

SENATE CHAMBER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

FLOOR AMENDMENT


No. 1

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

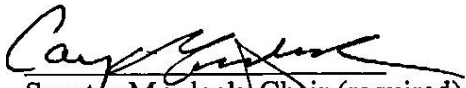
I move to amend Senate Bill No. 777, by the attached floor substitute (Request #1804) for the title, enacting clause and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:




Senator Jett

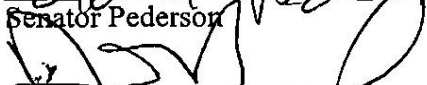
I hereby grant permission for the floor substitute to be adopted.



Senator Murdock, Chair (required)



Senator Pederson

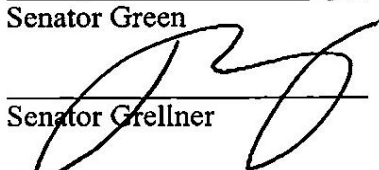


Senator Bullard



Senator Burris

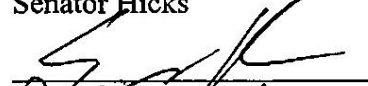
Senator Green



Senator Grellner

Senator Paxton, President Pro Tempore

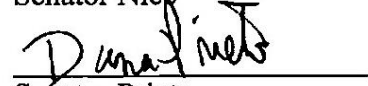
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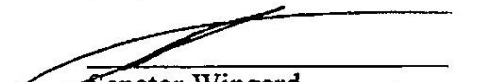
Senator Kern



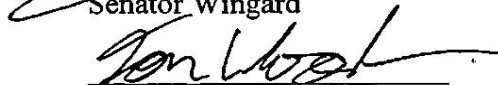
Senator Nice



Senator Prieto



Senator Wingard



Senator Woods

Senator Daniels, Majority Floor Leader

Note: Agriculture and Wildlife committee majority requires seven (7) members' signatures.

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(Floor Amendments Only)

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Secondary Amendment

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 777

By: Jett of the Senate

and

West (Rick) of the House

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9 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

10 [wildlife - harvesting - sales - game fish -
11 repealer - effective date]
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2021, Section 6-313, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 6-313. A. All catfish, minnows, fingerlings, fish,
17 frogs, and other aquatic species which are legally produced,
18 pursuant to the provisions of ~~this act~~ Sections 6-311 through 6-317
19 of this title, shall be confined to the lands and waters of the
20 licensee in such a manner so as to prohibit:

21 1. Contact with wild fish or other aquatic species in public
22 waters; and

23 2. Such wild fish or other aquatic species ~~in~~ from being
24 commercially harvested from public waters from and becoming a part

1 ~~of the commercial production~~ sold as a wild-born commodity. As used
2 in this paragraph, "wild-born" means wild fish or aquatic species
3 born in public waters and not introduced through aquaculture.

4 B. 1. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the
5 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall not
6 restrict the manner in which persons, licensed pursuant to ~~this act~~
7 Sections 6-311 through 6-317 of this title, gather or impound
8 aquatic species raised within the impoundments in their commercial
9 operations.

10 2. No person shall sell or attempt to sell game fish and/or
11 paddlefish obtained from public waters that have been commingled
12 with privately produced fish subject to the provisions of ~~this act~~
13 Sections 6-311 through 6-317 of this title regarding the capture of
14 wild fish or aquatic species for direct sale. A licensed producer
15 may collect both game fish and nongame fish broodstock from public
16 waters using any legal means of take for use in propagation of fish
17 only in a recirculating aquaculture system up to, but not exceeding,
18 the normal possession limit for a person holding a recreational
19 fishing license; provided, that the licensed producer complies with
20 all applicable terms set forth by the Department of Wildlife
21 Conservation. Additionally, such individual broodstock may not be
22 sold and cannot be released back into the wild. Production of fish
23 species considered to be species of special concern, excluding
24 paddlefish (polyodon spathula), along with species prohibited under

1 agency rules and federal threatened and endangered species, is
2 prohibited.

3 ~~C. No licensee may receive, free of charge, any catfish,~~
4 ~~minnow, fingerling, fish, frog or other aquatic species from the~~
5 ~~state or federal government~~ Meat and any other finished products for
6 human consumption that result from fish spawned in a captive system
7 may be sold in this state or out of state; provided, that the
8 producer or seller obtains the necessary export permits. Live fish
9 of such propagations may also be sold.

10 D. The Department shall establish a process to facilitate
11 broodstock transactions between the state and licensed in-state
12 aquatic propagators. The Department is authorized to assess a fee
13 necessary to maintain such process and the oversight required for
14 broodstock transactions. Fees imposed shall be reasonable,
15 accessible, and transparent, with clearly defined application
16 requirements, publicly available guidance, and established timelines
17 for application review and approval.

18 E. The state shall assess import fees for any entity selling
19 live fish within this state that does not possess a valid license
20 for commercial production of aquatic species issued by the Oklahoma
21 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry along with an Oklahoma
22 address subject to regular inspections. Fees shall reflect the
23 costs in-state producers are subjected to when exporting to other
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1 states. Each shipment shall include a valid Animal and Plant Health
2 Inspection Service health certificate.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 2-115, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 2-115. "Game fish" is a fish normally sought after by
6 sportsmen, and includes only largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white
7 bass, spotted bass, black crappie, white crappie, northern pike,
8 trout, sauger, saugeye, striped bass, hybrid striped bass, walleye,
9 blue catfish and channel catfish. Blue catfish and channel catfish
10 are herein defined to mean "forked tail" catfish.

11 SECTION 3. REPEALER 29 O.S. 2021, Section 6-303.1, is
12 hereby repealed.

13 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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