



OSAGE NATION WILDLIFE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations Promulgated by
The Osage Nation Environmental and Natural Resources Department

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. FINDINGS

1. The Osage Nation Congress, pursuant to the enabling act of ONCA 12-68 enacted on April 28, 2014, vested in the Environmental and Natural Resources Department all power and authority to draft, promulgate, and implement regulations governing the management, use, and preservation of the Osage Nation's Natural Resources.

2. The future of wildlife conservation and regulation is of critical importance to the Osage Nation and necessary for the continued and efficient development of the Osage Nation's natural resources. The Osage Nation Environmental and Natural Resources Department takes very seriously its responsibility to protect the natural environment, which depends upon the conservation and preservation of wildlife. The Osage Nation through the Osage Nation Environmental and Natural Resources Department is fully committed to preserving and regulating wildlife for future generations and to ensure and enhance today's recreational opportunities and economic development opportunities within the reservation.

3. The Osage Nation finds that hunting and fishing regulations are a necessary component of wildlife conservation; and recognizes that wildlife conservation is vital to the health and welfare of the Osage Reservation's residents and to the vitality of the Osage Reservation economy.

4. The Osage Nation recognizes that certain lands have been either owned by or held in trust for the Osage Nation since the creation of the Osage Reservation and continuing to the present time.

5. All hunting, fishing, trapping and otherwise taking or transporting any wildlife located within the exterior boundary of the Osage Nation Reservation shall be completed in conformity with these regulations and federal law.

B. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Regulations:

1. “*Applicant*” means the person or entity that files an Application for a Permit or License with ENR.
2. “*Application*” means a formal request to ENR, as described herein, and the first step required engage in recreation hunting activities on Osage Nation properties.
3. “*Application Fee*” the fee required for filing an Application for a Permit or License, such fee to be assessed by ENR as identified on the applicable Permit or License form.
4. “*Archery*” Hunting with a compound bow, recurve bow, crossbow, longbow, self-bow set to a specific draw weight with specific arrow tips determined by specific hunting seasons.
5. “*Big Game*” means all species of deer, elk, and turkey.
6. “*Big Game Seasons*” means the dates of the seasons identified within the applicable Regulations Guide for big game to be taken.
7. “*Buck*” Any deer, regardless of sex, with at least three inches of antler length above the natural hairline on either side.
8. “*Congress*” means the Osage Nation Congress, the legislative branch of the Osage Nation.
9. “*Cultural or Religious Use*” means the use of wildlife by the Osage Nation or Osage Nation citizens for cultural or religious purposes.
10. “*Director*” means the Director or his/her authorized representative of the Osage Nation Environmental and Natural Resources Department.
11. “*Antlerless*” Any deer, regardless of sex, with less than three inches of antler length above the natural hairline on either side.
12. “*Eagle*” means any bald or golden eagle.
13. “*ENR*” or “*ENR Department*” means the Osage Nation Environmental and Natural Resources Department.
14. “*Executive*” means the Executive branch of the Osage Nation.
15. “*Feral Hog*” any hogs, including Russian and European wild boar, which are running at large, free-roaming or wild.
16. “*Furbearers*” all species of bobcat, river otter, raccoon, badger, gray fox, red fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, weasel, beaver, nutria, striped skunk, and coyote.
17. “*Game Fish*” means largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass; black and white crappie; rainbow and brown trout; sauger, saugeye and walleye; white and striped bass; blue and channel catfish.
18. “*License*” means the formal permission granted by the Osage Nation ENR Department creating the right to engage in recreational hunting and/or fishing activities on Osage Nation property.
19. “*Management Plan*” refers to the conservation plan as determined by the biological studies of the ENR Department for any individual regulated fish or wildlife within the Osage Nation Reservation.
20. “*Muzzleloader*” Hunting seasons that allow for muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading shotguns, or muzzleloading pistols. Excludes blackpowder firearms loaded from the breech.

