

**BILL NUMBER TR 24-100**

**TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL**

**July 29, 2024**  
**(DATE OF INTRODUCTION)**

**INTRODUCED BY: Office of the Principal Chief**

**SPONSOR(S): Galen Cloud**

**COMMITTEE ON: Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation**

1 **CLASSIFICATION: 23-Wildlife Code**

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3 **A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING**  
4 **UPDATES TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONSERVATION REGULATIONS**  
5 **AND FEE SCHEDULE**

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7 **Be it Resolved by the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation:**

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9 **WHEREAS**, the National Council adopted NCA 22-014, as amended, replacing  
10 the Hunting and Fishing Code previously located in Title 23 of the Muscogee Nation Code  
11 with a comprehensive Wildlife Code and Conservation Regulations located in MCNCA  
12 Title 23; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, MCNCA Title 23 § 1-101 provides that the Nation's Natural Resource  
15 Manager shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding the conservation of the  
16 Nation's natural resources to be presented to the National Council and approved by law;  
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19 **WHEREAS**, the National Council adopted TR 24-066, which permitted the  
20 Principal Chief to execute a Five Tribes Wildlife Management Hunting and Fishing  
21 Reciprocity Agreement with the Cherokee Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw  
22 Nation of Oklahoma, and the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and the Principal Chief  
23 executed such agreement on July 12, 2024; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, in response to the Five Tribes Wildlife Management Hunting and  
26 Fishing Reciprocity Agreement, the Nation's Natural Resource Manager has provided the  
27 National Council with recommended updates to the Conservation Regulations for  
28 consideration and approval.

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30 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, pursuant to MCNCA Title 23 § 1-101, the  
31 National Council approves the attached 2024-2025 Updated Conservation Regulations  
32 and Fee Schedule as recommended by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Natural Resources

1 Manager. These Regulations and Fee Schedule shall take effect on September 1, 2024,  
2 and shall carry the weight of law. Any person violating these regulations shall be subject  
3 to fines, seizures, and administrative penalties as provided within and consistent with the  
4 laws of this Nation.

# Muscogee (Creek) Nation Conservation Regulations

[Effective September 1, 2024]

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## PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1. Licensing

- 1.1. The following shall be considered a valid Tribal Hunting and Tribal Fishing license required by 23 MCNCA §301, and shall be permit noncommercial hunting, hunting, and trapping by individuals within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, provided that the DANR has revoke that individual's privileges for a violation of MCNCA Title 23 or the MCN Conservation Regulations:
  - 1.1.1. A Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal ID;
  - 1.1.2. Any valid licenses, Permit or authorization by the following tribes for a citizen or members of that tribe to generally hunt or fish;
    - 1.1.2.1. Cherokee Nation;
    - 1.1.2.2. Chickasaw Nation;
    - 1.1.2.3. Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; and
    - 1.1.2.4. Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.
- 1.2. All persons hunting, fishing, or trapping within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation must have a license and where applicable must check in harvests – including an annual furbearer report – unless otherwise provided in the Wildlife Code or Conservation Regulations
  - 1.2.1. Exemptions;
    - 1.2.1.1. Persons under sixteen (16) years of age
    - 1.2.1.2. Residents sixty-five (65) years of age and older
    - 1.2.1.3. Landowners hunting or fishing on their own lands
- 1.3. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation may enter into reciprocal intertribal hunting, fishing, gathering, or trapping agreements negotiated with other Indian Nations, between chief executive officers of the nations or their delegates and approved per applicable Muscogee (Creek) Nation Law.
- 1.4. For the fall of 2024 and spring of 2025, a valid Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Citizenship Card, shall be considered a valid license for hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering by individuals within the reservation boundaries.
  - 1.4.1. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Citizenship Cards shall constitute as valid tags up to the legal take limit per individual for deer and turkey; and in addition to these tags, shall constitute as a valid Muscogee (Creek) Nation Waterfowl Stamp.
  - 1.4.2. No Exemptions may be granted from the federal requirements.
    - 1.4.2.1. Examples of this include but are not limited to; Federal Waterfowl Stamp, Federal HIP permits, CITES tags for bobcat and otter.

### 2. Permitting

- 2.1. Any person on DANR owned or managed land must be in possession of a Wildlife Access permit issued through the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) Wildlife Program.

- 2.2. Wildlife Access Permit may be issued to the following persons after submitting the required documentation.
  - 2.2.1. Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens;
  - 2.2.2. Legal Spouses of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizens;
  - 2.2.3. Guardians of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizens;
  - 2.2.4. Dependents of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizens under the age of (16) sixteen.
- 2.3. Documentation requires to receive a Wildlife Access Permit. A Wildlife Access permit may be requested by submitting
  - 2.3.1. an application through the DANR E-form;
  - 2.3.2. a Wildlife Access Permit liability waiver approved by the DANR;
  - 2.3.3. a consent to the Jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;
  - 2.3.4. Proof of Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizenship for either (a) the applicant or (b) in the case of guardian, spouses or dependents for the sponsoring citizen,  
Limits on spouse, guardians, and dependents. Persons who receive a Wildlife Access Permit, but are not Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens, are only permitted on the property while the sponsoring Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen listed on their application.

### **3. Hunter Safety**

- 3.1. Any persons hunting within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation reservation must possess a hunter safety certification.
- 3.2. Exemptions:
  - 3.2.1. Children under the age of 16 accompanied by an eighteen (18) year old or older individual who possesses a certificate of hunter safety or is exempt from the hunter safety certification requirement but must follow the restrictions below.
    - 3.2.1.1. While hunting small game the accompanying hunter shall be in sight of the youth hunter and shall be able to communicate with the youth hunter in a normal voice without the aid of any communication device.
    - 3.2.1.2. While hunting big game, the accompanying hunter shall be within arm's length of the apprentice hunter or close enough so that the accompanying hunter can immediately take control of the firearm or archery equipment of the apprentice hunter
  - 3.2.2. Persons 31 years of age or older are exempt from the possession of a hunter safety certification.
  - 3.2.3. Honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces; or
  - 3.2.4. Currently on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces; or
  - 3.2.5. A member of the National Guard.

### **4. Fee Schedule**

- 4.1. A fine and fee schedule shall be created and posted as a separate document

## PART 2 - HUNTING REGULATIONS

### 5. Method of take

#### 5.1. Archery

##### 5.1.1. Bow:

5.1.1.1. Any compound bow of 30 pounds or more draw weight;

5.1.1.2. Any recurve, longbow or self-bow of 40 pounds or more draw weight.

5.1.1.2.1. Hand-held releases are legal,

5.1.1.2.2. Devices that permit a bow to be held mechanically at full or partial draw are not allowed,

##### 5.1.2. Broadheads:

5.1.2.1. Arrows and/or bolts must be fitted with hunting-type points not less than 7/8 inches wide, including mechanical broadheads meeting this width requirement when fully open,

5.1.3. Crossbows: Minimum of 100 pounds draw weight and equipped with safety devices. Bolts must be a minimum of 14 inches in length. Leverage gaining devices are legal.

5.1.4. The use of crossbows and conventional longbows with a device that permits the bow to be held mechanically at full or partial draw, shall be a legal hunting method during any open season when conventional longbows are a legal means of take.

##### 5.1.5. Firearms Restrictions with archery:

5.1.5.1. Unless otherwise provided by law, no person may carry or use any firearm in conjunction with archery equipment during any only archery season.

5.1.5.2. Hunters are allowed to carry both archery equipment and a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season provided they have the appropriate licenses and follow other muzzleloader season regulations.

