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It is the angler's responsibility to know what regulations apply to the body of water they are fishing.

**On the cover:** Country music artist Blake Shelton, who grew up in Ada, still enjoys fishing the great lakes of Oklahoma.

### **GLOSSARY - FISHING TERMS DEFINED**

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) - aquatic organisms that are not native to Oklahoma and have the potential to harm native organisms, their habitats, human health, or the economy. A few examples are the bighead carp, white perch, rudd, zebra mussel, Eurasian watermilfoil, giant salvinia and alligator weed. See pages 30-31 for more information.

**Artificial Flies:** may not be made with soft plastic fish eggs, worms, grubs and larvae; any natural fish food; any human food; any dough bait; any substance to attract fish by taste or smell.

**Barbless hooks:** a hook manufactured without a barb; hooks having manufactured barbs that have been removed or pinched down that renders the barb ineffective.

Black bass - largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted (Kentucky) bass.

"Close to Home" fishing waters - specific bodies of water designated as such under a cooperative fisheries management agreement between ODWC and a participating cooperator, usually a city.

**Combined daily limit -** some species of similar kind are combined into one daily limit. The combined limit is the total number of those species that can be kept in a day. Example: unless specified otherwise, anglers may keep a combined limit of 15 (total) channel and/or blue catfish, but not 15 each.

**Culling -** releasing fish caught that were placed on a stringer, in a livewell, or otherwise held in possession, often to replace the fish with a larger one. Culling is legal, except paddlefish, trout, striped bass and hybrid striped bass may not be released once held in possession.

**Daily limit** - the maximum number of fish of a given species which an angler may legally keep in a single 24-hour period (midnight to midnight).

**Gaff hook** - a handheld hook or handheld pole with a hook attached that may only be used in the landing of a fish, other than paddlefish, already hooked by hook and line methods.

**Game fish -** largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass, black and white crappie, rainbow and brown trout, sauger, saugeye, walleye, striped bass, white bass, blue and channel catfish.

**Grabhook** - handheld hook or handheld pole or rope with a single hook attached used in the initial taking of a fish.

"In the Field" - meaning while fishing, while in the boat, on the bank, in the immediate vicinity of any river, creek, stream, lake or pond, or while transporting or carrying the fish from the waters described above to camp or from such water to the final destination.

**Minimum size limit** - the smallest size of fish that may be kept. All fish caught which are below the minimum size listed for that species must be returned (released) to the water immediately.

Nongame fish - all other species not listed as game fish.

**Protected slot limit -** special limit that prohibits keeping fish between certain sizes. All fish caught which are between the size range listed must be returned (released) to the water immediately. Example: a 13 to 16-inch protected slot limit on bass means angler may not keep any bass caught between 13 to 16 inches in size.

Tailwaters - an area that covers the first 1,000 feet below a dam.

**Total length -** term used to describe the correct way to measure a fish. Measure from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with the fish laid flat on a ruler with the mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together.

**This is not a legal document.** This booklet is an interpretive summary of the Titles 29 and 800 of Oklahoma Statutes governing fish and wildlife laws as established by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. For a complete listing of official regulations, you can obtain copies of current Oklahoma Statutes through your local library.

#### **ODWC FISHERIES CONTACT INFORMATION**

### (405) 521-3721

## 1. Byron State Fish Hatchery

Rt. 1, Box 535, Byron, 73722-9528 (580) 474-2663, byronfsh@sctelcom.net (2 mi. north and 1 mi. west of Hwys. 38 & 11) Hatchery Supervisor - Steve Spade Northwest Region Supervisor - John Stahl

#### 2. Ponca City Office

Northwest Region

417 S. Silverdale Lane, Ponca City, 74604-7315 (580) 762-2248, odwc@cableone.net (West end of Kaw dam)
North Central Region Supervisor - Bill Wentroth

### 3. Jenks Office

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Southwest Region

300 Aquarium Drive, Jenks, 74037-9998 (918) 299-2334, bgordon07@sbcglobal.net (Adjacent to the Oklahoma Aquarium) Northeast Region Supervisor - Brent Gordon

#### 4. Porter Office

9097 N. 34th St. W., Porter, 74454-2743 (918) 683-1031, odwc@hughes.net (1 1/2 mi. north of Muskogee Tnpk. on Hwy. 69) East Central Region Supervisor - Jim Burroughs

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#### 5. Woodward Office

3014 Lakeview, Woodward, 73801 (580) 254-9173 (Call for hours of operation)

#### 6. Department Headquarters

P.O. Box 53465, Oklahoma City, 73152 (405) 521-3721, info@odwc.state.ok.us (1 block south of State Capitol at the corner of 18th & Lincoln Blvd.) Fisheries Division Chief - Barry Bolton Fisheries Division Assistant Chief - Jeff Boxrucker

# 7. Lawton Office & J.A. Manning State Fish Hatchery

19333 State Hwy. 49, Lawton, 73507-6015 (580) 529-2795, jamodwc@mptelco.com (West of I-44 on Hwy. 49 in Medicine Park) Hatchery Manager - Tyler Wright Southwest Region Supervisor - Larry Cofer

## 8. Lake Maintenance Office, Lake Burtschi

4055 State Hwy. 92, Cement, 73017-9223 (405) 224-2513. odwclm@swbell.net (10 mi. south of Chickasha)
Supervisor - Todd Waters

## 9. Oklahoma Fishery Research Laboratory

500 E. Constellation, Norman, 73072-7900 (405) 325-7288, sdensow@odwc.state.ok.us (East of the Lloyd Noble Center)
Supervisor - Greg Summers
Central Region Supervisor- Gene Gilliland

## 10. Holdenville State Fish Hatchery

3733 Hwy. 48, Holdenville, 74848-6009 (405) 379-5408, odwc@plainsnet.net (Below Holdenville Dam) Hatchery Manager - John Davenport Fisheries Biologist- Danny Bowen

## 11. Caddo Office & Durant State Fish Hatchery

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2021 Caddo Hwy., Caddo, 74729-3807 (580) 924-4087; (580) 924-4085, odwcdfh@simplynet.net (6 mi. north of Durant on Old Caddo Hwy.) Hatchery Manager - Gordon Schomer South Central Region Supervisor - Matt Mauck

#### 12. Higgins Office

6733 SW Hwy 1, Wilburton, 74578-7634 (918) 297-0150, odwcse@yahoo.com (Call for hours of operation; located near Higgins, on Hwy. 1) Southeast Region Supervisor - Don Groom

#### **CHANGES THIS YEAR:**

- Paddlefish regulations have changed. See pages 20-21 for full information.
- Lone Chimney Lake will have a 14-inch minimum length limit on black bass.
- The tailwaters below lakes Altus-Lugert, Ellsworth, Fort Cobb, Foss, Lawtonka and Murray lakes will have a 14-inch minimum length limit on walleye, sauger and saugeye.
- The daily limit on blue catfish statewide will be fifteen (15), with only one (1) fish over 30 inches in length.

- A Fishing Guide License will be required of all resident and non-resident fishing guides.
   Visit wildlifedepartment.com/ fishguidelicense.htm for more information.
- Hybrid striped bass daily and size limits are removed at lakes Optima, Ft. Supply and Great Salt Plains.
- The 14 inch length limit on black bass in Lake Optima has been removed.
- It is illegal to possess zebra or quagga mussels.
- It is illegal to transport aquatic vegetation on boats or trailers between waters of the state.

- Cast netting for bait is now allowed on the Illinois River from the south boundary of the MarVal trout resort downstream to the Highway 64 Bridge, provided the bait is for personal use.
- Glass beverage containers are prohibited at Department fishing areas, except in designated camping and parking areas.
- Painted and Razorback Musk turtles are prohibited from harvest and one additional mussel sanctuary was created in the state.

The mission of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is to manage Oklahoma's wildlife resources and habitat to provide scientific, educational, aesthetic, economic and recreational benefits for present and future generations of hunters, anglers and others who appreciate wildlife. The Wildlife Department receives no general state tax revenues and is proud to be funded entirely by sportsmen. For general information on licenses, regulations and the current fishing report, log on to wildlifedepartment.com or call (405) 521-3721. Effective dates of this publication: January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010.

LICENSE FEES (405) 521-3852

<b>ALL ANNUAL LICENSES EXPIRE DECEM</b>	IBER 31	
RESIDENT	FEE	VALID
Fishing	\$25	January 1 - December 31
Combination, Fishing & Hunting	\$42	January 1 - December 31
Fishing (2-Day)	\$15	Two (2) consecutive days
Youth Fishing (16 & 17 yrs. old)	<b>\$5</b>	January 1 - December 31
Youth Combination, Fishing & Hunting (16 & 17 yrs. old)	<b>\$9</b>	January 1 - December 31
5-Year Fishing	\$88	Five (5) years from date of purchase
5-Year Combination Fishing & Hunting	\$148	Five (5) years from date of purchase
Lifetime Fishing	\$225	Lifetime
Lifetime Fishing 60 and Older	\$55	Lifetime
Lifetime Combination Fishing & Hunting	\$775	Lifetime
Lifetime Combination Fishing & Hunting 60 and Older	\$240	Lifetime
Lifetime Disabled Veteran Combination Hunting/Fishing	\$200	Lifetime
(under 60 percent disability)		
Lifetime Disabled Veteran Combination Hunting/Fishing	\$25	Lifetime
(60 percent or more disability)		
Trout	\$10	January 1 - December 31
Youth Trout (17 and under)	\$5	January 1 - December 31
Lake Texoma (see 1A below)	\$12	January 1 - December 31
Paddlefish	Free	January 1 - December 31
Senior Citizen Fishing (see 2A below)	\$6	Lifetime
Senior Citizen Combination Fishing & Hunting (see 2A below)	\$10	Lifetime
Disability Fishing (see 3A below)	\$10	Five (5) years from date of purchase
Land Access Permit (Honobia Creek & Three Rivers WMAs)	\$40	January 1 - December 31
Blue River Passport (this access permit does not provide fishing privileges)	\$21	January 1 - December 31
Fishing Guide License	\$132	January 1 - December 31
NONRESIDENT	FEE	VALID
Fishing (Annual)	\$42	January 1 - December 31
Fishing (5-Day)	\$23.50	Five (5) consecutive days
Lifetime Fishing	\$275	Lifetime
Trout	\$10	January 1 - December 31
Youth Trout (17 and under)	<b>\$5</b>	January 1 - December 31
Lake Texoma (see 1A below)	\$12	January 1 - December 31
Land Access Permit (Honobia Creek and Three Rivers WMAs)	\$85	January 1 - December 31
Fishing Guide License	\$132	January 1 - December 31
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- 1A Allows anglers to fish the entire lake without having to purchase a resident or nonresident license. Oklahoma residents with a valid fishing license are not required to purchase this license if only fishing the Oklahoma portion of the lake.
- 2A Residents born on or after January 1, 1923, upon reaching age 64 (or those who turn 64 during the calendar year) are eligible to purchase a Senior Citizen License which is good for the rest of their lives. Anyone born before January 1, 1923, is exempt but must carry proof of age such as a driver's license. Senior Citizen License applications are available through www.wildlifedepartment.com, Department headquarters, field installations and license vendors, but purchased only through Department headquarters.
- 3A For legal residents who have resided in this state for at least six (6) months and who are receiving Social Security disability, Supplemental Security Income benefits, disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A., Sect. 231a, postal employees receiving disability benefits under 5, U.S.C., Section 8451 (1998), or disability benefits through the Multiple Injury Trust Fund. This license is valid for five (5) years. Can be purchased only through Department headquarters.

#### **RESIDENCY DEFINITIONS**

- A "Resident" is any individual who has an established residence in Oklahoma for 60 consecutive days prior to submitting a license application. Any person holding a valid driver license is considered a resident of the state that issued the permit. For a valid Oklahoma driver license to be used as the sole source of proof of residency, it must be at least 60 days from the date the license was issued. If a person does not hold a valid Oklahoma driver license, the Department may consider other reliable documentation, such as property tax receipts, resident income tax returns, voter registration, motor vehicle or vessel registrations, and other public records documenting residence. Residency for children under 18 years of age is presumed to be that of the custodial parent or legal guardian unless otherwise documented. Persons who own land in Oklahoma but do not live here are considered nonresidents. A person cannot claim multiple states of residence, with the following exceptions:
- 1. A nonresident, and spouse or dependent, who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and is on active duty and permanently assigned to a military installation located in the state may qualify as a resident if the person presents a certificate of assignment from a commanding officer with the license application.
- 2. A resident of Oklahoma and any dependents of the person, on active duty in the military and stationed outside of Oklahoma, may maintain their resident status as long as their official 'state of residence' or 'home of record' is listed as Oklahoma on current leave and earnings statements.

The residency status of any person, including a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, shall terminate if the person obtains any resident hunting, fishing, trapping license or permit or valid driver license issued by another state.

A nonresident is any individual who is a resident of another state or who has resided in Oklahoma for a period of less than 60 days whether or not he or she intends to
make Oklahoma his or her home.

### LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

An Oklahoma resident or nonresident fishing license is required of all persons who take, attempt to take or possess fish or other aquatic dwelling organisms by any method in Oklahoma. Persons fishing the Red River must have a valid Oklahoma fishing license unless exempt.

In addition, persons fishing on waters located within the Honobia Creek or Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas must have a valid Land Access Permit, unless exempt.

Persons residing in another state who own land in Oklahoma but do not live on that land, and are fishing on that land, must purchase a nonresident fishing license.

All required licenses or written evidence of exemption must be carried while fishing.

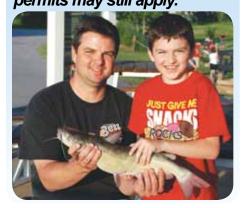
#### FISHING GUIDE LICENSE

Fishing Guides must comply with all license requirements to operate in Oklahoma. For a list of those requirements, visit, wildlifedepartment. com/fishguidelicense.htm.

We recommend checking this web site periodically due to pending federal legislation that may change the requirements.



No state fishing licenses or permits required. Some city permits may still apply.



## LICENSE EXEMPTIONS

The following persons are exempt from the resident or nonresident fishing license:

- Residents under 16, and nonresidents under 16 who are residents of AL, AK, AR, CA, CT, DE, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, NH, NY, NC, ND, OH, TX, or WI.
- Nonresidents under 14.
- Resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents, grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses who fish in private ponds on land owned or leased by such owner or tenant.
- Nonresidents 64 and older who are residents of Texas.
- Resident disabled veterans with 60 percent or more disability. Call State Dept. of Veterans Affairs, 1 (888) 655-2838 to acquire the license and proof of exemption.
- Any person who fishes with pole and line, trotline or throw line in streams, natural ponds and mine pits in or forming the boundary of the county in which he is a bona fide resident, when using any bait other than commercial or artificial bait, blood, stink bait, cut fish, and shrimp.
- Oklahoma citizens in the U. S. Armed Forces serving outside Oklahoma on authorized leave and with written evidence on their person.
- Any person legally blind or physically impaired who is unable to properly use fishing apparatus and one accompanying companion while the blind or physically impaired person is fishing.
- Persons under 18 who are in legal and physical custody of the State of Oklahoma or its agencies by court order.
- Persons under 18 who are in the custody of a child care facility as defined by Title 10 O.S., Section 402.
- Persons fishing during Oklahoma's Free Fishing Days.
- Any patient of a state institution in Oklahoma established for the care and treatment of mental illness or alcohol or drug dependency or any

person developmentally disabled residing in any group home or other institution or persons developmentally disabled when accompanied by an attendant of such institution or legal guardian or when fishing on institutional property.

- Residents having a proven disability rendering them nonambulatory and confined to wheelchairs as certified by a duly qualified physician.
- Job Corps trainees of this state, having a proper identification card.
- Any person participating in an aquatic education event or clinic sanctioned by the Wildlife Department.
- The following persons are exempt from the purchase of the Blue River Conservation Passport: Persons who possess a resident or nonresident annual fishing or hunting license, a resident combination fishing/ hunting license, a lifetime resident or nonresident fishing, hunting or combination license, a senior citizen fishing, hunting or combination license, a disability fishing or hunting license or a lifetime disabled veteran combination fishing/ hunting license: residents who are under eighteen (18) years of age on the first day of the calendar year; and students and instructors participating in bona fide educational tours or activities sponsored or organized by an educational institution or any other organized event sanctioned and approved in advance by the Wildlife Department. NOTE: Persons possessing a nonresident 5-day or a resident 2-day fishing license are not exempt from having to purchase a Blue River Conservation Passport.
- The following persons are exempt from the purchase of the Land
   Access Permit (Honobia Creek and Three Rivers WMAs): Oklahoma residents under 18 years of age on the first day of the current calendar year or those 64 years of age or older. All nonresidents are required to purchase an \$85 annual Land Access Permit, no exceptions.

This program operates free from discrimination on the basis of political or religious opinion or affiliation, race, creed, color, gender, age, national origin, marital status or disability. A person who feels he or she may have been discriminated against or would like further information should write: Director, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, P.O. Box 53465, Oklahoma City, OK 73152, or Office for Human Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

## STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

These methods are legal for taking both game and nongame fish throughout the year, statewide, unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations" starting on page 12.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

ROD AND REEL: A person may use up to seven (7) rods while fishing unless restricted further under "Special Area Regulations."

**TROTLINE / THROWLINE:** Trotlines/ throwlines are restricted to no more than three (3) lines and 100 hooks per person. A legal trotline/throwline has:

- no glass or metallic floating device on the line;
- no metallic posts in water for attachment;
- · lines made of nonmetallic material only;
- · hooks at least 24 inches apart:
- owner's name and address attached to each line;
- been attended at least once every 24 hours;
- not been set within three (3) ft.
   of surface of water at any point
   beyond six (6) ft. from either point of
   attachment, except at Great Salt Plains
   and Ft. Supply reservoirs where water
   is less than three (3) ft. deep.

JUGLINE: Juglines are restricted to no more than five (5) hooks per line and 20 juglines per person. A legal jugline is a vertical line suspended from a nonmetallic or nonglass floating device, drifting free or anchored and has:

- · owner's name and address attached;
- been attended at least once every 24 hours.

LIMBLINE: Limblines are restricted to no more than two (2) hooks per line and 20 limblines per person. A legal limbline is a line attached to a limb, branch, other natural object, or non-metallic manmade materials and has:

- the owner's name and address attached;
- been attended at least once every 24 hours.

**YO-YO:** Yo-yo's are restricted to no more than 20 per person and shall:

- have the owner's name and address attached:
- not be left unattended for more than six
  (6) hours;

- not be strung or suspended from any horizontal line across any channel or navigable waterway;
- have no more than 10 yo-yo's attached from any one line or support;
- not have metallic material in lines used for attachment;
- have lines no greater than 50 feet in length and must be placed or suspended without restricting or impeding boat traffic. Lines must be visible to boats at all times, day or night.

These methods are legal for taking nongame fish according to the following provisions unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations" starting on page 12.

**BOW AND ARROW:** Bowfishing may be used to take nongame fish only, throughout the year in all waters unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations." Legal bowfishing is restricted to:

- any bow except a crossbow;
- arrows having no more than one (1) points with no more than four (4) barbs on each point.

GIG, GRABHOOK, SPEAR AND SPEARGUN: Gigs and spears are legal for taking nongame fish and white bass only. Grabhooks (handheld hook or handheld pole or rope with a single hook attached used in the initial taking of a fish) are prohibited in all state waters, except SCUBA divers in Delaware and Mayes counties (excluding tailwaters which are closed) may use grabhooks to take nongame fish only from June 15 through July 31. Spearguns used by SCUBA divers are legal for taking nongame fish, blue and channel catfish. Gigs, spears and spearguns shall:

- not contain more than three (3) points with no more than two (2) barbs on each point;
- be lawful in all rivers and streams from Dec. 1 through Mar. 31, and year-round in all reservoirs, unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations."
- Gigs shall be lawful year-round in rivers and streams in Delaware and Mayes Counties, unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations."

**SNAGGING:** Snagging, the dragging of one single hook or one treble hook attached to a fishing line through the water to impale fish, shall be lawful in all waters year-round for nongame fish only unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations."

**NOODLING:** Noodling is the taking of nongame fish only by use of hands only. Possession of hooks, gaffs, spears, poles or ropes with hooks attached while in the act of noodling shall be proof of violation of the "hands only" noodling law. Noodling shall be lawful year-round in all waters unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations."

**NETTING (Noncommercial):** Only nets defined as gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, or haul seines may be used to take nongame fish only, except prohibited April through May. No fish taken by these methods may be transported from the state or be sold. All nets must be attended at least once every 24 hours. Each license holder is limited to 300 feet of net or a total of 4 hoop nets in the water at any time. Each unattended net must have owner's name and address attached.

Legal hoop nets shall be:

- no longer than 10 feet in length;
- no smaller than 3-inch square mesh;
- constructed of nonmetallic mesh only;
- constructed with no more than seven (7) hoops, three (3) feet in diameter or smaller.

Legal mesh size for gill or trammel nets or seines used in noncommercial netting shall be:

• no smaller than 4-inches square.

The following lakes and reservoirs are closed year-round to all noncommercial netting for any fish:

- all Wildlife Department Fishing Areas (see page 32);
- all Corps of Engineers, State Parks, GRDA, OG&E and Bureau of Reclamation lakes:
- Lakes Atoka, Carl Albert, Carl Blackwell, Ellsworth, Eucha, Lawtonka, Lone Chimney, Spavinaw, Taft, Hefner, Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th St. bridge), Draper, all waters within the Wichita Mountains NWR, all lakes and ponds within the Ouachita National Forest and all Oklahoma City "Close to Home" fishing waters (see page 29).

The following rivers and creeks are closed year-round to all noncommercial netting for any fish:

- · Baron Fork Creek
- Black Fork Creek
- Blue River
- · Caney River
- Deep Fork River upstream from Lake Eufaula to Arcadia Lake dam



#### **GENERAL / BULLFROG & TURTLE REGULATIONS**

#### (405) 521-3721

- Glover River upstream from Hwy. 3 & 7
- Illinois River
- Kiamichi River above and below Hugo Lake to the Red River
- Lee Creek
- Little River tributary of Lake Thunderbird above Franklin Road in Cleveland County
- · Little River upstream from Hwy. 98 bridge
- Lukfata Creek
- McGee Creek
- Mountain Fork River upstream from Hwy 70 bridge
- · Pennington Creek
- Poteau and Fourche Maline rivers in Le Flore County
- Red River from Choctaw/Bryan county line upstream to I-35 bridge
- · Sans Bois tributary of R.S. Kerr Lake
- Washita River upstream to Hwy. 77 bridge south of Davis
- all cutoffs, oxbows, side channels and tributaries of the above named rivers and streams
- all of the old oxbows and cutoffs of the Arkansas River in Le Flore and Sequoyah counties
- Canadian River from Lake Eufaula dam downstream to the confluence with Robert S. Kerr
- Arkansas River
- · Cimarron River and its tributaries
- Neosho River from Kansas border downstream to the confluence with Webbers Falls
- · Salt Creek in Osage County
- Salt Fork River
- Spring River
- Verdigris River

## SEINES, CAST NETS, TRAWLS AND DIP NETS (Noncommercial):

Seining, cast netting, trawling and dip netting bait for personal use is lawful in all waters year-round except Lakes Taft, Lone Chimney, Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th St. bridge), Hefner, Draper, Close to Home Fishing Waters (see page 29), the Wichita Mountains NWR, and in Wildlife Department Fishing Areas (see page 32), however cast nets may be used to take bait for personal use at Lake Carl Etling and on the Illinois River from the south boundary of the MarVal trout camp downstream to the Highway 64 Bridge. Any person may seine, trap or transport non-game fish commonly used for personal bait, provided the seine does not exceed 20 feet in length and one-half inch mesh; unless seining for minnows, then the mesh shall not exceed one-fourth inch. Minnow traps shall have a mesh size no greater than one-half inch, shall not be longer than three

(3) feet, shall not exceed eighteen (18) inches in diameter on round traps or eighteen (18) inches on a side on square or rectangular traps. The trap entrance (throat) cannot exceed two (2) inches across the opening. No person shall fish with more than 3 minnow traps. All minnow traps must have the owner's name and address attached and the traps must be attended once every 24 hours. All game fish and non-game fish not commonly used for bait must be released immediately. No person may take and/or export out-of-state via land-based transportation more than two hundred (200) nongame fish, including shad, for potential use as bait. Minnow traps cannot be made with glass. Cast nets shall have a mesh size no greater than 3/8-inch square. Trawl nets pulled by motor driven boats may not exceed three (3) feet in diameter and 3/8-inch square mesh. Cast nets, trawls and handheld dip nets are lawful for taking nongame fish only as bait for personal use. A resident or nonresident fishing license is required of each person using these methods, unless exempt.

All other methods for taking both game and nongame fish are illegal.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

- fish without carrying a license or written evidence that you are exempt.
- fish upon the land of another without consent of the owner, lessee or occupant of that land.
- fish in a State Designated Trout Area or their tributaries during trout season without first purchasing a Trout License; there are no exemptions. Note: a small portion of the Lower Mountain Fork River trout area is excluded from the trout license requirement; see page 28.
- catch fish from the waters of this state which are dead or die as a result of angling, and not remove those fish and bury or burn them, except nothing will prevent anglers from returning fish remains to lakes and reservoirs. No person may bury or burn any dead fish where it will become exposed through erosion or where that land is at anytime subject to overflow.
- sell, barter or trade fish, frogs or turtles, except with a commercial license.
- enter, swim, wade, operate a boat or a float or floating device in any safety zone (the water area below any dam for a distance of 50 yards from base of the dam).
- use, operate or park vehicles not registered for use on public roadways under Vehicle Code 47 O.S. 1971, 15-101 through 15-114 on lands owned or managed by the Wildlife Department.

- possess fish, or parts thereof, taken by another person without written information which includes the taker's name, address, license number, date taken and, number and kind of fish, plus name and address of person receiving those fish.
- use and/or place into lakes and reservoirs of this state any container, including but not limited to drums, cans, tubs, boxes or barrels which attract, entice or lure fish into an open cavity within the container.
- possess, consume or use any alcoholic beverage as defined in 37 O.S., Section 163.1 on any lands or waterways subject to the control of the Wildlife Department, except in designated parking or camping areas.
- use or posses any controlled and/or dangerous substance as defined in 63 O.S., Section 2-101 on any lands or waterways subject to the control of the Wildlife Department.
- use jet skis, jet boats and other similar nonpropeller-driven watercraft in the upper Illinois River above the confluence with Baron Fork Creek.
- tamper with the trotline, throwline, jugline or limbline of another person without permission from that person.
- stock fish in any public waters including streams and rivers without written consent from the Wildlife Conservation Director.

#### TURTLE REGULATIONS

Taking of turtles shall be lawful in all waters year-round with a resident or nonresident fishing license provided that:

- no more than six (6) turtles per day are taken;
- shooting of turtles on federal reservoirs is prohibited;
- terrestrial (land) turtles may not be sold;
- taking of the western chicken turtle, map turtle, painted and razorback musk turtles and / or alligator snapping turtle is prohibited:
- the Wichita Mountains NWR is closed;
- no aquatic turtles may be sold or purchased without the proper commercial turtle harvester or buyer's license.

#### **BULLFROG REGULATIONS**

Bullfrogs may be taken with hook and line, gig, spear, bow and arrow or other methods, except firearms, under a resident or nonresident fishing license. Bullfrogs taken with a firearm require a hunting license. Bullfrogs may be taken year-round provided that:

- no more than 15 bullfrogs per day are taken;
- bullfrogs may not be sold or shipped out-ofstate:
- · the Wichita Mountains NWR is closed.

SPECIES	DAILY LIMIT (for areas without special regulations)	MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT (for areas without special regulations)
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	6 (combined)	None
Spotted Bass (A)	None	None
Channel and / or Blue Catfish (B)	15 (combined)	Only one (1) Blue Catfish over 30"
Flathead Catfish (C)	10	20" minimum
White and/or Black Crappie	37 (combined)	None
Striped Bass (D)	15	Only 5 may be 20" or longer
Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass (D)	None	None
Trout (D)	See trout regulations on pages 24-28	
Walleye, Sauger and/or Saugeye	5 (combined)	18" minimum
Paddlefish (D)	See paddlefish regulations on page 20	None
Alligator Gar (E)	1	None

#### (All species not listed have no daily or minimum size limits)

- A. For purpose of legal identification, a spotted bass is any black bass except for smallmouth, having a rough tongue patch.
- B. Scuba divers with spearguns from May 1 through August 31: Daily limit of three (3) combined, no size limit. Statewide limits apply remainder of the year.
- C. Noodlers and scuba divers from May 1 through August 31: Daily limit of three (3), 20-inch minimum. Statewide limits apply remainder of year.
- D. Release of paddlefish, trout, striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids caught and placed on a stringer, in a livewell, or otherwise held in possession is prohibited, statewide (no culling).
- E. Alligator gar may be caught by use of rod and reel, trotline, and throwline. Alligator gar taken by bow and arrow, gigs, spears, or spearguns cannot be released. Alligator gar caught and placed on a stringer cannot be released (no culling).

Some areas have additional regulations. See Pages 12 - 18, "Special Area Regulations" for daily and size limits on specific areas.

### **BLACK BASS** (Largemouth, Smallmouth, & Spotted Bass)

- Statewide Daily Limit: Largemouth & Smallmouth -6 (combined) **Spotted - None**
- Statewide Minimum Size Limit: Largemouth & Smallmouth - None Spotted - None
- Check pages 12 18 for areas with additional daily and size limits

Black bass is a general term referring to largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass and their hybrids. The three species are similar, but can be easily identified. Since water clarity can affect the color of a fish, color is not a reliable way to tell the basses apart.

An easy way to tell these species apart is by the relationship of the eye and the mouth hinge. On a spotted bass, the mouth hinge lines up vertically with the back edge of the eye; on a smallmouth bass, the mouth hinge vertically lines up in front of the back edge of the eye; and on a largemouth bass, the mouth hinge vertically lines up behind the back edge of the eve.

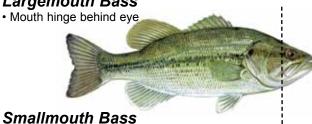
#### Tongue Patch: Another way to distinguish black bass is the presence or absence of a tongue patch. Largemouth bass have no patch on their tongue. Smallmouth and spotted bass do have a tongue patch.





Smallmouth and spotted bass display a patch on the tongue.

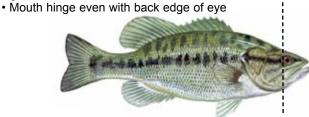
### Largemouth Bass



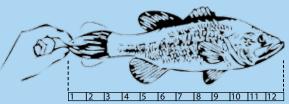
### · Mouth hinge in front of eye



### Spotted Bass



## **DAILY LIMITS & MEASURING FISH**

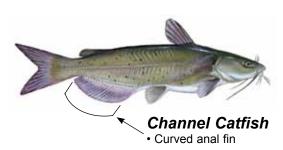


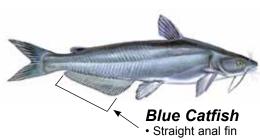
Daily limits are for 24-hour periods (midnight to midnight). No person shall have in their possession while in the field more than one (1) daily limit of any fish species. Nonresidents shall not have more than two (2) days limit in their possession at any time other than in the field, except for paddlefish (see page 20).

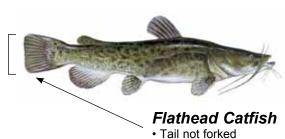
When measuring fish, total length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with fish laid flat on a ruler, mouth closed and tail fins pressed together.

#### **CATFISH**

- Statewide Daily Limit:
   Channel and / or Blue Catfish 15
   Flathead Catfish 10
- Statewide Minimum Size Limit: Channel Catfish - None Blue Catfish - Only one (1) over 30" Flathead Catfish - 20" minimum
- Check pages 12 18 for areas with additional daily and size limits







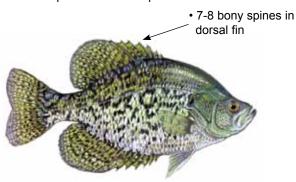
Oklahoma's three most popular catfish species can be identified by either the shape of the anal fin or the shape of the tail. A channel catfish will have a curved anal fin, but the same fin on the blue catfish will be straight across the bottom. Both of these species have a forked tail. In contrast, a flathead catfish's tail will not be forked.

#### CRAPPIE

- Statewide Daily Limit: 37 (combined white and / or black crappie)
- Statewide Minimum Size Limit: None
- Check pages 12 18 for areas with additional daily and size limits

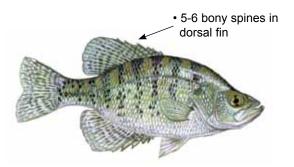
#### Black Crappie

• No true pattern to black spots



#### White Crappie

Distinct vertical bands of blue/gray spots

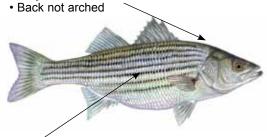


Size and daily limits are the same for both black and white crappie, but many anglers simply want to know the difference. The most distinguishing characteristic is the marking patterns or spots on the sides of the fish. A white crappie, the most prevalent crappie in the state, will have distinct vertical bands of blue/gray spots, whereas a black crappie will have only a sporadic, unrecognizable pattern to its black spots. There is also a difference in the number of bony spines in the dorsal fin: white crappie will have 5 to 6, whereas, black crappie will have 7 to 8.

## STRIPED BASS, HYBRIDS, & WHITE BASS

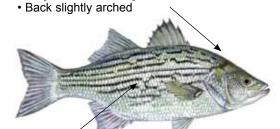
- Statewide Daily Limit:
   Striped Bass 15
   Striped Bass Hybrids and / or White Bass None
- Statewide Minimum Size Limit: Striped Bass - Only 5 may be 20" or longer Striped Bass Hybrids and / or White Bass - None
- Check pages 12 18 for areas with additional daily and size limits

#### Striped Bass



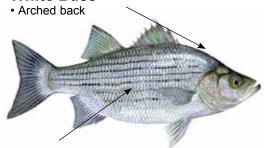
· Strong, unbroken dark lines

#### Striped Bass Hybrid



· Some broken lines

#### White Bass



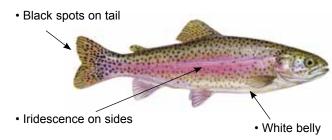
· Faint lines, usually unbroken

White bass, striped bass and striped bass hybrids offer great fishing opportunities around the state. The white bass can be identified by the distinctive arched back just behind its head. It also has only one tongue patch. The striped bass is not arched at the back and has two distinct tongue patches. It is also identified by the dark, usually unbroken lines on each side. The striped bass hybrid, which is a cross between the white bass and the striped bass, has a slightly arched back and has two tongue patches. The lines on a hybrid are usually broken.

