

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-907, public hearings will be conducted by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission on October 10, 2025, at Eagle View Group Lodge at Niobrara State Park 89261 522 Ave, Niobrara, NE prior to consideration and/or enactment of the following:

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301 through 37-316, 37-353, 37-401, 37-403 through 37-406, 37-411, 37-412, 37-413, 37-414, 37-418, 37-426 through 37-429, 37-447 through 37-453, 37-457, 37-455 through 37-461, 37-463, 37-464, 37-477 through 37-479, 37-482.01, 37-497, 37-498, 37-501 through 37-503, 37-508, 37-509, 37-512, 37-514, 37-520, 37-525, 37-527, 37-529, 37-532, 37-534, 37-537, 37-540, 37-547, 37-560, 37-563, 37-701, 37-708, 37-802 through 37-811, a public hearing will be held at 8:15 AM Title 166, Chapter 1, entitled Regulations Wildlife, General Regulations Governing Wildlife Species to clarify rules for purchasing a preference or bonus point, allow the use of breech loading muzzleloaders during muzzleloading season, combine checking requirements for bobcat, gray fox, and river otters, and move language on incidentally caught river otters from a different chapter of wildlife regulations to this chapter.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-304, 37-308, 37-308.01, 37-314, 37-315, 37-317, 37-404, 37-406, 37-409, 37-447, 37-449, 37-450, 37-452, 37-453, 37-455, 37-455.01, 37-456, 37-456.01, 37-529, 37-701, 37-706, 37-708, a public hearing will be held at 8:25 AM to consider amendments to Title 166 Chapter 3, entitled Regulations Wildlife, Antelope, Deer, Elk to change the date that a youth must be 15 to be eligible for a youth deer permit, and eliminate the requirement for participants in the Free-earned Landowner Elk Program to designate their earned permit for the following elk season from when they earn them.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-304, 37-305, 37-308, 37-314, 37-315, 37-344, 37-411, 37-426, 37-4,104, 37-4,107, 37-4,109, 37-4,111, 37-501 through 37-504, 37-508 and 37-543 through 37-545, a public hearing will be held at 8:35 AM to consider amendments to Title 164, Fisheries Regulations, Chapter 6 entitled Sport Fishing Regulations. Changes include the deletion of redundant language, reorganizing paddlefish regulations for clarity, providing definitions for previously undefined terms, and adding newly constructed and newly renovated waterbodies to the list of waters where possession or use of live baitfish is unlawful.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-314, 37-315, 37-502, 37-701, a public hearing will be held at 8:45 AM to consider amendments to Title 166, Chapter 5, entitled Regulations, Wildlife Game Birds (not including turkey, coots and migratory waterfowl), Furbearers, and Cottontail Rabbit to delete the river otter checking and incidental take regulations and move them to Title 166 Wildlife Regulations in Chapter 1 General Regulations.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-563, R.R.S. 1998, 37-314, 37-504, 37-540, R.R.S. 1999, a public hearing will be held at 8:55 AM to consider amendments to Title 166, Chapter 7, entitled Regulations, Wildlife Nuisance Birds to specify what birds are defined as nuisance birds, clarify when a permit can be issued, and clarify which parts of the birds cannot be bought, sold or bartered that are taken with this permit, and non-substantive changes to style and updating citations.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301 through 37-314, 37-308.01, 37-317, 37-330, 37-336, 37-412, 37-483, 37-536, 37-701, 60-6, 190, 60-680, a public hearing will be held at 9:05 AM to consider amendments to Title 166, Chapter 18, entitled Regulations Wildlife, General Regulations Governing Administration and Use of Property to add and define a carriage to the list of vehicles not allowed on a wildlife management area except on roadways, parking areas, or trails designated for vehicle use.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-303 through 37-310, 37-312 through 37-314, 37-317, 37-330, 37-336, 37-447, 37-701, 37-703 through 37-709, 60-677, 60-678, 60-680, a public hearing will be held at 9:15 AM to consider amendments to Title 166, Nebraska Administrative Code Chapter 19, entitled

Regulations Wildlife, Area-Specific Regulations to change regulations on the following wildlife management areas: Catfish Run, Enders, Gifford Point, Kea West, Medicine Creek, Oak Glen, Randall W. Schilling, Red Willow, and Swanson. Changes include weapons allowed and restricted, non-toxic shot, camping, target shooting, use of motorized vehicles, updates to management area subdivisions, and additions of areas to the Appendix A.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-304, 37-305, 37-308, 37-314, 37-315, 37-344, 37-411, 37-426, 37-4,104, 37-4,107, 37-4,109, 37-4,111, 37-501 through 37-504, 37-508 and 37-543 through 37-545 a public hearing will be held at 9:25 AM to consider amendments to Fisheries Commission Order C06 Sportfishing regarding daily bag limits, possession limits, open areas, and to amend the title of this Commission Order to Commission Order C06-2.

Copies of the proposed regulations and the Fiscal Impact Statement shall be available for public inspection at the Game and Parks Commission office and on-line at the Office of the Secretary of State's website.

Copies of the proposed Commission Order changes shall be available for public inspection at the Game and Parks Commission website at. [www.outdoornebraska.gov](http://www.outdoornebraska.gov).

All interested persons may attend and testify orally or by written submission at the public hearing. Interested persons or organizations may submit written comments prior to the hearing, which will be entered into the hearing record if they: 1) include a request to be included as part of the hearing record; 2) include the name and address of the person or organization submitting the comments; and 3) are received by 1:00 p.m. CT October 8, 2025 by Sheri Henderson at the Lincoln office, 2200 North 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370.

Tim McCoy, Director