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**ALABAMA CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
TRINITY COUNTY**

**HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION  
NO. 2**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission under House Bill No. 609, Acts, Regular Session, 52nd Legislature, State of Texas, and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 3, 1958, for Wildlife Management Areas, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful, on the above named area, to take and possess the following wildlife species: game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish.

Now therefore in obedience to the directions given under said House Bill No. 609, and with the consent of the United States Forest Service, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish on the above named area; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after September 1, 1958, and until amended, revoked, or modified.

**HUNTING REGULATIONS**

**SHOOTING HOURS**

It shall be unlawful to shoot any species of game animals or game birds except during the hours from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**WILD DEER**

**Open Season:** November 16 to November 30, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) buck deer with at least one pronged antler.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild deer with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or .22 caliber firearms using rim-fire ammunition.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to make use of a dog or dogs in the hunting or pursuing or taking of any deer; provided, however, that it shall be lawful to use one dog on a leash, controlled by the hunter, for the purpose of trailing a wounded deer.

## **SQUIRRELS**

**Open Season:** October 15 to January 15, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** Ten (10) squirrels per day; possession limit, twenty (20) squirrels.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill squirrels with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder.

## **FUR-BEARING ANIMALS**

**Open Season:** December 1 to January 31, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** None.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted, except that it shall be unlawful to have in possession or to hunt with any artificial lights in a community where deer are known to range, and the possession of an artificial light in such area shall be prima facie evidence that the person found in possession of said light is violating the provisions hereof.

## **GAME BIRDS**

### **WILD QUAIL**

**Open Season:** December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** Twelve (12) quail per day; possession limit, twenty-four (24).

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill wild quail with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder.

### **WILD TURKEY**

**Open Season:** November 16 to November 30, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) turkey gobbler per season.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill wild turkey with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder.

## FISHING REGULATIONS

### LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, AND SPOTTED BLACK BASS

No closed season.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Fifteen (15) singly or in the aggregate, none of which shall be less than seven (7) inches in length and not more than ten (10) of which shall be greater than eleven (11) inches in length.

### WHITE BASS

No closed season.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Twenty-five (25), any length.

### CHANNEL, BLUE, AND YELLOW CATFISH

No closed season.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Twenty-five (25) singly or in the aggregate, any length.

### CRAPPIE

No closed season.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Twenty-five (25), any length.

### MINNOWS

No closed season.

**Bag Limit:** It shall be unlawful to have more than two hundred (200) minnows in any vehicle. (Sale and transportation of minnows beyond county is regulated by Acts of Legislature applying to Trinity County.)

**Means of Taking:** Ordinary pole and line, set line, trotline, and artificial lures may be used. Seines and nets with not less than three (3) inches square mesh size may be used. Minnow seines not more than twenty (20) feet in length are permitted for taking minnows and rough fish. Cast nets are permitted for taking rough fish. Fresh water rough fish are defined as shad, carp, suckers, gar and buffalo. Seine or nets must be constructed of nonmetallic materials. Fruit jars with funnel attached may be used for taking minnows. Spear gun, spear or bow and arrow may be used to take carp, buffalo, gaspergou, gar fish, and Rio Grande perch.

The taking of game or fish on the above named area by any means other than as hereinabove set forth shall be unlawful,

except under fish management contracts with the Game and Fish Commission for removal of rough fish as provided in Acts, 1949, Ch. 422, House Bill No. 806. However, none of this proclamation shall apply to the Game and Fish Commission of Texas, their agents or employees when in the course, acts or procedures of conservation, removal of rough fish, or other practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interest of game and fish culture and the preservation of the sport of hunting and fishing.

House Bill No. 609, Regular Session, 52nd Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), upon conviction of any person who shall violate any rule or regulation promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission, under the provisions of said Act.



**ANGELINA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
TYLER, SABINE, AND ANGELINA COUNTIES  
HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION  
NO. 1**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 3, 1958, for Wildlife Management Areas and after having conducted continuous research and investigations of the supply, economic value, environment, breeding habits and sex ratio of wildlife resources and the factors affecting their increase or decrease, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess wildlife species as hereinafter provided, the facts having disclosed that there periodically is an ample supply of such wildlife resources, that a portion thereof may be taken which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife on the Angelina Wildlife Management Area.

Now therefore in obedience to the directions given under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 3, 1958, for Wildlife Management Areas, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Executive Secretary acting for the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that as the supply of game birds and animals warrants, there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, and fish on the Angelina Wildlife Management Area under conditions herein provided; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after September 1, 1958.

**HUNTING REGULATIONS**

**SHOOTING HOURS**

It shall be unlawful to shoot any species of game animals or game birds except during the hours from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

## WILD DEER

**Open Season:** By permit only.

Moore Area, Sabine County, December 17 to December 21, both days inclusive;

Lake Tejas, Tyler County, November 17 to November 21, both days inclusive;

Shawnee Creek Area, Angelina County, December 1 to December 5, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) deer in season, the sex to be determined at the time of the hunt or issuance of permit; possession limit, one (1) deer. The carcass or any part thereof of any deer in possession of any person shall have attached thereto a tag issued to such person on his valid hunting license; in addition, a special tag shall be attached to each deer or any part thereof, stating that the deer is a legal deer. All deer killed on the Angelina Wildlife Management Area must be checked at area headquarters before the hunter will be permitted to leave the premises.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild deer with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or with any shotgun using other than solid slugs or .22 caliber rifle using rim-fire ammunition.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to make use of a dog or dogs in the hunting of or pursuing or taking of any deer; provided, however, that it shall be lawful to use one dog on a leash, controlled by the hunter, for the purpose of trailing a wounded deer.

## SQUIRRELS

**Open Season:** By permit only.

Moore Area, Sabine County, December 8 to December 14, both days inclusive;

Lake Tejas, Tyler County, November 1 to November 7, both days inclusive;

Shawnee Creek Area, Angelina County, November 9 to November 15, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** Five (5) squirrels per day.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill squirrels with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to 3-shell capacity, or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder.

## **PREDATORY ANIMALS**

**Open Season:** On those days when permit holders are hunting for squirrels or deer.

**Bag Limit:** No bag limit.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or shoot any predatory animals with a rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder or a .22 caliber rifle using rim-fire ammunition.

## **GAME BIRDS**

### **WILD TURKEY**

**NO OPEN SEASON.**

### **WILD QUAIL**

**NO OPEN SEASON.**

## **FISHING REGULATIONS**

**NO OPEN SEASON.**

House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) upon conviction of any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act or who shall hunt or fish at any time other than the times specified by the Game and Fish Commission.

The rules and regulations in the Proclamation herein promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission are cumulative of all General and Special Laws enacted by the Legislature regulating the taking of wildlife.

# **BIG HILL BAYOU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA JEFFERSON COUNTY**

## **HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION NO. 2**

1959

Acts of the 54th Legislature, Regular Session, 1955, H. B. 378, provides that the Game and Fish Commission is authorized to manage and protect wildlife and fish species found on state lands acquired for use as a wildlife management area. In 1957, the state purchased the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area for the purpose of waterfowl management. Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission by the legislature to manage such areas, and in order to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area, the Game and Fish Commission does hereby proclaim the following regulations to govern the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area effective February 11, 1959, until amended.

### **I. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

1. No business concessions such as selling, renting, leasing or peddling of goods, merchandise, or services to the public may be maintained within the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

2. No overnight camping will be allowed within the boundaries of the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area except as may be provided under stipulated lease agreements or permits issued by the Texas Game and Fish Commission.

3. No person may enter or attempt to enter with a gun, rifle or any other firearm, or possess a gun, rifle or any other firearm on the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area except persons duly selected through an impartial method to hunt on the area or bona fide employees of the Game and Fish Commission in the performance of their duties; provided, however, persons duly authorized by Game and Fish Commission employees in charge may cross said Big Hill Bayou Management Area to gain access to adjacent areas when traveling designated routes, and no hunting or fishing may be done while en route to adjacent areas; and provided, further, that any person as aforesaid who crosses said area shall have in his possession evidence of his authority to enter said adjacent areas.

4. No person may possess or consume any alcoholic beverages within the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

5. No person may damage or attempt to damage any plant life within the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

6. No person may damage or attempt to damage any Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area levee facility, improvement or property.

7. No dogs are allowed within the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area except that one dog per party of impartially selected waterfowl hunters is permitted to retrieve dead and wounded waterfowl.

8. No person may dump trash or garbage or attempt to dump trash or garbage within the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area, and no person may litter said area in any manner, and persons authorized to hunt or fish shall leave their assigned area in a tidy condition.

9. No water skiing shall be permitted in or on the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

## II. HUNTING REGULATIONS

There shall be no open season on any species of game animals on the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area, and hunting of wildlife species shall be limited to ducks, geese, and coots only, during the open season for hunting ducks, geese and coots.

### DUCKS, GEESE AND COOTS

Open season, means of taking and bag limits shall be as prescribed in the Migratory Bird Proclamation except that:

1. It shall be unlawful to shoot any species of ducks, geese or coots except during the hours from one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour before sunrise to twelve (12) o'clock noon, except as set forth in Item No. 2 below.

2. The Bill Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area shall be opened to hunting to impartially selected bona fide permit holders on each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of the waterfowl season except for the following state holidays: New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Said permit holders shall be required to check in at area headquarters before hunting and before leaving the area.

### III. FISHING REGULATIONS

#### OPEN SEASONS:

There shall be no closed season for the taking of fish in the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area except for the period from November 1 through January 15, both days inclusive. Fishing on the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area shall be limited to the confines of Big Hill Bayou only.

The lawful fishing hours shall be from sunrise to sunset.

**Bag Limits:** It shall be unlawful for any person in any one day to catch and retain, or to place on or in any device or container for holding same, any fish that is taken from the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area in excess of the following limits: Largemouth black bass, smallmouth black bass, spotted bass, or any subspecies of same, singly or in the aggregate, fifteen (15) per day and thirty (30) in possession; white bass, twenty-five (25) per day and no possession limit; blue catfish, channel catfish and yellow catfish, singly or in the aggregate, twenty-five (25) per day and twenty-five (25) in possession; crappie or white perch, twenty-five (25) per day and twenty-five (25) in possession.

**Size Limits:** It shall be unlawful for any person to take from the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area and retain or place in any container, boat, creel, livebox or any stringer, any largemouth black bass, smallmouth black bass, spotted bass or any subspecies of largemouth black bass, smallmouth black bass, or spotted bass that is less than seven (7) inches in length, and any blue, channel or yellow catfish that is less than eleven (11) inches in length.

All fish species and other aquatic and marine life not specifically listed herein are not regulated as to size limit, catch or possession limit.

**Means and Method:** On the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area only the following means and methods of taking fish shall be lawful, except as otherwise provided herein: ordinary hook and line, artificial lure, rod and reel, handline, set line, throw line, trotline, or a minnow seine not more than twenty (20) feet in length used for catching bait. It shall be lawful to use fruit jars with funnel attached thereto for the purpose of taking minnows for bait. It shall be lawful to use minnow seines not more than twenty (20) feet long and cast nets of any size mesh for the purpose of taking shad, carp, suckers, gar and buffalo fish. It shall be lawful to take rough fish with a spear gun and spear, or bow and arrow, said rough fish being defined as carp,

buffalo, gaspergou, garfish, and Rio Grande Perch. A spear gun as used in this proclamation shall be defined as any type of device used for propelling a spear under water as a means of taking fish. It shall be unlawful to have in possession any fish other than carp, buffalo, gaspergou, garfish, and Rio Grande Perch while using a spear gun and spear, or bow and arrow, for taking fish.

#### **IV. FUR-BEARING ANIMALS**

There shall be no open season or period of time for the taking, by any means, of fur-bearing animals on the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

#### **V. ALLIGATORS**

There shall be no open season or period of time for the taking of alligators on the Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

#### **PENALTY**

House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) upon conviction of any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the Act or who shall hunt or fish at any time other than the times specified by the Game and Fish Commission.

This proclamation shall not apply to the Game and Fish Commission, its agents or employees, when in the course, acts or procedures of conservation, removal of rough fish or other practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interests of game and fish culture and the preservation of the sports of hunting and fishing in the State of Texas.

The rules and regulations in the proclamation herein promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission are cumulative of all General and Special Laws enacted by the legislature regulating the taking of wildlife.

**BLACK GAP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
BREWSTER AND CULBERSON COUNTIES  
HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION  
NO. 4 — AMENDED**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

At a regular meeting of the Game and Fish Commission, with a quorum present, at its office in Austin, Texas, on the 24th day of October, A.D., 1958, the following regulations were unanimously adopted:

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission, under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 3, 1958, for Wildlife Management Areas, and after having conducted continuous research and investigations of the supply, economic value, environment, breeding habits and sex ratio of wildlife resources and the factors affecting their increase or decrease, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess wildlife species as hereinafter provided, the facts having disclosed that there periodically is an ample supply of such wildlife resources that a portion thereof may be taken which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife on the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area in Brewster County and the area commonly known as Sierra Diablo located in Culberson County.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 3, 1958, for Wildlife Management Areas, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Executive Secretary acting for the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that as the supply of game birds and animals warrants there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish on the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area and the Sierra Diablo Area under conditions herein provided; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after October 24, 1958.



## HUNTING REGULATIONS

### WILD DEER

**Open Season:** From December 1 to December 8, both days inclusive.

**Shooting Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) deer, sex to be determined at time of the hunt. Possession limit, one (1) deer. The carcass or any part thereof of any deer in possession of any person shall have attached thereto a tag issued to such person on his valid hunting license; in addition, a special tag shall be attached to each deer or any part thereof, stating that the deer is a legal deer. All deer killed on the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area or the Sierra Diablo must be checked at area headquarters before the hunter will be permitted to leave the premises.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild deer with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or with a .22 caliber rifle, or shotgun.

### COLLARED PECCARY (Commonly called Javelina)

**Open Season:** From December 1 to December 8, both days inclusive.

**Shooting Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) javelina. Possession limit, one (1) javelina. All javelina killed on the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area in Brewster County must be checked at area headquarters before the hunter will be permitted to leave the premises.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or shoot any collared peccary and/or javelina with a rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder or a .22 caliber rifle using rim-fire ammunition, or shotgun.