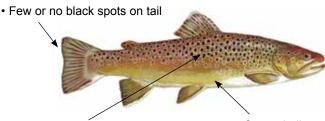
### **TROUT** (Rainbow & Brown Trout)

- Statewide Daily Limit: 6
- Statewide Minimum Size Limit: None
- Check pages 24-28 for areas with additional daily and size limits

#### Rainbow Trout



#### **Brown Trout**



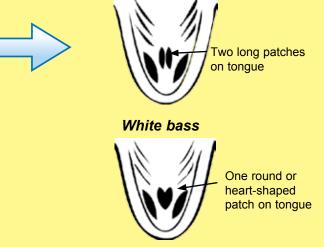
· Orange and red spots on side

· Cream belly

Oklahoma's two trout species can be easily identified. First look at the side of the fish. A rainbow will be iridescent, but the brown trout will have orange and red spots. The rainbow will also have black spots on its tail and a white belly. In comparison, the brown will have few or no black spots on its tail and a cream belly.

White bass are also distinguished from striped bass and striped bass hybrids by the tongue patch. White bass have a single tongue patch, striped bass and striped bass hybrids have two tongue patches.

#### Striped bass and Striped bass hybrids



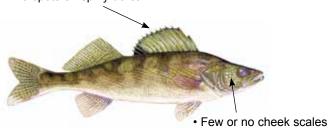
Downward views inside mouth of lower jaw and tongue

## WALLEYE, SAUGER, SAUGEYE

- Statewide Daily Limit: 5 (combined)
- Statewide Minimum Size Limit: 18" minimum
- Check pages 12-18 for areas with additional daily and size limits

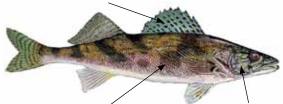
#### Walleye

· No spots on spiny dorsal fin



#### Sauger

· Distinct spots on spiny dorsal fin

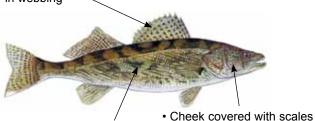


• Tan Body with distinct brown blotches

Cheek covered with scales

#### Saugeye

Spiny dorsal fin with distinct spots and bars in webbing



· Body gold with distinct brown blotches

Oklahoma is fortunate to have these unique species of the perch family in many of its lakes. To identify them, first look at the spiny dorsal fin. The walleye will have no spots on this fin; the sauger will have distinct spots; and the hybrid of the two species, the saugeye, will have spots and bars in the webbing of its spiny dorsal fin. The color of the fish and the presence or absence of cheek scales may also help identify the difference.



#### **PADDLEFISH**

- Statewide Daily Limit: 1
- Statewide Minimum Size Limit: None
- Check pages 20-21 for a full listing of paddlefish rules and regulations



· Distinctive rounded, protruding nose.

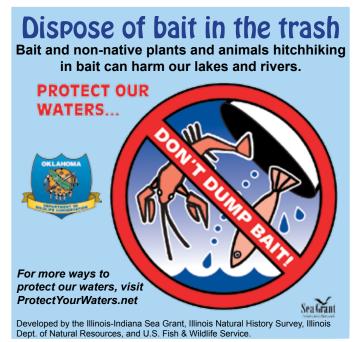
Oklahoma has a thriving population of paddlefish, also known as spoonbills because of their long, rounded noses. These fish, which date back to prehistoric times, are a thrill to catch due to their weight and size. Many paddlefish grow to weigh more than 50 lbs. Read through pages 20 and 21 for all the information you'll need to fish for Oklahoma's prehistoric creatures!

#### **ALLIGATOR GAR**

- Statewide Daily Limit: 1
- Statewide Minimum Size Limit: None
- Check pages 12-18 for areas with additional daily and size limits



The Alligator gar is a rare treat for anglers to reel in. Its distinctive nose and mouth allow for easy identification.



#### SPECIAL AREA REGULATIONS

The following water bodies have regulations that differ from statewide regulations for one or more species of fish. Anglers should keep in mind that municipalities, national wildlife refuges and the Chickasaw National Recreation Area (Lake Arbuckle) have the authority to set fishing regulations on waters in their jurisdiction that may differ from either the statewide regulations listed beginning on page 6 or the individual lake regulations listed below. If an Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) ALERT is listed, please see page 30 for precautions.

It is the angler's responsibility to know what regulations apply to the body of water they are fishing.

#### **LAKES**

#### Adair Recreation Area

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only one (1) rod and reel per person. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Altus-Lugert

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Walleye and / or saugeye; five (5) per day / 14-inch minimum. (This regulation applies to the tailwater also.) Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer.

#### American Horse

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / no size limit. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". **Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Arbuckle

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit. All crappie; 15 combined per day / 10-inch minimum.

#### **ANS ALERT: Hydrilla**

#### Arcadia

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### Birch

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer.

## • Broken Bow (from the slab at the Narrows downstream to the dam)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit.

#### Burtschi

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Canton (includes the lake, upstream to SH 281 and the tailwaters below the dam)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer.

#### Carl Albert

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Carl Blackwell

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/ or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer.

• Carl Etling \*Fishing opportunities are limited due to prolonged drought. Call (580) 474-2663 for current information.

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". Striped bass hybrids; five (5) per day / no size limit.

**Methods:** One (1) rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two (2) rods and reels per person). Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed. **Special Permits:** All anglers must have a trout license during trout season, no exceptions. For additional trout regulations see pages 24 and 27.

#### · Chimney Rock / W.R. Holway

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit.

#### Chouteau (includes oxbows and cutoffs)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### **ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

#### Copan

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### Crowder (Washita County)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day of which only one may be 22 inches or longer / 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

#### Dahlgren

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". **Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### LAKES (CONTINUED)

#### Drapei

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to no more than three (3) rods and reels per person, with no more than three (3) hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). Bowfishing is permitted year-round during daylight hours only. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Dripping Springs

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day of which only one may be 22 inches or longer / 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit.

#### • Ellsworth (including tailwaters)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Walleye, sauger and saugeye; five (5) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### Elmer

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". **Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### • Elmer Thomas (Wichita Mtns. NWR)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

**Methods:** Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### • Eufaula

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

Methods: Lake Eufaula State Park-

Pickens Lake - Fishing open only to residents under 16 or 65 and older, or those 60 percent or more disabled, or legally blind and those accompanying. Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. No other fishing methods allowed.

Kid's Fish Out Lake - Fishing open only to persons under 16 or 64 and older, or those 60 percent or more disabled, or legally blind or physically impaired and one companion. Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### **ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

#### Evans Chambers

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". **Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Foss

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Walleye and/or saugeye; five (5) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. (This regulation applies to the tailwater also.) Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels** 

#### • Ft. Cobb

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Walleye, sauger or saugeye; five (5) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. (This regulation applies to the tailwater also.) Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer.

#### **ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

#### Ft. Gibson (includes all tributaries and upstream to Markham Ferry dam)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. All crappie; 15 combined per day / 10-inch minimum.

#### **ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

## • Grand (applies to all tributaries and upstream to state line, and to the area below Pensacola dam downstream to SH 82 bridge)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits**: Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. All crappie; 15 combined per day / 10-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer.

#### **ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels, Bighead Carp**

#### Great Salt Plains (including lake and tailwaters)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Walleye, sauger or saugeye; five (5) combined per day / no size limit.

#### Greenleaf

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

#### • Hall

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits**: Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Hefner

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth bass six (6) per day / 14-inch minimum. Smallmouth bass; one (1) per day / 18-inch minimum

**Methods:** Fishing limited to no more than three (3) rods and reels per person, with no more than three (3) hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). Bowfishing is permitted year-round but during daylight hours only. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### • Heyburn

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### Hudson

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. All crappie; 15 combined per day / 10-inch minimum.

#### **ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

#### Hugo

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### **SPECIAL AREA REGULATIONS**

#### LAKES (CONTINUED)

#### Jap Beaver

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". **Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Kaw

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### **ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels; White Perch**

#### Keystone

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels; White Perch** 

#### • Konawa (see Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., page 32)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day of which only one (1) may be 22-inches or longer. Striped bass, striped bass hybrids or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer. **Methods:** Fishing limited to rod and reel, bowfishing and noodling. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### • Lawtonka (including tailwaters)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Walleye, sauger or saugeye; five (5) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### Lone Chimney

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Longmire

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 22-inch minimum. All crappie; 15 combined per day / 10-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only rod and reel. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### McGee Creek

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day, of which only one (1) may be 22 inches or longer / 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit.

#### Murray (including tailwaters)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Walleye and/or saugeye; five (5) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### **ANS ALERT: Hydrilla**

#### • Nanih Waiya

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day, of which only one (1) may be 22 inches or longer / 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". **Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Newt Graham (includes oxbows and cutoffs)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### Okmulgee

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit.

#### Oologah (including all tributaries to state line and downstream below dam to mouth of Caney River)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass, striped bass hybrids or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels** 

#### Ouachita National Forest ponds and lakes

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". **Methods:** Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.

## Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th St. bridge)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to no more than three (3) rods and reels per person, with no more than three (3) hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). Bowfishing is permitted year-round but during daylight hours only. No other methods of fishing allowed.

#### Ozzie Cobb

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". **Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Pawhuska

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only one (1) rod and reel per person during trout season (other times, consult City of Pawhuska for fishing regulations).

**Special Permits:** All anglers must have a trout license during trout season, no exceptions. For additional trout regulations see page 24.

#### • Pine Creek

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Spotted bass; 15 per day / no size limit.

#### Raymond Gary

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day, of which only one (1) may be 22 inches or longer / 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". **Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Robert S. Kerr (includes oxbows and cutoffs)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Sauger; five (5) per day / 16-inch minimum.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels** 

#### **SPECIAL AREA REGULATIONS**

#### **LAKES (CONTINUED)**

#### Sardis

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### Schooler

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Skiatook

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids (does not include white bass); five (5) per day, of which only two (2) may be 20 inches or longer.

#### • Sooner (see Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., page 32)

Note: the buoy marked discharge channel has different regulations than the rest of the lake, see regulations below.

Daily/Minimum Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass, striped bass hybrids or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer; and, no more than five (5) can be harvested from the buoy marked discharge channel.

Methods: Fishing limited to rod and reel, bowfishing and noodling. No other method of fishing allowed. Fishing is prohibited from dam, fenced area below dam, and north bank of intake channel. Fishing in the buoy marked intake channel, discharge channel and spillway embankment is bank fishing only (no float tubes or wading).

ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels; White Perch; Hydrilla

#### • Taft

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Tenkiller (downstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp to dam)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit. All crappie; 15 combined per day / 10-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Prohibited methods of fishing: gigs and spears downstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp; speargunning legal when used with SCUBA, except taking flathead catfish from June 15 through July 15 is prohibited.



### Caught a Lake Record Fish? He has.

Steve McLarty caught this 8.3 lb smallmouth bass from Eufaula. Check out the Lake Record Fish Program on page 19. • Texoma (Some methods of fishing on the Oklahoma portion of Lake Texoma do not apply to the Texas portion. Check the Texas Fishing Guide for details.)

Daily/Minimum Size Limits: Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass; five (5) combined per day / 14-inch minimum for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids; ten (10) combined per day, of which only two (2) may be 20 inches or longer. White bass; 25 per day / no size limit. Channel and/or blue catfish; 15 combined per day/ 12-inch minimum. All crappie; 37 combined per day / 10-inch minimum. Flathead catfish; five (5) per day / 20-inch minimum. Alligator gar; from May 1 through May 31, angling for alligator gar by any method is prohibited between the State Hwy 99 / US Hwy 377 bridge upstream to the I-35 bridge.

ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels, Golden Alga

#### Thunderbird

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Within the Little River above Franklin Road in Cleveland Co. the following methods of fishing are prohibited: bowfishing, gigs and spears, spearguns, snagging, and noodling.

#### • Tom Steed

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer.

## • U.S. Forest Service Lakes (Black Kettle, Skipout, Spring Creek)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

**Methods:** Prohibited methods of fishing: trotlines, throwlines, limblines, yo-yo's, juglines.

#### Vanderwork

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Vincent

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". **Methods:** Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

#### Watonga (Roman Nose State Park)

Daily/Minimum Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". Methods: Fishing limited to one (1) rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two (2) rods and reels per person). Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Special Permits: All anglers must have a trout license during trout season, no exceptions. For additional trout regulations see pages 24 and 27.

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#### Waurika

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five (5) may be 20 inches or longer.

#### Wayne Wallace

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

**Methods:** Fishing limited to one (1) rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two (2) rods and reels per person). Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

## • W.D. Mayo (includes oxbows, cutoffs, and below dam to state line)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Sauger; five (5) per day / 16-inch minimum.

#### **ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

#### Webbers Falls (includes oxbows and cutoffs)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Sauger; five (5) per day / 16-inch minimum.

#### **ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels, White Perch**

• Wister (from the dam upstream to US Hwy. 271 on Fourche Maline river, to US Hwy. 59 on the Poteau river and to the low water dam, ½ mile above county road # 156 on Holson Creek)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

#### **TAILWATERS**

#### • First 1,000 ft. below any Federal or GRDA dam

Fishing limited to only two (2) rods and reels per person. Unlawful to keep a foul hooked fish (any fish hooked other than inside the mouth), unless taken in a tailwater open to snagging. Bowfishing prohibited, except Wister, Eufaula, Ft. Gibson, Keystone, Hudson, and Thunderbird which are open. Gigs, spears and spearguns prohibited, except Hudson which is open. Snagging prohibited, except Ft. Gibson tailwaters are open 24 hours; Wister is open to snagging from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., year-round.

## • Salt Fork of the Arkansas River from the spillway of Great Salt Plains Lake downstream to SH 38 bridge

Prohibited method of fishing: bowfishing (see Tailwaters above), trotline, throwline, limbline, jugline and yo-yo.

• Tailwaters of Lakes Altus-Lugert, Ellsworth, Ft. Cobb, Foss, Lawtonka, and Murray

Walleye, sauger, saugeye: 14-inch length limit.

#### **RIVERS AND CREEKS**

## Arkansas River (Keystone Dam downstream to the OK - AR state line)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Sauger; five (5) per day / 16-inch minimum. **Methods:** 

- -From Keystone dam downstream to I-44 bridge in Tulsa; snagging is prohibited, and keeping a foul-hooked fish (any fish hooked other than inside the mouth) is prohibited.
- -In the tailwaters area immediately below Webbers Falls Lock and Dam; bowfishing, gigs, spears, spearguns and snagging is prohibited in the first

1,000 ft. Trotlines, throwlines, limblines, juglines and yo-yo's are prohibited below Webbers Falls Lock and Dam for a distance of one (1) mile.

#### **ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels, White Perch**

 Baron Fork Creek (see restrictions on fishing methods on Upper Illinois River and Tributaries)

#### Black Fork Creek

**Methods:** Bowfishing is only open from old Heavener Fish Hatchery dam downstream to Poteau River from Dec. 1 through May 15; snagging is only open in Le Flore County, from April 15 through May 15.

#### • Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area

Daily/Minimum Size Limits: All species of black bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30". All crappie; six (6) combined per day / no size limit. Possession limit is twelve (12) of all species of game fish after the first day. Methods: Fishing limited to one (1) rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two (2) rods and reels per person). No other method of fishing allowed.

**Special Permits:** All anglers must have a trout license during trout season, no exceptions. For more trout regulations see pages 24-25.

## • Lower Canadian River (downstream from Eufaula dam for one (1) mile)

**Methods:** Gigs and spears, spearguns, and snagging prohibited. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

#### Caney River (Below Hulah Lake dam)

**Methods:** Bowfishing prohibited from Hulah dam downstream 1,200 ft. to the Re-regulation Dam. Gigs, spears, spearguns and snagging prohibited from Hulah dam downstream to the confluence of old and new river channels. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

- Flint Creek (see regulations on fishing methods on Upper Illinois River and Tributaries)
- Glover River from confluence with Little River upstream to the "Forks of the Glover"

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** All species of black bass; six (6) combined per day / no size limit on largemouth or spotted bass, however, smallmouth bass have a 12-inch minimum of which only three (3) smallmouth greater than 12 inches may be included in the daily limit of six (6) black bass.

## • Grand (Neosho) River (below Grand Lake-Pensacola dam)

**Methods:** (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

- -Bowfishing prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park and below spillway outlet downstream to highline crossing. The next 1/2 mile below the highline crossing is closed only when the spillway gates are discharging water and for seven (7) days following closure of the gates.
- -Gigs, spears and spearguns are prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park bridge and below spillway outlets downstream for one (1) mile.
- -Snagging is prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park bridge and below spillway outlets downstream to highline crossing. The next 1/2 mile below the highline crossing is closed to snagging only when spillway gates are closed.
- -Noodling is prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to

#### **RIVERS AND CREEKS (CONTINUED)**

-Noodling is prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park bridge and below the spillway outlets downstream to highline crossing, except noodling shall be legal the day of and two (2) days following closure of spillway.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels** 

#### • Lower Illinois River (From Tenkiller dam downstream to the confluence of the Arkansas River)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Sauger; five (5) per day / 16-inch minimum.

