# Choctaw Nation 2022 Fishing Regulations

For more information on fishing regulations visit ChoctawNation.com.

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<th>SPECIES</th>
<th>DAILY LIMIT</th>
<th>SIZE LIMIT</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bass</td>
<td>6 (combined)</td>
<td>1 &gt; 16 in. min.</td>
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<td>Largemouth and/or Smallmouth</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Spotted Bass</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Striped bass and Striped Hybrid bass</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>White bass</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Catfish</td>
<td>15 (combined)</td>
<td>1 blue &gt; 30</td>
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<td>Channel and Blue Catfish</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Flathead</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crappie</td>
<td>37 (combined)</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>White and/or Black</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alligator Gar</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Walleye, Sauger, and/or Saugeye</td>
<td>6 (combined)</td>
<td>14 in. min.</td>
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<td>Trout</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1 &gt; 20 in. min.</td>
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<td>Paddlefish</td>
<td>See Paddlefish Regulations</td>
<td>Special regulations for daily and size limits apply to specific areas. No daily or size limits exist for any fish caught from privately owned ponds and lakes.</td>
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Paddlefish Regulations:

- **Annual limit of 2**
- Harvest of paddlefish must be reported to Choctaw Nation EPS within 24 hours of harvest at 1-800-522-6170.
- May only have possession of 1 paddlefish in the field.
- 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).
- Paddlefish taken by bowfishing, gigs, spears and spearguns cannot be released.
- Each cleaned paddlefish and its parts (carcass, meat or eggs) must be kept separate from all other cleaned paddlefish or paddlefish parts. Each person must keep their paddlefish distinctly separate from paddlefish taken by others.

For a full list of paddlefish and trout regulations go to https://www.choctawnation.com/tribal-codes

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**Choctaw Nation 2022 Hunting & Fishing Regulations**
# Choctaw Nation Hunting 2022 Seasons & Regulations

For bag limits and other hunting regulations, visit ChoctawNation.com.

**Furbearers** *(Dec 1 - Feb 28)*  
- Bobcat  
- Red Fox and Gray Fox *(See Code for Red Fox Restrictions)*  
- River Otter  
- Badger, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, and Weasel  
- Beaver, Raccoon, Nutria, Coyote, Striped Skunk *(Open year round)*  
- Moutain lions and swift fox may not be harvested within the Reservation

**Rabbits** *(Oct 1 - March 15)*  
- Cottontail Rabbits  
- Swamp Rabbits  
- Jack rabbits may not be harvested within the Reservation

**Squirrel** *(May 15 - Jan 31)*  
- Fox Squirrel & Gray Squirrel

**Feral Hogs** *(Year-round)*  
- See code for any restrictions

**Quail**  
- November 12, 2022 - February 15, 2023

**Dove**  
- September 1 - October 31  
- December 1 - December 29

**Ducks**  
- November 12 - November 27  
- December 3 - December 29  
- Youth/Veterans Days *(November 5 and February 4)*

**Canada Goose**  
- September 10 - September 19  
- November 5 - November 27  
- December 3 - February 12, 2023

Migratory game birds are controlled by federal law and federal bag limits and seasons vary occasionally. The Choctaw Nation recognizes federal laws as pertains to dove, rail, gallinule, woodcock, and common snipe.

**Turkey**  
- Turkey Spring *(April 16 - May 16)* *(By bow and rifle)*  
- Turkey Fall *(Oct 1 - Jan 15, 2023)* *(By bow and rifle)*  
- Youth Turkey Spring *(April 8 - April 9)* *(By bow and rifle)*

**Deer**  
- Archery *(Oct 1 - Jan 15)*  
- Muzzleloader *(Oct 22 - Oct 30)*  
- Rifle *(Nov 19 - Dec 4)*  
- Holiday Antlerless Deer Gun *(Dec 18 - Dec 31)*  
- Youth Season *(Oct 14 - Oct 15)*

**Choctaw Nation Black Bear 2022 Seasons & Regulations**

Black Bear Permits may be obtained online through the Chahta Achvffa Member Portal

**Black Bear** *(Combined season bag limit of 1 bear per person)*  
- **Archery (Oct 1 - Oct 16)**  
  - No Harvest Quota  
  - Black bear may only be harvested in Choctaw, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, and Pushmataha counties; and that portion of Atoka, Bryan, and Pittsburg counties east of U.S. Highway 69.

- **Muzzleloader (Oct 22 - Oct 30)**  
  - Harvest Quota of 20 *(In combination with ODWC)*  
  - *Hunters must call 1-800-522-6170 to check whether the quota has been reached before going hunting each day. Once the quota has been reached, the season will close.*  
  - *Black bear may only be harvested in Choctaw, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, and Pushmataha counties; and that portion of Atoka, Bryan, and Pittsburg counties east of U.S. Highway 69.*

**Black Bear Regulations:**

No person shall hunt or harvest black bear without first having procured a permit from the Choctaw Nation Environmental Protection Service.

Upon harvesting a bear, all hunters must immediately call the Choctaw Nation Environmental Protection Services.

Upon harvesting a black bear, all hunters must immediately attach their name and member ID number securely to the carcass. This information must remain attached to the carcass until it is checked.

The carcass must be checked in by the hunter who harvested the bear. A carcass tag will be issued, which must remain with the carcass to its final destination or through processing and/or storage at commercial processing or storage facilities.

Bear carcasses may be check-in quartered, with or without skin, however the head and sex organs must remain naturally attached until checked by an appropriate employee of the Choctaw Nation Environmental Protection Services.

Black bear shall be harvested by archery or muzzleloader with a combined season of one (1) black bear of either sex per person.

Baiting on wildlife management areas, areas owned or managed by Choctaw Nation, or any public land shall be prohibited.

Shooting of cubs or females with cubs shall be prohibited.

Den shooting of bears shall be prohibited.

Shooting collared bears shall be prohibited.

**Choctaw Nation Code with a tribal membership card.**

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**Hunting & Fishing FAQ**

For a full list of frequently asked questions, visit ChoctawNation.com/huntingandfishing.

**Who is eligible to hunt and fish within the Choctaw Nation Reservation?**

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma tribal members are eligible to hunt and fish within the Choctaw Nation Reservation in accordance with tribal laws.

**What document(s) does a Choctaw Tribal member need to have to hunt and fish?**

Proof of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Membership card for members over 15 and proof of hunter safety course for ages 10-30.

**What if my Tribal Membership card has expired or has been lost?**

Contact the Choctaw Nation Membership Department with any questions regarding your tribal membership card.

**Where does a Choctaw tribal member get deer or turkey tags?**

You are not required to pre-purchase tags but are required to report your harvest via Chahta Achvffa Member Portal.

**Where does a Choctaw Tribal Member get a Duck Stamp?**

Duck stamps are federally regulated, and federal guidelines will still apply. Duck stamps can be purchased at any U.S. Postal Office.

**Do Choctaw Tribal Members have to reside in Oklahoma to hunt and fish on the Choctaw Nation Reservation?**

No, all Choctaw Nation Tribal Members, regardless of residency are permitted to hunt and fish within the Reservation in accordance with Choctaw Nation Code with a tribal membership card.