### PREDATORY ANIMALS

#### MOUNTAIN LIONS, WILDCATS, COYOTES AND WOLVES

**Open Season:** December 1 to December 8, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** No bag limit.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or shoot any predatory animal with a rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder or a .22 caliber rifle using rim-fire ammunition, or shotgun.

## FISHING REGULATIONS

### NO OPEN SEASON.

House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) upon conviction of any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act or who shall hunt or fish at any time other than the times specified by the Game and Fish Commission.

The rules and regulations in the Proclamation herein promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission are cumulative of all General and Special Laws enacted by the Legislature regulating the taking of wildlife.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

CLOSING LAKE AMON G. CARTER, MONTAGUE COUNTY, TO THE USE OF NETS AND SEINES FOR THE TAKING OF FISH (EXCEPT THAT A MINNOW SEINE NOT TO EXCEED 10 FEET IN LENGTH MAY BE USED FOR TAKING BAIT.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

WHEREAS, Article 928, Penal Code 1925, State of Texas, applicable to any fresh water river, creek, lake, pool, bayou, lagoon, or tank, provides that the Game and Fish Commission is authorized to forbid the use of nets or seines whenever such closing is deemed necessary or best to protect and conserve the fish in such waters, and

WHEREAS, The Game and Fish Commission, after careful and thorough investigation, believes that Lake Amon G. Carter, Montague County, should be closed to seines and nets to protect and conserve the fish;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, H. D. Dodgen, Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission, by the authority vested in me by said Commission at its regular quarterly meeting in Austin, Texas, on July 13, 1956, do hereby close the waters of Lake Amon G. Carter, Montague County, on August 1, 1956, to the use of all nets and seines, except that minnow seines, not to exceed 10 feet in length, may be used for the taking of bait.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office this the 18th day of July, 1956.

Signed: H. D. DODGEN, Executive Secretary  
Game and Fish Commission  
State of Texas

(SEAL)  
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**OYSTER DREDGING IN COPANO BAY  
PROCLAMATION NO. 1**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

At a regular meeting of the Game and Fish Commission, with a quorum present, at its office in Austin, Texas, on the 24th day of October, A.D., 1958, the following regulations were unanimously adopted:

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission under Acts, 1923, page 298, as amended by House Bill No. 1021, Acts, 1939, and after having conducted continuous research and investigation of the supply, economic value, environment, and habits of the oyster beds in the portion of Copano Bay, Aransas and Refugio Counties, Texas; the facts having disclosed that the natural oyster reefs or beds in Copano Bay can be improved by the use of dredges;

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under said Acts, 1939, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that it shall be lawful to use dredges in Copano Bay in the following area, effective November 1, 1958:

That portion of Copano Bay in Aransas and Refugio Counties lying between a line from Newcom Point on Lamar Peninsula to Redfish Point on Live Oak Peninsula and a line from the mouth of Mission Bay in Refugio County to Rattlesnake Point in Aransas County, such points being marked on U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Charts No. 1285.

Dredging shall be lawful on all natural oyster reefs or beds, in all waters where such reef or bed is submerged at least three (3) feet deep.

Any person, firm or corporation desiring to use dredges shall procure from the Game and Fish Commission or their agent and employee a license to do so, and such applicant shall pay to the Game and Fish Commission a license fee of five dollars (\$5) when using scrapers or hand dredges and fifteen dollars (\$15) when using power dredges, provided further that such dredges shall be under the supervision and direction of a warden or deputy of the Game and Fish Commission.

**EDWARDS PLATEAU HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING  
PROCLAMATION NO. 7**

**Bandera, Crockett, Edwards, Llano, Mason  
Medina and Sutton Counties**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

At a regular meeting of the Game and Fish Commission, with a quorum present, at its office in Austin, Texas, on the 18th day of July, A.D., 1958, the following regulations were unanimously adopted:

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission under House Bill No. 247, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, and after having held public hearings and continuous research and investigations of the supply, economic value, environment, breeding habits and sex ratio of the wildlife resources and the factors affecting their increase or decrease, as required by said Act in the counties of Bandera, Crockett, Edwards, Llano, Mason, Medina and Sutton, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful, in the above named counties, to take or possess wildlife species as hereinafter provided, the facts having disclosed that there is an ample supply of such wildlife resources that a portion thereof may be taken which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife species.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under said House Bill No. 247, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish in the above named counties after obtaining the consent of the owners of the land or the water where hunting, trapping, or fishing may be done; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after September 1, 1958, subject to the approval of the commissioners' court of each of the above named counties, and until amended, revoked, or modified.

## **"GAME ANIMALS" DEFINED**

Wild deer, wild elk, wild antelope, wild sheep, wild black bear, and wild gray and red squirrels, cat squirrels, or fox squirrels, collared peccary or javelina, are hereby declared to be game animals within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 892, P. C., 1925; Art. 879g-2, P. C. 1939.)

## **"GAME BIRDS" DEFINED**

Wild turkey, wild ducks of all varieties, wild geese of all varieties, wild brant, wild grouse, wild prairie chickens or pinnated grouse, wild pheasants of all varieties, wild partridge, and wild quail of all varieties, wild pigeons of all varieties, wild mourning doves and wild white-winged doves, wild snipe of all varieties, wild shore birds of all varieties, wild Mexican pheasants or chachalacas, and wild plover of all varieties, are hereby declared to be game birds within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 872, P. C. 1925.)

The open season, bag and possession limits, shooting hours, means and methods for taking game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, and fish in the above named counties shall be as follows:

## **HUNTING REGULATIONS**

On State game preserves, statutory wildlife sanctuaries, United States wildlife sanctuaries, within the corporate limits of any city, and on public roads and highways, there shall be no open season on any species of game animal, game birds, or fur-bearers.

### **SHOOTING HOURS**

It shall be unlawful to shoot any species of game animals or game birds except during the hours from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset; provided, however, that the shooting hours for migratory birds shall be regulated by a special proclamation.

### **GAME ANIMALS**

#### **WILD ANTELOPE**

No open season

#### **WILD BUFFALO**

No closed season.

**Bag Limit:** None.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted; however, it shall be unlawful for any person in this state to kill any buffalo, except male buffalo ten (10) years old, or older, and only upon the written permission of the landowner who has the right to dispose of any surplus buffalo through permission in writing of the Game and Fish Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the Acts, 1955, 54th Legislature, H. B. 586, Ch. 94.

## WILD DEER

**Open Season:** November 16 to December 31, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** Two (2) buck deer, each with at least one pronged antler, except that antlerless and/or doe deer may be taken by special permit only in areas to be designated by the Game and Fish Commission; however, that no one person shall kill or possess more than two (2) deer in the aggregate. The term "antlerless and/or doe" deer shall be construed to mean all deer which do not possess hardened antlers protruding through the skin. Hunting of antlerless and/or doe deer under special permits issued by the Game and Fish Commission for designated areas only shall be from December 1 to December 15, both days inclusive. The carcass, or any part thereof of any deer in possession of any person shall have attached thereto a tag issued to such person on his valid hunting license; in addition, a special antlerless and/or doe deer tag shall be attached to each antlerless and/or doe deer, or any part thereof. Any person possessing an antlerless deer shall have in his possession a special doe deer permit on which appears the hunter's name, the signature of the landowner or his authorized agent on whose property the deer was killed, and the county compartment number in which the deer was killed. Any person possessing or killing an antlerless and/or doe deer must have said deer checked at a designated Game and Fish Commission checking station within 24 hours after killing same, except that all antlerless and/or doe deer killed on the last day of the doe deer season shall be checked at a designated Game and Fish Commission checking station before 10 P.M. of that date.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild deer with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or .22 caliber firearms using rim-fire ammunition or shotguns. Bows and arrows may be used.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to make use of a dog or dogs in the hunting of or pursuing or taking of any deer, provided, however, that it shall be lawful to use a dog or dogs for the purpose of trailing a wounded deer.

## WILD JAVELINA

No closed season.

**Bag Limit:** None.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted.

## WILD SQUIRREL

No closed season.

**Bag Limit:** None.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted.

## FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

No closed season, except that there shall be no open season on beaver.

**Bag Limit:** None.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted, except that it shall be unlawful to have in possession or to hunt with any artificial light in a community where deer are known to range, and the possession of an artificial light in such area shall be prima facie evidence that the person found in possession of said light is violating the provisions hereof.

## GAME BIRDS

### PRAIRIE CHICKEN

No open season.

### WILD QUAIL

**Open Season:** December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Twelve (12); possession limit, twenty-four (24).

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill quail with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity. Rifles capable of being fired from the shoulder are lawful weapons.

### PHEASANT

**Open Season:** Open season on pen-raised, properly banded pheasant shall be from October 1 through March 31, both days inclusive, on shooting resorts as provided under House Bill No. 739, Acts, 1955, amending Art. 908, Penal Code.

**Bag Limit:** None. No possession limit.



**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill pheasant with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder.

### **WILD TURKEY**

**Open Season:** November 16 to December 31, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) turkey gobbler per season.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill a wild turkey with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder, or bow and arrows.

### **MIGRATORY BIRDS**

The regulations for taking migratory birds will be prescribed by the Game and Fish Commission in a separate proclamation.

### **FISHING REGULATIONS**

**Open Season:** Except on State wildlife sanctuaries and United States wildlife sanctuaries there shall be no closed season.

#### **CHANNEL, BLUE AND YELLOW CATFISH**

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, twenty-five (25) catfish any length, and possession limit, fifty (50) catfish any length; except that in the Colorado River and its lakes in Llano County, the Pecos River in Crockett County, and that part of the East Fork of the Nueces River which forms the boundary line between Edwards and Real Counties, starting at the Hackberry Community south to the Uvalde County line, the daily bag limit shall be twenty-five (25) catfish any length, and there shall be no possession limit.

#### **CRAPPIE**

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, twenty-five (25) any length, and possession limit fifty (50) any length; except that in the Colorado River and its lakes in Llano County, the Pecos River in Crockett County and that part of the East Fork of the Nueces River which forms the boundary line between Edwards and Real Counties, starting at the Hackberry Community south to the Uvalde County line, the daily bag limit shall be twenty-five (25) any length and there shall be no possession limit.

## LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH AND SPOTTED BLACK BASS

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, fifteen (15) black bass, not less than seven (7) inches in length, and possession limit, thirty (30) black bass, not less than seven (7) inches in length; except that in the Colorado River and its lakes in Llano County, the Pecos River in Crockett County and that part of the East Fork of the Nueces River which forms the boundary line between Edwards and Real Counties, starting at the Hackberry Community south to the Uvalde County line, the daily bag limit shall be fifteen (15) black bass, none of which shall be less than seven (7) inches in length and not more than ten (10) shall be greater than eleven (11) inches, and there shall be no possession limit.

## WHITE BASS

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, twenty-five (25) any length and possession limit, fifty (50) any length; except that in the Colorado River and its lakes in Llano County, the Pecos River in Crockett County and that part of the East Fork of the Nueces River which forms the boundary line between Edwards and Real Counties, starting at the Hackberry Community south to the Uvalde County line, the daily bag limit shall be twenty-five (25) any length and there shall be no possession limit.

## MINNOWS

**Bag Limit:** Bag and possession limits, at any one time, two hundred (200). Exceptions are no bag or possession limit for minnows from hatchery in state, or from waters in Llano and Crockett Counties. (Transportation of minnows beyond county where taken is regulated by Acts of Legislature applying to certain counties.)

## OTHER FISH SPECIES

All other fish species not specifically listed above are not regulated as to season, size limit, bag or possession limit.

**Means and Methods of Taking Fish:** In all of the waters of the above counties, except the Pecos River in Crockett County and that part of the East Fork of the Nueces River which forms the boundary line between Edwards and Real Counties, starting at the Hackberry Community south to the Uvalde County line, only the following means and methods of taking fish may be used: Rod and reel, pole and line, hand line, set line and throw line with not more than six (6) hooks each, trotline with not more than thirty (30) hooks each and artificial bait. Hooks on

throw line and trotline must be spaced not less than three (3) feet apart. An aggregate of not more than thirty (30) hooks may be used by any one person at any one time. No fishing device may be attached to any other fishing device by use of buoys, jugs, or other means. No trotline may be placed or set in the vicinity of any boat dock, or bathing pier, or bathing beach or any place commonly used as a swimming and bathing area.

Spear gun and spear as well as bow and arrow may be used for taking only rough fish. Rough fish shall be defined as carp, suckers, buffalo, gar, shad, Rio Grande perch and drum (gaspergou) as provided by Senate Bill No. 427, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, State of Texas.

It shall be lawful in all of the above named counties to take or catch rough fish defined as suckers, carp, buffalo, shad, drum (gaspergou), Rio Grande perch, or gar with a wire loop. However, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession any crappie, largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass, channel, blue and yellow catfish and white bass at the time that such person has in possession any suckers, carp, buffalo, shad, or gar that were taken by a wire loop.

In the Pecos River in Crockett County, only the following means of taking fish may be used: Ordinary hook and line or trotline or artificial bait. (No restrictions on number of hooks.)

In that part of the East Fork of the Nueces River which forms the boundary line between Edwards and Real Counties starting at the Hackberry Community south to the Uvalde County line, it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any fish by any method, means or device equipped with more than two (2) hooks, except artificial lures used with a rod and reel. Bottles, cans and floats of any kind shall not be used unless the line to which the hooks are attached is tied securely to a stationary object or held by the fisherman.

In all counties, minnows may be taken with minnow seine not more than twenty (20) feet in length and constructed of nonmetallic material, dip or umbrella nets and common funnel fruit jar traps or its metallic counterpart.

The taking of game or fish in the above named counties by any means other than as hereinabove set forth shall be unlawful, except under fish management contracts with the Game and Fish Commission for removal of rough fish as provided in Acts, 1949, Ch. 422, House Bill No. 806. However, none of this proclamation shall apply to the Game and Fish Commission of Texas, their agents or employees when in the course, acts, or procedures of conservation, removal of rough fish, or other

practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interest of game and fish culture and the preservation of the sport of hunting and fishing.

There shall be no open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take any of the wildlife resources in the above named counties, other than during the open seasons hereby proclaimed.

House Bill No. 247, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200), upon conviction of any person who shall violate any proclamation, order, rule or regulation issued by the Game and Fish Commission under the provision of said Act, and within the discretion of the court or jury, for forfeiture of his hunting, trapping, or fishing license and of his right to hunt, fish or trap for the remainder of the license years.