**Methods:** From Tenkiller dam downstream to the Hwy. 64 bridge; fishing limited to one (1) rod and reel per person. No other method of fishing allowed. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

**Special Permits:** From Tenkiller dam downstream to the Hwy. 64 bridge all anglers must have a trout license, no exceptions. See regulations for Trout Areas on pages 24 and 26.

## • Upper Illinois River and tributaries (includes Baron Fork Creek and Flint Creek)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Illinois River upstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp, Baron Fork Creek and Flint Creek; all species of black bass; six (6) combined per day/ no size limit on largemouth or spotted bass, however, smallmouth bass have a 9- to 12-inch protected slot limit of which only one (1) smallmouth greater than 12 inches may be included in the daily limit of six (6) black bass.

**Methods:** Snagging and noodling are prohibited at all times. Bowfishing, speargunning, and gigging are prohibited, except for the following methods/seasons:

- -Upstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp; bowfishing and speargunning are permitted from Dec. 1 through Mar. 31. Gigging is permitted from Dec. 1 through Mar. 1.
- -Upstream from Hwy. 51/62 bridge; gigging is permitted from Dec. 1 through Mar. 31.

#### • Kiamichi River (below Hugo Lake dam)

**Methods:** Trotlines, throwlines and noodling are prohibited from Hugo dam downstream to first railroad bridge. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

**ANS ALERT: Bighead carp** 

#### • Lee Creek (including Little Lee Creek)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** All species of black bass; six (6) combined per day / no size limit on largemouth or spotted bass, however, smallmouth bass have a 9- to 12-inch protected slot limit of which only one (1) smallmouth greater than 12 inches may be included in the daily limit of six (6) black bass.

#### • Little River below Pine Creek Lake dam

**Methods:** Trotlines, throwlines, limblines, yo-yo's and juglines are prohibited from the dam downstream for a distance of 2,000 ft. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)



### Caught a Lake Record Fish? He has.

Jeremiah Johnson landed this 14.3 lb largemouth bass from Lake Wetumka. Check out the Lake Record Fish Program on page 19.

#### Lower Mountain Fork River trout area (below Broken Bow dam)

**Methods:** Fishing limited to one (1) rod and reel per person. No other method of fishing allowed. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

**Special Permits:** From Broken Bow dam downstream to the U.S. Hwy. 70 bridge, except in that area from the mouth of Rough Branch Creek downstream to the Re-regulation Dam all anglers must have a trout license, no exceptions. NOTE: a small portion of the Lower Mountain Fork River trout area is excluded from the trout license requirement, see regulations for Trout Areas on pages 24 and 28.

**ANS ALERT: Didymo** 

Upper Poteau River and Fourche Maline River and tributaries in Le Flore Co. (except for Black Fork Creek-See Regulations under Black Fork Creek above.)

**Methods:** Prohibited methods of fishing: gigs, spears, and spearguns.

 Lower Poteau River (downstream from Wister dam to 1/4 mile past confluence of old and new river channels)

**Methods:** Prohibited methods of fishing: trotlines and throwlines. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations)

## • Quartz Mountain trout area (North Fork of the Red River below Altus-Lugert Lake dam)

**Methods:** Fishing limited to one (1) rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two (2) rods and reels per person). Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

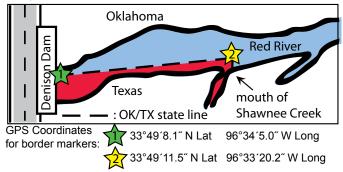
**Special Permits:** All anglers must have a trout license during trout season, no exceptions. For additional trout regulations see pages 24 and 27.

#### Lower Red River (below Lake Texoma)

Denison Dam downstream to the mouth of the Shawnee Creek: We advise anglers to meet all fishing license requirements for both Oklahoma and Texas. See map below. If you are fishing in Oklahoma waters, an Oklahoma fishing license is required, unless exempt. If you are fishing in Texas waters, you need a Texas fishing license. A Lake Texoma fishing license is not valid below Denison Dam.

#### Mouth of Shawnee Creek downstream (east):

If fishing in the Red River, anglers must possess an Oklahoma fishing license, unless exempt.



#### For all of the Lower Red River:

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids; five (5) combined per day / no size limit.

**Methods:** See "Tailwaters" regulations for other daily, size, and fishing method regulations.

ANS ALERT: Bighead carp

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#### **RIVERS AND CREEKS CONTINUED**

• Robbers Cave (From Carlton Lake dam downstream 1.5 miles to the State Park boundary)

**Methods:** Fishing limited to one (1) rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two (2) rods and reels per person). No other method of fishing allowed.

**Special Permits:** All anglers must have a trout license during trout season, no exceptions. For additional trout regulations see pages 24 and 25.

#### **OTHER AREAS**

Camp Gruber JMTC

For information on fishing opportunities, open dates and areas, as well as other regulations pertaining to Camp Gruber JMTC, contact OKARNG online at ok.ngb.army.mil/CGTS/ or call the voice phone system at (918) 487-6240.

• Ponds and creeks within the following Dept. of Wildlife Management Areas: Atoka, Beaver River, Black Kettle Lakes (Spring Creek, Skipout and Black Kettle), Gary Sherrer, Cherokee, Cookson, Ellis Co., Ft. Gibson, James Collins, Robert S Kerr WMA, Lexington, Okmulgee (except in Deep Fork River), Pushmataha, Robbers Cave, Sandy Sanders and Stringtown

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six (6) combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

• Ponds and creeks within either the Honobia Creek or Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas

**Special Permits:** All resident anglers age 18 (by December 31 of the previous calendar year) to 63, and all non-resident anglers regardless of age must possess the Land Access Permit to either fish and/or hunt on either the Honobia Creek or Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas. For additional Honobia/Three Rivers WMA regulations see the Oklahoma Hunting Guide (Regulations).

• Ponds and creeks within other Dept. of Wildlife Management Areas not listed above

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

• Oklahoma State Park ponds stocked by the Wildlife Department (not listed separately above)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

• Wichita Mtns. NWR lakes (except Elmer Thomas)

**Daily/Minimum Size Limits:** Channel and/or blue catfish; six (6) combined per day / only one (1) blue catfish over 30".

**Methods:** Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.



The Wildlife & Sport Fish
Restoration Program provides
important funding for Oklahoma
anglers by expanding fishing
access, improving aquatic habitat
and restoring streams and rivers.
When anglers purchase fishing and

boating equipment, they are supporting conservation efforts across the state through this program. To learn more, visit wildlifedepartment.com/restore.htm.





The Lake Records program recognizes anglers who catch a fish that is a record for their lake.



Derek Thurman caught a 4.8 lb smallmouth bass from Skiatook Lake.

Some lakes still lack a lake record fish. See the list on page 39, and try to hook a record!

#### A Lake Record Fish Tale

I was enjoying our vacation on Lake Eufaula, crappie fishing with Donnie my fiance and soon-to-be brother in law, Dale. Crappie were biting pretty good that day. When I set the hook on this one and got it up to the top of the water, it rolled and we knew it was a big crappie. I was hoping we didn't lose the fish. We got the net and used it to land the crappie. Since I was new to crappie fishing, I couldn't believe the size of the fish! Thanks to Donnie, and Dale for teaching me how to fish. I never dreamed I would love it so much. Breaking the lake record encourages me even

- Tina Burrows, Glenpool Crappie caught on Lake Eufaula. Weight: 2.3 lbs. Checked in at Blue Heron Bait / Culver Cafe.

to Eufaula! Good Fishing Everyone!

more to fish. Cannot wait until my next trip



The Lake Record Program also recognizes great fish like this 6 lb. saugeye caught by Tammy White.



Chuck Tillman caught a 5.7 lb small-mouth bass from Broken Bow Lake.

# **Been to the lake lately?**You might have caught a LAKE RECORD!

The Lake Record Program continues to grow, as more and more anglers find themselves holding a fish that qualifies for a lake record. From lakes large and small, from one side of the state to the other, the Lake Records program recognizes anglers who land a fish that is a record for their lake.

Once an angler catches a fish that might qualify as a lake record, he or she must have their catch certified at a Lake Record Keeper location. For a full list of record keepers, visit our web site, *wildlifedepartment.com*.

The minimum weights to qualify your catch in the lake record program must be larger than a 6 lb. largemouth bass; 4 lb. smallmouth bass; 2 lb. spotted bass; 2 lb. crappie; 15 lb. channel catfish; 40 lb. blue or flathead catfish; 3 lb. white bass; 20 lb. striped bass; 8 lb. hybrid; 5 lb. walleye/saugeye; 1 lb. sunfish or a 60 lb. paddlefish.

#### Lakes participating in the program include:

- Altus-Lugert
- Arbuckle
- Broken Bow
- Canton
- Comanche
- Dripping Springs
- Eufaula
- Foss
- Ft. Cobb
- Ft. Gibson
- Ft. Supply
- Grand
- Hefner
- Hugo
- Kaw
- Keystone
- Konawa
- Longmire
- McGee Creek

- Murray
- Okemah
- Oologah
- Pine Creek
- · R. S. Kerr
- Sardis
- Skiatook
- Sooner
- Stanley Draper
- Tenkiller
- Texoma
- Thunderbird
- W.D. Mayo
- Waurika
- Webbers Falls
- Wetumka
- Wes Watkins
- Wister



# Oklahoma's 'Prehistoric Monster'

If you're fishing for a big catch, you won't catch many fish bigger than a trophy paddlefish. Any paddlefish less than 30 pounds is nothing to write home about. The prehistoric fish routinely weigh over 50 pounds and they are measured in feet, not inches.

Top paddlefish spots include locations on the Neosho River like the Riverview City Park in Miami, Conner and Twin Bridges (above Grand Lake), the Kaw Lake tailwaters, Ft. Gibson Lake and its tailwaters, the low water dam below Ft. Gibson and Hudson lakes, and Oologah Lake.



### \*New for 2010: Mondays and Fridays are catch-and-release only for paddlefish statewide

#### **PADDLEFISH REGULATIONS**

Paddlefish daily limits are one (1) per day on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, statewide; catch and release of paddlefish only on Mondays and Fridays, statewide. Anglers cannot possess a paddlefish while in the field on Mondays or Fridays. Once you keep a fish, you must stop paddlefish fishing (snagging) for the day. The following restrictions apply to paddlefish harvest at all times.

- 1) Paddlefish angling by all methods is closed on the Spring River from the Highway 60 bridge upstream to the Kansas State line. Snagging of paddlefish or any fish is closed on the Grand River from the Highway 412 bridge upstream to the Markham Ferry (Lake Hudson) dam from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. year round.
- 2) Residents and nonresidents alike must obtain a free paddlefish permit before fishing for paddlefish. Paddlefish anglers can obtain their free permit online at wildlifedepartment.com or by contacting fishing license dealers or any Department of Wildlife Office in the state (see Fisheries Contacts, page 3).
- 3) Residents or nonresidents may only have one paddlefish in their possession in the field. Nonresidents may not have more than four paddlefish in possession at any other time.
- 4) Catch and release of paddlefish by use of rod and reel, trotlines and throwlines is allowed, year-round. Paddlefish must be released immediately after being caught, unless kept for the daily limit. Anglers fishing trotlines or throwlines must release all paddlefish before leaving their lines (unless keeping one for a daily limit).
- 5) Paddlefish taken by bowfishing, gigs, spears and spearguns cannot be released. These methods cannot be used on Mondays and Fridays.

- 6) Paddlefish not immediately released are considered kept, and must be tagged immediately with the angler's paddlefish permit number. Additionally, the date and time of harvest must be recorded on the paddlefish permit. Under no circumstances can any paddlefish be caught, kept, then later released (no culling).
- 7) Each cleaned paddlefish and its parts (carcass, meat, or eggs) must also be tagged and kept separate from all other cleaned paddlefish or paddlefish parts. Each person must keep their own paddlefish distinctly separate from paddlefish taken by others.
- 8) Paddlefish and paddlefish parts must remain tagged until the person in possession of the paddlefish and/or parts reaches their residence.
- 9) When snagging for paddlefish, anglers are allowed only one hook (one single hook or one treble hook) and all hooks must have the barbs removed or completely closed. Anglers must stop snagging when a daily limit of one fish is kept.
- 10) When landing a paddlefish, it is illegal to use "Gaff hooks" or any other techniques or devices that injure the fish, unless the angler is bowfishing.
- 11) No person can possess the eggs of more than one paddlefish that are still attached to the egg membrane. In addition, no person can possess more than three (3) pounds of either processed paddlefish eggs or fresh paddlefish eggs removed from the membrane. "Processed eggs" are any eggs taken from a paddlefish that have gone through a process which makes the eggs into the product caviar or into a caviar-like product.
- 12) No person can ship into or out of, transport into or out of, have in possession with the intent to so transport, or cause to be removed from this state raw unprocessed, processed, or frozen paddlefish eggs.
- **13)** All paddlefish must have all viscera (internal organs) removed before leaving the state.

Note: For information on fishing below dams for paddlefish, see "Tailwaters" on page 16



### New Regulations Protect Paddlefish

Biologists want to ensure the paddlefish are able to reproduce in numbers that will continue to sustain their population, so the days available for paddlefish snagging have been reduced for this season. Mondays and Fridays are now catch-and-release only. The Paddlefish Research & Processing Center (RPC) will also be closed on those days (Mondays and Fridays).

This regulation change will ensure that paddlefish are able to spawn effectively, and will also increase the size of paddlefish caught in the future.

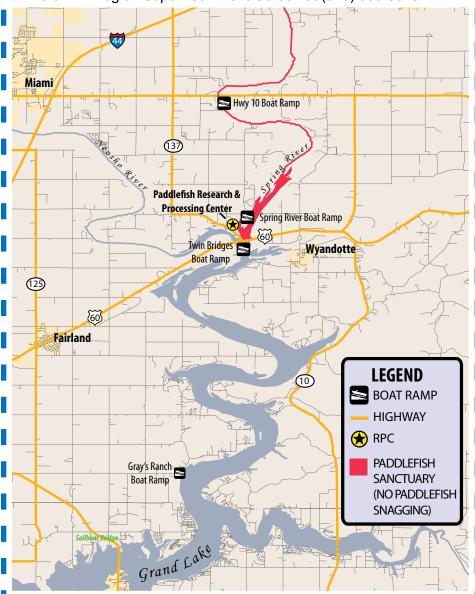
The Paddlefish RPC has succeeded in providing anglers a convenient and effective way to clean their catch, while also providing important scientific data to biologists as they study this ancient fish.

Data collected over the past two years suggest that a majority of the paddlefish that are being caught during the spawning season are between 8 and 10 years of age. This particular age group has sustained two years of harvest. Other age groups have not yet matured to the spawning stage. The regulation change will protect the paddlefish population.

The funds generated from the Wildlife Department's paddlefish program have been used to provide free angling at Miami Park, remove obstructions to snagging in the river, and upgrade the boating facilities at Twin Bridges State Park.

#### Where is the Paddlefish RPC?

The Paddlefish RPC is located at Twin Bridges State Park. Department employees will pick up fish from bank and boat anglers. To arrange for a pick up, contact the center at *(918) 542-9422*. For other questions, contact Paddlefish Program Coordinator Keith Green at *(918) 533-7113* or NE Region Supervisor Brent Gordon at *(918) 686-3673*.



## What is the Paddlefish Research and Processing Center (RPC)?

- The primary functions of the RPC are to collect important biological data for the Department's paddlefish management plan, process paddlefish meat for anglers and salvage paddlefish eggs.
- The center is open March 1 to April 30, except closed Mondays and Fridays. Anglers are able to bring their catch to the RPC for cleaning and processing. They take home meat from their own fish that has been safely cleaned and packaged.

#### **HOW TO CERTIFY A STATE RECORD**



Tommy Couch of Howe caught a record-breaking flathead catfish on the Poteau River on June 13, 2009. The monster flathead weighed 76 lbs, 1 oz.

- 1. Fish **must** be caught on rod and line and **must** be hooked and played by only one person. (Except for unrestricted division).
- 2. Fish **must** be caught in accordance with Oklahoma fishing regulations.
- 3. No fish caught from any hatchery or commercial putand-take lake is eligible.
- 4. Accredited or certified weight scales must be used to weigh the fish. Accredited steel measuring tapes must be used to measure the fish. The fish should be measured from tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with fish laid flat on a ruler, mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together, giving length of fish in inches. Measure the girth of the fish in inches around its widest point. Three witnesses, one of which must be an employee of the Wildlife Department, must witness the

weighing and measuring of the fish and sign the affidavit.

- 5. The fish must be preserved in a live-weight condition until approved by a Wildlife Department Fisheries biologist or technician, and an official letter of verification from the Director of the Wildlife Department has been received by the angler.
- 6. A clear photograph showing a close-up side view of the fish **must** accompany the completed fish affidavit form. All photographs become the property of the Wildlife Department.
- 7. The Wildlife Department reserves the right to collect fish scale, tissue or spine samples to check fish identification and to refuse any questionable fish affidavit submitted. The affidavit must be submitted within 30 days of the date the fish is caught.
- 8. With the exception of grass carp, no restricted exotic species will be eligible for record fish recognition.

