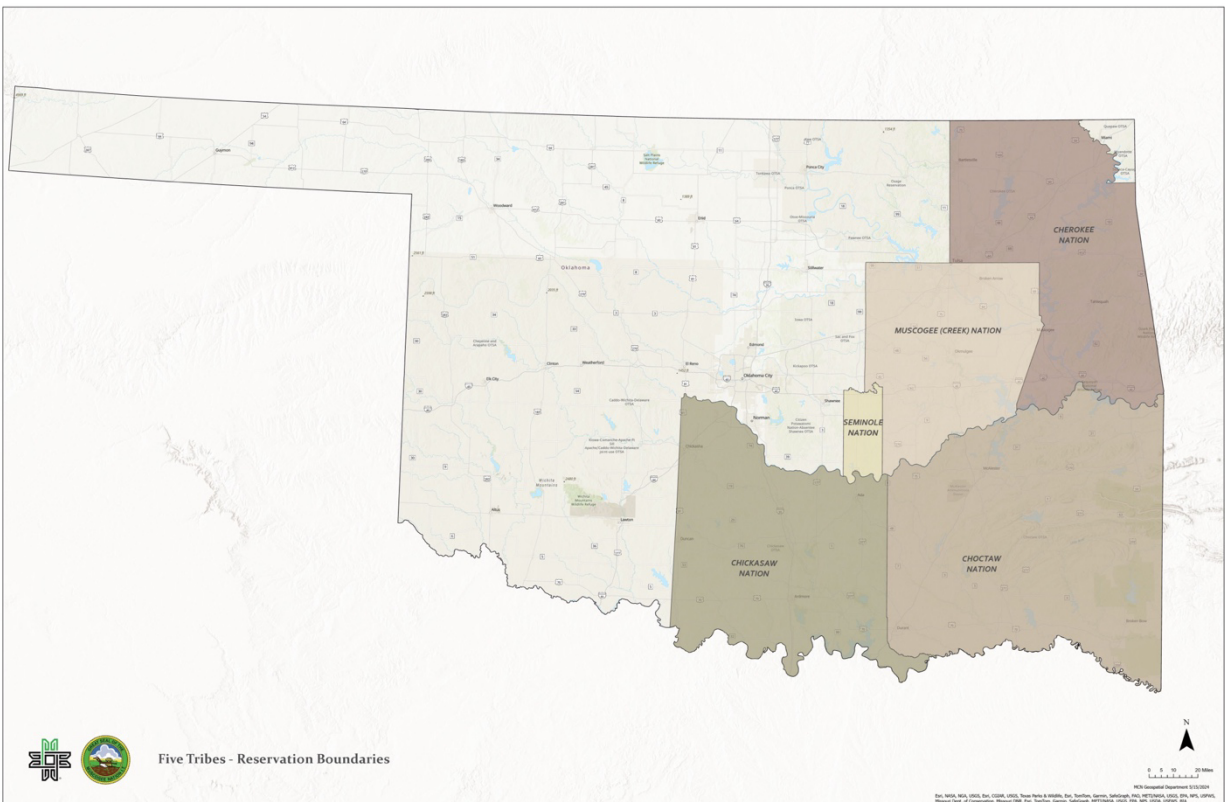


FIVE TRIBE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

General Information

What is this?

- As a matter of our treaties and federal law, Oklahoma lacks jurisdiction to enforce its wildlife code against Indians in Indian country, which means the responsibility for managing Indian wildlife gathering within each of the Five Tribes' reservations is the responsibility of Five Tribes.
- This new agreement establishes among the Five Tribes a basic reciprocity, giving legal effect to the wildlife authorizations each Tribe provides its own citizens for purposes hunting, fishing, or trapping within each reservation.
- Accordingly, a citizen or member of a Tribe that has joined this agreement and who is authorized to hunt, fish, or trap within their own Tribe's reservation may also hunt, fish or trap on any of the reservation of any other Tribe that has also joined this agreement.
 - For example, without more, a Cherokee citizen may now hunt within the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Reservation. Similarly, a Chickasaw citizen who has been issued a Chickasaw Nation fishing license may, without more, fish within the Choctaw Nation Reservation.