- 1 **21.** “*Non-Game Fish*” means any species not listed as Game Fish as defined by this Section.
- 2 **22.** “*Notice*” means, unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, publication in a daily
- 3 or weekly newspaper once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks.
- 4 **23.** “*Official Sunrise*” means the official time of sunrise as determined and posted by the
- 5 Director annually.
- 6 **24.** “*Official Sunset*” means the official time of sunset as determined by timeanddate.com.
- 7 **25.** “*Osage Nation*” or “*Nation*” means the Osage Nation of Oklahoma and/or the Osage
- 8 Reservation.
- 9 **26.** “*Osage Nation Water*” or “*Nation’s Water*” means all bodies of water located within the
- 10 original boundaries of the Osage Reservation, whether on or under the surface of the ground,
- 11 or in man-made reservoirs.
- 12 **27.** “*Osage Reservation*” means that area of land originally established as a homeland for the
- 13 Osage Nation by the Act of Congress of June 5, 1872, 17 Stat. 228.
- 14 **28.** “*Open Season Dates*” means the dates and times set within the Regulation Guide of the
- 15 ENR Department in which specified species are allowed to be taken.
- 16 **29.** “*Outfitting*” means the leading of a group hunt for the purpose to taking wildlife.
- 17 **30.** “*Permit*” means the formal permission with or without restrictions granted by the Osage
- 18 Nation ENR Department that creates a valid right to engage in recreational hunting and/or
- 19 fishing activities.
- 20 **31.** “*Person*” means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, business or
- 21 public trust, governmental agency or any political subdivision thereof, municipalities, and
- 22 any other duly constituted legal entity.
- 23 **32.** “*Principal Chief*” means the Principal Chief of the Osage Nation.
- 24 **33.** “*Regulation Guide*” means the annual document published by the ENR Department for
- 25 the purposes of providing notice to persons taking wildlife within the Osage Nation
- 26 Reservation, which establishes season dates, take limits and other applicable notices for
- 27 hunting and fishing.
- 28 **34.** “*Resource Management*” means the regulation, preservation and responsible
- 29 management of all wildlife, including, but not limited to, biological studies, population
- 30 control and habitat preservation.
- 31 **35.** “*Season*” means the time of year designated for selected species as defined by these
- 32 Regulations.
- 33 **36.** “*Small Game*” means species of Rabbit, Squirrel, and other animals as may be
- 34 designated by the Director.
- 35 **37.** “*Small Game Season*” mean the dates and times set within the Regulation Guide of the
- 36 ENR Department in which small game are allowed to be taken.
- 37 **38.** “*State License or Permit*” means a validly issued state license or permit.
- 38 **39.** “*Turkey*” means any bearded turkey regardless of sex.
- 39 **40.** “*Wildlife*” means any wild animal, whether alive or dead, including without limitation,
- 40 any wild mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, mollusk, crustacean, arthropod, coelenterate
- 41 or other invertebrate, whether or not bred, hatched, or born in captivity, and includes any
- 42 part, product, egg or offspring thereof.
- 43 **41.** “*Wildlife Conservation Plan*” means the determinations and limitations set out within the
- 44 plan of the ENR Department for purposes of managing and conserving wildlife within the
- 45 Osage Nation Reservation.
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1 **C. GENERAL POLICIES**

- 2 1. Existing uses, established regulations and policies concerning wildlife, and relative
3 priorities concerning wildlife to the Osage Nation Water are to be protected and preserved.
4 2. These hunting regulations will be guided by the overall biological studies of the ENR
5 Department and the expected long-term conservation efforts, and the cumulative impacts of
6 existing populations of wildlife within the Osage Nation Reservation.
7 3. ENR will plan and develop a Wildlife Conservation Plan determining the maximum
8 number of permits to be issued each calendar year.
9 4. ENR will develop Management Plans for the conservation of individual fish and wildlife.
10 5. ENR will issue Regulation Guides for hunting and fishing annually.
11 6. All land, water, or other resource strategies, decisions, or regulations shall consider the
12 potential effect on all of the Nation's natural resources.
13 7. All land, water, or other resource strategies, decisions, or regulations shall consider the
14 potential effect on all Reservation natural resources.
15 8. All wildlife conservation decisions are subject to periodic consideration and annual
16 review for their effect on resources and values of the Nation.
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18 **D. DUTIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

19 The Osage Nation has declared the ENR Department as the primary enforcement and
20 management agency responsible for controlling the Nation's natural resources, including:

- 21 1. Overseeing the management, use, and preservation of wildlife;
22 2. Administer and issue these Wildlife Conservation Regulations.
23 3. Issue annual Regulation Guides.
24 4. Develop Management Plans for the conservation of individual fish and wildlife.
25 5. Approving or disapproving Permits or Licenses to engage in hunting and fishing
26 activities on Osage Nation properties;
27 6. Conducting administrative hearings regarding Applications for Permits or Licenses and
28 disputes regarding denial of applications;
29 7. Adopting such additional rules, regulations, Permit and License forms, and additional
30 materials as necessary to interpret and execute its authority;
31 8. Advising the Nation on all aspects of these Regulations and wildlife within the Osage
32 Nation Reservation; and
33 9. Organizing and operating its offices in order to discharge its duties and responsibilities
34 effectively.
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36 **E. OSAGE NATION GAME WARDEN**

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40 **SECTION 2.**
41 **LICENSING**
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43 **A. LICENSES TO HUNT AND FISH**

- 44 1. *When License Required.* No Person shall hunt or fish on Osage Nation property or
45 undertake any activity affecting or involving wildlife within the Osage Nation Reservation
46 without first obtaining a License from the ENR Department.

1 **2. When License Not Required.** The Osage Nation will honor and accept all valid State of
2 Oklahoma issued hunting and fishing licenses and Oklahoma Lifetime Hunting and Fishing
3 License. Persons possessing a valid hunting and fishing license from the State of Oklahoma
4 are still required to apply for permit in order hunt or fish within the Osage Nation
5 Reservation.

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7 **SECTION 3.**
8 **LICENSE APPLICATIONS**
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10 **A. APPLICATION**

11 **1. Application Form.** Applications for Hunting and Fishing Licenses shall be made on
12 forms developed by ENR and available at the ENR offices and other authorized places as
13 identified by ENR.

14 **2. Submission of Application.** Applications shall be delivered to ENR via hand-delivery
15 during normal business hours or via U.S. Mail at the address listed on the form.

16 **3. Application Fee.** An Application Fee as identified on the Application shall accompany
17 each License. Application fees shall be periodically determined by ENR, used in part to
18 defray the cost of reviewing the Application, and may be waived by ENR, in its sole
19 discretion.
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22 **SECTION 4.**
23 **HUNTING & FISHING PERMITS & FIELD TAGS**
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25 **A. PERMIT PROCESS**

26 **1. Permits.** Permits are issued in accordance with the Wildlife Conservation Plan of the
27 ENR Department.

28 **2. Permit Fee.** The Permit Fee as identified on the schedule of the Application shall be paid
29 upon return of the permit to the applicant. Permit fees shall be periodically determined by
30 ENR, used in part to defray the cost of reviewing permits, and may be waived by ENR, in its
31 sole discretion.

