

OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT

Ethan House, Board of Directors



House is originally from Houston. He is married to Wendy House, and they have a daughter, Hadley. He and his family now reside in Oklahoma. He is the vice president for business development at EnergyNet Inc., where oil, natural gas, and other commodities are auctioned.

He earned his bachelor's degree in marketing, advertising and public relations from West Texas A&M University. He joined the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation as an original member in 2018 after a colleague introduced him to Wildlife Commissioner James V. Barwick. After some discussion about OWCF, he was eager, without hesitation, to join the board. He loves the outdoors and the mission the Foundation was setting out to accomplish.

House is encouraging others to support the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation through OWCF so all can enjoy the wildlife and wild spaces Oklahoma has to offer. By joining the Foundation, he can actively ensure that future generations have the space to enjoy their outdoor pursuits.

He believes that there are several projects that ODWC has identified that need to be focused on, and they vary greatly. He understands the differences in updated fish hatcheries across the state and assisting Game Wardens with updated gear and equipment. "Both are integral to the future of the outdoors in Oklahoma," he said. House is confident that OWCF will be able to assist with the goals of the Department for the betterment of sportsmen and sportswomen as well as the employees of ODWC.

Other boards and groups House is involved with include:

- The Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma.
- Acquisition, Divestment & Mergers (ADAM-OKC).
- Oklahoma Youth Hunting Program.
- Wes Welker Foundation.

"I have been hunting and fishing most of my life," House said. "It has grown and expanded into variations and has taken me all over the U.S. and other countries. The experiences are incredible, as are the people you meet along the way. The best part about it is that you have a story to tell later and inspire others to experience the outdoors."

House enjoys any outdoor activity. Anything that gets him out-



Fishing is among House's many outdoor pursuits. Here, he proudly shows off a nice lunker bass.



House enjoys fly fishing on a mountain stream.

side makes him happy, even if it's just mowing the grass. If he had to choose an all-time favorite outdoor activity, it would have to be fishing, he said. "Whether you are fly fishing a river in the mountains or out on the flats in the bay, you get to experience a slice of the outdoors that the majority never get a chance to see," he said.

He considers himself fortunate to not only get to experience the outdoors himself, but he has the opportunity to share it with his friends and family. He tries to get his family into the outdoors at every opportunity. Whether it's a fishing excursion, hiking, biking or simply going for a walk in the woods, he just enjoys experiencing it with his family. "I wish it were all day every day. There is so much to learn just watching the natural world," he said.

"I ask two things from everyone who reads this: 1. Support the OWCF in any way you can. Every dollar counts! 2. Introduce someone to the outdoors this year — a family member, friend, or colleague. Find something you can both do, and create some fond memories." 



House, right, and hunting buddy after a successful Argentinian dove hunt.