget is comprised of 4 parts: Revenue, Personnel Costs, Operations, and Capital Expenditures.

Budget Summary:

In a comparison of the FY21 proposed budget to the FY20 budget. The difference is as follows:

- The overall budget of \$48,234,025 excluding capital expenditures decreased 5.1% or \$2,597,059 which includes the personnel and operating budgets.
 - The overall budget including capital expenditures is \$63,822,287 and decreased by 17%.
- FY21 personnel costs of \$30,177,201 increased by \$138,619.
 - 23 vacant positions are included in the budget
- FY21 operations budget increases include the following:
 - Administration: Building signage, drainage, federal legislative liaison, responsive management economic impact study, OLAP RAMS Access Database
 - Wildlife: OLAP O&M, LPC obligations; start-up costs for San Bois, Woods County, Arbuckle Springs, Comanche Pool Prairie Project
 - Fish: Lake Bixhoma Boating Access Project
 - Law Enforcement: none
 - Information and Education: R3 Hunting Coordinator
 - Capital Expenditures: \$12,408,262
- Projected revenue:
 - A 15% decrease in projected revenue is a result of:
 - Lifetime License funds: \$1M down from \$8M in FY20 budget
 - Carryover: \$1,856,188
 - Grant revenue: up slightly
 - Natural Resource Damage Assessment Funds: up slightly
 - Caviar Sales: projected slightly down
 - Unobligated funds: down
- Operations Budget: \$33,645,086

In an effort to maintain consistent baseline budgets for the Division to operate, the budget process was changed from zero-based budgeting to adding permanent increases to the Divisions operating budgets in 2016. These amounts are included each year and can be used for research, equipment and any operating expenses.

Employee Compensation:

Due to current revenue constraints, this budget does not include any consideration for pay increases. We plan to reassess mid-year.

Retirement:

The remaining commitment for the COLA awarded in FY20 is \$1.1M and must be paid in FY21.

Additional considerations to address shortage:

After discussing options for addressing the revenue shortage with the Finance Committee, working with the divisions, the following reductions were taken and include state funds as well as federal funds:

Administration: \$445,516

Wildlife: \$1,008,933

Fish: \$798,000

Law Enforcement: \$793,523

Information and Education: \$301,877

Capital Expenditures: \$1,920,000

Total: \$7,187,849

Items included for reduction in division budgets: vehicle replacement, equipment purchases, travel, fuel usage, hiring targeted vacant positions.

Amanda Storck requested Commission approval of the proposed FY21 Budget.

Commissioner Groendyke stated that the Finance Committee met and reviewed the proposed budget and realizes that the corona virus and the stock market has greatly impacted the ODWC budget. Director Strong is hopeful that the cuts can be restored mid-year. There has been a huge response to people getting outdoors during the pandemic. License sales have doubled in May over last year.

Motion was made by Mr. Groendyke, seconded by Ms. Gaddis to approve the FY21 Budget as presented. Motion carried with Commissioners Brewster, Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes".

Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division, requested Commission approval on a Resolution establishing wild turkey county bag limits.

Based on declining wild turkey populations in western Oklahoma, staff recommends changing the bag limit for the 14 counties open to fall turkey hunting with a gun from "either sex" to "tom only". Staff also recommends reducing the bag limit for the 21 western counties that currently have a two tom limit per county for the spring season to a one tom per county limit. A separate continuing resolution that has been in place since 2011 for the 8 southeastern counties will remain the same and will not be impacted by these changes.

In summary, the following proposed changes are:

FALL WILD TURKEY GUN SEASON

Bag Limit – All counties that are open for fall wild turkey hunting with a gun shall have a "tom only" bag limit.

SPRING WILD TURKEY SEASON

Bag Limit – All counties shall have a one (1) tom bag limit per county. Atoka, Choctaw, Coal, Latimer, Leflore, McCurtain, Pittsburg and Pushmataha counties shall remain a one tom limit for all eight counties combined.

Motion was made by Mr. Barwick who stated that the Rules Committee met and reviewed the Resolution and recommended approval as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brewster. Motion carried with Commissioners Brewster, Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes".

Bill Dinkines introduced Jeff Pennington, Central Region Supervisor. Mr. Pennington, who is a member of the Wild Hog Working group for SEAFWA, stated that hunting is not an effective control mechanism for controlling hogs. He introduced Mr. Scott Alls, Oklahoma State

Director of USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, who outlined the USDA Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program (FSCP). Two zones have been identified for the Program: Kay County and the Red River, which includes Cotton, Harmon, Jackson, and Tillman Counties. Additional staff has been hired and equipment has been purchased for the eradication effort.

Bill Dinkines requested Commission approval of the following Emergency Rules.

Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation

Chapter 30. Department of Wildlife Lands Management

Subchapter 1. Use of Department Managed Lands

800:30-1-7. Livestock and feral hogs [AMENDED]

Eliminating recreational hog hunting on these WMA's with FSCP emphasis will increase the effectiveness of Wildlife Services control efforts and will reduce the incentive for illegal transport of hogs to the WMA's. WMA's included in the rule include Hackberry Flat, Kaw, Sandy Sanders, and Waurika.

Motion was made by Mr. Barwick who stated that the Rules Committee met and reviewed the emergency rules and recommended approval as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Groendyke. Motion carried with Commissioners Brewster, Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes".

Bill Dinkines requested Commission approval of the following Emergency Rules

Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation

Chapter 25. Wildlife Rules

Subchapter 7. General Hunting Seasons

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

800:25-7-139.1. Sandhills WMA [NEW]

The Department recently purchased approximately 5,212 acres in Woods County. These rules will establish hunting season dates on the newly acquired Sandhills WMA so that the public can utilize this property and the natural resources beginning this fall. Without passage of emergency rules, the public will not be able to access and utilize this property and the natural resources found there until the fall of 2021.

Motion was made by Mr. Barwick who stated that the Rules Committee met and reviewed the emergency rules and recommended approval as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Groendyke. Motion carried with Commissioners Brewster, Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes".

Chairman Mabrey announced that #15 on the Agenda would be tabled at this time.

Bill Dinkines requested Commission approval of a Resolution to add Sandhills WMA to the Conservation Passport list of Department owned properties.

Motion was made by Mr. Barwick who stated that the Rules Committee met and reviewed the Resolution and recommended approval as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gaddis. Motion carried with Commissioners Brewster, Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes".

Motion was made by Mr. Barwick to re-appoint four Directors of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation Board. The members up for reappointment are James Barwick, Ethan House, William Reagan and Tess Maune. The motion was seconded by Mr. Groendyke. Motion carried with Commissioners Brewster, Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes". Mr. Barwick reminded all ODWC Commissioners to please submit their annual contribution to the Foundation.

Motion was made by Mr. Groendyke, seconded by Ms. Gaddis to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried with Commissioners Brewster, Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes".

Motion was made by Mr. Barwick, seconded by Mr. Hughes to return to Open Session. Motion carried with Commissioners Brewster, Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes".

Motion was made by Mr. Groendyke, seconded by Mr. Barwick to authorize the Director to pursue the purchase of certain real property in Adair County. Motion carried with Commissioner Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes". Mr. Brewster voted "No".

Mr. Groendyke announced that a nominating committee met to discuss recommendations for the FY21 Commission Officers. The recommendation is as follows: Mr. Mabrey as Chairman, Mr. Hughes as Vice-Chairman and Ms. Gaddis as Secretary. Motion was made by Mr. Groendyke, seconded by Mr. Brewster to approve the recommendation for the FY21 Commission Officers. Motion carried with Commissioners Brewster, Barwick, Hughes, Gaddis, Groendyke and Mabrey voting "Yes".

Director Strong announced there would be a luncheon following the meeting in honor of Mr. Groendyke. There may or may not be a quorum but no official business would be conducted.

Chairman Mabrey announced the next Commission meeting will be Monday, August 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Oklahoma City.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

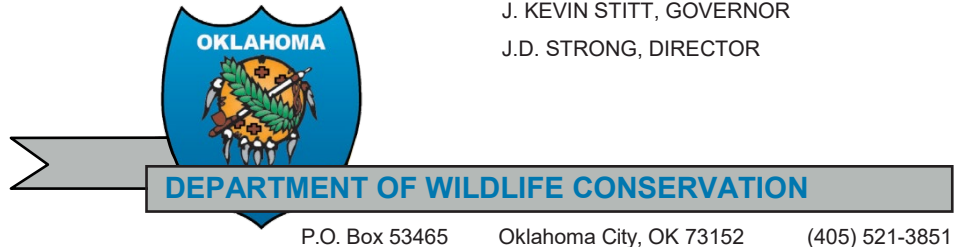
Bruce R. Mabrey, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Leigh A. Gaddis, SECRETARY

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bruce Mabrey CHAIRMAN	Bill Brewster MEMBER
Robert S. Hughes II VICE CHAIRMAN	D. Chad Dillingham MEMBER
Leigh Gaddis SECRETARY	Rick Holder MEMBER
James V. Barwick MEMBER	John P. Zelbst MEMBER



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 2020

TO: OK Department of Wildlife Commission and Staff

FROM: Brittnee Preston

RE: Report on June and July Federal and Congressional Issues for July Commission Meeting

COVID-19:

Since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, Congress has passed four bills to address the crisis and the effect it has had on the country. Most recently, the House passed H.R. 2, which is the House Highway Reauthorization bill and discussed more in depth below. Leadership opted to use this bill as the base of their infrastructure stimulus bill tacking on many COVID recovery provisions, including a version of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. The Senate is expected to introduce their own stimulus infrastructure bill the week of July 20th. Time will tell how and if the final bill shapes up ahead of August recess.

Wildlife update:

Congress –

- > Sens. Mike Lee, R-Utah; David Perdue, R-Ga.; Kelly Loeffler, R-Ga.; Thom Tillis, R-N.C.; and Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., signed a letter urging the Trump Administration to sunset all the rules that were waived during the Pandemic. A move to sunset these rules would allow them to go back through the regulatory process and reevaluate to see if the rules should be permanent or temporary.
- > The Senate considered [H.R. 3422](#), the Great American Outdoors Act in June. This bill provides permanent funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and addresses the backlog of deferred maintenance on public lands. The Senate voted on a motion to invoke cloture in the early hours of Friday morning on this bill, which effectively ends debate. The Senate passed the bill on a 73-25 vote. The House is expected to take this bill up before August recess.
- > Republican Sens. Ted Cruz (Texas), Tom Cotton (Ark.) and James Lankford (Okla.) introduced two bills this week to reform the National Environmental Policy Act and speed up infrastructure projects. One of the bills, the [Federal Permitting Modernization Act of 2020](#), would set deadlines for agency action under the FAST Act, while the [second bill](#) would cut the timeline from 150 days to 90 days to file a petition for judicial review of a permit, license or approval of a project.
- > The House Transportation Committee held a markup on H.R. 2, the "[Invest in America Act](#)" (the highway reauthorization bill). This bill included a few provisions on wildlife including provisions to reduce vehicle related wildlife mortality coming out of Committee. As it approached the floor, it became clear that the House intended for this to become their vehicle for the infrastructure stimulus bill. The House set a Rules Committee meeting for Monday, June 29th to consider floor procedure for H.R. 2. Over 300 amendments were offered on the bill including an amendment to add the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) to the bill. The amendment very closely resembled H.R. 3742, Recovering America's Wildlife Act standalone bill. The amendment text appropriated \$1.4 Billion over 5 years for conservation purposes and waived the match requirements for states. The amendment was supported by the Committees' with jurisdiction over the bill as well as the Chairman and Ranking member, Rep. Cole, of the Rules Committee. The amendment was offered by Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI), the bill's sponsor and ultimately adopted by a voice vote on the House floor. It was a great bipartisan effort to move this across the finish

line on the House side. Up next, we look to the Senate to consider an infrastructure bill and hopefully, they incorporate the RAWA provisions as well.

- > Appropriation bills for FY 21 made their way through Committee markups during the first two weeks of July and are slated to be brought to the floor during the last two weeks of July. Attached as Appendix 1 is a summary of the House appropriations bills.
- > The Senate is aiming to introduce their infrastructure stimulus package during the week of July 20th when they are back in D.C.

Hearings –

- > The House Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on the following bills:
 - [HR 2264](#) — Bear Protection Act
 - [HR 2871](#) — Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act
 - [HR 1776](#) — A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.
 - [HR 6761](#) — Murder Hornet Eradication Act

Agencies –

- > Department of the Interior (DOI)
 - DOI is reopening their [request](#) for nominations for the Hunting and Sport Shooting Conservation Council. The new deadline is now July 27, 2020.
- > Environment Protection Act (EPA)
 - Several states have sued the EPA's Navigable Waters Protection rule (WOTUS rule). This week a U.S. District Judge heard three hours of virtual arguments on a preliminary injunction. An opinion is expected soon on whether a freeze will be put on the rule set to go into effect on June 22nd.
 - EPA's WOTUS rule took effect on June 22nd after a district judge denied a petition halt its implementation over the previous weekend.
- > U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS)
 - The USFWS [announced](#) the availability of funds through the 2020 State and Interstate Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan Grant Program. Applications are due by August 1, 2020.
 - The USFWS announced the availability of funds under the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act - [BIG Tier 1](#) and [BIG Tier 2](#). These funds relate to vessels over 26 feet long. Applications are due by September 14, 2020.
 - The USFWS filed a [notification](#) that they have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Here are the applications affecting species in OK:
 - TE41955C-1 by Anthony Miller of Lexington, KY for the Indiana Bats, Gray bats, northern long-eared bats, Virginia big-eared bats
 - TE71050D-o by Brett Andersen of Papillion, NE for the Northern long-eared bat and the Indiana bat
 - The USFWS [announced](#) have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.
 - TE73584A by Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, IL adding Neosho madtom (*Noturus placidus*) to existing permitted species: 15 freshwater mussel species. Adds OK, MO and KS to existing authorized locations. Authorized activity: Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts
 - TE31055B by Kory Armstrong, Atlanta, GA for the gray bat, Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat, Ozark big eared bat and the Virginia big eared bat. Authorized activity: Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.

Coming up...

- August recess

We manage and protect fish and wildlife, along with their habitats, while also growing our community of hunters and anglers, partnering with those who love the outdoors, and fostering stewardship with those who care for the land.

APPENDIX 1

FY 21 House Appropriations Bills:

AGRICULTURE BILL

- Provides \$24.3 billion in discretionary funding.
- Includes \$1.05 billion for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.
- Provides increases that will help address harmful pests and diseases such as cattle fever ticks and chronic wasting disease, while maintaining increases from past years for citrus greening.
- Provides \$1 billion to help farmers, ranchers, and other private landowners conserve and protect their land. This includes \$167 million for infrastructure for watershed and flood prevention and watershed rehabilitation projects.

ENERGY AND WATER BILL

- \$7.36 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers
- \$1.63 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation, an increase of \$83 million above the fiscal year 2019 level and \$560 million above the budget request.

INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT BILL

- \$9.53 billion for EPA, \$677 million above the FY2019 enacted level
- \$38.4 million, an increase of \$13 million above the 2019 enacted level for United States Geological Survey (USGS) National & Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers
- \$12.5 million for 22 cooperatives under Landscape Conservation Cooperatives, which provide a forum & resources to address climate change
- \$3.38 billion for the National Parks Service
- \$1.7 billion for the USFWS
- \$524 million for the LWCF

***Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
Financial Statement***

For the period July 1, 2019 Through May 31, 2020

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Accounts Groups
May 31, 2020

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups			
	General	Capital Projects	Trust	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	05/31/2020 Totals	05/31/2019 Totals
Assets and Other Debits:							
Cash	12,865,300		3,535,532			16,400,832	17,359,423
Investments	0		223,763,849			223,763,849	214,728,020
Accounts Receivable	2,485,075					2,485,075	2,454,194
Monthly Lifetime License			248,000			248,000	165,150
Legacy Permit / Operation game Thief	4,291,967		7,000			4,298,967.00	4,527,176.00
Fixed Assets				70,394,837		70,394,837	50,783,428
Land				96,633,279		96,633,279	89,867,960
Other Debits:							
Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Compensated Absences					3,282,340	3,282,340	3,232,557
Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Net Pension Obligation					11,509,243	11,509,243	0
	19,642,342	0	227,554,381	167,028,116	14,791,583	429,016,422	378,597,732
Liabilities and Fund Balance:							
Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable (accrual)	1,350,285					1,350,285	693,965
Due to Other Funds (current month Lifetimes)	248,000					248,000	165,150
Compensated Absences Payable (leave accrual)					3,282,340	3,282,340	3,232,557
Net Pension Obligation					11,509,243	11,509,243	0
Total Liabilities	1,598,285	0	0	0	14,791,583	16,389,868	4,091,672
Fund Balance:							
Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits			116,908,321			116,908,321	113,471,342
Reserved for Defined Contribution Benefits (DC)			3,549,886			3,549,886	2,752,697
Investment in General Fixed Assets				167,028,116		167,028,116	140,651,388
Fund Balance	18,044,057		107,096,174			125,140,231	117,630,633
Total Fund Balance	18,044,057	0	227,554,381	167,028,116	0	412,626,554	374,506,060
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	19,642,342	0	227,554,381	167,028,116	14,791,583	429,016,422	378,597,732

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Trust Funds

Combining Balance Sheets
May 31, 2020

	Expendable Trust	Nonexpendable Trust	Pension Trust	DC Trust	05/31/2020 Totals	05/31/2019 Totals
Assets:						
Cash (Wildlife Heritage)	312,979	3,222,553			3,535,532	3,256,417
Investments	14,048,877	89,256,765	116,908,321	3,549,886	223,763,849	217,480,717
Due From Other Funds		248,000			248,000	165,150
Restricted Assets (OP. Game Thief)		7,000			7,000	7,000
	14,361,856	92,734,318	116,908,321	3,549,886	227,554,381	220,909,284
Fund Balance:						
Fund Balance Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits			116,908,321	3,549,886	120,458,207	116,224,039
Fund Balance	14,361,856	92,734,318			107,096,174	104,685,245
Total Fund Balance	14,361,856	92,734,318	116,908,321	3,549,886	227,554,381	220,909,284

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund
For the Period July 1, 2019 Through May 31, 2020