Regulations

- All Tribal citizens must follow the regulations of the Nation's Reservation in which they are recreating, and it is the responsibility of each Tribal citizen to know the rules and regulations for hunting on the reservation in which they are hunting.
 - For example, Any Tribal citizen hunting on the Choctaw Reservation would be subject to and have to follow the Choctaw Nation's wildlife regulations.
- Each of the parties to this new agreement has implemented wildlife laws that largely mirror the Oklahoma wildlife code with respect to seasons and bag limits, which is intended to ensure consistency in conservation efforts and to support appropriate intergovernmental cooperation.

Harvest Check-In

- In order to protect citizen data while still supporting the wildlife conservation mission, a Tribal citizen's harvests of a deer, for example, would still have to be reported, but the reporting would be done through the online portal or other mechanism of their own Tribe, not the Tribe on whose reservation the deer was taken.
 - For example, a Muscogee (Creek) citizen will report their deer harvest to Muscogee (Creek) Nation Wildlife through the Nation's portal/link even if they harvested the animal on the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, or Seminole Reservation.
- Accordingly, for purposes of checking-in harvests:

Cherokee Citizens will still report their harvests on the Gadugi Portal for harvest of any required species on any of the 5 Tribes Reservations who have signed this agreement.

<https://gadugiportal.cherokee.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

Chickasaw Citizens will still report their harvests at the link provided for harvest of any required species on any of the 5 Tribes Reservations who have signed this agreement.

<https://chickasaw.workflowcloud.com/forms/85dd47ff-caa7-466f-853f-e7f23e40f730>

Choctaw Citizens will still report their harvests on the Chahta Achvffa Portal for harvest of any required species on any of the 5 Tribes Reservations who have signed this agreement.

<https://chahtaachvffa.choctawnation.com/>

Muscogee (Creek) Nation will still report their harvests at the link provided for harvest of any required species on any of the 5 Tribes Reservations who have signed this agreement.

<https://www.muscogeenation.com/department-of-interior-affairs/division-of-agriculture-natural-resources/>

Seminole Nation is still working on their harvest reporting procedure.

Land Regulations

- Nothing in this new agreement or in any of the Five Tribes' wildlife laws authorizes trespass on any other person's lands. This means Tribal Citizens and Members must still obtain permission to hunt, fish, or trap on any other person's property. This includes obtaining permission to access Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's Wildlife Management Areas and other State-owned properties, though this may be a subject of future Tribal-State agreements. Though, if federal lands within one of the reservations are generally open for hunting, such as U.S. Army Corps of Engineer lands, then a Tribal citizen may access those lands for such purpose, subject to the appropriate regulations.
- Each Nation reserves the right to set areas aside for the exclusive use of their own citizens.
 - For example, Cherokee Nation Wildlife Access Areas may remain open only to Cherokee Citizens.

FAQ Sheet

- What about if I want to hunt on a State WMA?
 - To hunt on lands owned by the State of Oklahoma, a Tribal citizen will have to comply with the Oklahoma rules of access to such lands.
- What if I want to access lands not owned by myself, including city or county lakes and public lands?
 - You must still comply with the rules of access by the owner of the property.
- If I want to hunt off the Reservations of those Tribes who have joined this agreement?
 - Outside of the reservations of the parties to this agreement, citizens and members comply with the rules of the controlling jurisdiction—such as another Tribe, the State of Oklahoma, the State of Arkansas, the State of Texas, etc.
- What do I need to carry to be licensed?
 - Each citizen will have to carry with them whatever documentation is required under their own Tribe's wildlife code to hunt fish or trap.
 - Some Tribes issue specific licenses, while others only require you to show your citizenship card and/or CDIB. If your Tribe requires proof of a valid hunter safety certification, you will have to be prepared to show that, as well.
 - Please note, nothing excuses Tribal citizens from the requirement that they have a federal HIP and Migratory Bird Stamp for purposes of waterfowl hunting.