In addition to rod and line records, an Unrestricted Division includes the heaviest of those species taken by other legal means (bow and arrow, gig, spear, trotline, jugline, limbline, etc.) and ties or exceeds the weight of the existing rod and line record.

#### CATCH & RELEASE TIPS



- · Land fish quickly.
- Handle fish as little as possible and avoid holding with dry hands, cloths, or gloves to prevent removal of protective slime coating.
- Don't let fish bounce on boat deck, carpet or on shoreline rocks and gravel.
- When using a landing net, soft knotless nylon or rubber nets are better than hard, knotted nylon.
- Grasp most species of fish by the lower jaw and keep fish in the water if possible. Hold them vertically and support large fish with a hand under the belly.
- Remove hooks quickly
- Return fish back to the water as quickly as you can.
- Use long-nosed pliers or a de-hooking tool to remove deeply embedded hooks. Free plans for a hook remover are available at www. wildlifedepartment.com/hookout.htm. If the hook cannot be easily removed, cut the line a few inches above the hook and leave it in the fish.
- If you are using bait or lures that are frequently swallowed and deep hooking is likely to be a problem, use barbless hooks. Unhooking your catch with barbless hooks is faster, easier and healthier for the fish

Hey, YA'LL!
I'm Blake Shelton for the Oklahoma Department of
Wildlife Conservation, and when you buy a hunting or
fishing license, you're paying for wildlife conservation.



### Oklahoma Rod and Line Record Fish

<b>Common Name</b>	LBS.	ozs.	Length	Girth	Where	When	Angler
Bass, Largemouth	14	11	28	22 3/4	Broken Bow	3-14-99	William Cross
Bass, Smallmouth	8	3	23 1/2	19	Eufaula Lake	3-4-06	Steve McLarty
Bass, Spotted	8	2	23 1/2	17 1/2	Pittsburg Co. Pond	6-27-58	O. J. Stone
Bass, Striped	47	8	48	30	Lower Illinois River	6-10-96	Louis Parker
Bass, White	5	4	21	15	Lake Eufaula	10-26-84	Paul Grace
Bass, Hybrid Black	8	5.6	22 3/4	16 1/2	Veterans Lake	3-27-06	Dru Kinslow
Bass, Hybrid Striped	23	4	33 1/2	27	Altus-Lugert Lake	4-1-97	Paul Hollister
Bass, Hybrid Yellow	2	5	15 3/4	12 5/8	Kiamichi River	3-26-91	George R. Edwards
Buffalo, Bigmouth	59	15	43 3/4	33 1/2	Greenleaf	11-12-88	Leroy Broaddrick
Buffalo, Black	7	7	24 1/2	16	Lower Illinois River	3-28-92	Paul Southerland
Buffalo, Smallmouth	44	2	35	31	Konawa Reservoir	8-15-07	Marvin Williams
Bullhead, Black	6	13	18 5/8	17 3/4	Jackson Co. Pond	5-24-84	Gary Cole
Carp, Common	39	10.4	39 1/4	30 3/4	Grady Co. Pond	4-23-02	Brandon Hughes
Carp, Grass	68	15.2	49	34	Chelsea City Lake	4-5-08	Jereme Budgick
Carpsucker, River	7	11	24	17	Canadian Co. Pond	4-18-90	W.C. "Bill" Kenyon
Catfish, Blue	98		54 1/2	39 1/2	Lake Texoma	11-11-04	Billy Nabors
Catfish, Channel	35	15	39 1/4	26 1/4	Taft Lake	9-11-05	Gary Doak, Jr.
Catfish, Flathead	76	1	51 1/2	58 1/4	Poteau River	6-13-09	Tommy Couch
Crappie, Black	4	10	20 1/4	17 3/4	Ottawa Co. Pond	6-16-74	Rollie Williams
Crappie, White	4	15	19	16 1/4	Kingfisher Co. Pond	5-4-91	Frank Robinson
Drum, Freshwater	38		41 3/4	28 3/4	Tenkiller Lake	5-23-76	Harold Phillips
Eel, American	5	7	39 1/2	9 7/8	Lower Illinois River	6-3-95	Dolores Munsell
Gar, Alligator	184	3	92	38	Red River	2-25-06	Sean Chatham
Gar, Longnose	41		62	21 1/2	Red River	1-3-88	Dean Pittman
Gar, Shortnose	5	9.6	32 1/2	10 1/2	Pittsburg Co. Pond	8-16-03	Robert Byrd
Goldeye	2	8	18 5/8	10 3/4	Arkansas River	4-27-96	James R. Smith
Grass Pickerel		7	13	5 1/8	Beaver Creek	3-17-95	Barry Bryant
Herring, Skipjack	3	6	19	13 3/8	Eufaula Tailwaters	4-3-92	Bobby Moore
Paddlefish	121	3	53 1/2	42 1/4	Kaw Tailwaters	4-1-03	Shane McCleary
Pickerel, Chain	2	10	22 1/2	9 1/2	Lower Mt. Fork River	4-22-82	Eric Lowe
Pike, Northern	36	8	44		Lake Carl Etling	6-13-76	Raymond Fernandez
Redhorse, River	8	5	28 1/2	17 1/8	Illinois River	2-11-77	Willis Pippin
Sauger	5	5	23	14	Kerr Reservoir	1-18-81	Chet Munds
Saugeye	10	10	28 1/4	19	Fort Cobb Lake	2-24-06	Curt Wilkerson
Sunfish, Bluegill	2	6	12 3/4	14 1/2	Kay Co. Pond	5-8-87	Tom Shorter
Sunfish, Green	2	7	13	14 1/4	Pontotoc Co. Pond	10-16-72	Eddie Shulanberger
Sunfish, Hybrid	1	14	12 3/8	13 7/8	Bryan Co. Pond	5-24-97	Hal Smith
Sunfish, Redear	2	1	12 3/4	13	Logan Co. Pond	11-15-73	Ruby Lee Farmer
Trout, Brown	17	4.6	32 3/4	20	Lower Mtn. Fork River	4-10-05	Jason Archie
Trout, Rainbow	10	4	27	16	Lower Illinois River	7-3-66	Billy Payne
Walleye	12	13	30 3/8	19 1/2	Robert S. Kerr	5-8-04	Kerry Carter

New Records in blue

### **Unrestricted Division Record Fish**

<b>Common Name</b>	LBS.	OZS.	Length	Girth	Where	When	Angler
Buffalo, Black	57	12	43 1/4	31	Tenkiller Lake	6-30-84	Chester Penn/trotline
Buffalo, Smallmouth	48	1	41	32	Broken Bow Lake	4-24-04	Brandon Pope/bow & arrow
Carp, Common	44	8	41 1/2	29 1/4	Broken Bow Lake	4-30-93	Neal Roth/bow & arrow
Carp, Grass	77		53	36 1/4	Arbuckle Lake	7-30-02	Brandon Taber/bow & arrow
Catfish, Blue	118	8	57	41 3/4	Lake Texoma	5-4-88	Dan Grider/jugline
Catfish, Flathead	106		60	39 1/2	Wister Lake	4-5-77	C. Clubb/trotline
Eel, American	5	8.7	40	9 3/4	Webbers Falls	8-15-02	Billy Davison/trotline
Gar, Shortnose	9	11.5	43 1/4	13 3/8	Kaw Dam Tailwaters	9-2-07	Dwayne Carter/bow & arrow
Gar, Spotted	9	12.8	37 1/4	13.5	Arbuckle Lake	4-19-08	Jimmy Nelson/bow & arrow
Paddlefish	134		55	44	Grand Lake	8-13-92	Charles Ham/trotline
Redhorse, Golden	8	12	29	16 1/4	Illinois River	3-16-08	Everett Noblin, Jr./gigging
Redhorse, River	9	5	28 5/8	15 1/8	Illinois River	3-01-06	Monte Reid/bow & arrow
Sturgeon, Shovelnose	2	15	29	8 1/2	Arkansas River	10-12-97	Paul R. Forman/throw line

## GENERAL TROUT REGULATIONS

#### **LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:**

- A resident or nonresident fishing license is required of all persons who take or attempt to take fish, including trout, unless otherwise exempt.
- A trout license (\$10, adult; \$5, youth 17 and under) is required for all who fish in state designated trout areas or in tributaries to a state designated trout stream during trout seasons. THERE ARE NO EXEMPTIONS, except a portion of the Lower Mountain Fork River; see page 28.

**TROUT SEASONS:** See map and description of each state-designated trout area.

#### **METHOD OF TAKING:**

- It is unlawful to take fish from state designated trout areas during trout season by any means except one rod and reel (or one pole and line).
- Trout caught and placed on a stringer or otherwise held in possession cannot be released.

#### **DAILY & SIZE LIMITS:**

- Daily limit is six (6) rainbow trout in all state designated trout areas except in portions of the Blue River, the Lower Illinois River and the Lower Mt. Fork River (See maps and descriptions on pages 25, 26 and 28.)
- There is no minimum size limit for rainbow trout at any state designated trout area except in portions of the Lower Illinois River and the Lower Mt. Fork River (See maps and descriptions on pages 26 and 28.)
- Daily limit for brown trout is six (6) with no minimum size limit, except at the Lower Mountain Fork River and Lower Illinois River where the daily limit is one (1); size limit: 20-inch minimum, with a possession limit of two (2) after the first day.

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** No person shall have in their possession in the field more than one (1) daily limit of any trout species. After the first day, no person shall have more than 12

rainbow trout and 12 brown trout in their possession, except at the Lower Mountain Fork River and Lower Illinois River where the possession limit for brown trout is two (2). Nonresidents shall not have more than two (2) day's limit of any trout species upon leaving the state.

**Trout Fishing Tips:** Oklahoma has two introduced species of trout - rainbows and browns, with rainbows being far more abundant. Brown trout are stocked in the Lower Mountain Fork River below Broken Bow dam and in the Lower Illinois River when available, while rainbows are usually stocked every two weeks at all eight of the state's trout areas during designated trout seasons. Anglers can use the following tips to help them put trout on the stringer:

- For the trout stocking schedules of all trout areas statewide, log on to wildlifedepartment.com.
- Use an ultra-light rod and reel spooled with six pound or lighter line to produce more strikes.
- Small spinners, spoons and crappie size jigs (tube or maribou) are good artificial lures.
- Fishing with live or prepared bait such as worms, power baits and salmon eggs is very productive where legal.
- Try small hooks (size 10 to 18) and sinkers to keep bait near the bottom and prevent trout from detecting any resistance.
- Fish during the early morning and late afternoons for best action.
- Concentrate on fishing around structure such as behind large rocks, logs and below riffles. Trout also tend to congregate above and below waterfalls, in and around deep pools and undercut banks.
- Rainbows tend to occupy faster moving water while browns may be found in more slack stretches.
- Trout face upstream to wait for insects to appear above them.
- Fly fishermen should try to fish with flies that resemble the insects and crustaceans that are most seasonally abundant.
- Fishing often improves a few days after stocking when trout have adjusted to their new environment.

### **LAKE PAWHUSKA**

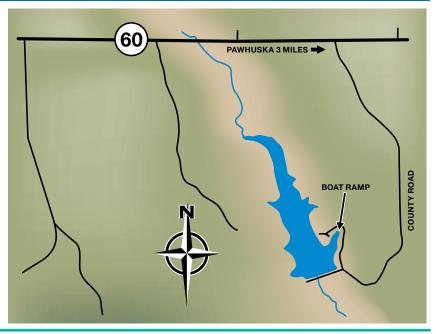
**Trout Season:** November 1 through March 31 of the following year.

**Designated Trout Area / Size / Location:** 96-acre lake located 3 miles west of Pawhuska on U.S. Hwy. 60 and 1.75 miles south on county road in Osage County.

**Bank Access / Boat Ramps:** Public-use facilities include a boat ramp, boat/fishing dock, parking area and restrooms – all handicap-accessible.

**Notes of Interest:** Camping at Lake Pawhuska is limited to primitive sites. Camp sites with electrical hook-ups available at nearby Lake Bluestem.

**Special Regulations:** City of Pawhuska requires a boating permit to launch a boat. For information call: (918) 287-3040.





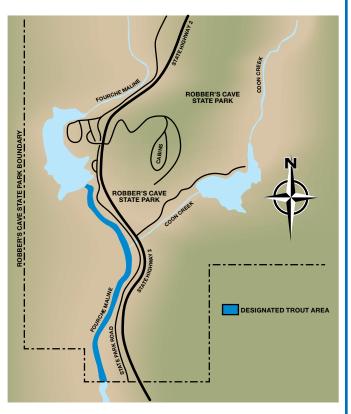
#### ROBBERS CAVE

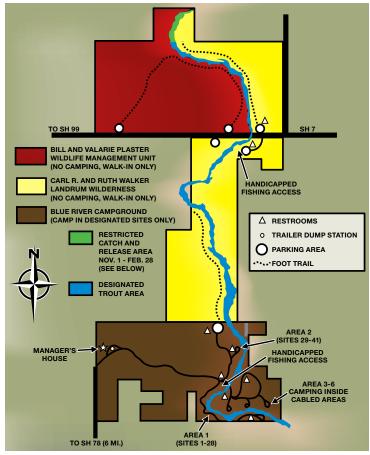
**Trout Season:** November 1 through March 15 of the following year.

**Designated Trout Area / Size / Location:** 1.5 miles of Fourche Maline River immediately below Carlton Lake Dam downstream to the southern boundary of Robbers Cave State Park, located in Latimer County, five miles north of Wilburton on State Hwy. 2.

**Bank Access:** Bank access is good because the entire designated trout stream lies within Robbers Cave State Park.

**Notes of Interest:** Camping and cabin facilities are available within the state park. For information call: (918) 465-2565.





#### **BLUE RIVER**

**Trout Season:** November 1 through March 31 of the following year.

**Designated Trout Area / Size / Location:** 6.25 miles of Blue River flows through the Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area located in Johnston County, four miles east of Tishomingo on Hwy. 78 and six miles north. Total acreage = 3,367 acres.

**Bank Access:** Bank/wading access is available throughout the area (see accompanying map).

**Notes of Interest:** Camping facilities available only at the Blue River Campground area (see map). Special access is provided for handicapped persons confined to wheelchairs. For information, call (580) 443-5728. For complete public use restrictions, see page 29.

**Special Regulations:** From Nov. 1 to Feb. 28, the portion of the Blue River which enters the north side of the property and flows to the end of the first walk in trail is catch and release only. (See shaded area on map.) Fishing is restricted to barbless hooks, artificial flies and lures only. Starting March 1, special regulations do not apply. Also, NO CAMPING and NO VEHICLES are allowed except in designated parking areas of the Carl R. and Ruth Walker Landrum Wilderness and the Bill and Valerie Plaster Wildlife Management Unit. Nonhunting and nonfishing visitors to the area are required to possess a Blue River Conservation Passport, unless exempt (see page 5).



Remember, an annual fishing license exempts you from the Blue River Conservation Passport!

## LOWER ILLINOIS RIVER

Trout Season: Year round.

**Designated Trout Area / Size / Location:** 

7.75 miles of Illinois River from Tenkiller Dam to Hwy. 64 bridge near Gore in Sequoyah County.

Bank Access / Boat Ramps: The Lower

Illinois River Public Fishing and Hunting Area – Simp and Helen Watts Management Unit offers public fishing access to almost one mile of the trout stream and 320 acres of public hunting opportunity (see map). To reach the area, travel north on SH 100 from Gore approximately four miles. Turn east onto county road E0990 and travel approximately one mile to the entrance. Park in the designated parking area only. The area is managed for walk-in access only.

Four other public access sites are available along the state designated trout stream, including a pool off the river located immediately below the dam which allows trout fishing even during high power generation. Another good site is located at the River Road Public Access Area about six miles downstream from the dam. The Gore Landing Public Access Area, operated by the city of Gore (918) 489-2636, offers camping and a boat launching ramp.

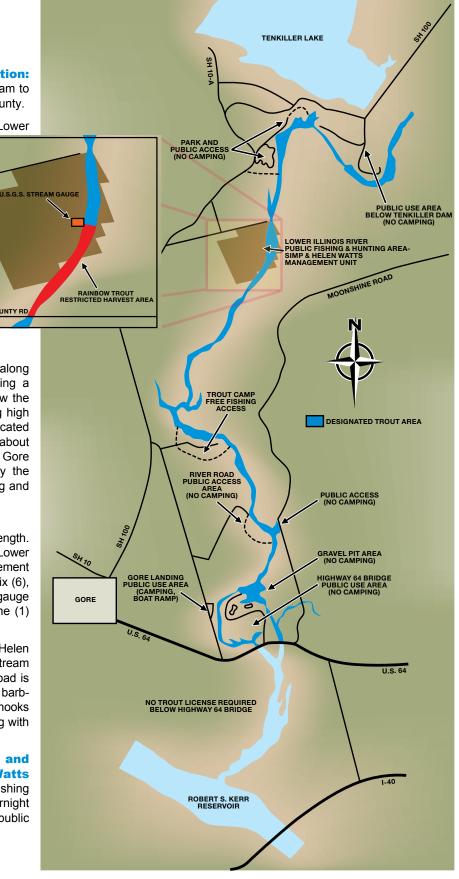
**GRAVEL PIT COUNTY RD** 

#### Special Regulations: Daily limit:

Brown trout – one (1) over 20 inches in length. Rainbow trout – From north property line of Lower Illinois River Simp & Helen Watts Management Unit downstream to USGS stream gauge: six (6), no minimum length; From USGS stream gauge downstream to Gravel Pit County Road: one (1) over 20 inches in length.