32 **3. Restrictions and Limitations.** ENR may prescribe restrictions and limitations for each
33 permit issued in accordance with the Wildlife Conservation Plan.
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35 **B. PERMIT REQUIRED**

36 **1. Hunting.** All individuals hunting on Osage Nation property are required to obtain a
37 permit from the ENR Department prior to harvesting any wildlife as defined by these
38 regulations. Each individual is bound to the restrictions and limitations of the permit issued.

39 **2. Fishing.** All individuals fishing in waters within the Osage Nation Reservation are
40 required to obtain a daily fishing permit. Each individual is bound to the restrictions and
41 limitations of the permit issued.

42 **3. Permits Retained.** Each individual issued a permit pursuant to these regulations are
43 required to retain the hard copy of the permit(s) on their person at all times while
44 participating in hunting or fishing activities within the Osage Nation Reservation. The Osage
45 Nation does not provide electronic permits, and therefore, electronic versions including but
46 not limited to pictures of any permit shall not be accepted by law enforcement.

1 **4. Permit Violations.** Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a civil or
2 criminal penalty as defined by offenses and fine schedule of the Osage Nation Wildlife
3 Offenses Code.
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5 **C. FIELD TAGGING & CHECKING REQUIREMENTS**

6 **1. Field Tags.** Field Tags may be any item so long as the tag contains the information
7 required below.

8 **2. Immediate Tagging.** All hunters who harvest Big Game wildlife on Osage Nation
9 property must immediately attach their name, license number, date, and time of harvest to the
10 carcass. The Field Tag shall remain attached to the carcass until checked-in as described
11 below.

12 **3. Check-In.** All Big Game wildlife harvested on Osage Nation property must be checked-in
13 with the staff of either the Environmental and Natural Resources Department, Osage Nation
14 Police Department, or the Wildland Fire Department within twenty-four (24) hours of
15 leaving the area in which the wildlife was harvested.

16 **4. Failure to Tag or Check In.** Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a
17 civil or criminal penalty as defined by offenses and fine schedule of the Osage Nation
18 Wildlife Offenses Code.
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21 **SECTION 5.**

22 **APPLICATIONS REVIEWS, DENIALS, RECONSIDERATION AND APPEALS**

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24 **A. REVIEW AND DECISION**

25 **1. Application Review.** Within ninety (90) days of receipt of an Application as prescribed
26 by these regulations, ENR shall review each Application and approve or deny the
27 Application after a determination of whether:

- 28 **a.** The Application is complete or if more information is required;
29 **b.** If Applicant has a valid state issued driver's license;
30 **c.** If Applicant has a valid hunting and fishing license (state or lifetime); and
31 **d.** Whether Applicant has ever violated a hunting or fishing law or regulation or
32 been convicted of a crime involving wildlife.

33 **2. Approval or Denial of an Application.** After ninety (90) days, ENR shall render a written
34 decision on the Application:

- 35 **a.** Approving the License without conditions;
36 **b.** Approving the License with conditions;
37 **c.** Denying the License; or
38 **d.** Staying a decision pending receipt of additional data or information or correction
39 of Application errors.

40 **4. Denial of Permit or License.** ENR shall issue a reasoned decision if the Application is
41 denied under Section (B)(2)(c) of these Regulations.

42 **5. Staying a Decision Pending Receipt of Additional Information.** Should ENR stay a
43 decision on an Application pending receipt of additional data or information or correction of
44 Application errors under Section A(2)(d) hereof, ENR shall issue a Notice of Additional
45 Information or Deficiency. If the Application is defective as to form, the Notice of
46 Additional Information or Deficiency shall advise the Applicant of the corrections,

1 amendments, or changes required and thirty (30) days shall be allowed for the refiling
2 thereof.

3 **6. *Failure to Provide Additional Information.*** If the Application is not corrected, amended
4 or changed within the time required, ENR may inactivate the Application. If an Applicant
5 does not correct an Application as instructed by ENR, and no further proceedings are
6 initiated by the Applicant for six (6) months after the Notice of Additional Information or
7 Deficiency, the Application shall be deemed withdrawn.

8 **7. *Issuance of License.*** If the Application is approved, ENR shall issue the License the
9 subject of an Application within ten (10) days of approval.

10 **8. *Term of Licenses.*** All Licenses shall be valid from January 1st to December 31st (unless
11 otherwise noted).

12 **9. *Renewal Licenses.*** Licenses may be renewed for the following year of the initial License
13 upon request and payment of the applicable fee, unless ENR shall determine in its sole and
14 reasonable discretion, that the License renewal is not in the best interest of the Nation. Any
15 denial of a renewal License may be reconsidered and appealed pursuant to subsections B and
16 C below.

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18 **B. RECONSIDERATION**

19 **10. *Request for Reconsideration.*** An Applicant may seek reconsideration of any ENR
20 decision by resubmitting the Application to ENR with a letter stating the reasons for
21 reconsideration and any additional information.

22 **11. *Decision Upon Reconsideration.*** ENR shall issue a written decision upon reconsideration
23 of an Application within sixty (60) days, following the same process established in Section
24 5(A)(2) of these Regulations.

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26 **C. APPEAL**

27 **12. *Appeal of Denial Upon Reconsideration.*** If the Application is denied upon
28 reconsideration, the Applicant may seek review of the denial in Osage Nation Trial Court
29 pursuant to Osage Nation Rules of Civil Procedure.