5.1.5.3. Hunters also are allowed to carry both archery equipment and legal firearms during any modern gun season, again provided they have the appropriate licenses and follow other regulations to participate in those seasons.

#### 5.2. Gun Seasons

5.2.1. Rifles: Centerfire rifles firing at least a 55-grain weight soft-nosed or hollow-point bullet. There is no restriction on magazine capacity regardless of caliber.

5.2.2. Shotguns: Any centerfire shotgun firing a single slug, are legal.

5.2.3. Handguns: Any centerfire handgun firing a single bullet with at least a 55-grain weight. Minimum barrel length is four inches.

##### 5.2.4. Night hunting

5.2.4.1. Hunting between the hours of thirty minutes after official sunset to thirty minutes prior to official sunrise shall not be permitted

5.2.4.2. Exemptions

- 5.2.4.2.1. Except during big game season, it shall be legal to hunt coyotes and feral swine at night with thermal devices and/or other light enhancement devices.
- 5.2.4.2.2. As otherwise specifically provided in these Conservation Regulations.
- 5.2.5. Illegal devices
  - 5.2.5.1. Fully automatic firearms,
  - 5.2.5.2. Laser sights (unless certified 100% disabled or legally blind)
  - 5.2.5.3. Thermal tracking devices,
  - 5.2.5.4. Light enhancement devices (including night scopes) from sunset to sunrise unless exempt provision 5.2.4.2.,
  - 5.2.5.5. Centerfire rifles and pistols .50 caliber and larger are prohibited.
- 5.3. Muzzleloader Seasons
  - 5.3.1. Muzzleloading rifles,
  - 5.3.2. Muzzleloading shotguns or muzzleloading pistols,
  - 5.3.3. .40 caliber or larger rifle or pistol,
  - 5.3.4. 20-gauge or larger shotgun, firing a single slug or ball that is loaded from the muzzle.
  - 5.3.5. No person shall carry or use any modern firearm in conjunction with any legal muzzleloading firearm during any muzzleloader season.
  - 5.3.6. Illegal Devices
    - 5.3.6.1. Black Powder firearms loaded from the breech,
    - 5.3.6.2. Laser sights (unless certified 100% disabled or legally blind),
    - 5.3.6.3. Thermal tracking devices,
    - 5.3.6.4. All light enhancement devices (including night scopes) from sunset to sunrise.
- 5.4. Trapping
  - 5.4.1. Legal traps:
    - 5.4.1.1. Box traps; smooth-jawed, single spring, foot-hold steel traps with a jaw spread no greater than eight inches;
    - 5.4.1.2. Smooth-jawed, double-spring offset jawed, foot-hold steel traps with a jaw spread no greater than eight inches;
    - 5.4.1.3. Enclosed trigger traps (dog-proof traps).
    - 5.4.1.4. The use of Conibear or “body-gripping” traps are not allowed unless they meet ONE of the following criteria:
      - 5.4.1.4.1. they are fully submerged
      - 5.4.1.4.2. they have a jaw spread of less than or equal to 5 inches (a Conibear #120 or smaller)
      - 5.4.1.4.3. they are placed in a leaning pole set with a pole diameter of no larger than 4 inches and with trap and bait set at least 48 inches above the surface
      - 5.4.1.4.4. if they have a jaw spread of >5 inches, they can be placed with the trigger recessed a minimum of seven inches and contained in





- 5.5.2.1. All rifles smaller than .50 caliber are permitted.
- 5.5.3. Handgun,
- 5.5.4. Archery equipment,
- 5.5.5. Slingshot
- 5.6. Multiple Methods of Take
  - 5.6.1. Hunters are allowed to carry both archery equipment and a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season provided they have the appropriate licenses and follow other muzzleloader season regulations.
  - 5.6.2. Hunters are allowed to carry both archery equipment and legal firearms during any modern gun season, provided they have the appropriate licenses and follow other regulations to participate in those seasons.
- 5.7. Suppressors (silencers)
  - 5.7.1. Hunters are allowed to use legally acquired and possessed suppressors to hunt game animals, game or nongame birds on both private and public lands.
- 5.8. Shotgun Pellet
  - 5.8.1. No person in the field may possess or attempt to harvest any wildlife, except waterfowl, with a shotgun using shot larger than #4 buckshot.
  - 5.8.2. All waterfowl must be taken using steel shot only
    - 5.8.2.1. Exemptions;
      - 5.8.2.1.1. Feral swine are not considered wildlife and may be harvested with any shotgun pellet size
- 5.9. Motor vehicles
  - 5.9.1. No person may harass, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to take, take, kill or attempt to kill any wildlife with the aid of any motor driven land, air or water conveyance, except a non-ambulatory person may hunt from said conveyances with a non-ambulatory or motor vehicle permit.
- 5.10. Spotlighting
  - 5.10.1. No person may attempt to take, take, attempt to catch, catch, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to kill, or kill any deer, feral animal or other wildlife by the use of a vehicle-mounted spotlight or other powerful light at night, by what is commonly known as “headlighting” (or “spotlighting”) or use any light enhancement device (night scope).
  - 5.10.2. Exemptions;
    - 5.10.2.1. Nothing in this code shall prevent one from possessing a .22 caliber rimfire rifle or .22 caliber rimfire pistol and a light carried on his person while checking traps for furbearers or feral swine, or while in pursuit of furbearers with hounds during legal open furbearer season.
    - 5.10.2.2. Opossums, armadillos, raccoons, and beavers may be hunted at night with a .22 caliber rifle with the use of a light enhancing device or handheld light on lands with written permission of the landowner on the person of said hunter except during any big-game season (no night hunting from October 1- January 15).
    - 5.10.2.3. Bowfishing for non-game fish species,
    - 5.10.2.4. Pursuit of frogs,

- 5.10.2.5. The pursuit of coyotes and feral swine can occur at night through the use of spotlights, thermal devices, and or other light enhancement devices except during big game season (no night hunting from October 1- January 15).
- 5.11. Hunting with dogs
  - 5.11.1. Dogs may not be used in taking any bear, deer, elk, or turkey.
  - 5.11.2. Blood tracking of wounded wildlife
    - 5.11.2.1. Blood tracking dogs must remain on a 15' maximum leash at all times.
    - 5.11.2.2. The leash must be held by someone at all times.
  - 5.11.3. Hunting of feral swine using dogs
    - 5.11.3.1. Season
      - 5.11.3.1.1. Private property
        - 5.11.3.1.1.1. Year-round with written permission
      - 5.11.3.1.2. Public property
        - 5.11.3.1.2.1. Closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine (9) days of deer rifle
        - 5.11.3.1.2.2. Area specific regulations may occur
  - 5.11.4. Hunting of furbearers using dogs
    - 5.11.4.1. Season
      - 5.11.4.1.1. Private property
        - 5.11.4.1.1.1. Open all of legal furbearer season with permission
      - 5.11.4.1.2. Public property
        - 5.11.4.1.2.1. Closed from opening day of archery season through the first nine (9) days of deer rifle
        - 5.11.4.1.2.2. Area specific regulations may occur
- 5.12. Computer-aided hunting;
  - 5.12.1. The use of computer software or services that allow a person, not physically present, to remotely control a firearm or weapon to hunt any live animal or bird is prohibited,
  - 5.12.2. No person shall engage in any activity that provides, sells, offers for sale, assists in, or provides facilities for computer assisted remote control hunting of wildlife.
    - 5.12.2.1. Exemptions;
      - 5.12.2.1.1. Computer aided trapping of Feral Swine
        - 5.12.2.1.1.1. Examples include cellular device triggered traps and trapdoors
- 5.13. Drones
  - 5.13.1. Drones of any kind may not be used for the pursuit, location or take of any wildlife
  - 5.13.2. The use of Drones or thermal drones may not be used on any federal lands including, but not limited to, DANR managed lands.
  - 5.13.3. Thermal drones may be used for the recovery of game on non-federal lands with the permission of all landowners being flown over.