The rules and regulations in the Proclamation herein promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission are cumulative of all General and Special Laws enacted by the Legislature regulating the taking of wildlife.

**GUS ENGELING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
ANDERSON COUNTY  
HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION  
NO. 4**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 3, 1958, for Wildlife Management Areas, and after having conducted continuous research and investigations of the supply, economic value, environment, breeding habits and sex ratio of wildlife resources and the factors affecting their increase or decrease, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess wildlife species as hereinafter provided, the facts having disclosed that there periodically is an ample supply of such wildlife resources that a portion thereof may be taken which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife on the Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 3, 1958, for Wildlife Management Areas, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Executive Secretary acting for the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that as the supply of game birds and animals warrants, there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, and fish on the Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area under conditions herein provided; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after September 1, 1958.

**HUNTING REGULATIONS**

**WILD DEER**

**Open Season:** By permit only, November 16 to November 25, both days inclusive.

**Shooting Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) deer of either sex. Possession limit, one (1) deer of either sex. The carcass or any part thereof of any deer in possession of any person shall have attached thereto a tag issued to such person on his valid hunting license; in addition, a special tag shall be attached to each deer or any part thereof, stating that the deer is a legal deer. All deer killed on the Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area must be checked at area headquarters before the hunter will be permitted to leave the premises.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild deer with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or with any shotgun using other than solid slugs or .22 caliber rifle using rim-fire ammunition.

At any time the desired quota of deer to be harvested as set by the Game and Fish Commission is filled, the deer season shall be closed.

## **PREDATORY ANIMALS**

### **MOUNTAIN LIONS, WILDCATS, COYOTES AND/OR WOLVES**

**Open Season:** November 16 to November 25, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** No bag limit.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or shoot any predatory animal with a rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder or shotguns using other than solid slugs or .22 caliber rifles using rim-fire ammunition.

## **FISHING REGULATIONS**

**Open Season:** There shall be no closed season for taking fish in the above named wildlife management area.

### **CHANNEL, BLUE AND YELLOW CATFISH**

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, twenty-five (25) channel catfish, blue catfish, or yellow catfish, of any length, singly or in the aggregate.

### **CRAPPIE**

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, twenty-five (25) crappie, any length.

## BLACK BASS AND ALL SUBSPECIES

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, fifteen (15) bass, not less than seven (7) inches in length.

## SUNFISH, PERCH, BREEM AND MUD CATFISH

**Bag Limit:** No bag limit.

**Means of Taking:** On the above named area only the following means and methods may be used: Ordinary pole and line, set line, trotline, rod, reel and line, and artificial lures. Hooks on set line, throw line and trotline must be spaced at least three (3) feet apart. An aggregate of not more than thirty (30) hooks may be used by any one person at any one time.

The taking of fish in the above named area by any means other than as hereinabove set forth shall be unlawful, except under fish management contract with the Game and Fish Commission for removal of rough fish as provided in Acts, 1949, Ch. 422, House Bill 806.

House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) upon conviction of any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act or who shall hunt or fish at any time other than the times specified by the Game and Fish Commission.

The rules and regulations in the Proclamation herein promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission are cumulative of all General and Special Laws enacted by the Legislature regulating the taking of wildlife.

# HEMPHILL COUNTY FISH REARING LAKE AREA HEMPHILL COUNTY, TEXAS

## GENERAL REGULATIONS AND FISHING PROCLAMATION NO. 1

Acts of the 54th Legislature, Regular Session, 1955, Chapter 463, H. B. 378, provides that the Game and Fish Commission is authorized to manage and protect wildlife and fish species found on State lands acquired for use as a wildlife and fisheries management area. In 1948 the State purchased the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area for the purpose of an experimental freshwater fishery management area. Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission by the Legislature to manage such areas and in order to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area, the Game and Fish Commission does hereby proclaim the following regulations to govern the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area, effective April 1, 1959, until amended.

### I. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. No business concessions such as the selling, renting, leasing, or peddling of goods, merchandise, or services to the public may be maintained or operated within the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area.
2. No overnight camping is allowed within the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area.
3. No person may build or maintain a campfire within the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area.
4. No person may enter or attempt to enter with a gun, rifle, or any other firearm or weapon or possess a gun, rifle, any other firearm or weapon on the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area.
5. No person may possess or consume any alcoholic beverages within the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area.
6. No person may damage or attempt to damage any trees or plant life within the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area.
7. No person may damage or attempt to damage any Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area levee facility, improvement, or property.
8. No person may dump trash or garbage or attempt to dump



trash or garbage within the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area.

9. Except during drawdown to remove brood fish for the Game and Fish Commission's hatcheries the area will be open to the public daily.

## II. WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

Except for the taking of fish as herein provided, no person may molest, take, hunt or attempt to molest, take or hunt any wildlife within the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area.

## III. FISHING REGULATIONS

1. A person may fish in the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area. Such waters will be closed to fishing during periodic drawdowns to permit the removal of brood fish for the Game and Fish Commission's hatcheries and for a period thereafter until the restocked fish have attained a size suitable for catching.

Advance notice will be given when the waters will be closed for such projects.

2. A person may take fish of any species, size, or number from the waters of the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area, except, however, the following species of fish shall be limited in the number that may be taken during any one day to:

- a. Five (5) largemouth black bass per person, any size;
- b. Twenty-five (25) crappie per person, any size;
- c. Ten (10) channel catfish per person, any size.

3. A person may take fish only by means of rod and reel, pole and line, or hand line. Wade fishing is permitted.

## IV. BOAT REGULATIONS

1. Boats propelled by hand oar or hand paddle are allowed on the waters of the Hemphill County Fish Rearing Lake Area. No motor propelled boats are allowed upon such waters. All boats must be in a safe operating condition.

## V. PENALTY

House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25), nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) upon conviction of any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act or who shall hunt or fish at any time other than the times specified by the Game and Fish Commission.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

CLOSING LAKE HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TO THE USE OF NETS AND SEINES FOR THE TAKING OF FISH (EXCEPT THAT A MINNOW SEINE NOT TO EXCEED 20 FEET IN LENGTH MAY BE USED FOR TAKING BAIT.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

WHEREAS, Article 928, Penal Code 1925, State of Texas, applicable to any fresh water river, creek, lake, pool, bayou, lagoon, or tank, provides that the Game and Fish Commission is authorized to forbid the use of nets or seines whenever such closing is deemed necessary or best to protect and conserve the fish in such waters;

WHEREAS, The Game and Fish Commission, after careful and thorough investigation, believes that Lake Houston, Harris County, should be closed to seines and nets to protect and conserve the fish;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, H. D. Dodgen, Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission, by the authority vested in me by said Commission at its regular quarterly meeting in Tyler, Texas, on April 20, 1956, do hereby close the waters of Lake Houston, Harris County, on May 10, 1956, to the use of all nets and seines, except that minnow seines, not to exceed 20 feet in length, may be used for the taking of bait.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office this the 23rd day of April, A.D., 1956.

Signed: H. D. DODGEN, Executive Secretary  
Game and Fish Commission  
State of Texas

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## GENE HOWE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA HEMPHILL COUNTY

### HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION NO. 4

1958

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 3, 1958, for Wildlife Management Areas and after having conducted continuous research and investigations of the supply, economic value, environment, breeding habits and sex ratio of wildlife resources and the factors affecting their increase or decrease, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season as hereinafter provided, the facts having disclosed that there periodically is an ample supply of such wildlife resources that a portion thereof may be taken which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife on the Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 3, 1958, for Wildlife Management Areas, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Executive Secretary, acting for the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas, that, as the supply of game birds and animals warrants, there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, and fish on the Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area under conditions herein provided; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after September 1, 1958.

### HUNTING REGULATIONS

#### WILD QUAIL

**Open Season:** By permit only, December 6 and 20, 1958, and January 3 and 15, 1959.

**Shooting Hours:** Sunrise to sunset.

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, ten (10).

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill quail with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity.

House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) upon conviction of any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act or who shall hunt or fish at any time other than the times specified by the Game and Fish Commission.

**JASPER, NEWTON, TYLER (EXCEPTING PRECINCT 4),  
AND HARDIN, JEFFERSON AND ORANGE COUNTIES  
HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION  
NO. 1**

**AMENDED**

**1959**

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission under House Bill No. 4, 55th Legislature, Second Called Session, 1957, Chapter 19, page 176, and House Bill No. 621, 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, Chapter 181, page 378, and after having conducted continuous research and investigations of the supply, economic value, environment and habits of the wildlife resources as required by these Acts in the counties of Jasper, Newton, Tyler (excepting County Commissioners Precinct No. 4), Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time in the above named counties when it shall be lawful to take and possess the following wildlife species: game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish; the facts having disclosed that there is an ample supply of such wildlife resources and that a portion thereof may be taken, which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife species.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under said House Bill No. 4, 55th Legislature, Second Called Session, 1957, Chapter 19, page 176, and House Bill No. 621, 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, Chapter 181, page 378, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish in the above mentioned counties; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after September 1, 1958, and as amended by the Game and Fish Commission on the 23rd day of January, 1959, and as certified by the Executive Secretary on the 29th day of January, 1959.

There shall be no open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take any of the wildlife resources in the above named counties other than during the open season hereby proclaimed. Except as specified herein there shall be no restric-

tions on the age, sex, or size of game animals or game birds or other wildlife resources that may be taken.

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

### OPEN SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS:

Except on State game preserves, statutory wildlife sanctuaries, United States wildlife sanctuaries within the corporate limits of any city, and all public roads and highways, the open season and bag limits for taking game animals and game birds in the above named counties shall be as follows:

### GAME ANIMALS

#### DEER—Jasper, Newton and Tyler (excepting Precinct 4) Counties

The open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to hunt, take or kill wild buck deer with pronged antlers shall be from November 15th to December 15th of each year, both days inclusive.

The bag limit on wild buck deer with pronged antlers . . . two (2) during the open season of any one year.

#### Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties

The open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to hunt, take or kill wild buck deer with pronged antlers shall be from November 16th to December 31st of each year, both days inclusive.

The bag limit on wild buck deer with pronged antlers . . . two (2) during the open season of any one year.

#### SQUIRRELS—Jasper, Newton and Tyler (excepting Precinct 4) Counties

The open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to hunt, take or kill squirrels in the counties of Jasper, Newton and Tyler (excepting Precinct 4) shall be from November 1st to December 15th of each year, both days inclusive.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take or kill more than five (5) squirrels in any one day or to have in possession at any one time more than twenty (20) squirrels in Jasper, Newton and Tyler (excepting Precinct 4) Counties.

#### Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties

The open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to hunt, take or kill squirrels in the counties of Hardin, Jef-

ferson and Orange shall be from October 15th of one year to January 15th of the following year, both days inclusive.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take or kill more than ten (10) squirrels in any one day or to have in possession at any one time more than twenty (20) squirrels in Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties.

## **GAME BIRDS**

### **TURKEY—Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties**

**No open season.**

**Jasper, Newton and Tyler (excepting Precinct 4) Counties**

The open season on wild turkey gobblers in said counties shall be during the period from November 16 to December 31st, both days inclusive.

The turkey bag limit in the above named counties—wild turkey gobbler . . . three (3) during the open season of any one year.

### **QUAIL—Jasper, Newton and Tyler (excepting Precinct 4) Counties**

The open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to hunt, take or kill quail in the counties of Jasper, Newton and Tyler (excepting Precinct 4) shall be from December 1st of one year to February 10th of the following year, both days inclusive.

### **Jefferson, Hardin and Orange Counties**

The open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to hunt, take, or kill quail in the counties of Jefferson, Hardin and Orange shall be from December 1st of one year to January 16th of the following year, both days inclusive.

It shall be unlawful to kill more than twelve (12) quail of any or all varieties in any one day or possess more than thirty-six (36) quail of any or all varieties in the counties of Jasper, Newton, Tyler (excepting Precinct 4) Jefferson, Hardin and Orange.

## **MEANS AND METHODS OF TAKING GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS:**

It shall be lawful to hunt or shoot with a rifle or with a shotgun, capable of being fired from the shoulder, or bow and arrow. Shotgun to be not larger than 10-guage and capable of holding not more than three (3) shell at one loading, including the shell that may be held in the chamber of said gun when hunting

or taking game birds. It shall be lawful to make use of a dog or dogs in the hunting or taking of buck deer in Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Tyler (excepting Precinct 4), and Orange Counties during the open season. It shall be unlawful to hunt deer with a rifle using .22 caliber rim-fire ammunition in Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties.

### **SHOOTING HOURS FOR TAKING GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS:**

The lawful shooting hours shall be from thirty (30) minutes before sunrise until thirty (30) minutes after sunset.

### **MIGRATORY BIRDS**

The open season, bag limit, and means and methods of taking of migratory birds and waterfowl are stipulated by the Game and Fish Commission in a separate proclamation.

### **FUR-BEARING ANIMAL REGULATIONS**

#### **OPEN SEASONS**

**Jasper, Newton, Tyler (excepting Precinct 4), Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take the pelt of any fur-bearing animals in the above named counties at any time other than the open season provided therefor, except as provided herein. The open season for taking pelts of fur-bearing animals shall be during the months of December and January of each year; except muskrats, the open season for which shall be from the 15th day of November to the 15th day of March, both days inclusive; and except mink, the open season for which shall be November 15th to January 15th, both days inclusive. A person may hold, take or kill a fur-bearing animal for purposes other than taking its pelt for sale during any month of the year except that coypu (nutria) may be taken at any time, without restrictions as to numbers or disposal of their pelts.

#### **FOX—Jasper and Newton Counties**

It shall be lawful for any person to kill, take, hunt, catch or destroy wild fox at any time in Newton and Jasper Counties, and the hides and pelts of any wild fox so taken in said counties may be sold during the trapping season.

### **FISHING REGULATIONS**

#### **OPEN SEASONS:**

Except on State wildlife sanctuaries and on United States



wildlife sanctuaries, and subject to the laws relating to the sale of aquatic and marine life, there shall be no closed season for taking fish and other aquatic and marine life in the counties of Jasper, Newton, Tyler (excepting Precinct 4), Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange, except as herein specified.

### **BAG LIMITS:**

It shall be unlawful for any person in any one day to catch and retain, or to place on or in any device or container for holding same while he is fishing, any fish that is taken from the public fresh waters of the above named counties in excess of the following limits: largemouth black bass, smallmouth black bass, spotted bass, or any subspecies of the same, singly or in the aggregate, fifteen (15), of which not more than ten (10) shall be greater length than eleven (11) inches; white bass, twenty-five (25); blue catfish, channel catfish and yellow catfish, singly or in the aggregate, twenty-five (25); crappie or white perch, twenty-five (25);

Provided, however, that in Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties the daily bag and size limits shall not be in excess of the following limits: largemouth black bass, smallmouth black bass, spotted bass, or any subspecies of same, singly or in the aggregate, fifteen (15) per day and thirty (30) in possession; white bass, twenty-five (25) per day and no possession limit; blue catfish, channel catfish and yellow catfish, singly or in the aggregate, twenty-five (25) per day and twenty-five (25) in possession; crappie or white perch, twenty-five (25) per day and twenty-five (25) in possession.

### **SIZE LIMITS:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to take from public fresh waters and retain, or place in any container, boat, creel, live-box or on any fish stringer any largemouth black bass, smallmouth black bass, spotted bass, or any subspecies of largemouth black bass, smallmouth black bass, spotted bass that is less than seven (7) inches in length; and in Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties any blue, channel or yellow catfish that is less than eleven (11) inches in length.

All fish species and other aquatic and marine life not specifically listed herein are not regulated as to season, size limit, catch or possession limit.

### **MEANS AND METHODS — PUBLIC FRESH WATERS**

In all of the above named counties only the following means and methods of taking fish from the public fresh waters shall be lawful except as otherwise provided herein; ordinary hook and line, artificial lures, rod and reel, hand line, set line, throw

line, trotline, or a set or drag net or seine, the meshes of which shall be three (3) or more inches square, or a minnow seine not more than twenty (20) feet long used for catching bait. It shall be lawful to use fruit jars with funnels thereto attached for the purpose of taking minnows for bait. It shall be lawful to use minnow seines not more than twenty (20) feet long and cast nets of any size mesh for the purpose of taking shad, carp, suckers, gar and buffalo fish. It shall be lawful to take rough fish with a spear gun and spear or bow and arrow, said rough fish being defined as carp, buffalo, gaspergou, garfish and Rio Grande perch. A spear gun as used in this proclamation shall be defined as any type of device used for propelling a spear under water as a means of taking fish. It shall be unlawful to have in possession any fish other than carp, buffalo, gaspergou, garfish and Rio Grande perch while using a spear gun and spear or bow and arrow for taking fish.

#### **Jasper and Tyler (excepting Precinct 4) Counties**

The following provisions shall apply to that portion of the Neches River which forms the boundary between Tyler and Jasper Counties and to all lakes lying wholly within these two counties which are formed by waters from the Neches River, and to that portion of the Angelina River which lies within Jasper County and to all lakes lying wholly within Jasper County which are formed by waters from the Angelina River:

It shall be unlawful for any person to place in any part of the waters described above any seine or net for taking or catching fish; provided, however, that any person may use a minnow seine which is not more than twenty (20) feet in length and the meshes of which are not less than one-sixth (1/6) inch square for the purpose of catching minnows for bait; provided, further, that no person shall use a minnow seine for the purpose of taking any fish other than minnows for bait, and all other fish taken by the use of minnow seine shall immediately be returned to the waters uninjured.

#### **Jasper and Newton Counties**

Except in certain waters of Jasper County as specified above, it shall be lawful for any person in the counties of Jasper and Newton to use a net not under three (3) inches square mesh for the purpose of catching any fish allowed by law to be caught in said counties. Any use of a net of smaller mesh than herein mentioned is hereby declared illegal.

#### **Hardin County**

Any and all persons shall be permitted to take or catch suck-

ers, buffalo, carp, shad, or gar with wire, rope, or gig at any time of the year.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession any bass, crappie or white perch, catfish, perch or bream caught while using a wire, rope or gig for the purpose of taking suckers, buffalo, carp, shad, or gar from any of the fresh waters of Hardin County.

#### **MEANS AND METHODS — TIDEWATERS**

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, set, use or drag any seine, net or other device for catching fish and shrimp other than the ordinary pole and line, casting rod and reel, artificial bait, trotline, set line or cast net or minnow seine of not more than twenty (20) feet in length for catching bait in or on Sabine Pass, leading from Sabine Lake to the Gulf of Mexico, or the waters within one (1) mile of said Sabine Pass, or in or on any of the waters of any of the lakes, bays, streams, bayous, or canals of Orange and Jefferson Counties, except as otherwise provided herein; provided that nothing in this proclamation shall prevent the use of spear or gig and light for the purpose of taking flounders.

Subject to the licensing provisions of Article 934a, Penal Code, the mesh of all seines and nets used for taking fish in the open Gulf of Mexico waters of this state lying within Jefferson County, not including the bag, shall not be less than one and one-half (1½) inch square mesh. The mesh of the bags, and for fifty (50) feet on each side of the bags, shall not be larger than one (1) inch square mesh. No seine or net of any kind over 2,000 feet shall be dragged or pulled in the open Gulf of Mexico waters of Jefferson County, and two or more seines which are connected or tied together with a combined length of more than 2,000 feet shall be illegal. However, this provision does not apply to the taking of menhaden, the lawful methods for such taking being provided herein.

#### **SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO MENHADEN FISH — GULF OF MEXICO**

Menhaden fish may be taken from the waters of the Gulf of Mexico within the gulfward boundary lines of Jefferson County from the coast line of the Gulf of Mexico to the continental shelf compiled, platted, fixed and located by the Commissioner of the General Land Office pursuant to Senate Bill 338, Chapter 287, Acts of the Fiftieth Legislature, 1947, and filed and recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Jefferson County, between April 1st and December 1st of each year, through the use of nets and purse seines which, not including the bag, shall be not less than one and one-half (1½) inch stretched mesh;

provided, however, that no such nets and purse seines may be used in any bay, river, pass or tributary thereto, nor within one (1) mile of any barrier, jetty, island, or pass, nor within one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) mile offshore in the Gulf of Mexico (provided further, that no such net shall be used in the taking of menhaden fish until it shall have been examined and tagged in accordance with the provisions of Article 946 of the Penal Code of Texas.)

### **SHRIMP AND SHRIMP TRAWLS JEFFERSON AND ORANGE COUNTIES**

The following provisions shall apply to the taking of shrimp from the waters of Sabine Lake in Jefferson and Orange Counties and the waters of the Gulf of Mexico lying within Jefferson County.

It shall be unlawful to catch, take, or possess on board any fishing boat or vessel, shrimp of any size during the period from December 1 to August 31, both dates inclusive. During the period from September 1 to November 30, both dates inclusive, there shall be no restrictions on the size of a shrimp trawl that may be used nor on the quantity of legal size shrimp that may be taken. It is further provided that within that portion of the Gulf of Mexico lying within Jefferson County there shall be no restrictions on the size of a shrimp trawl that may be used, nor the quantity of legal size shrimp that may be taken; and no trawl, except bait trawls, may be used during the period June 15 to July 31, both days inclusive. Shrimp trawls, except bait trawls for the purpose of taking bait shrimp, are prohibited within one (1) mile of Sabine Pass at all times.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take or have in possession or on board any fishing boat or vessel any amount of shrimp of any salt water species which said shrimp shall average in count of individual specimen more than sixty-five (65) headless shrimp or tails to the pound, or if said amount of shrimp be in their natural state with heads attached, which said shrimp shall average in count of individual specimen with heads attached, more than thirty-nine (39) to the pound; which said count shall be taken in the manner and means provided by Acts, 1941, 47th Legislature, Ch. 322, as amended.

Provided, that the above limitations on the taking or possessing of shrimp as to shrimp size or count, or closed season, shall not apply to shrimp taken for bait, or by use of bait trawls where the same is taken or possessed not in violation of the following provisions:

It shall be unlawful to take shrimp for bait by any means other than a cast net, minnow seine of not more than twenty (20) feet in length, or by the use of a bait trawl which shall

be not more than ten (10) feet at the mouth as measured along the webbing attached to the cork line and sixteen (16) feet as measured along the webbing attached to the lead line, or by the use and employment of doors or boards to spread and open said bait trawls which are of greater size or dimension than twelve (12) by eighteen (18) inches. Said bait trawls shall not have a square mesh smaller than three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inch or one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches stretched mesh. Any bait trawl having a beam or braces by which the mouth of the trawl is held open shall not be more than ten (10) feet in width at the mouth. It shall be unlawful to tow or assist in the towing of more than one such bait net or trawl from a power boat or to tow other boats engaged in taking bait shrimp. It is further provided that during the nine consecutive months beginning within the first day of December and ending August 31st of the following year, both dates inclusive, no person may possess aboard any boat in the above described waters more than five (5) pounds of shrimp with heads attached per person aboard such boat, nor more than thirty-five (35) pounds of shrimp with heads attached, regardless of the number of passengers aboard said boat; provided, however, that during the closed season it shall be lawful for a licensed bait dealer as defined by law to have in his possession a maximum of one hundred fifty (150) pounds of shrimp with heads attached or five thousand (5,000) live shrimp and one hundred (100) pounds of dead shrimp with heads attached, for the purpose of sale as bait.

No blue crab bearing eggs may be taken from the waters of Sabine Lake in Jefferson and Orange Counties at any time.

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This proclamation shall not apply to the Game and Fish Commission, its agents or employees, when in the course, acts or procedures of conservation, removal of rough fish or other practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interests of game and fish culture and the preservation of the sports of hunting and fishing in the State of Texas.

This proclamation shall not in any way affect the validity of any laws or parts of laws, either general or special, except as specifically enumerated above.

House Bill No. 4, Acts, 55th Legislature, Second Called Session, 1957, Chapter 19, page 176, and Chapter 125, Acts, 52nd Legislature, 1951, as amended by Chapter 49, Acts, 54th Legislature, 1955, as amended by House Bill 621, Acts, 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, Chapter 181, provide for a penalty of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) upon conviction of any person who shall

violate any proclamation, order, rule or regulation issued by the Game and Fish Commission under the provisions of said Acts. The fishing, hunting, trapping or dealer's license of any person convicted of violating this proclamation of the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas shall be subject to the automatic forfeiture in accordance with the provisions of Article 893, Texas Penal Code, 1925, as amended by Chapter 5, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953.

**KERR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
KERR COUNTY**

**HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION  
NO. 4 — AMENDED**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

By virtue of the authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 3, 1958, for Wildlife Management Areas and after having conducted continuous research and investigations of the supply, economic value, environment, breeding habits and sex ratio of wildlife resources and the factors affecting their increase and decrease, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess wildlife species as hereinafter provided, the facts having disclosed that there periodically is an ample supply of such wildlife resources that a portion thereof may be taken which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife on the Kerr Wildlife Management Area.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 3, 1958, for Wildlife Management Areas, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Executive Secretary acting for the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that as the supply of game birds and animals warrants there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish on the Kerr Wildlife Management Area under conditions herein provided; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after October 24, 1958.

**HUNTING REGULATIONS**

**WILD DEER**

**Open Season:** By permit only, wild deer may be taken November 16 to November 25, both days inclusive, and November 29 and 30.

**Shooting Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) deer of either sex. Possession limit, one (1) deer of either sex. The carcass or any part thereof of any deer in possession of any person shall have attached thereto a tag issued to such person on his valid hunting license; in addition, a special tag shall be attached to each deer or any part thereof, stating that the deer is a legal deer. All deer killed on the Kerr Wildlife Management Area must be checked at area headquarters before the hunter will be permitted to leave the premises.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild deer with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or with any shotgun using other than solid slugs or .22 caliber rifle using rim-fire ammunition.

## PREDATORY ANIMALS

### MOUNTAIN LIONS, WILDCATS, COYOTES AND WOLVES

**Open Season:** November 16 to November 25, both days inclusive, and November 29 and 30.

**Bag Limit:** No bag limit.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or shoot any predatory animal with a rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder or shotguns using other than solid slugs or .22 caliber rifles using rim-fire ammunition.

## FISHING REGULATIONS

### NO OPEN SEASON.

House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) upon conviction of any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act, or who shall hunt or fish at any time other than the times specified by the Game and Fish Commission.

The rules and regulations in the Proclamation herein promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission are cumulative of all General and Special Laws enacted by the Legislature regulating the taking of wildlife.



**LAVACA COUNTY DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING  
PROCLAMATION NO. 3**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

Whereas, Senate Bill No. 393, Acts, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, provides that the Game and Fish Commission shall conduct continuous scientific research, investigations and studies of deer and turkey in the County of Lavaca for the purpose of conserving same, and to allow open seasons for harvesting any surplus of deer and turkey; and

Whereas, It is the legislative policy that said Commission provide open or closed seasons to prevent waste or depletion of wildlife resources;

Now, therefore, the Game and Fish Commission issues temporary regulations regarding the taking of deer and turkey in said Lavaca County, as follows:

**WILD TURKEY**

No open season.

All laws, general and special, applying to deer in Lavaca County, in effect until such time as the Game and Fish Commission can issue a proclamation based on scientific investigation and study as provided by Senate Bill No. 393, Acts, Regular Session, 54th Legislature.

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS  
PROCLAMATION NO. 15**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

At a regular meeting of the Game and Fish Commission, quorum present, at its office in Austin, Texas, on the 18th day of July, A.D., 1958, the following was unanimously adopted:

“Article 881b, Penal Code of the State of Texas, Ch. 61, 3rd Called Session, 43rd Legislature, as amended by House Bill No. 451 (Ch. 252), Regular Session, 48th Legislature, requires that the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas shall make suitable regulations permitting and governing the taking of migratory game birds; and said law further provides that no migratory game birds shall be taken except in accordance with regulations by the Game and Fish Commission and in effect at the time such bird is taken.

“In obedience to the directions given by the Legislature of this State in the laws above cited, the Game and Fish Commission does hereby proclaim the following regulations to govern and permit the taking of certain migratory game birds in this State or in certain specified portions of it, to be effective on and after the thirty-first day of August, A.D., 1958, as follows:

**OPEN SEASONS:** Except on State game preserves, statutory State wildlife sanctuaries, United States wildlife sanctuaries, and on public roads and highways within the State, the open season for taking each of the herein named migratory game birds in the State of Texas or in that portion of same later referred to herein shall be as follows:

“**DUCKS AND COOTS:** November 1 to January 14, both days inclusive; shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. No open season on black-bellied tree ducks.