30 **13. *Representation of the Nation's Interest.*** The Osage Nation Attorney General's Office
31 shall represent the Nation's and ENR's interests in any appeal.

32 **14. *Exhaustion.*** No person may seek review by the Osage Nation Trial Court of a decision or
33 ruling of ENR unless such person has first exhausted all appeal rights provided by these
34 Regulations. Additionally, with respect to any appeal of a denial of an Application by ENR,
35 no such appeal may be heard by or filed with the Osage Nation Trial Court unless the person
36 the subject of the denial shall have first sought reconsideration of the denial with the ENR
37 Department.

38 **15. *Standard Review.*** Unless otherwise provided for under the laws of the Osage Nation,
39 appeals shall be limited to review of the record before the ENR Department.

40 **16. *Administrative Record.*** Upon receipt of service of the complaint, ENR shall certify and
41 transmit to the Clerk of the Osage Nation Trial Court the administrative record, including the
42 Application, all documents, things, transcripts and other information which formed the basis
43 for the decision or ruling being appealed.

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45 **SECTION 6.**
46 **GENERAL HUNTING PROCEDURES & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

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2 **A. ALL HUNTING**

3 **1. Hunter Orange Required.** Deer Hunters participating in rifle and muzzleloader season
4 must wear both a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both totaling at
5 least 400 square inches of hunter orange that are clearly visible. Camouflage hunter orange
6 is legal as long as there are at least 400 square inches of hunter orange. Deer hunters using
7 archery equipment in any hunting area must conspicuously wear either a head covering or an
8 outer garment above the waistline consisting of hunter orange. All other hunters, including
9 trappers must wear either head covering or upper garment of hunter orange while hunting
10 during deer rifle and muzzleloader season.

11 **2. Shooting Hours.** Shooting hours are one-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour
12 after official sunset.

13 **3. Legal Means of Attracting Wildlife.** Salt or mineral blocks, sardines or other lures used
14 for trapping fish and commercial scents such as but not limited to doe in estrous (heat).

15 **4. Baiting Prohibited.** The use of bait or hunting over bait and baiting is strictly prohibited
16 on lands owned and managed by the Osage Nation, unless permission is granted by the
17 Director.

18 **5. Illegal Means of Attracting Wildlife.** Using unauthorized devices, or non-approved
19 clothing during specified hunting seasons.
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21 **B. DUMPING OF WILDLIFE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** No person shall dump any carcass of any
22 dead wildlife in any well, spring, pond, or stream of water or leave a carcass with ¼ mile of
23 any occupied dwelling or public highway. Each person shall bury any wildlife carcass in an
24 appropriate manner where it is unlikely to become exposed through erosion of the soil or
25 where such land is subject to overflow.
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27 **C. OUTFITTING STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** No person shall lead an organized group hunt within
28 the Osage Nation Reservation unless expressly permitted by the ENR Department.
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30 **D. ILLEGAL DEVICES FOR BIG GAME HUNTING.** The following devices are strictly prohibited:

31 **1.** Laser sights (unless certified 100% disabled or legally blind)

32 **2.** Thermal tracking devices

33 **3.** Light enhancement devices (including night scopes) from sunset to sunrise.
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35 **E. RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY.** Each individual is required to sign a *Release and*
36 *Waiver of Liability and Claims* prior to entering the property of the Osage Nation for
37 purposes of hunting and fishing pursuant to these regulations.
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40 **SECTION 7.**
41 **BIG GAME HUNTING**
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43 **A. DEER GUN AND RIFLE SEASON & PROCEDURES**

44 **1. Permits.** Permits are issued pursuant to Section 4 of these regulations and in accordance
45 with the Wildlife Conservation Plan of the ENR Department.

46 **2. Open Dates:** As determined by the Regulation Guide for Big Game.

- 1 **3. Shooting Hours.** The hours for shooting Turkey are one-half hour before official sunrise
2 to one-half hour after official sunset.
- 3 **4. Hunter Orange** Hunter Orange will be required as described in Section 6.
- 4 **5. Legal Means of Taking Deer during Gun and Rifle Season include:**
 - 5 **a. Rifles.** Centerfire rifles firing at least a 55-grain weight soft-nosed or hollow
6 point bullet and having an overall cartridge case length of 1.25 inches or longer.
7 Clips or magazines of all .22 caliber centerfire firearms may not be capable of
8 holding more than seven rounds of ammunition.
 - 9 **b. Shotguns.** 20-gauge or larger, firing a single rifled slug.
 - 10 **c. Centerfire handguns.** Chambered for .24 caliber or larger and 100 grain or
11 heavier soft-nosed bullet having an overall cartridge case length of 1.25 inches or
12 longer (.357 or larger) and a minimum barrel length of 4 inches.
 - 13 **d. Semi-Automatic Handguns.** Chambered for any centerfire ammunition with a
14 100-grain or heavier soft-nosed bullet and having a cartridge case size of .40
15 caliber or larger with a minimum barrel length of 4 inches. This includes 10mm,
16 .357 Sig, and 40 cal. or larger with a minimum barrel length of 4 inches.
 - 17 **e. Handguns.** Handguns chambered for any center-fire rifle ammunition;
18 chambered for any centerfire rifle ammunition using at least a 55-grain soft-nose
19 bullet and having an overall cartridge case length of 1.25 inches or longer and a
20 minimum barrel length of 4 inches.
 - 21 **f. Archery.** Equipment described below in Section D.
 - 22 **g. Suppressors (Silencers):** Hunters are allowed to use legally acquired and
23 possessed suppressors on both private and public lands.
24 Illegal devices: Fully automatic firearms, laser sights (unless certified 100%
25 disabled or legally blind) thermal tracking devices, and light enhancement
26 devices (including night scopes) from sunset to sunrise.
- 27 **6. Guns and Rifles Prohibited.** The following guns and or rifle are prohibited:
 - 28 **a.** Nine millimeter (9mm) Rifles.
 - 29 **b.** Any other type of gun or rifle not described as a legal means of taking deer.
- 30 **7. Limitations.** No person shall take or harvest more deer than prescribed by the limitations
31 of their permit.

