



1 B. The Director shall consult with the Commission regarding the  
2 administration of the affairs of the Department of Wildlife  
3 Conservation. The Commission is authorized and empowered to require  
4 from the Director complete reports and information relative to the  
5 affairs of the Department at the time and in the manner the  
6 Commission may deem advisable.

7 C. The Commission shall meet ~~on the first Monday in each month~~  
8 in regular session at least nine times per year not to exceed one  
9 meeting per month and in special sessions as may be called by the  
10 Chair or a majority of the Commission. The Commission may hold any  
11 regular or special session at any location within this state.  
12 Should a location be chosen other than Commission headquarters in  
13 Oklahoma City for a regular or special meeting, notice shall be  
14 posted at Commission headquarters in Oklahoma City and advertised in  
15 the local newspaper of the city in which the meeting is to be held,  
16 at least one time during each of the two (2) weeks prior to the  
17 meeting. The advertisements shall include time, date, and address  
18 of location of the meeting.

19 D. In addition to the other powers and duties prescribed by  
20 law, the Commission shall:

21 1. Institute an affirmative action plan for hiring women and  
22 minorities throughout the agency;

23 2. Elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary, who shall perform  
24 the duties required of them by statutes, rules of the Commission,

1 and the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma. The chair, vice-  
2 chair, and secretary shall receive no extra compensation;

3 3. Appoint a Director, and determine the qualifications of the  
4 Director and all assistants and employees. A Commissioner shall not  
5 be eligible for employment in any position within the Department;

6 4. Prescribe rules and policies for the transaction of its  
7 business and the control of the Department;

8 5. Develop and implement a plan to provide step raises for  
9 Commission employees so that discrepancies of pay levels within a  
10 pay grade are eliminated;

11 6. Acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or devise, waters, real  
12 property, and personal property incident to the exercise of its  
13 functions and to maintain, operate, and dispose of the same;

14 7. Acquire real property by condemnation only when the Attorney  
15 General or other counsel deems it an appropriate means of clearing  
16 title from willing or unavailable sellers;

17 8. Supervise the establishment, extension, improvement, and  
18 operation of the wildlife refuges, propagation areas or stations,  
19 public hunting areas, public fishing areas, game management areas,  
20 and fish hatcheries;

21 9. Prescribe the manner of cooperation with the Oklahoma  
22 Tourism and Recreation Department, colleges and universities within  
23 the state, other state agencies, any agency of the federal  
24 government, and any city, town, school district, or any other agency

1 or organization in study of conservation and propagation of wildlife  
2 and in the establishment, maintenance, and operation of visual  
3 educational facilities, recreational facilities, and hunting and  
4 fishing facilities, in the study and propagation of wildlife;

5 10. Supervise the letting of all contracts and purchases for  
6 the Department, with all purchases of personal property to be made  
7 through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;

8 11. Authorize all claims or expenditures prior to incurring  
9 payment except as otherwise provided in this Code;

10 12. Prescribe rules on the use of Department-owned vehicles by  
11 the Director, department heads and other essential employees as the  
12 Commission deems necessary in order to perform their duties;

13 13. Prescribe rules for the sale of all regular or special  
14 licenses;

15 14. Publicize and encourage the conservation and appreciation  
16 of wildlife and all other natural resources;

17 15. Regulate the seasons and harvest of wildlife;

18 16. Promulgate rules to sell fishing and hunting licenses via  
19 the Internet;

20 17. Annually report to the Governor and the Legislature on the  
21 complete operation, activities, and plans of the Department,  
22 together with such recommendations for future activities as the  
23 Commission may deem to be in the best interest of the state; and  
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1 18. Provide the Governor and the Legislature with an annual  
2 inventory of all property and equipment.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.  
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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, dated 02/14/2017 - DO  
6 PASS, As Coauthored.

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