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	05/31/2020	05/31/2019	Percent of Inc. or Dec.
	General	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals	Totals	
Revenues:						
Licenses (without Lifetimes)	17,792,443			17,792,443	15,799,820	12.61%
Other Wildlife Sales	3,521,805			3,521,805	3,009,593	17.02%
Agriculture and Oil Lease	1,234,629			1,234,629	1,462,663	-15.59%
Grant Revenue	26,965,776			26,965,776	20,310,189	32.77%
Investment Income	358,282		77,547	435,829	307,824	41.58%
Miscellaneous	1,260,002			1,260,002	10,360,543	-87.84%
Total Revenues	51,132,937	0	77,547	51,210,484	51,250,632	-0.08%
Expenditures:						
Administration	5,799,047			5,799,047	5,694,031	1.84%
Wildlife	12,019,216			12,019,216	11,427,964	5.17%
Fish	9,845,732			9,845,732	9,699,669	1.51%
Law Enforcement	11,398,173			11,398,173	10,097,102	12.89%
Information and Education	2,690,020			2,690,020	2,911,704	-7.61%
Capital Improvements	10,075,371			10,075,371	6,680,437	50.82%
Land Acquisitions		6,760,813		6,760,813	4,347,229	55.52%
Total Expenditures	51,827,559	6,760,813		58,588,372	50,858,136	15.20%
Excess(deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(694,622)	(6,760,813)	77,547	(7,377,888)	392,496	1,979.74%
Other Financing Sources(uses):						
Sale of General Fixed Assets	882,695			882,695	1,510,990	-41.58%
Operating Transfers In	4,683,031	6,760,813	2,981,424	14,425,268	14,086,371	2.41%
Operating Transfers Out	(6,760,813)		(4,683,031)	(11,443,844)	(11,777,760)	-2.84%
Operating Transfers Out (215)			0	0	0	0.00
Total Other Financing Sources(uses)	(1,195,087)	6,760,813	(1,701,607)	3,864,119	3,819,601	1.17%
Excess of revenues & other financing sources over expenditures & other financing uses	(1,889,709)	0	(1,624,060)	(3,513,769)	4,212,097	-183.42%
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year:	19,933,766	0	15,985,916	35,919,682	27,919,159	28.66%
Fund Balances May 31, 2020:	18,044,057	0	14,361,856	32,405,913	32,131,256	0.85%

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Trust Funds
For the Period July 1, 2019 Through May 31, 2020

	Fiduciary Fund Types			05/31/2020 Totals	05/31/2019 Totals
	Nonexpendable Trust	Pension Trust	DC Trust		
Operating Revenues:					
Licenses (Lifetime)	2,431,175			2,431,175	2,016,600
Other Sales (Senior Citizen Licenses)	175,650			175,650	147,292
Interest and Investment Income	0	3,915,342	(18,309)	3,897,033	3,080,843
Employer Contributions		2,287,500	380,482	2,667,982	2,829,126
Employee Contributions		534,919	279,559	814,478	806,565
Total Operating Revenues	2,606,825	6,737,761	641,732	9,986,318	8,880,426
Operating Expenses:					
Administration		275,023	5,178	280,201	248,727
Benefits and Participant Refunds	0	7,337,125	50,612	7,387,737	6,859,107
Total Operating Expenses	0	7,612,148	55,790	7,667,938	7,107,834
Operating Income	2,606,825	(874,387)	585,942	2,318,380	1,772,592
Nonoperating Expenses:					
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0
Total Nonoperating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income	2,606,825	(874,387)	585,942	2,318,380	1,772,592
Fund Balances, Beginning	90,127,493	117,782,708	2,963,944	210,874,145	204,471,000
Fund Balances, May 31, 2020	92,734,318	116,908,321	3,549,886	213,192,525	206,243,592



Wildlife Contributions Report

Order ID	Order Date	Total Payment Amount	Name Of Individual Or Business	Description Of Contribution
19633957	5/26/2020 10:43 AM	\$100.00	DUVALL FARMS/DARREN DUVALL	DONATION
19616821	5/21/2020 1:15 PM	\$100.00	Bonnie Asbury	In Memory of Logan Dunn/OK Youth
19568410	5/7/2020 12:08 PM	\$500.00	FW OR SD NAULT	NOLAN REASNOR
19562881	5/5/2020 1:49 PM	\$25.00	Robert Westfall	In Memory of John Pat Reichmuth
	Total	\$725.00		

***Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
Financial Statement***

For the period July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Accounts Groups
June 30, 2020