Fishing in the Lower Illinois River Simp & Helen Watts Management Unit from the USGS stream gauge downstream to Gravel Pit County Road is restricted to artificial flies and lures only and barbless hooks only, except that single barbed hooks 3/0 or larger, may be used only when fishing with natural bait.

Lower Illinois River Public Fishing and Hunting Area – Simp and Helen Watts Management Unit – all general trout fishing regulations apply (see page 24). No overnight camping is allowed on the area. For full public use restrictions, see page 33.



### LAKE WATONGA

**Trout Season:** Nov. 1 through March 31 of the following year.

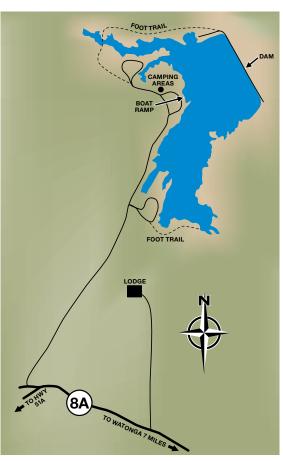
## **Designated Trout Area / Size /**

**Location:** Seven miles north of Watonga in Blaine County. 55-acre lake located within Roman Nose State Park.

Bank Access/Boat Ramps: Bank access and a boat ramp on the west side of the lake.

#### **Notes of Interest:**

Camping and lodge facilities are available within the state park. For information, call (580) 623-4215.







#### **QUARTZ MOUNTAIN**

**Trout Season:** November 1 through March 15 of the following year.

#### **Designated Trout Area** / **Size** / **Location**:

North Fork of the Red River from Altus-Lugert Dam downstream to the low water dam at State Hwy. 44A within Quartz Mountain Nature Park, which is located in Kiowa County, 18 miles north of Altus.

**Bank Access:** Best access along the entire length of the North shore.

**Notes of Interest:** Camping and lodge facilities are available at the nearby state park. For information, call (580) 563-2424.

#### LAKE CARL ETLING

**Note:** Fishing opportunities are limited due to prolonged drought. Call (580) 474-2663 for current information.

**Trout Season:** November 1 through April 30 of the following year.

#### **Designated Trout Area / Size / Location:**

Cimarron County, about 30 miles northwest of Boise City. 159-acre lake located within Black Mesa State Park.

**Bank Access/Boat Ramps:** Berms extending from the south bank. Boat ramps on east and south sides of the lake.

**Notes of Interest:** Camping facilities, including hookups, are available within the state park. For information, call (580) 426-2222.

## LOWER MT. FORK RIVER

Trout Season: Year round.

#### **Designated Trout Area/Size/Location:**

12 mile portion of the Lower Mountain Fork River and its tributaries from the Broken Bow Reservoir spillway downstream to the U.S. Hwy 70 bridge. About five miles of this designated trout stream lies within Beaver's Bend State Park, in McCurtain County.

**Note:** that portion of the Lower Mountain Fork River from the mouth of Rough Branch Creek downstream to the Re-regulation Dam is excluded from the trout license requirement (no trout license required). However, while fishing in this portion of the stream, a valid annual trout license is required to have trout in possession. All other fishing regulations specific to the Blue Zone apply.

**Bank Access/Boat Ramps:** Bank access is unlimited within the state park and downstream to the Re-regulation Dam. Another public access point exists at Presbyterian Falls. Boat ramps are located just upstream of and below the Re-regulation Dam.

**Notes of Interest:** Camping and cabin facilities are available within Beaver's Bend State Park and below the Re-regulation Dam. For information call (580) 494-6300.

#### **Brown Trout Regulations (entire stream):**

 Brown trout - Daily limit: one (1); size limit: 20-inch minimum.

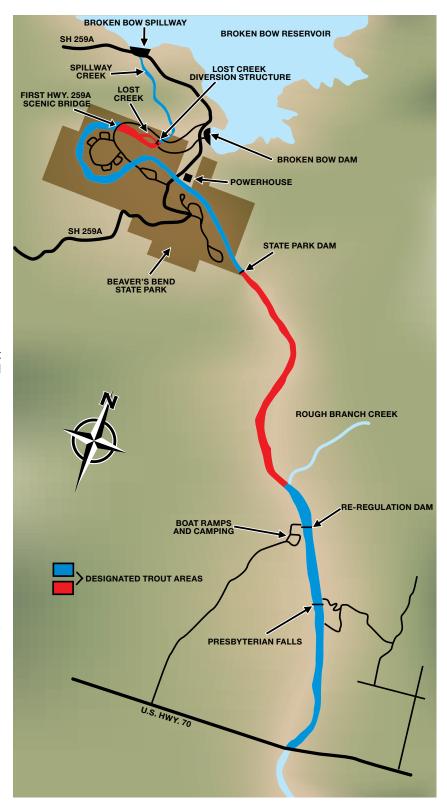
#### **Special Regulations by Zone:**

**Blue Zones:** (From the Broken Bow Reservoir spillway downstream to the Lost Creek diversion structure; from the first Hwy 259A scenic bridge downstream to the State Park Dam; and from the mouth of Rough Branch Creek downstream to Hwy. 70 bridge):

- Rainbow trout Daily limit: six (6); no minimum size limit.
- · Use of bait and barbed hooks is permitted.

**Red Zones:** (From the Lost Creek diversion structure downstream to the first Hwy. 259A scenic bridge, including the Lost Creek channel; and from the State Park Dam downstream to the mouth of Rough Branch Creek):

- Rainbow trout Daily limit: one (1); Size limit: 20-inch minimum.
- Possession of any trout less than 20-inches is prohibited.
- Use of bait or barbed hooks is prohibited in the Red Zone. Fishing is restricted to barbless hooks, artificial flies and artificial lures only.



Anglers - Didymo, an aquatic nuisance species commonly referred to as "rock snot," has been identified in the Lower Mountain Fork River. To prevent spreading this undesirable organism, please clean and dry waders and other fishing equipment after use in the Lower Mountain Fork River.

### **CLOSE TO HOME FISHING OPPORTUNITIES**



## Looking for a nearby lake or pond to fish

in? Through agreementsbetween Oklahomamunicipalities and theWildlife Department, theseareas offer excellent"Close to Home" fishingopportunities in metro areas.

In addition to state fishing license requirements, some

municipalities require daily or annual city fishing permits. Check with local officials for details on cost and permit vendor locations. Phone numbers for city offices are listed below.

Fishing in the Tulsa area? Check out Tulsa's urban fishing lakes at wildlifedepartment.com/fishing.htm

Close-to-Home Fishing waters have the following additional restrictions:

- Fishing is limited to no more than three (3) rods and reels per person, with no more than three (3) hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). No other fishing methods are allowed, except noodling is allowed in the North Canadian River from the NW 10th Street bridge downstream to the MacArthur Street bridge in OKC.
- All largemouth and smallmouth bass caught must be released (returned to the water) immediately after being taken; no harvest is allowed.
- Channel catfish and blue catfish have a combined daily limit of six (6); no size limits apply.

For all other species, consult the statewide regulations.

#### Oklahoma City (405) 755-4014:

- Crystal Lake (6625 SW 15th)
- Dolese Youth Park (5105 NW 50th)
- Edwards Park (1515 N. Bryant Avenue)
- Kids Lake (3200 W Wilshire Boulevard)
- Oklahoma River from NW 10th Street bridge to NE 10th Street bridge; Wetland Ponds at Walker, Pennsylvania, and Western Avenues.
- Route 66 Park (9901 NW 23rd)
- South Lakes Regional Park (4210 SW 119th) *Note* west pond fishing access is closed.
- Waters of the Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge (5101 N Stinchcomb Avenue)
- · Zoo Lake (2101 NE 50th) east shoreline only

#### Choctaw (405) 390-8198:

- Choctaw Creek Park (NE 23rd Street and Harper Road)
- Ten Acre Park (NE 10th Street and Choctaw Road)

#### Del City (405) 671-2868:

• Eagle Lake (3405 E Reno)



#### Edmond (405) 216-7641:

- Hafer Park (1034 S. Bryant Avenue)
- Mitch Park (1501 W. Covell Road)
- Bickham-Rudkin Park (450 E. 33rd Street)

#### Guthrie (405) 282-2773:

- · Mineral Wells Park (Division and Mineral Wells Circle)
- Highland Park (Warner Avenue and N. Drexel Boulevard)

#### Harrah (405) 454-2951:

• Heritage Park (1374 N Church Avenue)

#### Lawton (580) 581-3400:

• Elmer Thomas Park - Lake Helen (I-44 and NW Cache Road)

#### Moore (405) 793-5090:

• Little River Park (700 SW 4th)

#### Mustang (405) 376-7739:

Wildhorse Park (SW 59th and Mustang Road)

#### Norman (405) 366-5472:

- George M. Sutton Urban Wilderness Area (12th Avenue NE and Rock Creek Road)
- Norman Lions Northeast Park (1800 Northcliff Avenue)
- Griffin Community Park (1001 E. Robinson)

#### Yukon (405) 354-7208:

- City Park (2200 S. Holly Street)
- Welch Park (615 Annawood Road)
- Robertson Activity Center (1200 Lakeshore Drive)

#### **Trout Fishing Regulations at Dolese Youth Park Pond**

Through a generous donation from BancFirst, Oklahoma City provides a special trout season at Dolese Youth Park Pond from January 1 through February 28, 2010.

- Only one (1) pole or rod and reel per person.
- Only six (6) trout per person per day.
- No culling (see page 2).
- Bank fishing only. No wading, tubing or boating.
- An OKC fishing permit and a State fishing license is required

## WHAT ARE ANGO

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) are invasive, non-native species that threaten the ecological integrity of aquatic ecosystems in Oklahoma. ANS are brought into the state unknowingly by anglers and boaters who move their boats and equipment from one body of water to another without cleaning them. The species often have no natural predators and can expand their range and population size unchecked, damaging native species and harming lakes, streams, and rivers.



ANS can cause harm to fish populations and other aquatic organisms and can cause damage to boats and fishing equipment. Zebra mussels, for example, can destroy boat motors and water intake structures and clog up waterways. Hydrilla plants can grow thickly in an area, to the point that recreation is limited. Anglers and boaters are vital partners in preventing ANS from spreading.

#### As soon as you pull your boat out of the water, follow these steps.



INSPECT your boat, trailer and equipment for zebra mussels, mud, plant fragments, seeds, and any other organisms from the water. Remove them.

DRAIN water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, bait containers, coolers, and ballast.

Pressure wash the boat, trailer and equipment with hot water (104° F). If pressure wash is not available, allow the boat, trailer and equipment to dry thoroughly for at least five days before visiting a new water body



## ZEBRA MUSSELS INVADE OKLAHOMA

Zebra mussels are a serious threat to Oklahoma sport fish populations. Zebra mussels feed by filtering water and removing nutrients. These nutrients are vital to the growth and survival of all other aquatic organisms. Zebra mussels accumulate on the shells of native mussels and crayfish, smothering their hosts. The ecological impacts of zebra mussels can be severe.

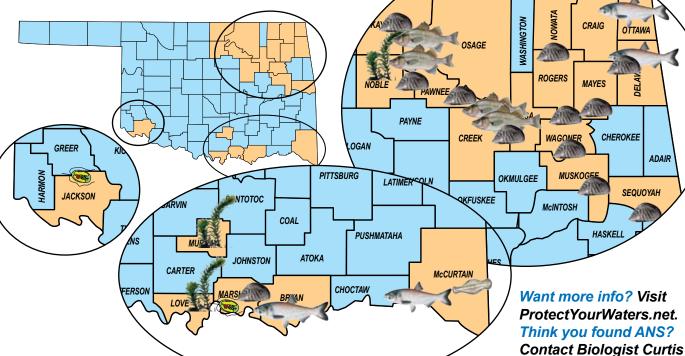


The zebra mussel is one of the most economically damaging aquatic organisms to invade the United States. Its destructive power lies in its ability to attach itself in large numbers to solid objects like water intake pipes, lock and dam systems, propellers, boat hulls, trailers, submerged rocks, and even other aquatic organisms. Numbers have been reported in excess of more than 75,000 per square foot. Zebra mussels potentially pose a multi-billion-dollar threat to industrial and public water supplies.

Zebra mussels are small, thumbnail-size, D-shaped mussels, with a zebra-like pattern of stripes that are native to Asia. Zebra mussels were introduced into the Great Lakes, likely from oceangoing vessels, in 1986. From there they have spread throughout the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi River, up the Arkansas River, and into the McClellan-Kerr Navigation System. *Through both downstream movement, and transport by uninformed boaters, zebra mussels have infested Lakes Oologah, Kaw, Keystone and Sooner. Zebra mussels compete with forage fish like minnows and shad for nutrients, and the Wildlife Department has already observed a decline in forage fish in affected waters.* 

The threat of spread to other reservoirs in Oklahoma is largely from recreational boaters moving from infested waters to uninfested waters without taking precautions to remove zebra mussels from their boat, motor, trailer, and other equipment. Zebra mussels can also be transported in their larval form through the movement of water from one lake to another. It is vital that each boater takes responsibility to prevent the spread of zebra mussels.

WHERE ARE ANSO



TYPES OF ANS



#### **Asian Carp**

Bighead Carp, shown on left, is found in the Neosho River above Grand Lake, the Grand River below Grand Lake, the Kiamichi River below Hugo Reservoir and the Red River.



White Perch were accidentally introduced into Kansas, and have moved downstream into Kaw, Keystone and Sooner reservoirs. Anglers must be careful not to mistake white perch for white bass, since the two species are similar in appearance.



#### Zebra Mussels

Zebra mussels are the most widespread ANS in Oklahoma. They can be found at Oologah Lake, Kaw Reservoir, Keystone Lake, Lake Texoma, Lake Hudson, W.R. Holway, and Sooner Lake. There are potential infestations at Lakes Eufaula, Foss, Ft. Cobb, Ft. Gibson, Grand, W.D. Mayo, and Webbers Falls.



#### Hydrilla

Hydrilla plants are present in Arbuckle Lake, Lake Murray, Sooner Lake. Hydrilla is possibly the most damaging aquatic plant in the United States. Even a fragment of the plant can start a widespread infestation.

#### Golden Alga

Golden alga is a microscopic organism that under certain conditions releases a toxin that can



Tackett at (405) 521-3721.

kill fish. Golden alga has caused relatively minor fish kills at Lake Texoma and Altus City Lake.



Alga Bloom

#### Didymo

Didymo is the most recent ANS discovery. It is in the Lower Mountain Fork River. It is an invasive algae that attaches to plants and rocks in stream beds. Didymo, also known as rock snot, can foul streams and rivers, so anglers are encouraged to take precautions after fishing.

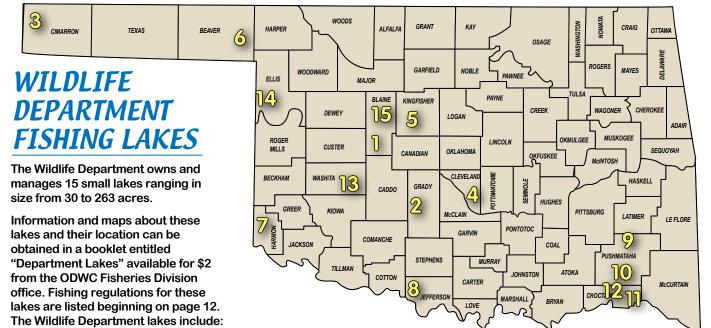


Microscopic view



#### **WILDLIFE DEPT. FISHING LAKES / OTHER FISHING AREAS**

Public Lakes in Oklahoma are owned and operated by either the Wildlife Department, cities, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Grand River Dam Authority, the Division of State Parks, the U.S. Forest Service or the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company.



- **1. American Horse Lake** Located 10 miles west of Geary in Blaine County. 100 acres. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.
- **2. Burtschi** Located 10 miles southwest of Chickasha in Grady County. 180 acres. For more information, contact the SW Region Fisheries office at (580) 529-2795.
- 3. Carl Etling Located in Black Mesa State Park, 26 miles northwest of Boise City in Cimarron County. 159 acres. Fishing opportunities are limited due to prolonged drought. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.
- **4. Dahlgren** Located on the Lexington Wildlife Management Area, 11 miles northeast of Lexington in Cleveland County. 30 acres. For more information, contact the OK Fishery Research Lab at (405) 325-7288.
- **5. Elmer** Located 4 miles northwest of Kingfisher in Kingfisher County. 60 acres. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.

- **6. Evans Chambers** Located 18 miles west of Laverne in Beaver County. 80 acres. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.
- **7. Hall** Located 13 miles north of Hollis in Harmon Co. 36 acres. For more information, contact the SW Region Fisheries office at (580) 529-2795.
- **8. Jap Beaver** Located 4 miles northwest of Waurika in Jefferson County. 65 acres. For more information, contact the SW Region Fisheries office at (580) 529-2795.
- **9. Nanih Waiya** Located 1.5 miles northwest of Tuskahoma in Pushmataha County. 131 acres. For more information, contact the SE Region Fisheries office at (580) 924-4087.
- **10. Ozzie Cobb** Located 6 miles northeast of Rattan in Pushmataha County. 116 acres. For more information, contact the SE Region Fisheries office at (580) 924-4087.

- **11. Raymond Gary** Located 1 mile east of Ft. Towson in Choctaw County. 263 acres. For more information, contact the SE Region Fisheries office at (580) 924-4087.
- **12. Schooler** Located 7 miles north of Sawyer in Choctaw County. 35 acres. For more information, contact the SE Region Fisheries office at (580) 924-4087.
- **13. Vanderwork** Located 8 miles north of Gotebo in Washita County. 135 acres. For more information, contact the SW Region Fisheries office at (580) 529-2795.
- **14. Vincent** Located within the Ellis County Wildlife Management Area, 13 miles southwest of Arnett in Ellis County. 160 acres. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.
- **15. Watonga** Located within Roman Nose State Park, 7 miles north of Watonga in Blaine County. 55 acres. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.

## **Other Fishing Areas**DIVISION OF STATE PARKS:

The lakes owned and operated by the Division of State Parks (1-800-654-8240, before 5:00 p.m.) include:

Name	Acres	Phone (after 5 p.m.)
<b>Boiling Springs</b>	7	(580) 256-7664
Carlton Lake	465	(918) 465-2565
Clayton Lake	66	(918) 569-7981
Crowder	158	(580) 343-2443
<b>Dripping Springs</b>	1,150	(918) 756-5971
Greenleaf	920	(918) 487-5196
Murray Lake	5,728	(580) 223-4044
Wayne Wallace	94	(918) 465-2565

## GRAND RIVER DAM AUTHORITY:

The lakes owned and operated by the Grand River Dam Authority are:

Name	Ácres	Phone
Grand Lake	46,500	(918) 782-9594
<b>Hudson Lake</b>	10,900	(918) 782-9594
W. R. Holway	712	(918) 782-9594

#### OG&E:

Name	Acres	Phone
Konawa	1,350	(580) 925-2071
Sooner	5,400	(405) 553-2919
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owned by OC	8.E	

#### **BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:**

Name	Acres	Contact
Altus-Lugert	6,260	(580) 563-2238
Arbuckle	2,350	(580) 622-3161
Ft. Cobb	4,100	(405) 643-2249
Foss	8,800	(580) 592-4433
McGee Creek	3,810	(580) 889-5822
Tom Steed	6,400	(580) 569-2032
Thunderbird	6,070	(405) 360-3572

#### **U.S. FOREST SERVICE:**

Four small lakes owned by the U.S. Forest

Acres	Phone (after 5 p.m.)
110	(580) 497-3318
47	(580) 497-3318
30	(580) 497-3318
78	(918) 567-2326
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#### **WILDLIFE DEPT. FISHING LAKES / OTHER FISHING AREAS**

#### DEPARTMENT FISHING AREAS - PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS

The following rules and restrictions govern public use on all Wildlife Department Fishing Areas:

Fishing - fishing is permitted at all times in accordance with regulations. "Closed areas" may be designated for purposes of safety and/or security. After 10:00 p.m. and until 5:00 a.m., all Wildlife Department fishing areas are restricted to fishing and hunting (when applicable) related activities only. No person may fish with more than two (2) poles, except during trout seasons at Designated Trout Areas when only one (1) pole per person is allowed. Trotlines, throwlines, limblines, juglines, nets, seines, yo-yo's, spearguns, noodling and taking of bait minnows by any method is prohibited, except cast nets may be used to take bait for personal use only at Lake Carl Etling. Lake Dahlgren (Lexington WMA) is closed to fishing during designated controlled hunts (check current Hunting Guide for dates).

Hunting - always check the current Hunting Guide for season details and restrictions. All forms of hunting are permitted on Lakes Vincent, Hall, Jap Beaver, Burtschi, Nanih Waiya, Ozzie Cobb. Schooler, Evans Chambers, American Horse and Vanderwork during open hunting seasons from September 1 through spring turkey season. Hunting is restricted to shotguns and bows only. These lakes are closed to antlerless deer harvest, except during archery season. See current Hunting Guide for seasons and restrictions on lakes Vincent (Ellis County WMA) and Dahlgren (Lexington WMA). Hunting and shooting other than provided above is prohibited. "Closed areas" may be designated for purposes of safety and/or security.

Camping - limited to three (3) days duration, except at the Lower Illinois River PFHA and Kiamichi River Access Area where no overnight camping is permitted and at Lakes Watonga and Carl Etting where camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas. Quiet shall be maintained in camping areas between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Operation or use of any audio-producing device including radios, televisions and musical instruments or motorized equipment used in such a manner as to reasonably annoy or endanger persons at any time or exceed state or local laws governing noise levels is prohibited.

**Boats & Motors** - must comply with existing state boat regulations and boat operators must obey Oklahoma State Boat Laws. All boats must be operated at no-wake speed (six miles per hour or less) and may not be left on the water or at areas longer than the limit on camping.

Water Skiing - water skiing is prohibited.

**Littering** - disposal of trash, refuse and debris, including organic and inorganic material is prohibited, except in designated trash containers.

Motor Vehicles - driving, occupying or parking any motor driven vehicle, except on maintained roads (unless posted as "no parking zones"), designated parking areas and camping areas is prohibited. It is unlawful to operate any vehicle in a manner to create a public nuisance or to park in a "no parking zone." Motor vehicle operators must be licensed drivers.

Vandalism, Theft, & Damage to Property - vandalism, theft, cutting or defacing of tree

 vandalism, theft, cutting or defacing of trees and vegetation, removal of soil, rocks, water or minerals or damage to state property is prohibited.

**Swimming** - swimming is not permitted in Wildlife Department lakes.

**Dogs** - dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, except when used to hunt during legal open seasons on those areas where hunting is permitted.

**Disorderly Conduct** - no person shall use threatening, abusive or indecent language, participate in disorderly assemblage nor publicly appear nude or intoxicated on any lands owned and managed by the Wildlife Department.

**Glass beverage containers** are prohibited at Department fishing areas, except in designated camping and parking areas.

Alcoholic Beverages/Controlled Substancesbeer and other alcoholic beverages are not allowed (as defined in O.S. Title 37, Section 163.1), except at camping and parking areas. No person shall use any controlled dangerous substance (as defined in O.S. 63, Section 2-101) on any lands or waterways subject to control of the ODWC.

## Blue River Public Fishing & Hunting Area

In addition to restrictions listed above, the following regulations apply to the Blue River PFHA:

- Blue River Conservation Passport All persons who enter or use the Blue River PFHA must possess the Blue River Conservation Passport, unless exempt (see page 5).
- Hours- vehicular access is closed to all except emergency traffic from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. year-round.
- Carl R. & Ruth Walker Landrum Wilderness Area & Plaster Wildlife Management Unit special rules pertain to these areas, including walk-in access only (except where wheelchair access provided), no camping, and no swimming.
- Hunting always check current Hunting Guide for season details and restrictions. All hunting is restricted to shotgun and archery only. Closed to waterfowl hunting and antierless deer harvest during deer gun season.
- Camping camping is restricted to 14 days in a 30-consecutive-day period. The Area Manager may grant extensions. Extension approval will be based upon degree of area use, anticipated weekend or holiday occupancy and recreation season. Requests for extensions must be received by the Area Manager a minimum of 48

hours prior to start of extension date. Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas. No person shall leave a vehicle, camper, tent or any personal property unattended for more than a 48-hour period without approval of the Area Manager. Unauthorized placement of camping equipment or other items placed at a campsite, and/or personal attendance without overnight occupancy at a campsite for the purpose of reserving a campsite for future occupancy is prohibited. All property removed from unauthorized placement at a campsite will be at the owner's expense and liability.

## **Arcadia Conservation Education Area**

- Fishing walk-in fishing is allowed yearround on the Arcadia Lake shoreline within the conservation area from dawn until dusk. No overnight fishing allowed. Fishing is not allowed on the ponds or wetland areas.
- Hunting All hunting seasons are closed except controlled archery deer hunts, which are offered through the City of Edmond. For more information log on to edmondok.com.
- No camping allowed. Closed to all nonhunting and nonfishing activities Oct. 1 Jan. 15.
- For additional information, contact Damon Springer, (405) 521-4603.

#### Lower Illinois River Public Fishing and Hunting Area – Simp and Helen Watts Management Unit

No camping permitted. All hunting is restricted to shotguns with pellets or archery equipment only. See Hunting Guide for open hunting seasons.

## Other Fishing Areas

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS:

Daily information on lake levels, water releases and water clarity: (918) 669-7521.

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Name	Acres	Project Office Phone
Arcadia	1,820	(405) 396-8026
Birch	1,137	(918) 396-3170
Broken Bow	14,200	(580) 494-6374
Canton	7,910	(580) 886-2989
Chouteau	2,270	(918) 682-4314
Copan	4,850	(918) 296-3170
Eufaula	105,500	(918) 484-5135
Ft. Gibson	19,900	(918) 682-4314
Ft. Supply	1,820	(580) 886-2989
Great Salt Plains	8,690	(580) 886-2989
Heyburn	880	(918) 247-6391
Hugo	13,250	(580) 326-3345
Hulah	3,570	(918) 532-4334
Kaw	17,040	(580) 762-5611
Keystone	23,610	(918) 865-2621
Newt Graham	1,490	(918) 682-4314
Oologah	29,460	(918) 443-2250
Optima	Variable	(580) 886-2989
Pine Creek	3,750	(580) 933-4239
R. S. Kerr	43,800	(918) 775-4475
Sardis	13,610	(918) 569-4131
Skiatook	10,180	(918) 396-3170
Tenkiller Ferry	12,900	(918) 487-5252
Texoma	88,000	(903) 465-4990
W.D. Mayo	1,595	(918) 775-4474
Waurika	10,100	(580) 963-2111
Webbers Falls	11,600	(918) 487-5252
Wister	7,333	(918) 655-7206
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### OKLAHOMA'S LICENSED FISHING GUIDES as of Dec. 1, 2009 (405) 521-3721

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Guides - Various bodies of water		BUSINESS NAME	PHONE NUMBER
ALTUS LUGERT, FOSS, FT COBB, ROCKY		EAGON'S HI POINT	580-729-1009
BIRCH, CARL BLACKWELL, EUFAULA, KAW, KEY		WEEKEND DUTY GUIDE SERVICE	918-706-5824
BIRCH, CARL BLACKWELL, FT GIBSON, SKIATO	OK, SOONER	LARRY'S HOOK LINE & SINKER	918-272-7240
BIRCH, CARL BLACKWELL, KAW, KEYSTONE, SH	KIATOOK	WATKINS GUIDE SERVICE	918-851-6093
BROKEN BOW		BROKEN BOW LAKE GUIDE SERVICE	870-582-4561
BROKEN BOW, CANADIAN RIVER, ILLINOIS RIVE	ER, TENKILLER	FISH ON GUIDE SERVICE	918-773-5213
BROKEN BOW, HUGO, PINE CREEK		BENNIE CARTER'S GUIDE SERVICE	580-286-2743
BROKEN BOW, HUGO, PINE CREEK, EUFAULA,	GRAND, SARDIS	LAKEWAY MARINE LLC	580-584-5253
BROKEN BOW, PINE CREEK, HUGO		GLEN'S GUIDE SERVICE	580-494-6047
BROKEN BOW, PINE CREEK, HUGO		RUDY'S GUIDE SERVICE	580-584-6862
CANTON, FOSS		WILD GOOSE GUIDE SERVICE	405-590-5025
CARL BLACKWELL, EUFAULA, SKIATOOK, SOON		FISH ON	918-724-6786
CARL BLACKWELL, KEYSTONE, SKIATOOK, SO		HAWKER'S GUIDE SERVICE	918-261-6804
CARL BLACKWELL, KEYSTONE, SKIATOOK, SO	ONER	JOHN HARLESS GUIDE SERVICE	918-695-6598
EUFAULA		MRO CRAPPIE ACADEMY	660-723-2667
EUFAULA, FT GIBSON		KEVIN HUCKABEE	405-520-8980
EUFAULA, FT GIBSON, TENKILLER, ALL TAILWA	TERS	OUTDOOR ADVENTURE GUIDE SERVICE	918-758-9139
FT GIBSON, W.R. HOLWAY		EAGLE CREEK GUIDE SERVICE	918-639-2817
EUCHA, EUFAULA, GRAND		MARTIN LANDING GUIDE SERVICE	918-260-7743
EUCHA, GRAND		AUSTIN'S ADVENTURES	479-531-8555
EUCHA, GRAND		GRAND FISHING GUIDE SERVICE	918-791-1795
EUCHA, GRAND	NIANA/ TENUZU I ED	TROPHY TAXIDERMY & GUIDE SERVICE	620-719-0939
EUCHA, GRAND, GREENLEAF, HUDSON, SPAVII	NAW, IENKILLER	THOMAS GUIDE SERVICE	918-837-0490
EUCHA, GRAND, KAW, OOLOGAH		JIM'S GUIDE SERVICE	918-786-2076
GLOVER, LITTLE RIVER, LOWER MTN FORK		TIGHTLINES	214-991-1587
GLOVER, LITTLE RIVER, MTN FORK		WRIGHT GUIDE SERVICE JESSE KING	580-236-0600
GLOVER, LITTLE RIVER, MTN FORK		~-~-·	580-494-6115
GRAND, NEOSHO RIVER, SPRING RIVER GRAND, OOLOGAH, SKIATOOK, VERDIGRIS RIV	ED	GRAND LAKE GUIDE SERVICE	918-786-4841
	EK	CATFISH COMMAND	918-810-9831
ILLINOIS RIVER, MTN FORK KAW, KEYSTONE		CHECKURFLY GUIDE SERVICE BIG CAT GUIDE SERVICE	918-809-4629 405-306-3791
KEYSTONE, SKIATOOK		BOATMAN GUIDE SERVICE	918-245-3696
MCGEE, SARDIS		CHUCK JUSTICE TROPHY BASS GUIDE	580-889-6742
MTN FORK RIVER & TRIBUTARIES		WOODRUFF GUIDE SERVICE	903-850-3670
Guides - Lake Texoma		FRANK ATKINS FISHING GUIDE SERVICE	903-892-3820
ADVANTAGE GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-3444	GA MILLER FISHING GUIDE SERVICE	903-819-4820
ADVENTURE TEXOMA	903-744-6169	GARY ARNETT STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	903-815-1087
ALLEN SCHNOOR	580-564-2217	GARY'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	405-570-3304
AL'S GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-5524	GAWER'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	405-659-8727
BANNISTER'S STRIPER GUIDES SERVICE	903-786-8400	HOOKER GUIDE & TAXIDERMY	903-523-4369
BEAR'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-5651	JASON'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	580-795-3474
BILL COLEMAN'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	405-706-0200	JD LYLES FISHING GUIDE SERVICE	903-647-0386
BLUE WATER STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	580-916-6298	JIMMY BISHOP STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	866-331-0925
BOBBY SCARBERRY	405-794-7123	JOHN PRYOR'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	580-504-2760
BODEE'S GUIDE SERVICE	580-306-3921	JOHNSON'S GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-0591
BOES GUIDE SERVICE	903-821-8473	LC'S GUIDE SERVICE	580-795-6753
BOG WILSON'S GUIDE SERVICE	903-463-3754	LIVE LINE GUIDE SERVICE  MARC THOMPSON GUIDE SERVICE	214-537-0425
BOOGERS GUIDE SERVICE BRIAN HAIR	214-773-2523 903-815-0710	MARK'S GUIDE SERVICE	903-786-4311 214-491-9043
BRUCE'S STRIPED BASS GUIDE SERVICE	903-814-7306	MAY'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	214-908-2010
C & H GUIDE SERVICE	405-462-7576	MISTY HARBOR STRIPER GUIDE	580-775-4435
CARNEY'S GUIDE SERVICE	405-249-1069	MR CLEANS GUIDE SERVICE	580-795-4415
CCC GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-7177	OPPEL'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	580-821-1334
CHUCK PILANT STRIPED BASS GUIDE SERVICE		OUTSIDERS GUIDE SERVICE	405-761-5100
CIRCLE S GUIDE SERVICE	903-271-0955	RANDY'S GUIDE SERVICE	580-565-9363
CORNETT'S GUIDE SERVICE	888-763-3360	RED HEAD CHARTERS	214-542-5494
COWBOY'S GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-5267	REEL FISHIN	903-624-4444
D & L GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-7458	REEL TIME GUIDE SERVICE LLC	405-626-1321
DALE BESTWINA FISHING GUIDE SERVICE	972-517-4598	REX BRIDGES GUIDE SERVICE	800-211-7808
DAN BARNETT GUARANTEED GUIDE SERVICE		ROGER MORGAN'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	
DANIEL STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-0391	ROLAND'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	903-814-0342
DBA STRIPER STALKER GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-5963	SHAW'S GUIDE SERVICE	214-534-6767
DON STUART'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	405-740-3454	SNOWGOOSE STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	580-924-5238
DONALD RISNER STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	972-569-7990	SOUTH STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	903-819-7106
DOUBLE R GUIDE SERVICE	817-307-5443	SOUTHERN OK GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-5418
ELMER SPICERS GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-3743	STEVE'S STRIPED BASS GUIDE SERVICE	903-786-8789
FOSSIL CREEK GUIDE SERVICE	214-276-2961	STRINGER GUIDE SERVICE	903-815-1053
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<b>Guides - Lake Texoma (continued)</b>	
STRIPER CAT GUIDE SERVICE	479-283-2854
STRIPER FEVER OUTFITTERS	580-230-1962
STRIPER MASTER GUIDE SERVICE	903-819-4504
STRIPERMAN.COM	214-384-9682
STRIPER'S GALORE GUIDE SERVICE	817-564-5317
TERRY'S GUIDE SERVICE	405-306-3564
TEXOMA GUIDE SERVICE INC	580-924-9207
TEXOMA FISHING GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-4049
TEXOMA SPORTFISHING	903-821-5693
TEXOMA T STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-0521
TINKERS GUIDE SERVICE	903-786-6331
TURNER'S GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-5381
WAYNE'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	580-564-2895
WHERE'S ROGER GUIDE SERVICE	903-818-3474

Guides - Lake Texonia & Surrounding	area
CHAD'S STRIPER GUIDE SERVICE	405-409-3569
FISH WITH MITCH GUIDE SERVICE	405-229-6191
FLYWATER ANGLING ADVENTURES	903-546-6237
FOWLER'S GUIDE SERVICE	903-267-2311
JUSTIN PARKER'S FISHING GUIDE SERVICE	903-271-4665
OKIE TEX OUTFITTERS	1-800-593-3368
REELTRIP OUTFITTERS	405-740-9630
SCOTT'S GUIDE SERVICE	903-624-1315
SPARKY'S GUIDE SERVICE	580-305-0533

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Nocks nade & accessible fishing locations

Note: Be aware some fishing docks may charge a user fee



## Outdoor Oklahoma TV Program



Outdoor Oklahoma, the Wildlife
Department's weekly television series
keeps citizens informed of fishing, hunting,
and other outdoor opportunities across
the state. Everything from striper fishing
to wildlife art, from training your bird-dog
to making your own bow, from the latest
in outdoor equipment to attracting wildlife
to your backyard...Outdoor Oklahoma has
something for everyone.