“**GEESE:** November 1 to January 14, both days inclusive, for snow geese and blue geese; November 16 to January 14, both days inclusive, for white-fronted geese and Canada geese; shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

“**RAILS AND GALLINULES** (except Coots): September 1 to November 9, both days inclusive; shooting hours to be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

**"MOURNING DOVES:** In Val Verde, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal, Hays, Travis, Williamson, Milam, Robertson, Leon, Houston, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, and Shelby Counties, and all counties north and west thereof, September 1 to October 20, both days inclusive, from 12:00 o'clock noon to sunset; in remainder of State, October 1 to November 19, both days inclusive, except the mourning dove season will close at sunset November 17 in the white-winged dove zone to compensate for open season of September 14 and 16 during white-winged dove hunt. Shooting hours: 12:00 o'clock noon to sunset. (These regulations do not apply to McMullen County and a portion of Kaufman County which are regulated by special statutes.)

**"WHITE-WINGED DOVES:** There shall be an open season only in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Maverick, Kinney, Dimmit, La Salle, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kenedy, Willacy, Val Verde, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Culberson, Hudspeth, and El Paso Counties, September 14 and 16, from 2 P.M. until sunset. No open season in rest of the State.

**"WOODCOCK:** There shall be an open season December 8 to January 16, both days inclusive; shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

**"WILSON SNIPE OR JACKSNIPE:** December 16 to January 14, both days inclusive; shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

**"BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** For the first day of the open season, a person shall be permitted to possess only one day's limit of the species of game taken on such opening day.

**"DUCKS:** Daily bag limit on ducks is five (5) in the aggregate of all kinds, provided that in such limit there will be no more than one (1) wood duck, one (1) hooded merganser, and no more than (a) two (2) canvasbacks, or (b) two (2) redheads, or (c) one (1) canvasback and one (1) redhead. Any person may possess not more than ten (10) ducks in the aggregate of all kinds, including not more than one (1) wood duck; not more than one (1) hooded merganser; and not more than (a) four (4) canvasbacks, or (b) four (4) redheads, or (c) four (4) in the aggregate of both canvasbacks and redheads.

In addition to the daily bag and possession limits on ducks, the daily bag limit on American and red-breasted mergansers is five (5), possession limit ten (10), singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

**"GEESE:** The daily bag limit on geese and brant is five (5); provided such limit shall not contain more than (a) two (2) Canada geese or its subspecies, or (b) one (1) Canada goose and one (1) white-fronted goose. Possession limit is one (1) day's kill.

**"RAILS AND GALLINULES (except Soras and Coots):** Fifteen (15) in the aggregate of all kinds, and any person may possess not more than fifteen (15) in the aggregate of all kinds.

**"COOTS:** Ten (10) and any person may possess not more than ten (10).

**“SORAS:** Twenty-five (25), and any person may possess not more than twenty-five (25).

**“MOURNING OR TURTLE DOVES AND WHITE-WINGED DOVES:** The daily bag limit is ten (10), in the aggregate of either or both kinds, and any person may possess not more than twenty (20) in the aggregate of both mourning and white-winged doves, with not more than ten (10) white-winged doves in possession at any one time.

**“WOODCOCK:** Daily bag limit is four (4), possession limit is eight (8).

**WILSON SNIPE OR JACKSNIPE:** Daily bag limit and possession is eight (8).

**“MEANS, METHODS AND DEVICES BY WHICH MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS MAY BE TAKEN:** Migratory game birds, on which open seasons are specified in this proclamation, may be taken during such respective open seasons with a bow and arrow, or with a shotgun, not larger than ten gauge, fired from the shoulder, but they shall not be taken with or by means of an automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, the magazine of which has not been cut off or plugged with a one-piece metal or wooden filler incapable of removal without disassembling so as to reduce the capacity of said gun to not more than three shells at one time in the magazine and chamber combined. They may be taken during the open season from land or water with the aid of a dog and from a blind, boat or floating craft, except that they may not be taken from a sink box, power boat, sailboat, any boat under sail, and any craft or device of any kind towed by power boat, or sailboat, but nothing herein shall permit the taking of migratory game birds from or by means, aid or use of an automobile or aircraft of any kind or to permit the taking of waterfowl by means, aid or use of cattle, horses, or mules. Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to prevent a person from taking waterfowl from an outboard motor boat, when the motor is detached from the boat and is placed inside the boat, or when such motor boat is placed inside of or secured to any shooting blind.

“Waterfowl (excepting for propagating, scientific, or banding purposes under permit issued by the Game and Fish Commission), and mourning doves are not permitted to be taken by means, aid, or use, directly or indirectly, of corn, wheat, oats, or other grain or product thereof, salt, or any kind of feed whatever, placed, deposited, distributed, scattered, or otherwise put out whereby such waterfowl or doves are lured, attracted, or enticed to, on or over the area where hunters are attempting to take them, but it is not intended to forbid the taking of

such birds as are attracted by growing or standing crops of grain or by harvested grain fields so long as such crops are not manipulated or such fields have not been harvested by man or his agencies so as to cause such grain to be placed, deposited, scattered, or otherwise put out, as aforesaid; and in the taking of waterfowl, the use, directly or indirectly, of live duck or goose decoys is not permitted, regardless of the distance intervening between such live decoys and the position of the taker, nor shall anything in these regulations be deemed to permit the use of aircraft of any kind, or of a power boat; sailboat, or other floating craft or device of any kind, for the purpose of concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up waterfowl and coots, or by the use or aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.

“Any person who takes, kills, or attempts to take or kill or possess any migratory game bird except in accordance with permission granted in this proclamation shall be prosecuted under Ch. 61, 3rd Called Session of the 43rd Legislature, as amended by House Bill No. 451 (Ch. 252), 48th Legislature. Penalty, not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) and forfeiture of his right to hunt with a gun in this State for a period of one year from the date of his conviction.”

# NOLAN COUNTY HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION NO. 1

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission under House Bill No. 61, Acts 55th Legislature, First Called Session, 1957, Chapter 40, page 106, and after having conducted continuous research and investigation of the supply, economic value, environment and habits of the wildlife resources as required by this Act, in the county of Nolan, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservative practice to provide an open season or period of time in the above named county when it shall be lawful to take and possess the following wildlife species: game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, and fish; the facts having disclosed that there is an ample supply of certain wildlife resources and that a portion thereof may be taken, which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife species.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under said House Bill No. 61, Acts 55th Legislature, First Called Session, 1957, Chapter 40, page 106, and with the consent of the owners of the land or the water where hunting, trapping or fishing may be done, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, and fish in the above mentioned county; and that this Proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after April 25, 1958, and until revoked, amended or modified; and that at a regular meeting held in its offices at Austin, Texas, on the 24th day of October, 1958, a quorum being present, the Game and Fish Commission amended this proclamation so as to read hereafter as follows:

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

### OPEN SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS:

Except on State game preserves, statutory wildlife sanctuaries, United States wildlife sanctuaries, within the corporate limits of any city, and all public roads and highways, the open

season and bag limit for taking game animals and game birds in Nolan County shall be as follows:

### GAME ANIMALS

**Squirrels**—The open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to hunt, take, or kill squirrels in the County of Nolan shall be in the months of May, June, and July, and in the months of October, November, and December of each year. It shall be unlawful for any one person to take or kill more than ten (10) squirrels in any one day or to have in possession at any time more than twenty (20) squirrels.

**Deer**—The open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to hunt, take or kill wild buck deer with at least one pronged antler in the county of Nolan shall be from November 16 to November 30, both days inclusive.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take or kill more than one buck deer with pronged antlers during any one season of the year.

It shall be unlawful to shoot at, kill, or take any lawful deer with a .22 caliber rifle using rim-fire ammunition.

**Antelope**—No open season.

**Buffalo**—No open season.

**Javelina**—No open season.

### GAME BIRDS

**Quail**—The open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to hunt, take, or kill quail in the County of Nolan shall be from December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive. It shall be unlawful to kill more than twelve (12) quail of any or all varieties in any one day or to kill during any period of seven (7) days more than thirty-six (36) quail of any or all varieties.

**Turkey**—No open season.

**Prairie Chicken**—No open season.

**Pheasant**—No open season.

### MEANS AND METHODS OF TAKING GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS:

It shall be lawful to hunt or shoot with a rifle or with a shotgun capable of being fired from the shoulder, or bow and arrow. Shotgun to be not larger than 10-gauge and capable of holding not more than three shells at one loading, including the shell

that may be held in the chamber of said gun, when hunting or taking game birds.

### **SHOOTING HOURS:**

The lawful shooting hours shall be from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset.

### **MIGRATORY BIRDS**

The open season, bag limit, and means and methods of taking of migratory birds and waterfowl are stipulated by the Game and Fish Commission in a separate proclamation.

### **FUR-BEARING ANIMAL REGULATIONS**

#### **OPEN SEASONS:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take the pelt of any fur-bearing animal in Nolan County at any time other than the open season provided therefor. The open season for taking pelts of fur-bearing animals shall be during the months of December and January of each year; except muskrats, the open season for which shall be from the 15th day of November to the 15th day of March, both days inclusive; and except mink, the open season for which shall be November 15th to January 15th, both days inclusive.

A person may hold, take or kill a fur-bearing animal for purposes other than taking its pelt for sale during any month of the year.

### **FISHING REGULATIONS**

#### **OPEN SEASONS:**

Except on State wildlife sanctuaries and on United States wildlife sanctuaries, there shall be no closed season for taking fish and other aquatic life in Nolan County.

#### **BAG LIMITS:**

It shall be unlawful for any person in any one day to catch and retain, or to place on or in any device or container for holding same while he is fishing, any fish that is taken from the public fresh waters of Nolan County in excess of the following limits: largemouth black bass, smallmouth black bass, spotted bass, or any subspecies of the same, singly or in the aggregate, fifteen (15), of which not more than ten (10) shall be of greater length than eleven (11) inches; white bass, twenty-five (25); blue catfish, channel catfish and yellow catfish, singly or in the aggregate, twenty-five (25); crappie or white perch, twenty-five (25).



## SIZE LIMITS:

It shall be unlawful for any person to take from public fresh waters and retain, or place in any container, boat, creel, live box, or on any fish stringer any largemouth black bass, smallmouth black bass, spotted bass, or any subspecies of largemouth black bass, smallmouth black bass, spotted bass, that is less than seven (7) inches in length.

All fish species and other aquatic life not specifically listed herein are not regulated as to season, size limit, catch or possession limit.

## MEANS AND METHODS OF TAKING FISH:

In all of the waters of Nolan County it shall be unlawful to catch, take, or attempt to catch or take any fish by any method, means, or device, other than ordinary pole and line, rod and reel, fly rod, or trotline equipped with not more than twenty-five (25) hooks, or throw line equipped with not more than two (2) hooks; except artificial lures used with a rod and reel. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish with or in any way use more than one (1) trotline, not to exceed twenty-five (25) hooks, or more than one (1) throw line, not to exceed two (2) hooks, or to aid, assist, run, or be in any way connected with the use of more than one (1) trotline or throw line at any time. This shall not prohibit the use of a minnow seine of not more than twenty (20) feet in length for the purpose of taking minnows for bait. It shall be lawful to use fruit jars with funnel thereto attached for the purpose of taking minnows for bait.

**Rough Fish:** It shall be lawful to use minnow seines not more than 20 feet long and cast nets of any size mesh for the purpose of taking shad, carp, suckers, gar and buffalo fish. It shall be lawful to take rough fish with a spear gun and spear or bow and arrow, said rough fish being defined as carp, buffalo, gaspergou, garfish, and Rio Grande perch. A spear gun as used in this proclamation shall be defined as any type of device used for propelling a spear under water as a means of taking fish. It shall be unlawful to have in possession any fish other than carp, buffalo, gaspergou, garfish and Rio Grande perch while using a spear gun and spear or bow and arrow for taking such fish.

Any and all persons shall be permitted to take or catch suckers, buffalo, carp, shad or gar in any of the fresh waters of Nolan County with a seine or net, the meshes of which shall be not less than one (1) inch square, and any and all persons shall be permitted to take or catch suckers, buffalo, carp, shad, or gar with wire, rope, or gig at any time of the year; provided, however, that any bass, crappie or white perch, catfish,

perch, bream, or trout caught by the above mentioned methods shall be immediately released in the waters from which they are caught.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession any bass, crappie or white perch, catfish, perch, bream or trout at the time such person has in possession any suckers, buffalo, carp, shad or gar taken by methods permitted herein.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession any bass, crappie or white perch, catfish, perch, bream or trout caught while using a seine of not less than one-inch square mesh or using wire, rope or gig for the purpose of taking suckers, buffalo, carp, shad or gar from any of the fresh waters of Nolan County.

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This proclamation shall not apply to the Game and Fish Commission, its agents or employees when in the course, acts or procedures of conservation, removal of rough fish or other practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interests of game and fish culture and the preservation of the sport of hunting and fishing in the State of Texas.

There shall be no open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take any of the wildlife resources in Nolan County other than during the open season hereby proclaimed.

House Bill No. 61, Acts 55th Legislature, First Called Session, 1957, Chapter 40, page 106, provides for a penalty of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), upon conviction of any person who shall violate any Proclamation, order, rule or regulation issued by the Game and Fish Commission under the provisions of said Act. The fishing, hunting, trapping, or dealer's license of any person convicted of violating this Proclamation of the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas shall be subject to the automatic forfeiture in accordance with the provisions of Article 893, Texas Penal Code, 1925, as amended by Chapter 5, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953.

**PANHANDLE HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING  
PROCLAMATION NO. 8**

**Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Col-  
lingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley,  
Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchin-  
son, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham,  
Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher,  
Wheeler**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS . )

At a regular meeting of the Game and Fish Commission, with a quorum present, at its office in Austin, Texas, on the 18th day of July, A.D., 1958, the following regulations were unanimously adopted:

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission, under Senate Bill No. 47, First Called Session, 51st Legislature, State of Texas, and after having conducted continuous research and investigations of the supply, economic value, environments, and habits of the wildlife resources as required by the Act, in the counties of Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful in the above named counties, to take and possess the following wildlife species: Game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, and fish; the facts having disclosed that there is an ample supply of such wildlife resources that a portion thereof may be taken, which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife species.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the direction given under said Senate Bill No. 47, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish in the above named counties after obtaining the consent of the owners of the land or the water where hunting, trapping, or fishing may be done; and that this proclamation

and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after September 1, 1958, and until amended, revoked or modified.