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups			
	General	Capital Projects	Trust	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	06/30/2020 Totals	06/30/2019 Totals
Assets and Other Debits:							
Cash	12,287,120		3,564,854			15,851,974	16,954,202
Investments	0		227,668,931			227,668,931	223,481,575
Accounts Receivable	3,045,236					3,045,236	2,527,115
Monthly Lifetime License			193,750			193,750	89,150
Legacy Permit / Operation game Thief	4,232,566		7,000			4,239,566.00	4,572,908.00
Fixed Assets				70,912,222		70,912,222	51,046,559
Land				96,633,279		96,633,279	89,872,466
Other Debits:							
Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Compensated Absences					3,276,366	3,276,366	3,219,268
Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Net Pension Obligation					11,509,243	11,509,243	10,820,293
	19,564,922	0	231,434,535	167,545,501	14,785,609	433,330,567	398,017,628
Liabilities and Fund Balance:							
Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable (accrual)	373,860					373,860	741,974
Due to Other Funds (current month Lifetimes)	193,750					193,750	89,150
Compensated Absences Payable (leave accrual)					3,276,366	3,276,366	3,219,268
Net Pension Obligation					11,509,243	11,509,243	10,820,293
Total Liabilities	567,610	0	0	0	14,785,609	15,353,219	14,870,685
Fund Balance:							
Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits			118,471,982			118,471,982	117,782,708
Reserved for Defined Contribution Benefits (DC)			3,702,810			3,702,810	2,963,944
Investment in General Fixed Assets				167,545,501		167,545,501	140,919,025
Fund Balance	18,997,312		109,259,743			128,257,055	121,481,266
Total Fund Balance	18,997,312	0	231,434,535	167,545,501	0	417,977,348	383,146,943
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	19,564,922	0	231,434,535	167,545,501	14,785,609	433,330,567	398,017,628

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Trust Funds

Combining Balance Sheets
June 30, 2020

	Expendable Trust	Nonexpendable Trust	Pension Trust	DC Trust	06/30/2020 Totals	06/30/2019 Totals
Assets:						
Cash (Wildlife Heritage)	319,596	3,245,258			3,564,854	3,282,335
Investments	15,989,374	89,504,765	118,471,982	3,702,810	227,668,931	226,445,519
Due From Other Funds		193,750			193,750	89,150
Restricted Assets (OP. Game Thief)		7,000			7,000	7,000
	16,308,970	92,950,773	118,471,982	3,702,810	231,434,535	229,824,004
Fund Balance:						
Fund Balance Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits			118,471,982	3,702,810	122,174,792	120,746,652
Fund Balance	16,308,970	92,950,773			109,259,743	109,077,352
Total Fund Balance	16,308,970	92,950,773	118,471,982	3,702,810	231,434,535	229,824,004

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund
For the Period July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	06/30/2020	06/30/2019	Percent of Inc. or Dec.
	General	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals	Totals	
Revenues:						
Licenses (without Lifetimes)	18,736,656			18,736,656	16,744,624	11.90%
Other Wildlife Sales	3,808,845			3,808,845	3,316,241	14.85%
Agriculture and Oil Lease	1,390,609			1,390,609	1,620,598	-14.19%
Grant Revenue	29,667,880			29,667,880	22,132,851	34.04%
Investment Income	385,657		84,164	469,821	353,308	32.98%
Miscellaneous	1,456,856			1,456,856	10,427,002	-86.03%
Total Revenues	55,446,503	0	84,164	55,530,667	54,594,624	1.71%
Expenditures:						
Administration	6,091,008			6,091,008	5,998,261	1.55%
Wildlife	12,942,756			12,942,756	12,547,503	3.15%
Fish	10,526,281			10,526,281	10,405,892	1.16%
Law Enforcement	12,223,073			12,223,073	10,906,300	12.07%
Information and Education	2,854,857			2,854,857	3,080,162	-7.31%
Capital Improvements	10,549,995			10,549,995	7,189,842	46.73%
Land Acquisitions		6,760,813		6,760,813	4,347,229	55.52%
Total Expenditures	55,187,970	6,760,813		61,948,783	54,475,189	13.72%
Excess(deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	258,533	(6,760,813)	84,164	(6,418,116)	119,435	5,473.73%
Other Financing Sources(uses):						
Sale of General Fixed Assets	882,695			882,695	1,506,484	-41.41%
Operating Transfers In	4,683,131	6,760,813	4,922,021	16,365,965	18,152,563	-9.84%
Operating Transfers Out	(6,760,813)		(4,683,131)	(11,443,944)	(11,777,960)	-2.84%
Operating Transfers Out (215)			0	0	0	0.00
Total Other Financing Sources(uses)	(1,194,987)	6,760,813	238,890	5,804,716	7,881,087	-26.35%
Excess of revenues & other financing sources over expenditures & other financing uses	(936,454)	0	323,054	(613,400)	8,000,522	-107.67%
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year:	19,933,766	0	15,985,916	35,919,682	27,919,159	28.66%
Fund Balances June 30, 2020:	18,997,312	0	16,308,970	35,306,282	35,919,681	-1.71%

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Trust Funds
For the Period July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020