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- \* **KSBI Network**, on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Network includes channel 52 in Oklahoma City, channel 21 in Stillwater and channel 35 in Ada.
- \* **KWEM-UHF** Channel 31 out of Stillwater, Monday at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday at 11 a.m.
- \* **KXOK-UHF** 32 in Enid and nearby communities. KXOK is carried on Enid's local cable network on Channel 18.
- \* ONLINE at **MyOutdoorTV.com** or with your IPOD You can also view the show at your computer or download it to your Ipod for free.

Visit wildlifedepartment.com for all the info!

#### **MUNICIPAL LAKES:**

Municipal lakes are city-owned and operated primarily for water supply and recreational purposes. Anglers usually must obtain city permits to boat and fish and many have special boating and/or fishing regulations set by city ordinances. Selected municipal lakes include:

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Name	Acres	City	Phone		
Ardmore City Lakes:					
Ardmore	142	Ardmore	(580) 223-4844		
Jean Neustadt	462	Ardmore	(580) 223-4844		
Mountain Lake	233	Ardmore	(580) 561-6145		
Scott King	251	Ardmore	(580) 223-4844		
Atoka	5,700	Oklahoma City	(580) 889-2410		
Bell Cow	1,000	Chandler	(405) 258-3212		
Bluestem	762	Pawhuska	(918) 287-4692		
Carl Blackwell	3,370	OSU	(405) 372-5157		
Chickasha	1,950	Chickasha	(405) 453-7915		
Duncan City Lakes:					
Clear Creek	722	Duncan	(580) 255-9538		
Duncan	500	Duncan	(580) 255-9538		
Fuqua	1,500	Duncan	(580) 255-9538		
Humphreys	882	Duncan	(580) 255-9538		
Durant	315	Durant	(580) 920-0879		
Ellsworth	5,600	Lawton	(580) 529-2663		

Frederick	925	Frederick	(580) 335-7751
Guthrie/Liberty	274/167	Guthrie	(405) 282-3306
Holdenville	550	Holdenville	(405) 379-3397
Langston	304	Langston	(405) 466-3303
Lawtonka	2,398	Lawton	(580) 529-2663
Lone Chimney	550	Tri-County Authority	(405) 762-3581
Longmire	1,000	Pauls Valley	(405) 238-2007
McAlester	1,529	McAlester	(918) 421-4942
McMurtry/Boomer	1,155/260	Stillwater	(405) 747-8085
Okemah	780	Okemah	(918) 623-1539
Oklahoma City Lake	s		
Hefner	2,580	Oklahoma City	(405) 755-4014
Overholser	1,700	Oklahoma City	(405) 755-4014
Stanley Draper	2,800	Oklahoma City	(405) 755-4014
Pauls Valley	750	Pauls Valley	(405) 238-6728
Ponca	805	Ponca City	(580) 767-0430
Rocky	347	Hobart	(580) 666-2221
Shawnee 1 & 2	2,436	Shawnee	(405) 878-1616
Sunset	10	Guymon	(580) 338-5838
Tulsa City Lakes			
Eucha	2,880	Tulsa	(918) 253-4344
Spavinaw	1,637	Tulsa	(918) 598-2460
Wes Watkins	1,000	Pottawatomie County	(405) 964-4507
Wintersmith Park	10	Ada	(580) 436-8101

# THANK YOU!







Much of the time a simple "Thank You" doesn't express the extent of appreciation that is felt when someone goes above and beyond to lend a hand. And this is never more true than with the many groups that have become our invaluable partners in conserving Oklahoma's tremendous natural resources. The Wildlife Department, and in turn you as a sportsman, are fortunate to have quality organizations that have made significant contributions to fisheries management in Oklahoma during the past year.



**\$6,000** – \$5,000 to be used for repairs to the flooding damage on the Lost Creek area of the Lower Mountain Fork River and \$1,000 worth of signage to warn trout anglers of didymo infestation on the Lower Mountain Fork and Lower Illinois Rivers.



**\$5,000** – to be used for repairs to the flooding damage on the Lost Creek area of the Lower Mountain Fork River



**\$3,000** – \$2,500 for fisheries equipment and \$500 for travel re-imbursements.



**\$2,500** to purchase trout for the Close-to-Home Fishing Program at Dolese Youth Park Pond in Oklahoma City.

(Contributions being recognized were of \$1,000 or more and made to the Wildlife Department for fishing-related management activities between December 1, 2008, and November 30, 2009. Most donations were matched three to one with Sport Fish Restoration funds.)

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# Do I, and/or my family members have to purchase a fishing license if I'm fishing on my own land?

Resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents, grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses who fish on ponds owned or leased by such owner or tenant do not have to have a fishing license.

## I lost my fishing license. Do I have to buy another one to fish?

No, you can obtain a replacement license. Send us the following: type of license you lost (i.e. annual, lifetime or senior citizen's), your name, date of birth, address, driver's license or social security number, location and approximate date of when you purchased your license. Replacement costs are as follows: annual licenses, \$1.50; senior citizens licenses and 5-year licenses, \$5; lifetime licenses, \$10. Please send money orders only (no personal checks) to: ODWC, License Section, P.O. Box 53465, Oklahoma City, OK 73152.

To replace an annual license issued by a dealer on a computer, you may return to any dealer that issues computerized licenses to obtain a replacement for \$1.50.

# Is it legal to take fish from one body of water and stock/release them into another body of water?

No. Not only the fish, but the water they are in, can contain aquatic nuisance species such as largemouth bass virus that could contaminate another entire body of water if released. Stocking fish species is the responsibility of the ODWC, not the public.

## Why is culling not allowed for stripers, hybrids, paddlefish and trout?

These species stress easily and will die after being held in a livewell or on a stringer. Once you keep one of these species you cannot release it.

### Where is a good place to go bass fishing?

For ODWC fish population survey information, check out our Web site at www.wildlifedepartment.com and look under "Fishing".

# Since the government helped pay for flood control lakes across the state, doesn't everyone have a right to fish in them?

Watershed lakes, or flood control ponds, dot the Oklahoma landscape from border to border. Some anglers mistakenly believe that the public is entitled access to these ponds, which can create conflicts between landowners and envious anglers.

Because they are on private land, these flood control ponds are not open to public access. Most watershed reservoirs were, and still are, built with technical assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Primarily constructed to prevent downstream flooding, these mini-reservoirs allow for increased agriculture and other land use opportunities. Fisheries development is not a primary consideration when building or planning a flood control pond and, if there happens to be good fishing in one of these ponds, it is because the landowner has taken efforts to make it happen.

Permission to fish one of these ponds is entirely at the landowner's discretion. If asked, many may allow responsible anglers to spend a day fishing their pond, but always ask first.

#### When can I get a senior citizens license?

The senior citizen lifetime license is available to residents who have been residents for 60 days and will be turning 64 or older during the calendar year. The applications are available from license dealers, game wardens, any Wildlife Department installation and the Internet, but purchased only through the Wildlife Department's headquarters. If an individual was born before January 1, 1923, they are exempt from this license and only need to carry proof of age and residency, i.e. driver's license. These individuals receive the same privileges as the senior citizen's license without having to purchase it.

#### Who qualifies for a disability license?

The disability license is available to any individual who has been a resident of Oklahoma for six months and is receiving disability benefits through Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Railroad Retirement, United States Postal Service, or Multiple Injury Trust Fund. Applications can be downloaded from wildlifedepartment.com/apps.htm or requested from the Wildlife Department. Proper verification of receipt of benefits from the appropriate organization must be submitted with a completed application.

To read more Frequently Asked Questions, or even ask us one of your own, log on to wildlifedepartment.com or e-mail info@odwc.state.ok.us.



## Caught a Lake Record Fish? He has.

Now is the perfect time for you to get in the record books! Through the Lake Record Program, every Oklahoma angler has the potential to land a big one.

Read about the growing Lake Records Program on page 19, and visit wildlifedepartment.com to see pictures of all the new records!

Patrick Hook caught a 12.3 lb largemouth bass from Longmire Lake.



#### **OPERATION GAME THIEF**

#### DO YOU CARE ABOUT WILDLIFE?



OPERATION GAME THIEF (OGT) is a program of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation designed specifically to stop illegal killing of the fish and game which belong to YOU, whether you're an angler,

sportsman or outdoor enthusiast. It's a big problem with no simple solution. Help from public sportsmen and women makes all the difference.

- One day before the opening of a recent deer season, two poachers killed four whitetail bucks.
- Late one summer night, three men steered their boat across a state reservoir, stopped at their illegal net site and hauled in a load of striped bass and other open-water fish they could sell for \$1 a pound on the commercial market.

In each of these examples, you were the loser. You lost hunting and fishing opportunities or the chance to view wildlife in their natural surroundings. At the same time, lawabiding sportsmen received a bad reputation from those who fail to distinguish between legal and illegal hunting. OGT is something everyone can do to help wildlife and help us apprehend the poachers.

What to Look For When Reporting a Violation: Getting the information a game warden will need

When reporting a violation, please note as many facts as possible. You will be asked a variety of questions and the more information you can provide, the better chance the violator can be caught, and the case successfully prosecuted. Do not attempt to stop a violation yourself or to detain those responsible. Be safe, and be a good witness!

- \* What happened? What type of violation was it? When and where did it happen? Give the date, time and location, number of shots, etc.
- \* Give as much information as possible about the suspect or suspects- name, address, telephone, physical description (age, weight, height, hair color, eyes, clothing and any other pertinent information).
- \* Were firearms involved in the violation? Was the firearm visible or is it concealed in some way? Describe the number and type of weapons
- \* Describe the suspect's vehicle make, year, color, style. License number and any other distinguishing feature like rusted spots or mismatched paint and dents?
- \* What animals or fish were involved, how many, and where are they now?
- \* Do you know about any other physical evidence like hides, entrails, guns, cartridge cases, knives and such?
- \* Has the illegal game or evidence been moved or will it be moved soon? How is it being transported, and where is it being stored?
- \* Were there other witnesses? Give their names and any other information about the violation, suspect or violations that you may have noted.

It is always best to call the game warden stationed in the county in which the violation occurred. Game wardens numbers are listed on page 40 or online. You can also report a violation by calling 1 (800) 522-8039 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can remain anonymous.



Some lakes still have openings in the lake records program, because no one has caught a fish that meets the minimum size requirements on page 19. If you want to try to catch a new lake record, visit one of the lakes below.



Allen Gifford caught a 14.5 lb largemouth bass from Lake Arbuckle.

#### Lakes Without Records...Yet!

- Okemah
- Pine Creek
- Ft. Supply
- Foss
- W.D. Mayo
- Waurika
- Wes Watkins

### Lakes With Only One Record...so far!

- Arbuckle: Largemouth Bass
- Dripping Springs: Largemouth Bass
- Hugo: Crappie
- Konawa: Largemouth Bass
- Longmire: Largemouth Bass
- McGee Creek: Largemouth Bass
- Sardis: Largemouth Bass
- Wetumka: Largemouth Bass
- Wister: Flathead Catfish

#### **GAME WARDENS**

Law Enforcement Office Headquarters(405) 521-3719
(Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
ADAIR - District 2
Jared Cramer, Stilwell (918) 431-2546
Cody Youngblood, Stilwell (918) 431-2539
ALFALFA – District 8
Ben Bickerstaff,Cherokee (580) 541-0820
ATOKA – District 3
**Joe Young, Atoka(580) 513-4823
Larry Luman, Atoka
BEAVER – District 8
Mike Baker, Elmwood
BECKHAM – District 7
Harry Steele, Elk City
BLAINE – District 6
Mark Walker, Watonga (580) 623-0206
BRYAN - District 4
Bob Wingo, Durant(580) 320-2956
Jay Harvey, Bennington (580) 513-0814
Danny Clubb, Durant
CADDO – District 6
Joey Rushing, Ft.Cobb (405) 590-5696
James Edwards Jr, Lookeba (405) 850-1960
CANADIAN – District 5 / 6
(405) 343-5489
Ron Comer, Calumet
CARTER - District 5
Jeremy Brothers, Lone Grove(580) 220-7264
CHEROKEE – District 2
Brady May, Tahlequah (918) 431-2552
Anthony Clark, Tahlequah (918) 431-2562
CHOCTAW - District 3
Wendell Smalling, Hugo (580) 317-5000
Jay Harvey, Bennington (580) 513-0814
CIMARRON - District 8
Rusty Menefee, Boise City (580) 651-9133
CLEVELAND – District 5
**Tony Woodruff, Lexington (405) 850-9757
Chad Strang, Moore(405) 323-7863
COAL – District 4
Todd Smith, Coalgate (580) 927-5071
COMANCHE – District 6
Mike Carroll, Lawton(580) 695-7535
COTTON – District 6
Vince Mesis, Walters (580) 512-4706
CRAIG - District 1
Marni Loftis, Vinita(918) 244-2035
CREEK - District 4
Dwight Luther, Bristow(918) 625-6363
Karlin Bailey, Sapulpa (918) 625-6801
CUSTER - District 7
Gary Roller, Clinton (580) 695-3642
DELAWARE – District 1
Bill Hobbs, Jay
Jim Littlefield, Afton(918) 533-2678
DEWEY – District 7
Clint Carpenter, Putnam
ELLIS – District 7
**Bryan Wilkerson, Shattuck(580) 334-0480
GARFIELD - District 8  David Faltz Carbon (590) 541,0910
David Foltz, Garber
GARVIN – District 5  Pavid Stoole Wurnewood (405) 238 1785
David Steele, Wynnewood (405) 238-1785

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District 1 Jeff Brown, Nowata	(918) 331-5078
District 2 Joe Adair, Tahlequah	(918) 431-2543
District 3 Mike Virgin, Broken Bow	(580) 513-2305
District 4 Jimmie Henthorn, Kingston	(580) 320-2955
District 5 James Champeau, Crescent	(405) 850-8701
District 6 Rick Cagle, Kingfisher	(405) 368-0888
District 7 Thor Carlson, Oakwood	(580) 623-0191
District 8 Tracy Daniel, Ponca City	(580) 304-6034

GRADY - District 6	
**Gene Pester, Tuttle	. (405) 779-1479
GRANT – District 8	
**Nick Woodard, Deer Creek	
Marshall Reigh, Medford	. (580) 541-6087
GREER – District 7	(500) 450 5500
Dane Polk, Mangum	. (580) 450-7706
HARMON – District 7 Brandon Lehrman, Hollis	(E00) 4E0 7701
HARPER – District 8	. (360) 430-7701
David Rempe, Buffalo	. (580) 727-5048
HASKELL – District 2	. (()
Leland Sockey, Stigler	. (918) 429-3123
Allen Couch, Stigler	. (918) 429-3122
HUGHES – District 4	
** Tom Cartwright, Holdenville	. (405) 380-6729
JACKSON – District 7	(500) 450 5500
Greg Sexton, Altus	. (580) 450-7702
JEFFERSON – District 6	(E00) 212 04E1
Phillip Cottrill, Ryan	. (360) 313-0431
Curtis Latham, Tishomingo	(580) 320-2948
Bud Cramer, Jr, Tishomingo	
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