### **“GAME ANIMALS” DEFINED**

Wild antelope, wild buffalo, wild black bear, wild deer, wild elk, wild javelina, wild sheep, and wild gray and red squirrels, cat squirrels, or fox squirrels are hereby declared to be game animals within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 892, P.C., 1925.)

### **“GAME BIRDS” DEFINED**

Wild turkey, wild ducks of all varieties, wild geese of all varieties, wild brant, wild grouse, wild prairie chicken or pinnated grouse, wild pheasants of all varieties, wild partridge, and wild quail of all varieties, wild pigeons of all varieties, wild mourning doves and wild white-winged doves, wild snipe of all varieties, wild shore birds of all varieties, wild Mexican pheasants or chachalacas, and wild plover of all varieties, are hereby declared to be game birds within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 872, P.C., 1925.)

The open season, bag and possession limits, shooting hours, means and methods for taking game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, and fish in the above named counties shall be as follows:

## **HUNTING REGULATIONS**

This proclamation shall supplement all of the General Laws relating to the taking of game animals or game birds in said counties. On State game preserves, statutory wildlife sanctuaries, United States Wildlife Sanctuaries, within the corporate limits of any city, and on public roads and highways, there shall be no open season on any species of game animals, game birds, or fur-bearers.

### **SHOOTING HOURS**

It shall be unlawful to shoot any species of game animals or game birds except during the hours from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset; provided, however, that shooting hours for migratory birds shall be regulated by Special Proclamation.

## **GAME ANIMALS**

### **PRONG-HORNED ANTELOPE**

**Open Season:** October 14 to October 16, both days inclusive, on buck antelope only in all of Dallam County, west of Highway 51, and in Hartley County north of U. S. Highway 54 from New Mexico state line to Punta de Agua Creek, thence north of Punta

de Agua Creek to its crossing on Farm-to-Market Highway 767, thence north of Highway 767 east to Highway 51; and from October 17-19, both days inclusive, on buck antelope only, in all of Hartley County lying south of the above designated line and west of Highway 51, and that part of Oldham County lying west of Highway 51 and north of Highway 66. There will be no open season on ranches which have not signed a contract with the Game and Fish Commission. Shooting hours, sunrise to sunset.

Said open season shall be available only to those persons who hold a Prong-Horned Antelope Hunting Permit. These permits will be issued by the Game and Fish Commission on and after September 1, 1958, and shall cost \$5.00 each. Permits shall not be transferable or refundable, and the number of prong-horned antelope permits issued shall be restricted to not more than the number of buck prong-horned antelope that may be safely harvested. Applications for permits must be post-marked not later than midnight, August 31. The permittee shall confirm his intention to hunt by making any required personal arrangements with the land operator not later than September 20. If such required satisfactory personal arrangements are not made and confirmed in writing by 5 P.M., September 20, then the land operator may assign this hunting privilege to any other person. The Game and Fish Commission will designate on which ranch each permit holder may hunt, and he may not hunt elsewhere. All hunting of antelope shall be under direction and supervision of representatives of the Game and Fish Commission. Antelope may be stalked from, but not chased by an automobile. No hunter shall be permitted to carry a gun afield after he has killed an antelope. Every effort must be made to kill any antelope wounded. Hunters shall not be permitted on the hunting range before sunrise of the opening day, shooting of game, other than antelope, shall not be permitted during the antelope season on ranches to which antelope hunters are assigned. Before starting to hunt, each hunter shall report to the State Game and Fish Warden on the ranch where he is assigned. He shall also have his permit signed by the warden in charge before leaving the ranch with an antelope. No antelope hunting permit will be issued to non-residents of this state or to residents of this state under eighteen years of age until all resident applicants over eighteen years of age who filed for same have obtained a permit. If surplus applications are received and a drawing is necessary, preference will be given applicants who were not issued licenses for the prior hunt.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild antelope with a shotgun that is loaded with any ammunition other than slugs or any rifle that is not capable of being fired

from the shoulder or .22 caliber firearms using rim-fire ammunition. Bow and arrows may be used.

### **BUFFALO**

No closed season. Permit from Game and Fish Commission required under House Bill No. 586.

### **WILD DEER**

**Open Season:** November 16 to November 25, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) buck deer with pronged antlers. Possession limit, one (1) buck deer with pronged antlers.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild deer with a shotgun that is loaded with any ammunition other than slugs or any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or .22 caliber firearms using rim-fire ammunition. Bow and arrows may be used.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to make use of a dog or dogs in the hunting of or pursuing or taking of any deer; provided, however, that it shall be lawful to use a dog or dogs for the purpose of trailing a wounded deer.

### **WILD JAVELINA**

No closed season.

**Bag Limit:** None.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted.

### **WILD SHEEP**

No open season.

### **SQUIRRELS**

**Open Season:** May 1 to July 1, both days inclusive, and October 1 to December 1, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, five (5), and possession limit, five (5).

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill squirrels with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder.

### **FUR-BEARING ANIMALS**

**Open Season:** Open season December 1 to January 31, both days inclusive, on all species except muskrat. The open season

on muskrat shall be December 1 to February 28, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** None. No possession limit.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted, except that it shall be unlawful to have in possession or to hunt with any artificial light in a community where deer are known to range, and the possession of an artificial light in such area shall be prima facie evidence that the person found in possession of said light is violating the provisions hereof.

## GAME BIRDS

### PRAIRIE CHICKEN

No open season.

### GRAY, SEESSEE AND SPANISH RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE

No open season.

### WILD PHEASANTS

No open season. Open season on pen-raised, properly banded pheasants shall be from October 1 through March 31, both days inclusive, on shooting resorts as provided under House Bill No. 739, Acts, 1955, Amending Art. 908, Penal Code, except in Dallam County

The open season for wild pheasant cock in Dallam County shall be December 13-14 and December 20-21, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** None. No possession limit, except in Dallam County, which provides as follows:

**Bag Limit:** Two (2) cock pheasants per day and four (4) in possession after the first day.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill pheasant with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder.

### WILD QUAIL

**Open Season:** December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit twelve (12) and not more than thirty-six (36) quail during any period of seven (7) days, or to have in possession at any one time more than thirty-six (36) quail.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill quail

with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder.

### **WILD TURKEY**

**Open Season:** November 16 to November 25, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** Two (2) gobblers per season.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill wild turkey with a shotgun larger than a 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder.

### **MIGRATORY BIRDS**

The regulations for taking migratory birds will be prescribed by the Game and Fish Commission in a separate proclamation.

### **FISHING REGULATIONS**

**Open Season:** Except on State wildlife sanctuaries and United States Wildlife sanctuaries there shall be no closed season.

#### **CHANNEL, BLUE, OR OPELOUSAS (FLAT-HEAD) CATFISH**

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, fifteen (15) catfish of any length. Possession limit, thirty (30) catfish of any length.

#### **LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED BLACK BASS, AND WHITE BASS**

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, fifteen (15) bass, no size limit. Possession limit, thirty (30) bass, no size limit.

#### **CRAPPIE, SUNFISH, PERCH, BREAM, AND MUD CATFISH**

**Bag Limit:** No bag limit on crappie, sunfish, perch, bream, and mud or bullhead catfish.

#### **MINNOWS**

No possession limit.

#### **OTHER FISH SPECIES**

All other fish species not specifically listed above are not regulated as to season, size limit, bag or possession limit.

**Means and Methods of Taking Fish:** Ordinary pole and line, set line, artificial lures, trotlines. Not more than one trotline



may be used by any one person at any one time with not more than twenty (20) hooks. An aggregate of not more than twenty (20) hooks may be used by any one person at any one time. Twenty-foot seine may be used for taking minnows; except that in the Canadian River only, it shall be legal to take minnows with a forty-foot seine. Traps, except the common funnel fruit jar or a metallic counterpart, shall not be used.

Spear gun and spear as well as bow and arrow may be used for taking only rough fish defined as carp, suckers, buffalo, gar, shad, Rio Grande perch and drum (gaspergou) as provided by Senate Bill No. 427, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, State of Texas.

The taking of game or fish in the above named counties by any means other than as hereinabove set forth shall be unlawful, except under fish management contracts with the Game and Fish Commission for removal of rough fish as provided in Acts, 1949, Ch. 422, House Bill No. 806. However, none of this proclamation shall apply to the Game and Fish Commission of Texas, their agents or employees when in the course, acts or procedures of conservation, removal of rough fish, or other practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interest of game and fish culture and the preservation of the sport of hunting and fishing.

Senate Bill No. 47, First Called Session, 51st Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than two hundred (\$200) dollars, upon conviction of any person who shall violate any proclamation, order, rule, or regulation issued by the Game and Fish Commission, under the provisions of said Act, for the automatic forfeiture of his hunting, trapping or fishing license for the remainder of the license year, and for forfeiture of his right to hunt, fish or trap for such period.

The rules and regulations in the Proclamation herein promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission are cumulative of all General and Special Laws enacted by the Legislature regulating the taking of wildlife.

**POSSUM KINGDOM AREA HUNTING, FISHING  
AND TRAPPING**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 6 — AMENDED**

1958

**Bell, Bosque, Clay, Coryell, Denton, Erath, Falls,  
Freestone, Hill, Hood, Jack, Johnson, Limestone  
McLennan, Milam, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker,  
Somervell, Stephens, Wise and Young Counties**

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission, under House Bill No. 275, Regular Session, 52nd Legislature, House Bill No. 663, Acts, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, as amended by House Bill No. 220, Acts, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, House Bill No. 621, Acts, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, State of Texas, and after having conducted continuous research and investigation of the supply, economic value, and environment, breeding habits and sex ratio of the wildlife resources and the factors affecting their increase or decrease as required by the Acts, in the counties of Bell, Bosque, Clay, Coryell, Denton, Erath, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Hood, Jack, Johnson, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Stephens, Wise and Young Counties, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful in the above named counties to take and possess the following wildlife species: game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, and fish; the facts having disclosed that there is an ample supply of such wildlife resources that a portion thereof may be taken which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife species.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under said House Bill No. 275, Acts, 52nd Legislature, House Bill No. 663, Acts, 54th Legislature, and House Bill No. 220, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish in the above named counties after obtaining the consent of the owners of the land or the water where hunt-

ing, trapping, or fishing may be done; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after October 24, 1958, and until amended, revoked or modified.

### **“GAME ANIMALS” DEFINED**

Wild deer, wild elk, wild antelope, wild sheep, wild black bear, and wild gray and red squirrels, cat squirrels, or fox squirrels, collared peccary or javelina, are hereby declared to be game animals within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 892, P. C., 1925; Art. 879g-2, P. C., 1939.)

### **“GAME BIRDS” DEFINED**

Wild turkey, wild ducks of all varieties, wild geese of all varieties, wild brant, wild grouse, wild prairie chickens or pinnated grouse; wild pheasants of all varieties, wild partridge, and wild quail of all varieties, wild mourning doves and wild white-winged doves, wild snipe of all varieties, wild shore birds of all varieties, wild Mexican pheasants or chachalacas, and wild plover of all varieties, are hereby declared to be game birds within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 872, P. C., 1925.)

The open season, bag and possession limits, shooting hours, means and methods for taking game animals, game birds, furbearing animals and fish in the above named counties shall be as follows:

## **HUNTING REGULATIONS**

On State game preserves, statutory wildlife sanctuaries, United States wildlife sanctuaries, within the corporate limits of any city, and on public roads and highways, there shall be no open season on any species of game animals, game birds, or furbearers.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any type of squealer, call or other device or instrument used to call or attract animals to aid in the hunting of any wild animals in Falls or Limestone Counties.

### **SHOOTING HOURS**

It shall be unlawful to shoot any species of game animals or game birds except during the hours from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset; provided, however, that the shooting hours for migratory birds shall be regulated by a special proclamation.

## GAME ANIMALS

### ANTELOPE

There shall be no open season on antelope.

### BUFFALO

There shall be no closed season on buffalo. Permit from Game and Fish Commission is required under House Bill No. 586.

**Bag Limit:** None.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted; however, it shall be unlawful for any person in this State to kill any buffalo, except male buffalo ten (10) years old, or older, and only upon the written permission of the landowner who has the right to dispose of any surplus buffalo through permission in writing of the Game and Fish Commission, in accordance with the provisions of Acts, 1955, 54th Legislature, H. B. No. 586, Ch. 94.

### WILD DEER

**Open Season on wild buck deer with pronged antlers:** Open season shall be November 16 to December 5, both days inclusive; except in Bosque, Falls, Freestone and Limestone Counties, the season shall be November 16 to December 31, both days inclusive. There shall be no open season in Hill, Johnson, or McLennan Counties.

**Open Season on antlerless deer:** The open season shall be November 26 to December 5, both days inclusive; except in Bosque County the season shall be November 16 to November 25, both days inclusive.

Hunting of antlerless deer shall be by **special permit only** and shall be restricted to areas to be designated by the Texas Game and Fish Commission. The term "antlerless deer" shall be construed to mean all deer which do not possess hardened antlers protruding through the skin. The carcass, or any part thereof, of any deer in possession of any person shall have attached thereto a tag issued to such person on his valid hunting license; in addition, a special antlerless deer tag shall be attached to each antlerless deer, or any part thereof. Any person possessing an antlerless deer shall have in his possession a special antlerless deer permit on which appears the hunter's name, the signature of the landowner or his authorized agent on whose property the deer was killed, and the county compartment number in which the deer was killed. Any person possessing or killing an antlerless deer must have said deer checked at a designated Game and Fish Commission checking station within

24 hours after killing same; except that all antlerless deer killed on the last day of the season must be checked at a Game and Fish Commission checking station before 9 P.M. of that date.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) buck deer with pronged antlers and one (1) antlerless deer; except in Bosque County two (2) deer of either sex may be taken and in Falls, Freestone and Limestone Counties only two (2) buck deer with pronged antlers may be taken.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild deer with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or .22 caliber firearms using rim-fire ammunition or shotgun of any caliber; provided, however, that bow and arrow may be used; provided, further, shotguns and .22 caliber rifles may be used in Falls, Freestone and Limestone Counties.