Cherokee Nation

- Tribal Citizenship Card
- A Valid Hunter Safety Certification unless exempt

Chickasaw Nation

- A Tribally Issued Hunting and Fishing, Scientific Purpose, or a Special and Ceremonial Purposes License
 - To receive a Hunting License, Citizens may be required to provide Proof of Chickasaw citizenship, a form of ID and a Valid Hunter Safety Certification.
- Valid Personal Identification

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

- Proof of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Membership for members over 15
- A Valid Hunters Safety Certification for ages 10-30

Muscogee Creek Nation:

- Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Citizenship Card
- A Valid Hunter Safety Certification, unless exempt

Seminole Nation

- Currently the processes are underway to complete this. Please contact the Seminole Wildlife, Park & Recreation Department for more information

- What if I am not a Tribal citizen or am a citizen of a Tribe other than one that has joined this agreement?

- You should consult with the Tribe on whose reservation you wish to hunt, fish, or trap, but in general, non-Tribal citizens will have to obtain an Oklahoma hunting or fishing license, wherever they might want to engage in such activities.
- What laws do I have to follow?
 - Citizens must follow the licensure requirements of their own tribe but must follow the wildlife regulations (e.g., bag limits, season, etc.) of the Tribe on whose reservation they are hunting, fishing, or trapping.
 - If the species being hunted is federal, federal requirements must still be met.
- Do I still have to check-in my harvest?
 - Yes, all species with a check-in requirement must be checked-in, and the check-in must be to the citizen's own Tribe, regardless of the Reservation where the animal was taken.
- Do I have to buy tags?
 - Right now, all tags are free on all reservations. Just use the respective licensure from your Tribe as your license and tags.
- Can I be ticketed by a Game Warden?
 - Yes, State Game Wardens are cross-deputized and can enforce Tribal wildlife laws within each reservation. If an individual Game Warden is not cross-deputized, a Tribal officer will be called to enforce the Tribal laws.
- Can I harvest multiple limits on different reservations?
 - No, one aggregate limit applies per person to harvests across all reservations per season.
 - For example, if this limit is one turkey, you may only kill one turkey, but as long as turkey season is open on that reservation you may harvest that animal on any of the Reservations who have signed this document.

Links

Cherokee Nation

<https://wildlife.cherokee.org/frequently-asked-questions/?term=&page=2&pageSize=7>

Oklahoma Season Dates and Bag Limits are Adopted to apply within the Cherokee Nation Reservation

For information on recreating within this Reservation, contact Cherokee Nation Wildlife Conservation.

Phone. (918) 453-5333 Email. wildlife@cherokee.org

Chickasaw Nation

<https://chickasaw.net/Hunting>

Season dates and bag limits can be found at the link provided above.

For information on recreating within this Reservation, contact the Chickasaw Nation Fish and Wildlife Service Hunting Program below.

Phone. (580) 310-6466 Email. CNRangers@Chickasaw.net

Choctaw Nation

<https://www.choctawnation.com/services/wildlife-conservation/>

Season dates and bag limits can be found at the link provided above.

For information on recreating within this Reservation, contact Choctaw Nation Wildlife Conservation.

Phone. (800) 522-6170 Email. wildlife@choctawnation.com

Muscogee Creek Nation

<https://www.muscogeenation.com/department-of-interior-affairs/division-of-agriculture-natural-resources/wildlife-program/>

Season dates and bag limits can be found at the link provided above.

For information on recreating within this Reservation, contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Wildlife Program below.

Phone. (918) 490-7074 Email. wildlife@muscogeenation.com

Seminole Nation

https://www.sno-nsn.org/getpage.php?name=Wildlife_Park_and_Recreation_Department

Season dates and bag limits can be found at the link provided above.

For information on recreating within this Reservation, contact the Seminole Nation Wildlife, Park & Recreation Department below.

Phone. (405) 666-0620 Email. wpr@sno-nsn.gov