32 33 **B. DEER MUZZLELOADER SEASON & PROCEDURES**

- 34 **1. Permits.** Permits are issued pursuant to Section 4 of these regulations and in accordance
35 with the Wildlife Conservation Plan of the ENR Department.
- 36 **2. Open Dates:** As determined by the Regulation Guide for Big Game.
- 37 **3. Shooting Hours.** The hours for shooting Turkey are one-half hour before official sunrise
38 to one-half hour after official sunset.
- 39 **4. Hunter Orange Required.** Hunter Orange will be required as describe in Section 6.
- 40 **5. Legal means of taking deer by Primitive Firearm:**
 - 41 **a.** Muzzleloading rifles;
 - 42 **b.** Muzzleloading shotguns;
 - 43 **c.** Muzzleloading pistols;
 - 44 **d.** .40 caliber or larger rifle or pistol;
 - 45 **e.** 20-guage or larder shotgun, firing a single slug or ball that is loaded from the
46 muzzle.

1 **6. Firearm Restriction.** No person shall carry or use any modern firearm in conjunction with
2 any legal primitive firearm (muzzleloaders as defined above) during the primitive firearm
3 (muzzleloader) deer season while hunting deer. Blackpowder firearms loaded from the
4 breech, laser sights (unless certified 100% disabled or legally blind) thermal tracking devices,
5 and light enhancement devices (including nightscopes) from sunset to sunrise will not be
6 allowed.

7 **7. Limitations.** No person shall take or harvest more deer than prescribed by the limitations
8 of their permit.
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10 **C. DEER ARCHERY SEASON & PROCEDURES**

11 **1. Permits.** Permits are issued pursuant to Section 4 of these regulations and in accordance
12 with the Wildlife Conservation Plan of the ENR Department.

13 **2. Open Dates:** As determined by the Regulation Guide for Big Game.

14 **3. Shooting Hours.** The hours for shooting Turkey are one-half hour before official sunrise
15 to one-half hour after official sunset.

16 **4. Hunter Orange Required.** Hunter Orange will be required as described in Section 6.

17 **5. Deer Legal Bows.** The following are legal means of taking deer:

18 **a. Bow.** A compound bow of thirty (30) pounds or more draw weight; any recurve,
19 longbow or self-bow or forty (40) pounds or more draw weight; or hand-held
20 release bows; or devices that permit a bow to be held mechanically at full or
21 partial draw.

22 **b. Broadheads,** Arrows/bolts that must be fitted with hunting type points not less
23 than 7/8 inches wide, including mechanical broadheads meeting the width
24 requirement when fully open.

25 **c. Crossbows.** A bow of with a minimum one-hundred (100) pound draw weight
26 bow equipped with safety devices with a minimum of fourteen (14) inch length
27 bolts; or a leverage gaining device.

28 **2. Firearms Prohibited.** No person may carry or use any firearm in conjunction with archery
29 equipment during archery season while deer hunting with the exception of handguns strictly
30 carried for purposes of protection as defined above in Section 7(2).

31 **3. Limitations.** No person shall take or harvest more deer than prescribed by the limitations
32 of their permit.
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34 **F. TURKEY HUNTING**

35 **1. Permits.** Permits are issued pursuant to Section 4 of these regulations and in accordance
36 with the Wildlife Conservation Plan of the ENR Department.

37 **2. Fall Season dates:** As determined by the Regulation Guide for Big Game.

38 **6. Spring Season dates:** As determined by the Regulation Guide for Big Game.

39 **3. Shooting Hours.** The hours for shooting Turkey are one-half hour before official sunrise
40 to one-half hour after official sunset.

41 **4. Hunter Orange Required.** Hunter Orange will be required as describe in Section 6.

42 **5. Legal Means of taking Turkey.** The following devices are legal means of taking Turkey:

43 **a.** Legal Bows as defined above in Deer Archery, Section 7(C).

44 **b.** Rifles including centerrifles, .22 Magnum rimfire, 5 mm Magnum rimfire, .17
45 HMR and .17 Winchester Super Magnum.