### **JAVELINAS (Collared Peccary)**

There shall be no open season on javelinas.

### **SQUIRRELS**

**Open Season:** In Falls, Freestone, and Limestone Counties the open season on squirrels shall be the months of May, June, July, October, November and December of each year. There shall be no closed season in all other counties in this Proclamation.

**Bag Limit:** Ten (10) squirrels per day.

**Possession Limit:** Twenty (20) squirrels.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take squirrels with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity. Bow and arrows may be used.

### **FUR-BEARING ANIMALS**

Open season on fur-bearing animals shall be December 1 to January 31, both days inclusive; provided, however, there shall be no closed season on fox in Freestone County.

**Bag Limit:** None.

**Means of Taking:** Unrestricted. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a green hide of a fur-bearing animal at any time after fifteen (15) days following the close of the season. The term "green hide" shall mean the pelt of a fur-bearing animal which is undried.

## GAME BIRDS

### PRAIRIE CHICKEN

There shall be no open season on prairie chickens.

### WILD PHEASANT

There shall be no open season on wild pheasant except on licensed shooting resorts.

### WILD QUAIL

**Open Season** on wild quail shall be December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive.

**Daily Bag Limit** on wild quail shall be twelve (12).

**Possession Limit:** Twenty-four (24) except in Falls, Freestone and Limestone Counties the possession limit is thirty-six (36).

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill quail with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder. Bow and arrows may be used.

### WILD TURKEY

**Open Season:** In the counties of Freestone, Falls and Limestone the season shall be from November 16 to December 31, both days inclusive. The open season in all other counties in this proclamation shall be from November 16 to November 30, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** In Falls and Limestone Counties three (3) turkey gobblers per season. In all other counties in this proclamation one (1) turkey gobbler per season.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill a wild turkey with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder. Bow and arrows may be used.

### MIGRATORY BIRDS

The regulations for taking migratory birds will be prescribed by the Game and Fish Commission in a separate proclamation.

### FISHING REGULATIONS

**Open Season:** Except on State wildlife sanctuaries and United States wildlife sanctuaries there shall be no closed season.

## **LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH AND SPOTTED BLACK BASS**

**Daily Bag Limit:** Fifteen (15) bass, not less than seven (7) inches in length; possession limit, thirty (30) bass, not less than seven (7) inches in length.

## **WHITE BASS**

**Daily Bag Limit:** Twenty-five (25) white bass any length. Possession limit: fifty (50) white bass any length.

## **CHANNEL, BLUE AND YELLOW CATFISH**

**Daily Bag Limit:** Twenty-five (25) catfish any length. Possession limit: fifty (50) catfish any length.

## **CRAPPIE (White Perch)**

**Daily Bag Limit:** Twenty-five (25) crappie any length. Possession limit: fifty (50) crappie any length, except in Belton Reservoir in Bell County the daily bag limit shall be fifty (50) crappie, and the possession limit shall be one hundred (100) crappie any length.

## **MINNOWS**

No limit on the number of minnows which may be taken or possessed from the waters of the above named counties. (Transportation of minnows beyond county where taken is regulated by other acts of Legislature applying to certain counties.)

## **OTHER FISH SPECIES**

All other fish species not specifically listed above are not regulated as to season, size limit, bag or possession limit.

**Means and Methods of Taking Fish:** In all of the waters of the above named counties only the following means and methods of taking fish shall be lawful: artificial bait, rod and reel, pole and line, hand line, set line, throw line and trotline. Hooks on throw line and trotline must be spaced not less than three (3) feet apart. No trotline shall possess more than fifty (50) hooks, and not more than two (2) trotlines may be used by any one person at any one time. An aggregate of not more than one hundred (100) hooks may be used by any one person at any one time.

A common funnel fruit jar trap or its metallic counterpart may be used for taking minnows, sunfish (bream) and rough fish defined as carp, suckers, buffalo, gar and shad.

Minnow seines, not more than twenty (20) feet in length, dip nets, cast nets, and umbrella nets constructed of nonmetallic materials may be used for taking minnows, sunfish (bream) and rough fish defined as carp, suckers, buffalo, gar and shad. All fish species which cannot be legally taken by seine must be imme-

diately released in the waters from which they are taken when caught by such device.

Spear gun and spear as well as bow and arrows may be used for taking only rough fish. Rough fish shall be defined as carp, suckers, buffalo, gar, shad, Rio Grande perch, and drum (gaspergou), as provided by Senate Bill No. 427, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, State of Texas.

In the counties of Falls, Freestone and Limestone it shall be lawful for any person to take or catch fish with a seine or net, the mesh of which shall not be less than three (3) inches square.

In Milam County it shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch rough fish with a seine or net, the mesh of which is less than three (3) inches square, and to use any seine or net made of metallic material. It shall be unlawful for any person using said nets or seines to have in his possession any fish not designated as rough fish in the Possum Kingdom Area Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Proclamation No. 6.

The taking of game or fish in the above named counties by any means other than as hereinabove set forth shall be unlawful, except under fish management contracts with the Game and Fish Commission for removal of rough fish as provided in Acts, 1949, Ch. 422, House Bill No. 806. However, none of this proclamation shall apply to the Game and Fish Commission of Texas, their agents or employees when in the course, acts, or procedures of conservation, removal of rough fish or other practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interest of game and fish culture and the preservation of the sport of hunting and fishing.

There shall be no open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take any of the wildlife resources in the above named counties, other than during the open season hereby proclaimed.

This proclamation shall not in any way affect the validity of any laws or parts of laws, either general or special, except as specifically above enumerated.

House Bill No. 275, Regular Session, 52nd Legislature, and House Bill No. 663, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, as amended by House Bill No. 220, Acts, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than ten dollars (\$10), nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200) upon conviction of any person who shall violate any proclamation, order, rule or regulation issued by the Game and Fish Commission under the provisions of said Acts. The fishing, hunting, trapping or dealer's license of any person convicted of violating this proclamation of the Game and Fish Commission shall be subject to forfeiture in accordance with the provisions of Article 893, of the Penal Code of Texas, 1925, as amended by Chapter 5, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953.



**RED RIVER, TITUS, FANNIN AND BOWIE COUNTIES  
HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION  
NO. 6 — AMENDED**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

At the regular meeting of the Game and Fish Commission with a quorum present, at its office in Austin, Texas, on the 18th day of July, A.D., 1958, the following regulations were unanimously adopted:

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission, under House Bill No. 275, Regular Session, 52nd Legislature, as amended by House Bill No. 458, Regular Session, 53rd Legislature, and House Bill No. 663, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, House Bill No. 220, Acts, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, House Bill No. 621, Acts, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, State of Texas, and after having conducted continuous research and investigation of the supply, economic value, environment, and habits of the wildlife resources as required by these acts, in the counties of Red River, Titus, Fannin, and Bowie, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful in the above named counties to take and possess the following wildlife species: Game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish; the facts having disclosed that there is an ample supply of such wildlife resources that a portion thereof may be taken which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife species.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under said House Bill No. 275, as amended, and House Bill No. 663, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish in the above named counties after obtaining the consent of the owners of the land or the water where hunting, trapping, or fishing may be done; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after September 1, 1958, and until amended, revoked or modified.

**“GAME ANIMALS” DEFINED**

Wild deer, wild elk, wild antelope, wild sheep, wild black bear, and wild gray and red squirrels, cat squirrels, or fox squirrels,

collared peccary or javelina, are hereby declared to be game animals within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 892, P. C., 1925; Art. 879g-2, P. C., 1939.)

### **"GAME BIRDS" DEFINED**

Wild turkey, wild ducks of all varieties, wild geese of all varieties, wild brant, wild grouse, wild prairie chickens or pin-nated grouse, wild pheasants of all varieties, wild partridge, and wild quail of all varieties, wild pigeons of all varieties, wild mourning doves and wild white-winged doves, wild snipe of all varieties, wild shore birds of all varieties, wild Mexican pheasants or chachalacas, and wild plover of all varieties, are hereby declared to be game birds within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 872, P. C., 1925.)

The open season, bag and possession limits, shooting hours, means and methods for taking game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, and fish in the above named counties shall be as follows:

### **HUNTING REGULATIONS**

On State game preserves, statutory wildlife sanctuaries, United States wildlife sanctuaries, within the corporate limits of any city, and on public roads and highways, there shall be no open season on any species of game animals, game birds, or fur-bearers.

#### **SHOOTING HOURS**

It shall be unlawful to shoot any species of game animals or game birds except during the hours from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset; provided, however, that the shooting hours for migratory birds shall be regulated by a special proclamation.

#### **WILD ANTELOPE**

No open season.

#### **WILD BUFFALO**

No closed season. Permit from Game and Fish Commission required under House Bill No. 586.

#### **WILD DEER**

##### **Open Season:**

Fannin County: November 16 to November 20, both days inclusive.

Red River, Titus, and Bowie Counties: November 16 to November 24, both days inclusive.

##### **Bag Limit:**

Fannin County: One buck deer with pronged antlers.

Red River, Titus, and Bowie Counties: One buck deer with pronged antlers, except that one antlerless and/or doe deer may be taken by special permit only in areas to be designated by the Game and Fish Commission; provided, however, that no one person shall kill or possess more than one buck deer with pronged antlers and one antlerless and/or doe deer in the aggregate.

The term "Antlerless and/or doe deer" shall be construed to mean all deer which do not possess hardened antlers protruding through the skin.

Hunting of antlerless and/or doe deer under special permits issued by the Game and Fish Commission for designated areas only shall coincide with the regular season, November 16 to November 24. The carcass or any part thereof of any deer in possession of any person shall have attached thereto a tag issued to such person on his valid hunting license; in addition, a special antlerless and/or doe deer tag shall be attached to each antlerless and/or doe deer or any part thereof.

Any person possessing an antlerless and/or doe deer shall have in his possession a special doe deer permit on which appears the date, hunter's name, and the signature of the landowner or his authorized agent on whose property the deer was killed. Any person possessing or killing an antlerless and/or doe deer must have said deer checked at a designated Game and Fish Commission checking station within twenty-four hours after killing same, except that all antlerless and/or doe deer killed on the last day of the deer season shall be checked at a Game and Fish Commission checking station before 9 P.M. of that date.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild deer with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or .22 caliber firearms using rim-fire ammunition or shotgun larger than 10-gauge, or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or the use of any ammunition other than buckshot or slugs.

## WILD ELK

No closed season.

**Bag Limit:** Not restricted.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild elk with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or .22 caliber firearms using rim-fire ammunition.

## FOX

(Fannin County): Taking or killing of fox in Fannin County is unlawful except when said fox represents a nuisance caught destroying personal property of any individual citizen and except during the regular trapping season, when trapping by licensed trappers is lawful.

## WILD JAVELINA (Collared Peccary)

No closed season.

**Bag Limit:** None.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted.

## SQUIRRELS

**Open Season:** October 1 to December 31, both days inclusive.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Ten (10) squirrels. **Possession Limit:** Twenty (20) squirrels.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take squirrels with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or shotgun larger than 10-gauge, or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity.

## FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

**Open Season:** December 1 to January 31, both days inclusive, on all furbearers except muskrat. Open season on muskrat shall be from November 15 to March 15, both days inclusive.

No open season on beaver in Red River and Fannin County.

In Red River, Titus, Fannin and Bowie Counties, no person shall hunt, take, or kill, or attempt to hunt, attempt to take, or attempt to kill wild mink with dogs, and no person shall have in his possession a mink pelt while hunting with dogs.

## GAME BIRDS

### PRAIRIE CHICKEN

No open season.

### WILD QUAIL

**Open Season:** December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Twelve (12). **Possession Limit:** Thirty-six (36).

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill quail with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity.

## PHEASANT

**Open Season** on pen-raised, properly banded pheasants shall be from October 1 through March 31, both days inclusive, on shooting resorts as provided under House Bill No. 739, Acts, 1955, Amending Article 908, Penal Code.

**Bag Limit:** None.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill pheasant with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity.

## WILD TURKEY

No open season.

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

The open season on migratory birds will be stipulated by the Game and Fish Commission in a separate proclamation.

## FISHING REGULATIONS

**Open Season:** Except on State wildlife sanctuaries, United States wildlife sanctuaries, the open season for taking fish in the above named counties shall be as follows:

### WHITE BASS

No closed season.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Twenty-five (25) any length. **Possession Limit:** Fifty (50) any length.

### LARGEMOUTH AND SPOTTED BLACK BASS

No closed season.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Fifteen (15) any length, singly or in the aggregate. **Possession Limit:** Thirty (30) any length, singly or in the aggregate.

### CHANNEL, BLUE, AND YELLOW CATFISH

No closed season.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Fifteen (15) catfish any length. **Possession Limit:** Thirty (30) catfish any length.

### CRAPPIE

No closed season.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Twenty-five (25) any length. **Possession Limit:** Fifty (50) any length.

## MINNOWS

No closed season.

**Bag Limit:** No limit on the number of minnows which may be taken or possessed from waters of the counties. (Transportation of minnows beyond county where taken is regulated by other Acts of the Legislature applying to certain counties.)

## OTHER FISH SPECIES

All other fish species not specifically listed above are not regulated as to season, size limit, bag or possession limit.

## MEANS AND METHODS OF TAKING FISH

Only the following means and methods of taking fish may be used: Artificial bait, rod and reel, pole and line, hand line, set line, throw line, and trotline. Hooks on throw line and trotline must be spaced not less than three (3) feet apart.

Minnow seines not more than twenty (20) feet in length, dip nets, cast nets, umbrella nets constructed of nonmetallic material and common funnel fruit jar trap or its metallic counterpart may be used for taking minnows, sunfish (bream) and rough fish. All species which cannot be legally taken by seine must be immediately released in the waters from which they are taken when caught by such device.

Hoop nets, trammel nets, and gill nets with meshes not less than three (3) inches square may be used for taking rough fish, including carp, buffalo, suckers, drum, shad, gar and catfish.

Spear guns and spear as well as bow and arrow may be used for taking only rough fish defined as carp, suckers, buffalo, gar, shad, Rio Grande perch and drum (gaspergou), as provided by Senate Bill No. 427, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, State of Texas.