	Fiduciary Fund Types			06/30/2020 Totals	06/30/2019 Totals
	Nonexpendable Trust	Pension Trust	DC Trust		
Operating Revenues:					
Licenses (Lifetime)	2,624,925			2,624,925	2,105,750
Other Sales (Senior Citizen Licenses)	198,355			198,355	166,082
Interest and Investment Income	0	6,121,076	69,451	6,190,527	8,129,147
Employer Contributions		2,287,500	418,259	2,705,759	2,860,202
Employee Contributions		581,596	306,946	888,542	878,966
Total Operating Revenues	2,823,280	8,990,172	794,656	12,608,108	14,140,147
Operating Expenses:					
Administration		275,517	5,178	280,695	251,607
Benefits and Participant Refunds	0	8,025,382	50,612	8,075,994	7,485,395
Total Operating Expenses	0	8,300,899	55,790	8,356,689	7,737,002
Operating Income	2,823,280	689,273	738,866	4,251,419	6,403,145
Nonoperating Expenses:					
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0
Total Nonoperating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income	2,823,280	689,273	738,866	4,251,419	6,403,145
Fund Balances, Beginning	90,127,493	117,782,709	2,963,944	210,874,146	204,471,000
Fund Balances, June 30, 2020	92,950,773	118,471,982	3,702,810	215,125,565	210,874,145



Wildlife Contributions Report

Order ID	Order Date	Total Payment Amount	Name Of Individual Or Business	Description Of Contribution
19710584	6/29/2020 4:13 PM	\$7,500.00	National Wild Turkey Federation	Quachita/LeFlore - \$5,000 Spavinaw Hills - \$2,500
19689043	6/19/2020 2:04 PM	\$50.00	Keelville Church	In Memory of Logan Dunn/OK Youth Hunting Program
19689038	6/19/2020 2:03 PM	\$42,131.00	NWTF	Wildlife Division / Spavinaw Hills, Cross Timbers, Okmulgee/Deep Fork, Black Kettle/Packsaddle,
19668991	6/9/2020 3:51 PM	\$40.00	Angela Barnard	In Memory of Nolan Reasnor
	Total:	\$49,721.00		

PROPOSED EMERGENCY RULE

TITLE 800. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CHAPTER 10. SPORT FISHING RULES SUBCHAPTER 1. HARVEST AND POSSESSION LIMITS

800:10-1-5. Bag limits on fish

No person shall, during any one day, take, attempt to take, kill, or harvest from waters of this state more than:

- (1) Six (6) largemouth or smallmouth bass or six in aggregate, except in "Close To Home" fishing water and Doc Hollis Lake where all largemouth bass caught must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being taken (no harvest allowed), at Texoma Reservoir where the limit is five (5), largemouth, smallmouth or spotted bass or five in aggregate, at Lake Konawa, McGee Creek Lake, Dripping Springs Lake and Crowder Lake (Washita County) where the limit is six (6) of which only one (1) may be twenty-two (22) inches or longer and rivers and streams including the Illinois River upstream from the Horseshoe Bend boat ramp, and from Glover River from the confluence with the Little River upstream to the "Forks of the Glover River" where the limit is six (6) black bass aggregate of which only one may be a smallmouth bass, which must be fourteen (14) inches or longer.
- (2) Fifteen (15) channel and/or blue catfish, or fifteen (15) in aggregate, of which only one (1) blue catfish may be 30 inches in length or larger; except at all U.S. Forest Service and State Park lakes (not including Lake Murray) and Department of Wildlife Management Area ponds and all Department of Wildlife Conservation fishing areas, in "Close To Home" fishing waters and all waters within the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge, where the limit is six (6). Five (5) flathead catfish.
- (3) Thirty-seven (37) crappie (*Pomoxis* sp.) except at Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area where the limit is six (6) and at lakes Arbuckle, Tenkiller, Hudson, Ft. Gibson including all tributaries and upstream to Markham Ferry Dam and Grand Lake including all tributaries to state line where the limit is fifteen (15).
- (4) Six (6) rainbow trout, except in the lower Illinois River trout area from the USGS stream gauge downstream to the gravel pit county road where the limit is one (1) rainbow trout per day twenty (20) inches or longer in total length (no culling); and in the lower Mountain Fork River trout area where the daily limit is three (3) rainbow trout of which only one (1) may be greater than twenty-five (25) inches in total length (no culling); and in the Blue River from its entry onto the Plaster Wildlife Management Unit/Landrum Wilderness downstream approximately ½ mile to a marker cable where all trout caught must be released immediately from November 1 to March 1 (thereafter, statewide trout bag limit applies).
- (5) Six (6) brown trout, except in the lower Mountain Fork River trout area where the limit is one (1) brown trout per day thirty (30) inches or longer in total length (no culling), and in the lower Illinois River trout area from Tenkiller Dam downstream to US Highway 64 bridge where the limit is one (1) fish per day twenty (20) inches or longer in total length.
- (6) Six (6) walleye, sauger and/or saugeye, or six (6) in aggregate.
- (7) Five (5) striped bass except as designated in 800:10-1-5(8).
- (8) Ten (10) striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids or ten (10) in aggregate of which only two (2) may be twenty (20) inches or longer in Texoma Reservoir.
- (9) Twenty (20) striped bass hybrids of which only five (5) may be twenty (20) inches or longer, except as designated in 800:10-1-5(8) and (10).
- (10) Five (5) striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids, in aggregate, of which only two (2) may be 20 inches or longer in Arcadia Lake and Skiatook Lake.
- (11) Twenty-five (25) white bass in Lake Texoma.
- (12) One (1) paddlefish (*Polyodon spathula*) per day on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, statewide. Catch and release of paddlefish only (no harvest) is permitted on Monday and Friday, statewide. Possession of paddlefish in the field is prohibited on Monday and Friday, statewide. The catch and release of paddlefish is permitted by use of rod and reel, trotline and throwlines. Paddlefish must be released immediately unless kept for the daily limit. Paddlefish taken by bow and arrow, gigs, spears or spearguns shall not be released.
 - (A) Individual annual harvest limit- An individual harvest limit for paddlefish may be set or amended annually by the Wildlife Conservation Commission and will be listed in the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Fishing Guide. Special area (or management unit) paddlefish harvest caps, a general statewide paddlefish harvest cap, and the total number of paddlefish permits issued may be set or amended