- 5.13.4. Any violation of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations shall be considered a violation of these regulations.
- 5.13.5. Area specific regulations may occur.
- 5.14. Scientific Purpose
  - 5.14.1. No person may kill or capture wildlife or take their nests or eggs for scientific purposes without having first procured a specified research license from the DANR
  - 5.14.2. A scientific purposes license may be issued to anyone sixteen (16) years of age or older when the Director is presented with:
    - 5.14.2.1. A written testimonial from one well-known scientist or from any well-known scientific institution, the testimonial certifying to good character and fitness of the individual; and
    - 5.14.2.2. A signed application listing
      - 5.14.2.2.1. The species sought
      - 5.14.2.2.2. The means to be used to take such species, and
      - 5.14.2.2.3. The reason for collection.
      - 5.14.2.2.4. The beginning and end date of said proposed research.
    - 5.14.2.3. Each license shall list the species that the licensee is permitted to take, the means of taking and the period during which such may be taken.
    - 5.14.2.4. Each licensee shall report to the DANR at the end of each year the number and species of wildlife taken or killed and any other relative collection data as the Department may require.
    - 5.14.2.5. Upon application, licenses may be renewed without complying with the provisions of 5.14.2.2. However, no license may be renewed before the receipt of an annual report.
    - 5.14.2.6. Licenses may be revoked at any point and time by the DANR if deemed necessary.
    - 5.14.2.7. Upon conviction that any licensee killed or captured wildlife, took nests or eggs for other than scientific purposes, or took any game by means other than that described on the license, the licensee shall be punished in the same manner as though the license had never been issued and the license shall be void.
- 5.15. Management of depredating animals by use of aircraft
  - 5.15.1. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) is authorized by Oklahoma to issue a permit to a person to engage in the management of depredating animals by use of aircraft. The DANR shall recognize such permit within the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation provided that ODAFF provides written notice of such activities and the DANR does not object within ten (10) days. The ODAFF permits may be issued without limitation by season regulations or bag limits.
- 5.16. Falconry
  - 5.16.1. Falconry is a legal method for hunting and taking resident game, pursuant to the provisions of this section.

- 5.16.2. Any exotic species of hawk, falcon, owl, eagle, or other raptor and any native species of hawk, falcon, owl, eagle, or other raptor, may be used for the sport of falconry. Hawks, falcons, owls, eagles, and other raptors which are bred in captivity in accordance with federal regulations may be sold, possessed, traded or bartered, by persons licensed as required, and may be possessed, trained and used only by persons licensed.
- 5.16.3. Hawks, falcons, owls, eagles, and other raptors may be transported into and out of the boundaries. However, persons possessing a valid falconer's license or equivalent license from another area and who are in compliance with federal law may transport raptors into and out of the Reservation without acquiring a license or notifying the DANR
- 5.16.4. No person may use hawks, falcons, owls, eagles or any other raptor to hunt, chase or take game without having first acquired a falconer's license.
- 5.16.5. All falconers shall have a falconer's license or equivalent license unless legally exempt.
- 5.16.6. The fee for a falconer's license shall be set and issued by the DANR and be valid for 3 years.
- 5.16.7. Any person with a falconer's license whose hunting raptor accidentally kills a wildlife that is out of season shall leave the dead wildlife where it lies, except that the raptor may feed on the wildlife prior to leaving the site of the kill.
- 5.17. Shoot-to-kill field trial
  - 5.17.1. No person may take, nor may any organization permit to be taken, during any field trial, any legally acquired domestically reared pheasant, coturnix quail, bobwhite quail, Indian chukars or other similar suitable birds, without that person having first procured a hunting license and without that person or organization having procured an annual license for a field trial from the DANR.
  - 5.17.2. Permits issued under this section shall be restricted to dog owners, trainers and bona fide dog clubs.
- 5.18. Fire
  - 5.18.1. No person shall concentrate, drive, hunt, take, capture, kill, or attempt to take any wildlife by aid of any fire or smoke whether man-made or natural.
- 5.19. General Take
  - 5.19.1. Open seasons, closed seasons, bag limits, catch limits, possession limits and territorial limitations set forth in these Conservation regulations shall be followed unless exempt.
  - 5.19.2. It shall be unlawful to willfully and intentionally take or destroy at any time the nest or eggs of any game bird, except as specifically permitted by law.
  - 5.19.3. No person may knowingly and willfully, by means of any device, molest, injure or kill any species of hawk, falcon, owl, or eagle, their nests, eggs or young.
    - 5.19.3.1. Exemptions include licensed falconers and hawks and owls destroying domestic animals.
  - 5.19.4. Illegal Devices;
    - 5.19.4.1. Laser sights (unless certified 100% disabled or legally blind),
    - 5.19.4.2. Thermal tracking devices,

- 5.19.4.3. Light enhancement devices (including night scopes) from sunset to sunrise.
- 5.19.4.4. Exemptions;
  - 5.19.4.4.1. Thermal hunting, light enhancement, and laser lights are permitted for hog hunting. No person, including but not limited to persons licensed for commercial hunting or wildlife breeders, may hunt, chase, capture, shoot, shoot at, wound, attempt to take or take, attempt to kill or kill, slaughter, or use any net, cage, pitfall, baited hook or similar device, drug, poison, narcotic, explosive or similar substance, swivel or punt gun of greater caliber than ten (10) gauge, or any device which generates electricity on any wildlife.
- 5.19.4.5. Exemptions
  - 5.19.4.5.1. Feral Swine are not considered wildlife and may be trapped or netted; however, the use of snare, pitfall, baited hook or similar device, drug, poison, narcotic, explosive or similar substance is not permitted
  - 5.19.4.5.2. Departmental employees and authorized agents when capturing wildlife for propagation or management purposes
  - 5.19.4.5.3. Any person, group, or agency with written permission from the DANR or Game Ranger to use specified method of take outside of the Conservation Regulations per the written permit.
  - 5.19.4.5.4. Scientific purpose license holders
  - 5.19.4.5.5. Employees of the Oklahoma Dept. of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry Wildlife Services Division and the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services while engaged in wildlife management activities for the protection of agriculture, property, human health and safety and natural resources; or
  - 5.19.4.5.6. Any person using nonlethal, non-chemical capture or restraint of animals on licensed commercial hunt areas for management, viewing or photographic purposes
- 5.19.4.6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt any person using a device as described in paragraph 5 of subsection A of this section from the requirements and provisions of federal law, federal regulations and federal tax requirements for lawful use of the device.

## 6. **Season Dates and Bag Limits**

- 6.1. Seasons are subject to change by individual property through the need determined by the Game Ranger and Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 6.2. Deer Seasons
  - 6.2.1. No more than 6 total

- 6.2.1.1. Bow: Oct. 1-Jan. 15
  - 6.2.1.1.1. No more than 6 total
  - 6.2.1.1.2. No more than 2 may be antlered
- 6.2.1.2. Youth Gun: Oct 18-20
  - 6.2.1.2.1. No more than 1 of each sex
- 6.2.1.3. Muzzleloader: Oct. 26- Nov. 3
  - 6.2.1.3.1. No more than 1 may be antlered
  - 6.2.1.3.2. No more than 4 total
- 6.2.1.4. Gun: Nov. 23- Dec. 8
  - 6.2.1.4.1. No more than 1 may be antlered
  - 6.2.1.4.2. No more than 4 total
- 6.2.1.5. Holiday Antlerless Gun: Dec. 18-31
  - 6.2.1.5.1. No more than 2

6.3. Turkey Seasons

- 6.3.1. No more than 1 bird may be harvested annually
- 6.3.2. No harvest of any hen, bearded or not bearded, will be permitted;
  - 6.3.2.1. Fall
    - 6.3.2.1.1. No Fall Season
  - 6.3.2.2. Spring
    - 6.3.2.2.1. Youth; April 12-13
    - 6.3.2.2.2. Shotgun and archery: April 16 - May 16

6.4. Waterfowl Seasons

- 6.4.1. Special regulations
  - 6.4.1.1. Steel Shot only for all waterfowl hunting
- 6.4.2. September Teal
  - 6.4.2.1. Sept. 7-22
  - 6.4.2.2. Daily limit 6
- 6.4.3. Duck, Mergansers and Coots
  - 6.4.3.1. Nov. 9-24
  - 6.4.3.2. Nov. 30 - Jan. 26
    - 6.4.3.2.1. Youth, Veteran, Military
      - 6.4.3.2.1.1. Nov. 2 only
      - 6.4.3.2.1.2. Feb. 1 only
  - 6.4.3.3. Daily limits
    - 6.4.3.3.1. Six combined of any species of duck or teal. The daily limit may include no more than five mallards (only two may be hens), three wood ducks, two redheads, two canvasbacks, one scaup, and one pintail.
    - 6.4.3.3.2. Five mergansers, including no more than two hooded mergansers.
    - 6.4.3.3.3. Fifteen coots.
- 6.4.4. Resident Geese

- 6.4.4.1. Sept. 7-16
- 6.4.4.2. Daily limit
  - 6.4.4.2.1. Eight.
- 6.4.5. Dark Geese
  - 6.4.5.1. Nov. 2-24
  - 6.4.5.2. Nov. 30 - Feb. 9
  - 6.4.5.3. Daily Limit
    - 6.4.5.3.1. Eight.
- 6.4.6. Greater White-Fronted Geese
  - 6.4.6.1. Nov. 2 - 24
  - 6.4.6.2. Nov. 30 - Feb. 2
  - 6.4.6.3. Daily Limit
    - 6.4.6.3.1. Two
- 6.4.7. Light Geese (Snow, Blue and Ross')
  - 6.4.7.1. Nov. 2 - 24
  - 6.4.7.2. Nov. 30 - Feb. 9
  - 6.4.7.3. Daily Limit
    - 6.4.7.3.1. Fifty
- 6.4.8. Light Geese Conservation Season (Snow, Blue, and Ross')
  - 6.4.8.1. Feb. 13 - Mar. 30
  - 6.4.8.2. Daily Limit
    - 6.4.8.2.1. None
  - 6.4.8.3. Special Regulations for Light Geese Conservation Season
    - 6.4.8.3.1. Electronic calls allowed.
    - 6.4.8.3.2. Unplugged shotguns allowed.
    - 6.4.8.3.3. Shooting hours extended to one-half hour after sunset.
- 6.5. Migratory Game Bird
  - 6.5.1. Dove
    - 6.5.1.1. Sept. 1 - Oct. 31
    - 6.5.1.2. Dec. 1 - 29
    - 6.5.1.3. Daily Limit: 15
      - 6.5.1.3.1. May consist of any combination (aggregate) of mourning, white-winged and fully dressed Eurasian collared doves (those without a head or fully feathered wing naturally attached to the carcass). There is no limit on Eurasian collared doves provided that the head and one fully feathered wing remain naturally attached to the carcass of all such birds while being transported to their final destination.
  - 6.5.2. Crow
    - 6.5.2.1. Oct. 10 - Nov. 16
    - 6.5.2.2. Dec. 9 - Mar. 4
    - 6.5.2.3. No daily or possession limit.
  - 6.5.3. Woodcock
    - 6.5.3.1. Oct. 26 - Dec. 9

- 6.5.3.2. No daily or possession limit.
- 6.5.4. Rail
  - 6.5.4.1. Sept. 1 - Nov. 9
  - 6.5.4.2. No daily or possession limit.
- 6.5.5. Snipe
  - 6.5.5.1. Sept. 28 - Jan. 12
  - 6.5.5.2. No daily or possession limit.
- 6.5.6. Gallinule
  - 6.5.6.1. Sept. 1 - Nov. 9
  - 6.5.6.2. No daily or possession limit.
- 6.6. Small Game
  - 6.6.1. Squirrel (Fox and Gray)
    - 6.6.1.1. May 15 - Feb. 28
    - 6.6.1.2. Daily Limit
      - 6.6.1.2.1. Twenty-five
  - 6.6.2. Rabbit
    - 6.6.2.1. Oct. 1 - Mar. 15
    - 6.6.2.2. Daily Limit
      - 6.6.2.2.1. Cottontail
        - 6.6.2.2.1.1. Ten
      - 6.6.2.2.2. Swamp
        - 6.6.2.2.2.1. Three
  - 6.6.3. Feral Swine (Hog)
    - 6.6.3.1. Jan 1. - Dec. 31
      - 6.6.3.1.1. No daily or possession limit
    - 6.6.3.2. During Archery only deer season other methods of take, (firearms), may not be taken for the hunting of feral swine on any Public Property or on any DANR managed lands.
      - 6.6.3.2.1. Exemptions;
        - 6.6.3.2.1.1. A pistol without a scope may be taken in conjunction with archery equipment for personal protection
- 6.7. Furbearer Seasons
  - 6.7.1. Permits for trapping, fur possession, and regular harvest of furbearers can be acquired through the DANR Wildlife Program.
  - 6.7.2. Nothing contained in these provisions shall prevent the killing of furbearers actually found destroying livestock, poultry or exotic livestock, nor the running or chasing of fox, bobcat and raccoon with dogs for sport only.
    - 6.7.2.1. Swift Fox, Spotted Skunk and Ringtail
      - 6.7.2.1.1. Closed.
      - 6.7.2.1.2. If seen please contact DANR Wildlife Program.
    - 6.7.2.2. Bobcat, Badger, Gray Fox, Red Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, River Otter and Weasel
      - 6.7.2.2.1. Dec. 1 - Feb. 28



- 6.7.2.2.2. CITES (Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species) Tags are available through the DANR or through specified fur dealers and all tags for such pelts must be acquired within ten (10) working days after the close of the season.
  - 6.7.2.2.2.1. Bobcat: No daily limit, season limit 20, possession limit 20 per license.
    - 6.7.2.2.2.1.1. All bobcats being sold, traded, or bartered with, must have a permanently affixed CITES tag
  - 6.7.2.2.2.2. Gray Fox / Red Fox: Daily combined limit two, with no more than one red fox. Season combined limit six, with no more than two red foxes.
  - 6.7.2.2.2.3. River Otter: No daily limit, season limit four.
    - 6.7.2.2.2.3.1. All river otter pelts being sold, traded, or bartered with, must have a permanently affixed CITES tag
  - 6.7.2.2.2.4. Badger, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, Weasel: No limit.
- 6.7.2.3. Beaver, Nutria, Raccoon and Striped Skunk
  - 6.7.2.3.1. Jan. 1 - Dec. 31
    - 6.7.2.3.1.1. No daily, season or possession limit.
- 6.7.2.4. Coyote
  - 6.7.2.4.1. Jan. 1 - Dec. 31
    - 6.7.2.4.1.1. No daily, season or possession limit.

6.8. Reptile and Amphibian Regulations

- 6.8.1. It is unlawful to introduce, deposit, place or drain any deleterious, noxious, toxic or petroleum-based substance into or around any underground dens or rock crevices for the purpose of taking reptiles and amphibians.
- 6.8.2. The method of taking legal water turtles and aquatic salamanders for commercial purposes and the take of bullfrogs is restricted to within these regulations. With the exception of water turtles and aquatic salamanders taken for commercial use and all legal species of frogs, all other reptiles and amphibians may only be taken by hand or other legal means.
  - 6.8.2.1. Rattlesnake (prairie rattlesnake, western diamondback rattlesnake, timber rattlesnake)
    - 6.8.2.1.1. Mar. 1 – June 30
      - 6.8.2.1.1.1. No daily limit
  - 6.8.2.2. American Bullfrog
    - 6.8.2.2.1. Jan. 1 – Dec. 31
      - 6.8.2.2.1.1. Daily limit 15
      - 6.8.2.2.1.2. Bullfrogs may be taken with hook and line, gig, spear, bow and arrow or other methods except firearms with a valid fishing license. Bullfrogs may be taken with firearms with a valid hunting license.

- 6.8.2.3. Texas horned lizard, eastern side-blotched lizard, checkered whiptail, American alligator, western chicken turtle, northern map turtle, wandering garter snake, gulf swamp snake, alligator snapping turtle, common lesser earless lizard, round-tailed horned lizard and western mud snake
  - 6.8.2.3.1. Season closed
- 6.8.2.4. Other Reptile
  - 6.8.2.4.1. Jan. 1 – Dec. 31
    - 6.8.2.4.1.1. Daily limit 6
- 6.9. Upland Birds Season
  - 6.9.1. Quail (Bobwhite and scaled)
    - 6.9.1.1. Nov. 9 - Feb. 15
      - 6.9.1.1.1. Daily limit 10
      - 6.9.1.1.2. Possession limit 20 after the first day.
    - 6.9.1.2. Special regulations
      - 6.9.1.2.1. At no time can a quail or covey be shot while resting on the ground, commonly stated “No pot shooting”
      - 6.9.1.2.2. The hunting or killing of quail may be only by use of a shotgun, longbow or by falconry, and then only between sunrise and sunset.
  - 6.9.2. Pheasant
    - 6.9.2.1. Dec. 1 - Jan 31
    - 6.9.2.2. 2 cocks only
    - 6.9.2.3. Possession limit 4 after the first day.
      - 6.9.2.3.1. Identification
        - 6.9.2.3.1.1. Head or one foot must remain on the bird until it has reached its final destination.
- 6.10. Bear Seasons
  - 6.10.1. (Reserved)
- 6.11. Elk Seasons
  - 6.11.1. (Reserved)
- 6.12. Mountain Lion Seasons
  - 6.12.1. (Reserved)

## 7. **Baiting**

- 7.1. “Bait” shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of fruits, vegetables, shelled, shucked or un-shucked corn, wheat or other grain or other feed.
- 7.2. Non-bait methods allowed on all lands
  - 7.2.1. Salt or mineral without corn, oats, grain or feed
  - 7.2.2. Sardines or other lures used for trapping furbearers
  - 7.2.3. Scent lures; including but not limited to urine
- 7.3. Privately owned lands may be baited unless otherwise specified

- 7.4. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after complete removal of any bait,
- 7.5. Hunters are responsible for ensuring that an area has not been baited if baiting in the area is illegal, and should verify its legality prior to baiting any area.
- 7.6. Baiting on publicly managed lands is prohibited
  - 7.6.1. Publicly managed lands
    - 7.6.1.1. Lands owned or managed by the State of Oklahoma's Wildlife Department of Conservation
    - 7.6.1.2. Lands owned or managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 7.7. Baiting is allowed on Muscogee Nation lands
  - 7.7.1. Bait Restrictions;
    - 7.7.1.1. Baits to be used must have aflatoxin levels not above 20 ppb
      - 7.7.1.1.1. Livestock grade corn is required.
      - 7.7.1.1.2. Corn that is labeled deer corn or wildlife corn is often contaminated and can affect reproductive health of a variety of species.
        - 7.7.1.1.2.1. If unsure call a Game Ranger or the DANR
    - 7.7.1.2. Bear cannot be baited on MCN Managed DANR lands,
- 7.8. Turkey cannot be harvested within 100 yards of any bait,
- 7.9. No waterfowl may be harvested over any bait,

## 8. Harvest Checking

- 8.1. Field Checking
  - 8.1.1. While in the field hunters may attach their roll number and the date of harvest to the carcass as a valid carcass tag for 24 hours until they can check the carcass online or in person.
- 8.2. Harvest Checking Requirement
  - 8.2.1. In all cases prior to processing the carcass, all deer, elk, bear and turkey must be checked within 24 hours of leaving the hunt area through the Muscogee Nation Wildlife Program.
    - 8.2.1.1. Once tagged, the carcass' confirmation number must remain with the carcass to its final destination or through processing and storage.
    - 8.2.1.2. Deer may be checked in after being quartered with the sex organs naturally attached and the head accompanying the carcass.
  - 8.2.2. It is unlawful to harvest and possess any turkey or deer within the Muscogee Reservation without possessing a carcass tag, number or record of the harvest being checked in through the Muscogee Nation Wildlife Program. (Online or in-person check methods are both valid)

## 9. General Hunting Regulations

- 9.1. It shall be unlawful to place any equipment, including but not limited to tree stands, ground blinds, or game cameras on DANR-managed lands, without permanently affixing the owner's DANR issued permit number to the equipment in a conspicuous manner. All

equipment not properly identified will become the property of the DANR and be disposed of in the best practical manner.

- 9.2. No permanent type stands may be constructed in or on a tree nor shall cleats be driven into a tree to gain access to a portion of any tree nor shall any person hunt from such a stand on public or DANR lands. Only portable type stands, that do not require the use of any fastening device that has the potential of damaging a tree, are permitted. Stands shall be removed from the tree immediately following the closure of the hunt for which they were used with a limit of no more than 14 days. Stands remaining after this time become the property of the landowner to be disposed of in the best practical manner.
- 9.3. Nest or eggs of Game birds – take or destruction
  - 9.3.1. It shall be unlawful to willfully and intentionally take or destroy at any time the nest or eggs of any game bird, except as specifically permitted by law.
- 9.4. Obstruction of shooting, hunting, fishing or trapping
  - 9.4.1. A person may not willfully obstruct or impede the participation of any individual in the lawful activity of shooting, hunting, fishing or trapping in this state. Provided, that nothing in this section shall prohibit a landowner or lessee from exercising their lawful rights of prohibiting hunting, fishing or trapping on their land, or any other legal right.
  - 9.4.2. This section of law shall not prevent Law enforcement from performing their enforcement duties and any DANR employee from performing his duties in working with the public
- 9.5. Open seasons, closed seasons, bag limits, catch limits, possession limits and territorial limitations set forth in these Conservation regulations shall be followed unless exempt.
- 9.6. Impersonation
  - 9.6.1. No person shall represent himself to be an authorized agent of the DANR or Lighthouse unless such person has been so appointed by written order, which shall specifically state the purpose and limits of authority to be exercised by such agent.

## PART 3 - FISHING REGULATIONS

### 10. General Fishing Regulations

- 10.1. Game Fish;
  - 10.1.1. Largemouth and spotted bass; black and white crappie; channel catfish, blue catfish, and flathead catfish. Species not listed are nongame fish.
- 10.2. Native Non-Game Fish
  - 10.2.1. Gars;
    - 10.2.1.1. Alligator longnose, short-nose, and spotted
  - 10.2.2. Buffalo
    - 10.2.2.1. Smallmouth buffalo
  - 10.2.3. Aggregate daily bag limit (all native, nongame species combined) of ten (10) fish per person. The aggregate limit does not supersede any individual species limit.
- 10.3. Non-Native Invasive non-game fish
  - 10.3.1. Nonnative, invasive fish species (including common carp, grass carp, bighead carp, silver carp and black carp are excluded from the aggregate limit and may be taken without limit unless otherwise specified by the MCN Conservation Regulations
- 10.4. It is unlawful to;
  - 10.4.1. Fish without carrying a permit.
  - 10.4.2. Catch fish that are dead or die as a result of angling from and not remove those fish and bury or burn them, except nothing will prevent anglers from returning fish remains, meaning any fish that has been fileted or has had the entrails removed, to lakes and reservoirs (any fish that does not meet length requirements must be returned to the water immediately). No person may bury or burn any dead fish where it will become exposed through erosion or where that land is at any time subject to overflow.
  - 10.4.3. Sell, barter or trade fish, frogs or turtles, except with a commercial license.
  - 10.4.4. Use, operate or park vehicles not registered for use on public roadways, on lands owned or managed by DANR.
  - 10.4.5. Possess fish, or parts thereof, taken by another person without possessing a fishing permit.
  - 10.4.6. Use and/or place into any body of water any container, including but not limited to drums, cans, tubs, boxes or barrels
  - 10.4.7. Tamper with the trotline, throwline, jugline or limblime of another person without permission from that person.
  - 10.4.8. Stock aquatic organisms in any public waters without written consent from the DANR.
  - 10.4.9. Possess a game fish that has been fileted or had its head or tail removed while actively engaging in fishing.
  - 10.4.10. Possess fish in a tailwater without keeping their fish separate, marked with their name and permit number.

- 10.4.11. Use at any time in the waters for taking, catching, capturing or killing any game or nongame fish with any of the following: any rotenone or other poison, dynamite or other explosive, or any electrical device used for shocking purpose.
  - 10.4.11.1. Exemptions;
    - 10.4.11.1.1. Special Permits for research are available if qualified through DANR.
- 10.4.12. Have in his or her possession while in the field more than one daily limit of any fish species regardless of method of take. Daily limits are for 24-hour periods (midnight to midnight).

**10.5. Method of Take;**

- 10.5.1. These methods are legal for taking game and nongame fish throughout the year unless restricted under special regulations.
  - 10.5.1.1. Rod and Reel:
    - 10.5.1.1.1. A person may use up to seven rods while fishing unless restricted further under special regulations.
  - 10.5.1.2. Trotline/Throwlines:
    - 10.5.1.2.1. Trotlines/throwlines are restricted to no more than three lines and 100 hooks per person.
      - 10.5.1.2.1.1. A legal trotline/throwline has:
        - 10.5.1.2.1.1.1. No glass or metallic floating device on the line;
        - 10.5.1.2.1.1.2. No metallic posts in water for attachment;
        - 10.5.1.2.1.1.3. Lines made of nonmetallic material only;
        - 10.5.1.2.1.1.4. Hooks at least 24 inches apart;
        - 10.5.1.2.1.1.5. Owner's name, address, and permit number attached to each line;
        - 10.5.1.2.1.1.6. Been attended at least once every 24 hours;
        - 10.5.1.2.1.1.7. Not be set within three feet of the surface of water at any point beyond six feet from either point of attachment, except where water is less than three feet deep.
  - 10.5.1.3. Jugline:
    - 10.5.1.3.1. Juglines are restricted to no more than five hooks per line and 20 juglines per person.
    - 10.5.1.3.2. A legal jugline is a vertical line suspended from a non-metallic or non-glass floating device, drifting free or anchored, and has:
      - 10.5.1.3.2.1. owner's name, permit number and address attached;
      - 10.5.1.3.2.2. been attended at least once every 24 hours.
  - 10.5.1.4. Limbline;
    - 10.5.1.4.1. Limb Lines are restricted to no more than two hooks per line and 20 limb lines per person.
    - 10.5.1.4.2. A legal limb line is a line attached to a limb, branch, other natural object, or nonmetallic man-made material and has:

- 10.5.1.4.2.1. The owner's name, permit number and address attached;
- 10.5.1.4.2.2. Been attended at least once every 24 hours.
- 10.5.1.5. Yo-Yo;
  - 10.5.1.5.1. Yo-yos are restricted to no more than 20 per person and shall:
    - 10.5.1.5.1.1. Have the owner's name, permit number and address attached;
    - 10.5.1.5.1.2. Not be left unattended for more than six hours;
    - 10.5.1.5.1.3. Not be strung or suspended from any horizontal line across any channel or navigable waterway;
    - 10.5.1.5.1.4. Have no more than 10 yo-yos attached from any one line or support;
    - 10.5.1.5.1.5. Not have metallic material in lines used for attachment;
    - 10.5.1.5.1.6. 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.
- 10.5.2. These methods are legal for taking nongame fish according to the following provisions unless restricted under special regulations.
  - 10.5.2.1. Bow and Arrow (Bowfishing):
    - 10.5.2.1.1. Bowfishing may be used to take nongame fish only, throughout the year in all waters unless restricted
    - 10.5.2.1.2. Fish taken by bow and arrow shall not be released, shall count towards the daily bag limit, and any carcasses or remains shall be properly disposed of.
    - 10.5.2.1.3. Persons taking fish by bow and arrow (bowfishing) shall be subject to an aggregate daily bag limit (all native, nongame species combined) of ten (10) fish per person.
    - 10.5.2.1.4. The possession limit, in the field, for persons taking fish with bow and arrow (bowfishing) may not exceed the daily aggregate limit, regardless of the start and end times of the bowfishing activity.
      - 10.5.2.1.4.1. Nonnative, invasive fish species (including common carp, grass carp, bighead carp, silver carp and black carp are excluded from the aggregate limit and may be taken without limit unless otherwise specified by the MCN Conservation Regulations
    - 10.5.2.1.5. Legal bowfishing is restricted to:
      - 10.5.2.1.5.1. Any bow (including a crossbow);
      - 10.5.2.1.5.2. Devices that permit a bow to be held mechanically at full or partial draw are permitted.
  - 10.5.2.2. Gig, Grab Hook and Spear:
    - 10.5.2.2.1. Gigs and spears are legal for taking nongame fish only.

- 10.5.2.2.2. Grab Hooks (handheld hook, handheld pole of natural or man-made material, or rope with a single hook attached used in the initial taking of a fish) are prohibited in all waters.
- 10.5.2.2.3. Fish taken by gig or spear shall not be released, shall count towards the daily bag limit, and any carcasses or remains shall be properly disposed of
- 10.5.2.2.4. Gig and spears shall:
  - 10.5.2.2.4.1. Not contain more than three points with no more than two barbs on each point;
- 10.5.2.3. Snagging:
  - 10.5.2.3.1. 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.
  - 10.5.2.3.2. Only one rod or pole per angler is allowed while snagging.
- 10.5.2.4. Noodling:
  - 10.5.2.4.1. Noodling is the taking of nongame fish and catfish by use of hands only.
  - 10.5.2.4.2. Possession of hooks, gaff hooks, spears, poles, poles with hooks attached or ropes with hooks attached while in the act of noodling shall be proof of violation of the “hands only” noodling law.
    - 10.5.2.4.2.1. Noodling with a stringer shall be lawful
  - 10.5.2.4.3. Noodling shall be lawful year-round in all waters during daylight hours only.
  - 10.5.2.4.4. It is unlawful to place into any lake or reservoir any container that will attract, entice or lure fish into an open cavity within that container.
    - 10.5.2.4.4.1. Containers include, but are not limited to, drums, cans, tubs, boxes and barrels. It is also illegal to noodle within such containers.
- 10.5.2.5. Netting (Noncommercial):
  - 10.5.2.5.1. The use of gill nets, trammel nets, trawl nets, hoop nets, or haul seines is prohibited.
- 10.5.2.6. Seines, Cast Nets and Dip Nets (Noncommercial):
  - 10.5.2.6.1. Seining, cast netting and dip netting bait for personal use is lawful in all waters year-round
  - 10.5.2.6.2. Any person may seine, trap or transport nongame fish commonly used for personal bait, provided the seine does not exceed 20 feet in length and 1/2-inch mesh; unless seining for minnows, then the mesh shall not exceed 1/4 inch.
  - 10.5.2.6.3. Minnow traps shall have a mesh size no greater than 1/2 inch, shall not be longer than three feet, shall not exceed 18 inches in diameter on round traps or 18 inches on a side on square or rectangular traps. The trap entrance (throat) cannot exceed two



inches across the opening. No person shall fish with more than three minnow traps. All minnow traps must have the owner's name and address attached and the traps must be attended once every 24 hours.

- 10.5.2.6.4. All game fish and nongame fish not commonly used for bait must be released immediately.
- 10.5.2.6.5. It is unlawful to take or possess more than 25 nongame bait fish, except for shad, of which 200 may be taken or possessed.
- 10.5.2.6.6. No person may possess with intent to transport or transport via land-based transportation more than 200 nongame fish, including shad, for personal use as bait
- 10.5.2.6.7. Minnow traps cannot be made with glass.
- 10.5.2.6.8. Cast nets shall have a mesh size no greater than 3/8-inch square.
- 10.5.2.6.9. Cast nets and handheld dip nets are lawful for taking nongame fish only as bait for personal use.

## 11. Bag and Size Limits

- 11.1. Largemouth and/or Smallmouth Bass
  - 11.1.1. Daily Limit: 6
  - 11.1.2. 14-inch Minimum size requirement
- 11.2. Spotted Bass
  - 11.2.1. No size limit
  - 11.2.2. No daily limit
- 11.3. Blue and/or Channel Catfish
  - 11.3.1. Daily Limit: 15
  - 11.3.2. Only 1 Blue Catfish over 30 inches
- 11.4. Flathead Catfish
  - 11.4.1. Daily Limit: 5
  - 11.4.2. No size limit
- 11.5. White and/or Black Crappie
  - 11.5.1. Daily Limit: 37 Combined
  - 11.5.2. No Size limit
- 11.6. Paddlefish
  - 11.6.1. Annual limit: 2
  - 11.6.2. Daily limit: 1
  - 11.6.3. Special Requirements
    - 11.6.3.1. Mondays and Fridays: Catch and release only
    - 11.6.3.2. All hooks must have barbs removed or completely closed.
    - 11.6.3.3. When landing a paddlefish, it is illegal to use gaff hooks or any technique or device that injures the fish, unless the angler is bowfishing
    - 11.6.3.4. Fish kept must be tagged immediately with a permit or license number.
    - 11.6.3.5. Each cleaned paddlefish and its parts (carcass, meat or eggs) must be tagged and kept separate from all other cleaned paddlefish or paddlefish

- parts. Paddlefish and paddlefish parts must remain tagged until the person in possession of the same reaches their residence.
- 11.6.3.6. No person can possess eggs (attached to the egg membrane) of more than one paddlefish. No person can possess more than 3 pounds of 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 that turns the eggs into caviar or into a caviar-like product.
  - 11.6.3.7. 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.
  - 11.6.3.8. All paddlefish must have all internal organs removed before leaving the state.
  - 11.6.3.9. Once a fish is kept, it cannot be released (no culling)
  - 11.6.3.10. Once a fish is kept you must stop paddlefish fishing (snagging) for the day.
  - 11.6.3.11. Paddlefish taken by bowfishing, gigs, spears and spearguns cannot be released. These methods cannot be used Mondays and Fridays.
  - 11.6.3.12. Snagging:
    - 11.6.3.12.1. When snagging for paddlefish, anglers are allowed only one single hook or one treble hook
    - 11.6.3.12.2. Snagging with more than one rod and reel is prohibited
    - 11.6.3.12.3. Snagging prohibited from 2200 to 0600
  - 11.6.3.13. **Must contact wildlife program of all harvested fish within 24 hours**

## 12. Special Area Requirements

- 12.1.1. Except as otherwise provided, no person may fish upon the land of another without the consent of the owner, lessee or occupant of such land.
- 12.1.2. Dripping Springs
  - 12.1.2.1. Daily/Size Limits:
    - 12.1.2.1.1. Largemouth and smallmouth bass:
    - 12.1.2.1.2. There is a 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit, of which only one may be 22 inches or longer.
- 12.1.3. Okmulgee
  - 12.1.3.1. Daily/Size Limits:
    - 12.1.3.1.1. Largemouth and smallmouth bass:
    - 12.1.3.1.2. 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit.
- 12.1.4. Taft
  - 12.1.4.1. Methods:
    - 12.1.4.1.1. Fishing is limited to only two rods and reels per person.
    - 12.1.4.1.2. Fishing limited to rod and reel. No other method of fishing allowed.
- 12.1.5. Lake Eufaula

12.1.5.1. Lake Eufaula State Park Pickens Lake:

12.1.5.1.1. Fishing is open only to residents under 16 or 65 and older, or those 60 percent or more disabled, or legally blind and those accompanying.

12.1.5.1.2. Fishing is limited to only two rods and reels per person. No other fishing methods allowed.

12.1.5.2. Kid's fish out lake:

12.1.5.2.1. Fishing is 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.

12.1.5.2.2. Fishing is limited to only two rods and reels per person. No other method of fishing allowed.

## PART 4 -DANR LAND REGULATIONS

13. **Wildlife Access Area (WAA) Permit Properties and Specific Regulations**
  - 13.1. All persons on properties must possess a wildlife permit from the DANR.
    - 13.1.1. Permits are received from filling out the e-form on the DANR webpage, signing the liability waiver and providing proof of Muscogee Citizenship
      - 13.1.1.1. Guardian permits are available for taking citizen youth onto these properties.
      - 13.1.1.2. Spouse Permits are available for citizen's spouses
      - 13.1.1.3. Neither the Guardian or Spouse exemption allows for the non-citizen to be on the property without the Citizen they are associated with.
  - 13.2. WAA Closures
    - 13.2.1. Closures may occur at the discretion of the Director of the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources for a variety of reasons. These reasons include but are not limited to; Safety, Wildlife Management or Research, Resource Management or Research, and necessary Agricultural operations.
    - 13.2.2. The DANR website<sup>1</sup> or Facebook Page at MCN Wildlife will provide updates on any closures.
    - 13.2.3. Quota's
      - 13.2.3.1. Any unit may be closed for a specified use if take has met the management maximum for that property.
      - 13.2.3.2. Signage will be posted if maximums are met and the area will be closed.
    - 13.2.4. Special Draw Hunt closures
      - 13.2.4.1. Drawn and/or controlled hunt closures may occur. When these take place notifications shall be made on the Muscogee Nation Wildlife Page
  - 13.3. Hunting with the use of dogs
    - 13.3.1. Retrieving dogs may be used for waterfowl hunting
    - 13.3.2. Leashed dogs may be taken for blood trailing and companionship.
    - 13.3.3. Pursuit with hounds for Furbearers
      - 13.3.3.1. Seasons
        - 13.3.3.1.1. Closed from opening day of deer archery season through the first 9 days of gun season
        - 13.3.3.1.2. Closed during spring turkey season
      - 13.3.3.2. All handlers must possess a Wildlife Permit
    - 13.3.4. Hog Hunting with dogs may occur only on open properties check website for openings
      - 13.3.4.1. Seasons
        - 13.3.4.1.1. Closed from opening day of deer archery season through first 9 days of rifle
        - 13.3.4.1.2. Closed during spring turkey season
      - 13.3.4.2. Properties may be closed for any of the following

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.muscogeenation.com/department-of-interior-affairs/division-of-agriculture-natural-resources/wildlife-program/>

- 13.3.4.2.1. Pig traps are set on DANR properties.
    - 13.3.4.2.2. Wildlife studies are occurring on the property
    - 13.3.4.2.3. Big game seasons are in session
- 13.4. DANR Properties
  - 13.4.1. Only properties listed on the Muscogee Nation website under the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources<sup>2</sup> are permitted for recreation.
  - 13.4.2. All properties are Walk-in access only unless otherwise designated by the website and with signage on all entrances to the property.
- 13.5. Nothing in these regulations will override any closures posted on gates to properties
- 13.6. If not specifically mentioned regulations will follow along with all other Conservation regulation season dates and bag limits.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.muscogeenation.com/department-of-interior-affairs/division-of-agriculture-natural-resources/>

## PART 5 - UNSPECIFIED WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

### 14. Wildlife Breeders

- 14.1. Non-commercial wildlife breeder's license
  - 14.1.1. Except as otherwise provided in this Title, no person may breed or raise wildlife for personal consumption or noncommercial purposes without having first contacted and received approval and a license if deemed necessary from the DANR
  - 14.1.2. Licenses may be issued to any person that lawfully obtains wildlife, acts in good faith and adheres to the laws of the Muscogee Nation.
- 14.2. Personal uses shall include;
  - 14.2.1. Breeding for a hobby;
  - 14.2.2. Education and scientific purposes;
  - 14.2.3. Personal consumption;
  - 14.2.4. Release on private property, except any bear or cat that will grow to reach the weight of fifty (50) pounds or more; and
  - 14.2.5. Care and rehabilitation of sick or injured wildlife.
- 14.3. Containment
  - 14.3.1. All furbearers, game mammals, game birds, game fish and minnows raised under the provisions of this Code are hereby required to be confined to the lands or waters described in the application, and such wildlife must be confined in such manner as to prohibit wild mammals, birds and fish from becoming part of the enterprise.

### 15. Mussels

- 15.1. Harvest
  - 15.1.1. No person may harvest, or attempt to harvest, or assist in harvesting, or sell, buy or export mussels from the waters of this Reservation without having first procured the proper license for such purposes if deemed necessary by the DANR
  - 15.1.2. Any person in the possession of more than twenty (20) mussels or parts thereof shall be required to have the proper license as provided for in this section.
  - 15.1.3. Species and size requirements
    - 15.1.3.1. It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or possess the following mussel species or their shells smaller than the following size limits:
      - 15.1.3.1.1. Sand shells, muckets, creepers, grandmas, pocketbooks, lady fingers, squaw feet or cucumbers, less than three (3) inches minimum diameter;
      - 15.1.3.1.2. Maple leaf and three ridge, less than two and three-fourths (2 3/4) inches minimum diameter;
      - 15.1.3.1.3. Three knot, less than two (2) inches minimum diameter;
      - 15.1.3.1.4. Washboards, less than four (4) inches minimum in diameter; and
      - 15.1.3.1.5. All other species except Buckhorn and the Ouachita Rock PocketBook which are prohibited, less than two and one-half (2 1/2) inches minimum diameter.

- 15.1.3.1.6. All mussels shall be sized immediately after harvesting, before the harvester moves his or her boat or begins another dive.
- 15.1.3.1.7. Mussels shall be measured by passing the mussel, shell included, through a circular measuring device with the appropriate inside diameter. If the mussel passes through the appropriate circular measuring device from any angle or direction it is too small, and must be returned to the water.
- 15.1.3.1.8. Nothing in this section shall prevent a person from taking six (6) or less mussels per day of any size for noncommercial personal use.
- 15.1.3.1.9. No mussels shall be harvested except during daylight hours from sunrise until sunset.

**16. Nuisance Wildlife**

- 16.1. The DANR or Game Ranger may issue permits to landowners, lessees, or their designated agents to control nuisance or damage by any species of wildlife including but not limited to beaver, coyote, deer, bobcat, raccoon, feral swine and crow under rules issued by the National Council.
- 16.2. Permits may be issued without limitation by season regulations, bag limits or method of take. Persons with valid permits issued pursuant to this section may control the wildlife specified in this subsection and feral swine at night to protect marketable agricultural crops, livestock, or processed feed, seed or other materials used in the production of an agricultural commodity
- 16.3. Permits shall be valid for one year unless otherwise designated on said permit.
- 16.4. Nothing in this section shall authorize the use of a headlight from a public roadway.

**17. Aiding and abetting**

- 17.1. Every person who counsels, aids or abets another in the violation of any provision or section of this Code shall upon conviction be punished in the same manner as the principal offender.

**18. Seizure and forfeiture**

- 18.1. Any game ranger or peace officer is authorized to seize any item, equipment, vehicle or other property, which is used or operated in violation of any provision of this act, or as otherwise specified by the Wildlife Code or Conservation Regulations.

**19. Restitution**

- 19.1. If convicted of a wildlife offense involving any big game including; deer, elk, and wild turkey; and involves the unlawful possession, taking or killing of the wildlife from an unlawful hunt, chase, trap, capture, shooting, killing or slaughter, netting, shocking, or poisoning, by any means, the court, in addition to the execution of sentence in whole or in part, shall order the convicted defendant to provide restitution to the tribe.

**20. Private or public parks, preserves, clubs, and resorts**

- 20.1. The owner or lessee in possession of any private or public park, preserve, club or resort shall have authority to make and enforce any additional rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Muscogee Nation Wildlife Code or the Conservation Regulations for the protection of wildlife within said private park, preserve, club or resort. It shall be a violation of these regulations to violate such rules and regulations

21. Possession of Wildlife

21.1. Except as otherwise provided, no person may possess;

21.1.1. Any wildlife or parts thereof during closed season for that species

21.1.2. Any endangered or threatened species or parts thereof at any time; or

21.1.3. Any native bear or native cat that will grow to reach the weight of fifty (50) pounds or more.

21.1.4. Exemptions include;

21.1.4.1. Persons possessing legally obtained wildlife