

# CHOCTAW NATION FISHING REGULATIONS

## SPECIES DAILY LIMIT SIZE LIMIT

### Bass

Largemouth and/or Smallmouth	6 (combined)	1 > 16 in.
Spotted Bass	None	None
Striped Bass and Striped Hybrid Bass	5	None
White Bass	None	None

### Catfish

Channel and Blue Catfish	15 (combined)	1 blue > 30 in.
Flathead	5	None

### Crappie

White and/or Black	37 (combined)	None
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### ALLIGATOR GAR

1	None
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### WALLEYE, SAUGER, AND/OR SAUGEYE

6 (combined)	14 in. min.
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### TROUT

See local regulations

### PADDFISH

See Paddlefish regulations

**Special regulations for daily and size limits apply to specific areas. No daily or size limits for any fish caught privately owned ponds or lakes.**

### Paddlefish Regulations

Annual limit of 2

Harvest of paddlefish must be reported to Choctaw Nation Wildlife Conservation within 24 hours of harvest at 1-800-522-6170.

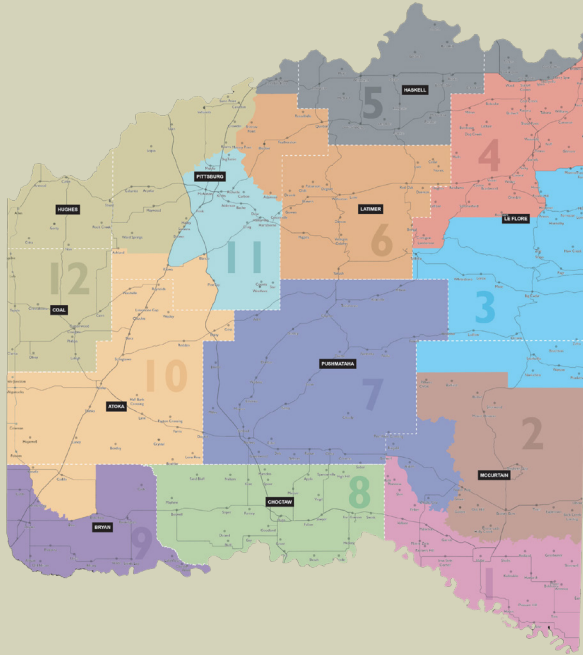
May only have possession of 1 paddlefish in the field.

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 full list of paddlefish and trout regulations go to [ChoctawNation.com/services/wildlife-conservation](http://ChoctawNation.com/services/wildlife-conservation)**



## Choctaw Nation

### Wildlife Conservation

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# CHOCTAW NATION 2023 - 2024

## HUNTING & FISHING REGULATIONS



# CHOCTAW NATION HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS

## FURBEARERS (Dec 1 - Feb 29)

Bobcat  
Red Fox & Gray Fox (See Code for Red Fox Restrictions)  
River Otter  
Badger, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, & Weasel  
Beaver, Raccoon, Nutria, Coyote, Striped Skunk (Year-round)  
**Mountain lions and Swift Fox cannot be harvested with the Reservation.**

\*No person shall hunt or harvest bobcat, fox, or river otter without first having procured a free permit from the Choctaw Nation Wildlife Conservation.

**Furbearer Permits may be obtained online through the Chahta Achvffa Member Portal.**

## RABBITS (Oct 1 - Mar 15)

Cottontail Rabbits  
Swamp Rabbits  
**Jack rabbits cannot be harvested within the Reservation.**

## SQUIRRELS (May 15 - Feb 28)

Fox Squirrel & Gray Squirrel

## FERAL HOGS (Year-round)

See Code for any restrictions.

## QUAIL (Nov 11 - Feb 15)

## DOVE

Sept 1 - Oct 31  
Dec 1 - Dec 29

## WATERFOWL

Nov 11 - Nov 26  
Dec 2 - Jan 28  
Youth, Veteran, Active Military Days (Nov 4, Feb 3)

**Migratory game birds are controlled by federal law, 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 (Apr 16 - May 16) (Bow & Shotgun)  
Turkey Fall Archery (Oct 1 - Jan 15)  
Youth Turkey (Apr 13 - Apr 14) (Bow & Shotgun)

## DEER

Archery (Oct 1 - Jan 15)  
Youth Gun (Oct 20 - Oct 22)  
Muzzleloader (Oct 28 - Nov 5)  
Gun (Nov 18 - Dec 3)  
Holiday Antlerless Deer Gun (Dec 18 - Dec 31)

# CHOCTAW NATION BLACK BEAR SEASONS & REGULATIONS

## BLACK BEARS (Combined season bag limit of 1 bear per person)

### Archery (Oct 1 - Oct 15)\*

### No Harvest Quota

### Muzzleloader (Oct 28 - Nov 5)\*

### 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 free permit from the Choctaw Nation Wildlife Conservation.

Upon harvesting a bear, all hunters must immediately call the Choctaw Nation Wildlife Conservation.

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 checked-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 Wildlife Conservation.

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 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.

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

# HUNTING & FISHING FAQ

## 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. Also, nonmembers with valid state-issued licenses are eligible to hunt in the reservation in accordance with applicable laws.

## What document(s) do Choctaw Tribal members 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.

**For bag limits, other hunting regulations, and full list of frequently asked questions, visit [ChoctawNation.com/services/wildlife-conservation](http://ChoctawNation.com/services/wildlife-conservation)**