annually by the Wildlife Conservation Commission for use in determining the individual annual harvest limit. Once an individual angler has reached their annual harvest limit, continued catch and release is permitted.

(B) Paddlefish permit- It shall be unlawful for any person, regardless of residency, age or disability, to fish for paddlefish or be in possession of paddlefish parts without having first secured from the Department of Wildlife Conservation, an annual paddlefish permit. This permit must be carried on their person while fishing and/or in possession of paddlefish or parts and be produced for inspection upon the demand of any Oklahoma citizen or game warden. This permit shall be valid for paddlefish catch and release fishing in all waters of the state and at any time unless otherwise prohibited.

(C) Harvest Tagging- Paddlefish caught and placed on a stringer or otherwise held in possession must be plainly labeled (tagged) immediately with the angler's paddlefish permit number. Paddlefish taken into possession cannot be released (no culling). Each person must keep their own paddlefish distinctly separate from paddlefish taken by other anglers. Each cleaned paddlefish, or its meat, eggs, or carcass, must be kept separate from all other cleaned paddlefish or its parts. Paddlefish or their parts must remain tagged until the person in possession of the paddlefish or paddlefish parts has reached their residence. All paddlefish must have all viscera (internal organs) removed from the paddlefish before leaving the state. Persons fishing trotlines or throwlines must release all paddlefish on their lines, except the one (1) paddlefish held in possession for their daily limit, before leaving the trotline or throwline. Anglers must cease snagging for the day when they have taken their daily limit of paddlefish into possession.

(D) Reporting- Harvest of paddlefish must be reported by the harvesting angler to Oklahoma Department of Wildlife within 24 hours of harvest. Instructions for reporting harvest will be provided in the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Fishing Guide and on the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife website.

(13) Release of striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids caught and placed on a stringer, in a live well or otherwise held in possession is prohibited statewide (no culling).

(14) One (1) alligator gar (*Atractosteus spatula*) per day, statewide, except during the period of May 1 through May 31 when angling for alligator gar by all angling methods is prohibited ~~on Lake Texoma between the Highway 99 bridge upstream to the I-35 bridge.~~ Angling for alligator gar by all angling methods and possession of alligator gar is prohibited between May 1 and May 31 statewide. The catch and release of alligator gar is permitted year round, except during the closure referenced above, by use of rod and reel, trotline and throwlines. Alligator gar must be released immediately unless kept for the daily limit. Persons fishing trotlines or throwlines must release all alligator gar on their lines except the one alligator gar held in possession for their daily limit, before leaving the trotline or throwline. Alligator gar taken by bow and arrow, gigs, spears or spearguns shall not be released. Alligator gar caught and placed on a stringer or otherwise held in possession cannot be released (no culling). Anglers must cease snagging when they have taken their daily limit of alligator gar into possession. Reporting – Harvest of alligator gar must be reported by the harvesting angler to Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation within 24 hours of harvest. Instructions for reporting harvest will be provided in the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Fishing Guide and on the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation website.

(15) One (1) of any fish species classified as those of Special Concern Category I or Category II (as identified in 800:25-19-6). Such harvest must be reported to ODWC.

(16) All tiger muskie (*Esox masquinongy* x *Esox lucius*) caught must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being taken (no harvest allowed).

(17) Other fish do not have bag or possession limits. Notwithstanding the foregoing fish bag limits, any bag limits for fish can be superseded and set by Commission resolution as authorized by Section 6-302(B) of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes.