

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 362

BY: SHURDEN and EASLEY of the
SENATE

and

RHODES (Dusty) and CAMPBELL
of the HOUSE

AN ACT RELATING TO GAME AND FISH; DECLARING THE
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT A NUISANCE; REQUIRING
THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE TO WORK WITH
CERTAIN ENTITIES TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN TREATY
PROTECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-406.1 of Title 29, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Double-Crested Cormorant, often popularly referred to as a
"water turkey", is hereby declared a nuisance. As such, the
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation will work with the
United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Oklahoma
Congressional Delegation to eliminate international treaty
protection for the cormorant and implement maximum control measures,
including but not limited to setting hunting seasons as appropriate.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 28th day of April, 1991.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of April, 1991.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives