

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 29: Game and Fish

Chapter 1: Hunting and Fishing

§ 107. Wildlife harvest registration and checkpoints

Cite as: 29 CNCA § 107

A. The Department shall prescribe a bag or harvest limit for each species that may be taken or otherwise harvested within Reservation Lands (including privately held fee lands of another, Public Lands, and Tribal Lands therein), and it shall be unlawful as a violation of the Cherokee Nation's criminal laws for any person subject to the jurisdiction of such laws to exceed the specified bag or harvest limit for any species, irrespective of where the take or harvest occurred within the State of Oklahoma, i.e., no person may harvest separate bag or harvest limits within the Cherokee Nation and elsewhere in the State of Oklahoma.

B. Each Cherokee Citizen, as a condition on the right to lawfully take or harvest wildlife under this chapter, shall report, at minimum, all harvests of deer turkey, and other species as required by the Department, irrespective of where the harvest occurred.

C. The Department shall establish checkpoints or provide other methods for reporting applicable wildlife harvest by Cherokee Citizens to hunt, fish, trap, or otherwise harvest wildlife within Cherokee Nation Reservation Lands or elsewhere pursuant to an agreement between the Cherokee Nation and any other Tribal government or agency thereof, the State of Oklahoma, or any agency thereof, or the United States or any agency thereof.

D. Such check point or reporting system shall include, at a minimum, information such as date of harvest, species, age class, sex, antler points (if applicable), method of harvest county of harvest (including counties located outside Reservation Lands), and reservation of harvest (if taken from within the jurisdiction of another Tribal nation), and such other data as the Department might require to support informed fish and wildlife conservation and management decisions.

E. By February 28 of each year, the Department shall report to each other Tribe that is a party to the Five Tribe Wildlife Management Reciprocity Agreement the basic harvest data collected from its citizens pursuant to this section. The report shall include aggregate data for citizen check ins and indicate cumulative numbers for species, age class, sex, antler points (if applicable), method of harvest, county of harvest and jurisdiction of harvest for all deer and turkeys taken during the prior season(s). The Department shall not disclose in such report any identifying or personal information regarding any Cherokee Nation citizen.

Historical Data

LA 36–06, eff. January 7, 2007. Amended LA 04-22, eff. January 27, 2022. Amended LA 37-24, eff. October 28, 2024.