
CHOCTAW NATION

HUNTING & FISHING

2026-2027 REGULATIONS



CHOCTAW NATION FISHING REGULATIONS

SPECIES

DAILY LIMIT SIZE LIMIT

BASS

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

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

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

1	None
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Harvest of Alligator gar must be reported to Choctaw Nation Wildlife Conservation within 24 hours of harvest at 1-800-522-6170. Take or harvest of alligator gar is prohibited May 1 -May 31.





SPECIES

**WALLEYE, SAUGER,
AND/OR SAUGEYE**

DAILY LIMIT SIZE LIMIT

6 (combined) 14 in. min.

TROUT

See local regulations

PADDLEFISH

See Paddlefish regulations

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.

**For full list of paddlefish and trout regulations go to
ChoctawNation.com/services/wildlife-conservation**

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.

CHOCTAW NATION BLACK BEAR

SEASONS & REGULATIONS

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

Archery (Oct 1 - Oct 18)*

No Harvest Quota

Muzzleloader (Oct 24 - Nov 1)*

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.

Black Bear Regulations

No person shall hunt or harvest black bear without first having procured a free permit from the Choctaw Nation Department of Wildlife Conservation (CNDWC).

Upon harvesting a bear, all hunters must immediately call the CNDWC.

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 CNDWC.

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 from August 1 - September 30.

CHOCTAW NATION HUNTING SEASONS & REGULATIONS

FURBEARERS

Bobcat, Red Fox, Gray Fox, River Otter, Badger, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, & Weasel

Dec 1 - Feb 28

Bobcat: No daily limit, season limit 20

Gray Fox / Red Fox: Daily combined limit 2, with no more than 1 red fox. Season combined limit 6, with no more than 2 red foxes.

River Otter: No daily limit, season limit 6.

Badger, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, Weasel: No limit

Beaver, Raccoon, Nutria, Coyote, Striped Skunk:

Year-round

No daily, season, or possession limit.

Mountain lions and Swift Fox cannot be harvested within the Reservation.

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

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



RABBITS

Cottontail, Swamp, & Jackrabbit

Oct 1 - Mar 15

Cottontail: 10 daily, 20 in possession after the first day.

Swamp: 3 daily, 6 in possession after the first day.

Jackrabbit: Cannot be taken within the Reservation.

SQUIRRELS

Fox Squirrel & Gray Squirrel

May 15 - Feb 28, Open to falconry year-round

Daily Limit: 25 fox and gray squirrels combined per day,
50 in possession after the first day.

FERAL HOGS (Year-round)

See Code for any restrictions.

QUAIL

Bobwhite & Scaled

Nov 14 - Feb 15

Daily Limit: 10 daily, 20 in possession after the first day.

DOVE

Mourning, White-Winged & Eurasian Collared

Sept 1 - Oct 31 • Dec 1 - Dec 29

Daily Limit: 15. May consist of any combination (aggregate) of mourning, white-winged, and Eurasian collared doves. However, there is no bag limit on Eurasian collared doves provided that the head or one fully feathered wing remains naturally attached to the carcass of all such birds while being transported to their final destination.

WATERFOWL

September Teal

Sept. 12 - Sept 26

Daily Limit: 6

Ducks & Mergansers

Nov 14 - Dec 6 • Dec 12 - Jan 31

Youth, Veteran, Active Military Days • Nov 7, Jan 30

Daily Limit: 6 combined of any species of duck. The daily limit may include no more than 5 mallards (only 2 may be hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 1 scaup, and 3 pintail. Mergansers are included in the duck daily limit.

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

Season limit is 1 tom turkey, regardless of method of take.

Turkey Spring (*Bow & Shotgun*)

Apr 16 - May 16

Turkey Fall Archery

Oct 1 - Jan 15

Youth Turkey (*Bow & Shotgun*)

Apr 10 - Apr 11





DEER

Combined season limit of 6, no more than 2 may be antlered.

Archery

Oct 1 - Jan 15

Limit: 6, no more than 2 may be antlered.

Youth Gun

Oct 16 - Oct 18

Limit: 2, no more than 1 may be antlered.

Muzzleloader

Oct 24 - Nov 1

Limit: 2, no more than 1 may be antlered.

Gun

Nov 21 - Dec 6

Limit: 2, no more than 1 may be antlered.

Holiday Antlerless Deer Gun

Dec 18 - Dec 31

Limit: 2 antlerless deer.

DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Proper Disposal of CWD Positive Cervid

Burial on site : Whenever possible, deer and elk carcasses should be buried on the property where they were harvested. Burial should be deep enough to prevent exposure to the surrounding environment by scavengers.

Leave in place : If burial is not possible where the deer or elk was harvested, the remains may be left on site. If CWD is already present on the property, prions are already present in that environment.

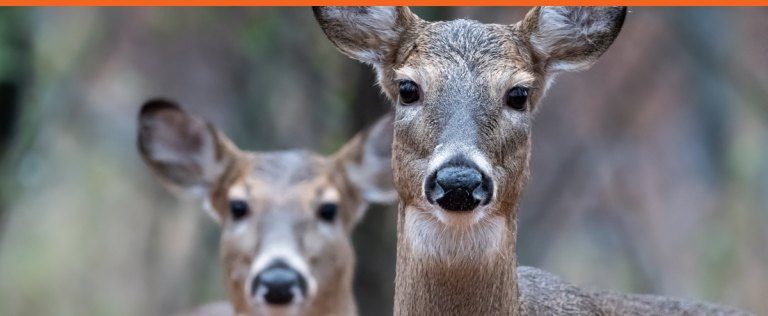
Choctaw Nation Department of Wildlife Conservation will be doing CWD testing within the Reservation.

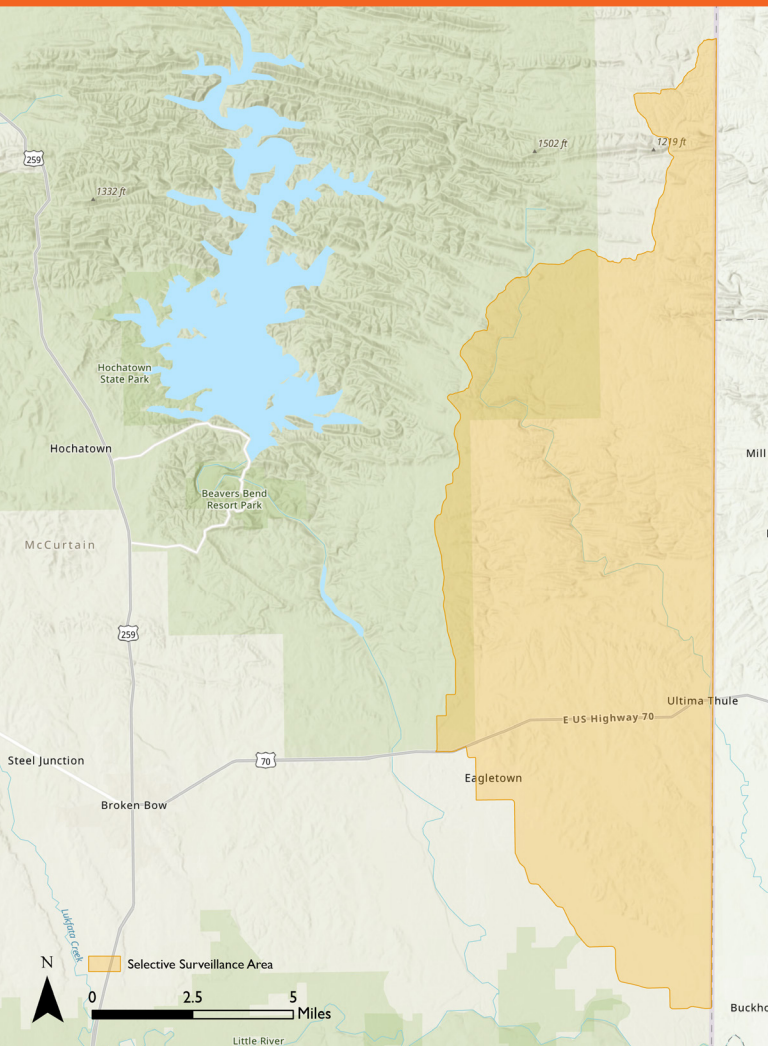
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CWD SELECTIVE SURVEILLANCE AREA

From a point of beginning south of Eagletown, McCurtain County: A Selective Surveillance Area (SSA) has been established and includes the area starting at Panki Bok Road at the Arkansas State Line, all Properties north and/or east of Panki Bok Road to the intersection of Parker Lane. All properties north of Parker Lane to Mudline Road. At Mudline Road, all properties east to the Main Street Intersection. From the Intersection of Mudline and Main, all properties north and east. The boundary continues to the intersection of US Highway 70. From the intersection, all properties north of US 70 until the intersection of Reid Road. The boundary continues to encompass all properties east of Reid Road to Tablerville Road(CC Road/Chisum Trail). All properties east of the Tablerville Road until the intersection of Weyerhaeuser 23000 Road(Pine Mountain Trail). All properties on the east and south sides of 23000 to Weyerhaeuser 20000 road are in the area. The boundary continues north and all properties east of 20000 to the Arkansas state line. The boundary continues to the intersection of Weyerhaeuser 20800 and all properties south of 20800 south to the original point of beginning to the Arkansas State line, are included in the CWD boundary.





FAQ

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

Tribal members as stated in the Five Tribe Wildlife Management Reciprocity Agreement 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.

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes announced in July 2024, the “Five Tribe Wildlife Management Reciprocity Agreement,” which enables Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole tribal members with licenses issued through their tribe the ability to hunt and fish on each of the participating tribe’s reservations.

Where can Choctaw Tribal members hunt?

Choctaw Tribal Members can hunt and fish within the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations with proof of tribal membership. Tribal members must have landowner permission to hunt private land and tribal members are responsible for any entry permits or fees required on public lands.

Can I harvest multiple limits on different reservations?

No, one aggregate and daily limit applies per person to harvests across all reservations per season and the entire State of Oklahoma.

What laws do I have to follow?

Tribal members/citizens must follow the licensure requirements of their tribe but must follow the wildlife regulations (e.g., bag limits, season, etc.) of the tribe whose reservation they are hunting, fishing, or trapping.



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 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 a game warden ticket me?

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.

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.

*Tribal members are responsible for any access permits and/or fees to utilize public land

TRIBAL WILDLIFE DEPARTMENTS



CHICKASAW NATION

<https://www.chickasaw.net/Services/Community-Services/Chickasaw-Nation-Fish-Wildlife-Service-Hunting-Program>

Email: CNRangers@Chickasaw.net



CHOCTAW NATION

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

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MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

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

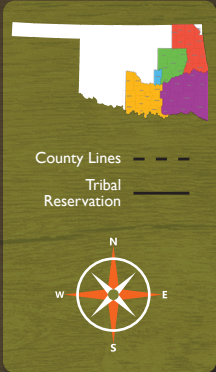
Email: wildlife@muscogeenation.com



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