- 1 c. Muzzleloaders including muzzleloader rifles and handguns of .36 caliber or
2 larger.
3 d. Shotguns including conventional or muzzleloading, using a shot no larger than
4 BB (.180 of an inch in diameter).
5 e. Handguns including centerfire, .22 Magnum rimfire, 5 mm magnum rimfire and
6 .17 HMR.
- 7 **6. Identification of Turkey.** Evidence of sex (one leg with foot) or beard shall remain on the
8 Turkey until it has been checked. Beards on hens must remain intact and not removed from
9 the Turkey until the bird has reached its final destination.
- 10 **7. Illegal Means of taking Turkey.** The following firearms are strictly prohibited:
11 a. Rimfire handguns; and
12 b. Any other type of firearm not specifically identified herein.
- 13 **8. Decoys & Primitive Calling Devices.** Artificial decoys and primitive calling devices are
14 permitted for the taking of Turkey.
- 15 **9. Taking of Turkey near Crops.** The taking of Turkey over standing crops, properly
16 shucked on the field where grown or grain found naturally scattered solely as the result of
17 normal agricultural operations is legal and permitted.
- 18 **10. Baiting Strictly Prohibited.** Turkeys shall not be hunted or taken within one-hundred
19 (100) yards of any bait. Baiting is the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering
20 of shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain or feed as to constitute a lure,
21 attractions or enticement, on or over any area where hunters are attempting to take Turkey.
- 22 **11. Other Prohibitions.** The following is strictly prohibited for means of taking Turkey:
23 a. Live decoys;
24 b. Recorded calls;
25 c. Roost shooting;
26 d. The use of any smartphone or electronic device for calling turkey;
27 e. And other prohibitions as determined by the Director.
- 28 **12. Guns and Rifles Prohibited.** The following guns and or rifle are prohibited:
29 a. Nine millimeter (9mm) Rifles.
30 b. Any other type of gun or rifle not described as a legal means of taking wildlife.
- 31 **13. Limitations.** No person shall take or harvest more wildlife than prescribed by the
32 limitations of their permit.
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34 **G. ELK**

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43 **SECTION 8.** 44 **BIG GAME HUNTING PERMITS & LOTTERY**

45 46 **A. PERMIT APPLICATION & DRAWING FOR BIG GAME**

- 1 **1. Permit Application Forms.** Applications for Hunting Permits of Big Game as defined by
2 these regulations shall be made on forms developed by ENR and available at the ENR offices
3 and other authorized places as identified by ENR.
- 4 **2. Permit Application Number.** Each Permit Application shall be assigned a number by the
5 ENR Department according to applicable policy and procedure. The applicant will not know
6 their applicant number, and a number will not be assigned to an applicant name.
- 7 **3. Denial of Application.** ENR shall issue a reasoned decision if the Application is denied
8 under Section 5(A)(2)(c) of these Regulations.
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10 **B. LOTTERY & DRAWING**

- 11 **1. Lottery.** The Director shall post the date and time of the lottery on the Osage Nation
12 website. Each Application will be submitted into a drawing according to the policy and
13 procedure of the ENR Department wherein the amount of applicants will be put into a double
14 blind drawing.
- 15 **2. Posting of Applicant Numbers.** Prior to the drawing, the ENR Department will post the
16 Applicant Numbers identifying the names of each applicant.
- 17 **3. Limited Number of Permits.** The number of permits issued shall be in accordance with the
18 Wildlife Conservation Plan of the ENR Department and any restrictions or limitations set
19 therein.
- 20 **4. Drawing for Sections:** The ENR Department shall also conduct a drawing for the
21 applicant winners to determine which section or area the hunter/team is permitted to hunt.
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23 **SECTION 9.** 24 **SMALL GAME HUNTING** 25

26 **D. RABBIT HUNTING**

- 27 **1. Permits.** Permits are issued pursuant to Section 4 of these regulations and in accordance
28 with the Wildlife Conservation Plan of the ENR Department.
- 29 **2. Open Dates:** As determined by the Regulation Guide for Small Game.
- 30 **3. Shooting Hours.** The hours for shooting Rabbit are one-half hour before official sunrise
31 to one-half hour after official sunset.
- 32 **4. Legal Means of Taking Rabbit.** The following are legal means to taking:
 - 33 **a. Rifles,** conventional or muzzleloading.
 - 34 **b. Shotgun,** conventional or muzzleloading.
 - 35 **c. Legal Raptors.**
 - 36 **d. Hand-propelled missile.**
 - 37 **e. Air-propelled missile.**
 - 38 **f. Slingshot.**
 - 39 **g. Handguns.** Handguns chambered for any centerfire rifle ammunition; chambered
40 for any centerfire rifle ammunition using at least a 55-grain soft-nose bullet and
41 having an overall cartridge case length of 1.25 inches or longer and a minimum
42 barrel length of 4 inches.
 - 43 **h. Archery.** Legal means of archery as defined by these regulations.
- 44 **5. Guns and Rifles Prohibited.** The following guns and or rifle are prohibited:
 - 45 **a. Nine millimeter (9mm) Rifles.**
 - 46 **b. Any other type of gun or rifle not described as a legal means of taking wildlife.**

1 **6. Limitations.** No person shall take or harvest more wildlife than prescribed by the
2 limitations of their permit.
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4 **E. SQUIRREL HUNTING**

5 **1. Permits.** Permits are issued pursuant to Section 4 of these regulations and in accordance
6 with the Wildlife Conservation Plan of the ENR Department.

7 **2. Open Dates:** As determined by the Regulation Guide for Small Game.

8 **3. Shooting Hours.** The hours for shooting Squirrel are one-half hour before official sunrise
9 to one-half hour after official sunset.

10 **4. Hunter Orange Required.** Hunter Orange will be required as describe in Section 6

11 **5. Legal Means of Taking Squirrel.** The following are legal means to taking:

12 **a. Rifles,** conventional or muzzleloading.

13 **b. Shotgun,** conventional or muzzleloading.

14 **c. Legal Raptors.**

15 **d. Hand-propelled missile.**

16 **e. Air-propelled missile.**

17 **f. Slingshot.**

18 **g. Handguns.** Handguns chambered for any centerfire rifle ammunition; chambered
19 for any centerfire rifle ammunition using at least a 55-grain soft-nose bullet and
20 having an overall cartridge case length of 1.25 inches or longer and a minimum
21 barrel length of 4 inches.

22 **h. Archery.** Equipment described below in Section 7, Big Game.

23 **6. Guns and Rifles Prohibited.** The following guns and or rifle are prohibited:

24 **a. Nine millimeter (9mm) Rifles.**

25 **b. Any other type of gun or rifle not described as a legal means of taking wildlife.**

26 **7. Limitations.** No person shall take or harvest more wildlife than prescribed by the
27 limitations of their permit.
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30 **SECTION 10.** 31 **UPLAND GAME**

33 **A. QUAIL HUNTING**

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37 **B. PHEASANT HUNTING**

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41 **SECTION 11.** 42 **MIGRATORY BIRDS**

44 **A. DOVE**

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3 **B. WATERFOWL**
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7 **SECTION 12.**
8 **FURBEARERS**
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12 **SECTION 13.**
13 **FERAL HOG HUNTING PERMITS & TOURNAMENTS**
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15 **A. FERAL HOG HUNTING**

16 **1. *Permit Required.*** Permits are issued pursuant to Section 4 of these regulations and in
17 accordance with the Wildlife Conservation Plan of the ENR Department.

18 **2. *Dates:*** Year-round.

19 **3. *Shooting Hours.*** The hours for shooting Feral Hog will be determined by drawing, either
20 official sunrise to sunset or official sunset to sunrise.

21 **4. *Legal Means of Taking Feral Hog.*** The following are legal means of taking feral hog:

22 **a.** Rifles – Any rifle smaller than a .50 caliber round.

23 **b.** Shotguns – Any gauge is allowed and a plug is not required.

24 **c.** Handguns – Centerfire and semi-automatic allowed.

25 **5. *Hunting Sections:*** The Director shall develop and prescribe hunting sections and/or are
26 for feral hog hunting.

27 **6. *Limitations.*** No person shall take or harvest more wildlife than prescribed by the
28 limitations of their permit.
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30 **B. APPLICATION FOR FERAL HOG TOURNAMENT**

31 **1. *Permit Application Forms.*** Applications for hunting in the Feral Hog Tournament shall
32 be made on forms developed by ENR and available at the ENR office and other authorized
33 places as identified by ENR.

34 **2. *Team Applications:*** Team Applications shall be made on forms developed by ENR and
35 may be available upon determination by the ENR Director.

36 **3. *Permit Application Number.*** Each Permit Application shall be assigned a number by the
37 ENR Department according to applicable policy and procedure. The applicant will not know
38 their applicant number, and a number will not be assigned to an applicant name.

39 **4. *Denial of Application.*** ENR shall issue a reasoned decision if the Application is denied
40 under Section 5(A)(2)(c) of these Regulations.
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42 **C. LOTTERY & DRAWING**

43 **1. *Lottery.*** The Director shall post the date and time of the drawing on the Osage Nation
44 website. Each Application and/or Team Application will be submitted into a drawing
45 according to the policy and procedure of the ENR Department wherein the amount of
46 applicants will be put into a double blind drawing.

2. *Posting of Applicant Numbers.* Prior to the drawing, the ENR Department will post the Applicant Numbers identifying the names of each applicant and/or team.
3. *Limited Number of Permits.* The number of permits issued shall be in accordance with the Wildlife Conservation Plan of the ENR Department and any restrictions or limitations set therein.
4. *Drawing for Sections:* The ENR Department shall also conduct a drawing for the applicant winners to determine which section or area the hunter/team is permitted to hunt.

D. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

1. *Dates:* As determined and posted by the Director.
2. *Shooting Hours.* The hours for shooting Feral Hog will be determined by drawing, either official sunrise to sunset or official sunset to sunrise.
3. *Legal Means of Taking Feral Hog.* The following are legal means of taking feral hogs:
 - a. *Rifles* – Any rifle smaller than a .50 caliber round.
 - b. *Shotguns* – Any gauge is allowed and a plug is not required.
 - c. *Handguns* – Centerfire and semi-automatic allowed.
 - d. *Archery* – All bows per section 7 allowed
4. *Guns and Rifles Prohibited.* The following guns and or rifle are prohibited:
 - a. Fully automatic firearms
 - b. Any other type of gun or rifle not described as a legal means of taking wildlife.
5. *General Hunting Procedures.* All hunters are required to abide by the General Hunting Procedures of Section 6 of these regulations.

SECTION 14. FISHING LICENSES, PERMITS, & METHODS OF TAKING

A. FISHING LICENSES

1. *Fishing Licenses Required.* All Osage Nation Fishing Licenses are issued pursuant to Section 3 of these regulations and are valid only for the time period specified.
2. *Applicability.* Fishing Licensing activities apply to Game and Non-Game Fish as defined by these regulations.
3. *Exemptions.* The following persons are exempt:
 - a. Osage Nation members under 16 years old.
 - b. Non-Osage Nation members under 14 years old.
 - c. Resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents, grandparents, children and their spouses who fish in private ponds on land owned or leased by such owner or tenant.
 - d. Osage Nation members 65 years and older.
 - e. Osage Nation Disabled Veterans with 60 percent or more disability.
4. *Restrictions.* Fishing Licenses may be restricted according to the Wildlife Conservation Plan of the ENR Department.

B. FISHING PERMITS

1. *Permit Required.* Permits are issued pursuant to Section 4 of these regulations and in accordance with the Wildlife Conservation Plan of the ENR Department.
2. *Daily Permit.* Permits for fishing are issued for one (1) day only.

1 **3. Restrictions.** Fishing permits are restricted to the area identified on the permit and any
2 other applicable restrictions developed and identified on the permit by the ENR Department.
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4 **C. LEGAL METHODS OF TAKING FOR GAME AND NON-GAME FISH**

5 **1. Rod and Reel.** A person may use up to seven (7) rods while fishing unless restricted
6 further under these regulations.

7 **2. Trotline/Throwlines.** Trotlines/throwlines are restricted to no more than three (3) lines
8 and one-hundred (100) hooks per person. A legal trotline/throwline has:

- 9 **a.** no glass or metallic floating device on the line;
- 10 **b.** no metallic posts in the water for attachment;
- 11 **c.** lines made of nonmetallic material only;
- 12 **d.** hooks at least twenty-four (24) inches apart;
- 13 **e.** owner's name and address attached to each line;
- 14 **f.** been attended at least every twenty-four (24) hours; and
- 15 **g.** not been set within 3 feet of surface of water at any point beyond 6 feet
16 from either point of attachment.

17 **3. Jugline.** Juglines are restricted to no more than five (5) hooks per line and twenty (20)
18 juglines per person. A legal jugline is a vertical line suspended from a nonmetallic or non-
19 glass floating device, drifting free or anchored and has:

- 20 **a.** owner's name and address attached; and
- 21 **b.** been attended at least once every twenty-four (24) hours.

22 **4. Limbline.** Limblines are restricted to no more than two (2) hooks per line and twenty (20)
23 limblines per person. A legal limbline is a line attached to a limb, branch, other natural
24 object, or non-metallic manmade material and has:

- 25 **a.** owner's name and address attached; and
- 26 **b.** been attended at least once every twenty-four (24) hours.

27 **5. Yo-Yos.** Yo-yos are restricted to no more than twenty (20) per person and shall:

- 28 **a.** have the owner's name and address attached;
- 29 **b.** not be left unattended for more than six (6) hours;
- 30 **c.** not be strung or suspended from any horizontal line across any channel or
31 navigable waterway;
- 32 **d.** have no more than ten (10) yo-yos attached from one line or support;
- 33 **e.** not have metallic material in lines used for attachment;
- 34 **f.** have lines no greater than fifty (50) feet in length and must be placed or
35 suspended without restricting or impeding boat traffic. Lines must be visible to
36 boats at all times, day or night.

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38 **D. LEGAL METHODS OF TAKING FOR NON-GAME FISH**

39 **1. Bow and Arrow.** Bowfishing may be used to take non-game fish only, throughout the
40 year in all waters unless otherwise restricted by notice of the ENR Department. Legal
41 bowfishing is restricted to:

- 42 **a.** any bow (including a crossbow); and
- 43 **b.** devices that permit a bow to be held mechanically at full or partial draw are
44 permitted.

45 **2. Gigs, Spear and Speargun.** Gigs and spears are legal for taking non-game fish and white
46 bass only. Gigs, Spears and spearguns shall:

- 1 a. not contain more than three (3) points with no more than two (2) barbs on each
2 point; and
3 b. be lawful in all rivers and streams from Dec. 1 through March 31, and year-round
4 in all reservoirs, unless restricted by the ENR Department.
5 **3. Snagging.** Snagging, the dragging of one single hook or one treble hook attached to a
6 fishing line through the water to impale fish, shall be lawful in all waters year-round for non-
7 game fish only unless otherwise restricted by notice of the ENR Department. Only one rod or
8 pole per angler is allowed while snagging.
9 **4. Noodling.** Noodling is the taking of non-game fish and catfish by use of hands only.
10 Possession of hooks, gaff hooks, spears, poles with hooks attached or ropes with hooks
11 attached while in the act of noodling shall be proof of violation of the “hands only” noodling
12 law. Noodling shall be lawful year-round in all waters during daylight hours only unless
13 otherwise restricted by notice of the ENR Department.
14 **5. Seines, Cast Nets, Trawls and Dip Nets (Noncommercial).** Seining, cast netting, trawling
15 and dip netting bait for personal use is lawful unless otherwise restricted by notice of the
16 ENR Department.

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18 **E. ILLEGAL METHODS OF TAKING GAME AND NON-GAME FISH**

- 19 **1. Netting (noncommercial).** The use of gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, or haul seines is
20 strictly prohibited in all Osage Nation waters.
21 **2. Grabhooks.** Grabhooks (handheld hook, handheld pole of natural or man-made material,
22 or rope with a single hook attached used in the initial taking of a fish) are strictly prohibited
23 in all Osage Nation waters.

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25 **F. TURTLES**

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29 **G. BULLFROGS**

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33 **SECTION 15.**
34 **TRAPPING**

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36 [RESERVED]

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38 **SECTION 16.**
39 **PROTECTION OF EAGLES AND OTHER CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SPECIES**

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41 **A. EAGLES**

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45 **B. OTHER CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SPECIES**
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8 **SECTION 17.**
9 **SPECIAL USE AREAS**

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14 **SECTION 18.**
15 **VIOLATIONS**
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17 **A. CIVIL FINES.** Any person who violates these regulations shall be subject to a civil penalty as
18 described in the Osage Nation Wildlife Offenses Code pursuant to the offenses and fines
19 schedule therein.

20 **B. CRIMINAL PENALTIES.** Any person who violates these regulations shall be subject to a
21 criminal penalty as determined by the Office of the Attorney General according to the laws
22 of the Osage Nation Wildlife Offenses Code pursuant to the offenses and fines schedule
23 therein.

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25 These Regulations shall be effective as of _____, 2017 and shall remain in effect until
26 repealed or amended.
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