The taking of game or fish in the above named counties by any means other than as hereinabove set forth shall be unlawful, except under fish management contracts with the Game and Fish Commission for removal of rough fish as provided in Acts, 1949, Ch. 422, House Bill No. 806. However, none of this proclamation shall apply to the Game and Fish Commission of Texas, their agents or employees when in the course, acts or procedures of conservation, removal of rough fish, or other practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interest of game and fish culture and the preservation of the sport of hunting and fishing.

There shall be no open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take any of the wildlife resources in the above

named counties, other than during the open seasons hereby proclaimed.

House Bill No. 275, Regular Session, 52nd Legislature, and amended by Acts, 1955, 54th Legislature, Regular Session, House Bill No. 663, Ch. 499, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than two hundred (\$200) dollars upon conviction of any person who shall violate any proclamation, order, rule or regulation issued by the Game and Fish Commission, under the provisions of said Act, for the forfeiture of his hunting, trapping, or fishing license within the discretion of the court or jury, for the remainder of the license year, and for the forfeiture of his right to hunt, fish or trap for such a period.

The rules and regulations in the Proclamation herein promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission are cumulative of all General and Special Laws enacted by the Legislature regulating the taking of wildlife.

**SHELDON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**

**GENERAL REGULATIONS AND FISHING  
PROCLAMATION NO. 2**

Acts of the 54th Legislature, Regular Session, 1955, Chapter 463, H. B. 378, provides that the Game and Fish Commission is authorized to manage and protect wildlife and fish species found on State lands acquired for use as a wildlife management area. In 1955, the State purchased the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area for the purpose of a waterfowl refuge and experimental fresh water fishery management area. Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission by the Legislature to manage such areas and in order to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area, the Game and Fish Commission does hereby proclaim the following regulations to govern the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area, effective February 17, 1959, until amended.

**I. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

1. No business concessions such as the selling, renting, leasing or peddling of goods, merchandise, or services to the public may be maintained or operated within the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area.
2. No person may swim in any of the waters within the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area.
3. No overnight camping is allowed within the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area.
4. No person may build or maintain a campfire within the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area.
5. No person may enter or attempt to enter with a gun, or any other firearm or possess a gun, or any other firearm, on the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area.
6. No person may possess or consume any alcoholic beverages within the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area.
7. No person may damage or attempt to damage any trees or plant life within the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area.
8. No person may damage or attempt to damage any Sheldon Wildlife Management Area levy facility, improvement, or property.
9. No dogs are allowed within the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area.



10. No person may dump trash or garbage or attempt to dump trash or garbage within the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area.

11. Sheldon Wildlife Management Area will be open from 5:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. each day except on Mondays, when said area will be closed.

## II. WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

Except for the taking of fish as herein provided, no person may molest, take, hunt or attempt to molest, take or hunt any wildlife within the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area.

## III. FISHING REGULATIONS

1. A person may fish in the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area waters during the period of the day between 5:00 A.M. and 8:30 P.M. The Sheldon Wildlife Management Area waters will be open for fishing from April 1st to October 18th, both days inclusive. Such waters will be closed to fishing during periods of the year when research projects are being conducted. Advance notice will be given when the waters will be closed for such projects.

2. A person may take fish of any species, size, or number from the waters of the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area, except, however, the following species of fish shall be limited in the number that may be taken during any one day to:

- a. Ten (10) largemouth black bass per person, any size;
- b. Twenty-five (25) crappie per person, any size;
- c. Twenty-five (25) channel catfish per person, any size.

3. A person may take fish only by means of rod and reel, pole and line, or hand line. Wade fishing is permitted.

## IV. BOAT REGULATIONS

1. Boats propelled by hand, oar or hand paddle or motors up to 3 H.P. are allowed on the waters of the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area. All boats must be in a safe operating condition. Motors shall not be used for trolling purposes.

2. Such permitted boats shall be allowed on the waters in the Sheldon Wildlife Management Area only during the period of the day when the lake is open to fishing. Such boats must contain life preservers for each occupant of the boat. Such boats may be launched only at provided boat ramps.

## V. PENALTY

House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, State

of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) upon conviction of any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the Act or who shall hunt or fish at any time other than the times specified by the Game and Fish Commission.

This proclamation shall not apply to the Game and Fish Commission, its agents or employees, when in the course, acts or procedures of conservation, removal of rough fish or other practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interests of game and fish culture and the preservation of the sports of hunting and fishing in the State of Texas.

The rules and regulations in the proclamation herein promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission are cumulative of all General and Special Laws enacted by the legislature regulating the taking of wildlife.

**SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS AREA HUNTING,  
FISHING AND TRAPPING  
PROCLAMATION NO. 2**

**BEXAR, COMAL, DIMMIT AND ZAVALA COUNTIES**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

At a regular meeting of the Game and Fish Commission, with a quorum present, at its office in Austin, Texas, on the 18th day of July, A.D., 1958, the following regulations were unanimously adopted:

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission under Senate Bill No. 351, Acts, 1957, 55th Legislature, Regular Session; House Bill No. 721, Acts, 1957, 55th Legislature, Regular Session; House Bill No. 865, Acts, 1957, 55th Legislature, Regular Session, and after having held public hearings and continuous research and investigations of the supply, economic value, environment, breeding habits, and sex ratio of the wildlife resources and the factors affecting their increase or decrease, as required by said Acts in the counties of Bexar, Comal, Dimmit and Zavala, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practices to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful, in the above named counties, to take or possess wildlife species as hereinafter provided, the facts having disclosed that there is an ample supply of such wildlife resources that a portion thereof may be taken which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife species.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under said Senate Bill No. 351, Acts, 1957, 55th Legislature, Regular Session; House Bill No. 721, Acts, 1957, 55th Legislature, Regular Session; House Bill No. 865, Acts, 1957, 55th Legislature, Regular Session, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish in the above named counties after obtaining the consent of the owners of the land or the water where hunting, trapping or fishing may be done; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect

on and after September 1, 1958, and until amended, revoked, or modified.

### **"GAME ANIMALS" DEFINED**

Wild deer, wild elk, wild antelope, wild sheep, wild black bear, and wild gray and red squirrels, cat squirrels, or fox squirrels, collared peccary or javelina are hereby declared to be game animals within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 892, P. C., 1925; Art. 879g-2, P. C., 1939.)

### **"GAME BIRDS" DEFINED**

Wild turkey, wild ducks of all varieties, wild geese of all varieties, wild brant, wild grouse, wild prairie chickens or pinnated grouse, wild pheasants of all varieties, wild partridge, and wild quail of all varieties, wild pigeons of all varieties, wild mourning doves and wild white-winged doves, wild snipe of all varieties, wild shore birds of all varieties, wild Mexican pheasants or chachalacas, and wild plover of all varieties are hereby declared to be game birds within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 872, P. C., 1925.)

The open season, bag and possession limits, shooting hours, means and methods for taking game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, and fish in the above named counties shall be as follows:

## **HUNTING REGULATIONS**

On State game preserves, statutory wildlife sanctuaries, United States wildlife sanctuaries, within the corporate limits of any city, and on public roads and highways, there shall be no open season on any species of game animals, game birds, or fur-bearers.

### **SHOOTING HOURS**

It shall be unlawful to shoot any species of game animals or game birds except during the hours from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset; provided, however, that the shooting hours for migratory birds shall be regulated by a special proclamation.

## **GAME ANIMALS**

### **WILD ANTELOPE**

**Open Season:** No open season.

### **WILD BUFFALO**

**Open Season:** No closed season.

**Bag Limit:** None.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted. Permit from Game and Fish Commission required under House Bill No. 586, Acts, 1955, 54th Legislature, Ch. 94.

### WILD DEER

**Open Season:** November 16 to December 31, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** Two (2) buck deer, each with at least one pronged antler, except that "antlerless and/or doe deer" may be taken by special permit only in areas to be designated by the Game and Fish Commission; provided, however, that no one person shall kill or possess more than two (2) deer in the aggregate in any one season.

The term "antlerless and/or doe deer" shall be construed to mean all deer which do not possess hardened antlers protruding through the skin. The carcass, or any part thereof, of any deer in possession of any person shall have attached thereto a tag issued to such person on his valid hunting license; in addition, a special antlerless and/or doe deer tag shall be attached to each antlerless and/or doe deer, or any part thereof. Any person possessing or killing an antlerless and/or doe deer must have said deer checked at a designated Game and Fish Commission checking station within 24 hours after killing same, except that all antlerless and/or doe deer killed on the last day of the season shall be checked at a designated Game and Fish Commission checking station before 10 P.M. of that date.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild deer with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or .22 caliber firearms using rimfire ammunition or shotguns. Bow and arrows may be used.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to make use of a dog or dogs in the hunting or pursuing or taking of any deer, provided, however, that it shall be lawful to use a dog or dogs for the purpose of trailing a wounded deer.

### WILD JAVELINA

**Open Season:** No closed season, except that in Bexar County the season shall be from November 16 to December 31, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** No bag limit, except in Bexar County the bag limit shall be two (2) javelinas.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted.

### WILD SQUIRREL

**Open Season:** No closed season.

**Bag Limit:** No bag limit.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted.

### FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

**Open Season:** No closed season, except there shall be no open season on beaver.

**Bag Limit:** No bag limit.

**Means of Taking:** Not restricted, except that artificial lights may not be used in taking fur-bearers at night in areas where deer are known to range.

### GAME BIRDS

#### PRAIRIE CHICKEN

**Open Season:** No open season.

#### PHEASANT

**Open Season:** No open season on wild pheasant.

Open season on pen-raised, properly banded pheasants shall be from October 1 through March 31, both days inclusive, on shooting resorts as provided under House Bill No. 739, Acts, 1955, Amending Art. 908, Penal Code.

**Bag Limit:** No bag limit. No possession limit.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill any pheasant with any shotgun larger than 10-gauge that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or with rifles not capable of being fired from the shoulder.

#### WILD TURKEY

**Open Season:** November 16 to December 31, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) gobbler per season.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill a wild turkey with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder. Bow and arrows may be used.

#### WILD QUAIL

**Open Season:** December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, twelve (12); possession limit, twenty-four (24).

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill quail with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity; or any rifle not capable of being fired from the shoulder.

### **MIGRATORY BIRDS**

The regulations for taking migratory birds will be prescribed by the Game and Fish Commission in a separate proclamation.

### **FISHING REGULATIONS**

**Open Season:** Except on State wildlife sanctuaries and United States wildlife sanctuaries there shall be no closed season.

#### **CHANNEL, BLUE, AND YELLOW CATFISH**

**Bag Limit:** Twenty-five (25) catfish any length; possession limit, fifty (50) catfish any length.

#### **CRAPPIE**

**Bag Limit:** Twenty-five (25) any length; and possession limit, fifty (50) any length.

#### **LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH AND SPOTTED BLACK BASS**

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, fifteen (15) black bass, not less than seven (7) inches in length, and possession limit, thirty (30) black bass, not less than seven (7) inches in length.

#### **WHITE BASS**

**Bag Limit:** Daily bag limit, twenty-five (25) any length; and possession limit, fifty (50) any length.

#### **MINNOWS**

**Bag Limit:** Bag and possession limits, at any one time, two hundred (200). Exceptions are no bag or possession limit for minnows from hatchery in state or from the waters of Bexar County. (Transportation of minnows beyond county where taken is regulated by Acts of Legislature applying to certain counties.)

#### **OTHER FISH SPECIES**

All other fish species not specifically listed above are not regulated as to season, size limit, or possession limit.

**Means and Methods of Taking Fish:** In all of the water of the above counties only the following means and methods of taking fish may be used: Rod and reel, pole and line, hand line, set line and throw line with not more than six (6) hooks each, trot-

line with not more than thirty (30) hooks each and artificial bait. Hooks on throw line and trotline must be spaced not less than three (3) feet apart. An aggregate of not more than thirty (30) hooks may be used by any one person at any one time. No fishing device may be attached to any other fishing device by use of buoys, jugs, or other means. No trotline may be placed or set in the vicinity of any boat dock, boat or bathing pier, or bathing beach or any place commonly used as a swimming and bathing area.

Spear gun and spear as well as bow and arrows may be used for taking only rough fish. Rough fish shall be defined as carp, suckers, buffalo, gar, shad, Rio Grande perch and drum (gaspergou) as provided by Senate Bill No. 427, Regular Session, 55th Legislature, State of Texas.

It shall be lawful in all of the above named counties to take or catch rough fish defined as suckers, carp, buffalo, shad, drum (gaspergou), Rio Grande perch or gar with a wire loop. However, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession any crappie; largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass; channel, blue, and yellow catfish; and white bass at the time such person has in possession any suckers, carp, buffalo, shad, or gar that were taken by a wire loop.

In all counties, minnows may be taken with a minnow seine not more than twenty (20) feet in length and constructed of nonmetallic material, dip or umbrella nets and common funnel fruit jar traps or its metallic counterpart.

The taking of game or fish in the above named counties by any means other than as hereinabove set forth shall be unlawful, except under fish management contracts with the Game and Fish Commission for removal of rough fish as provided in Acts, 1949, Ch. 422, House Bill No. 806. However, none of this proclamation shall apply to the Game and Fish Commission of Texas, their agents or employees when in the course, acts, or procedures of conservation, removal of rough fish, or other practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interest of game and fish culture and the preservation of the sport of hunting and fishing.

There shall be no open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take any of the wildlife resources in the above named counties, other than during the open seasons hereby proclaimed.

Senate Bill No. 351, House Bill No. 721, and House Bill No. 865, Acts, 1957, 55th Legislature, Regular Session, State of Texas, provide for a penalty of not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200) upon conviction of any person who shall violate any proclamation, order, rule or



regulation issued by the Game and Fish Commission under the provisions of said Act, and within the discretion of the court or jury for forfeiture of his hunting, trapping or fishing license and of his right to hunt, fish or trap for the remainder of the license year.

The rules and regulations in the Proclamation herein promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission are cumulative of all General and Special Laws enacted by the Legislature regulating the taking of wildlife.

## FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE TEXOMA IN TEXAS PROCLAMATION NO. 2

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commission under Chapter 213, House Bill No. 654, Acts of the Regular Session, 48th Legislature, applicable to that portion of the Red River Reservoir, now "Lake Texoma," located in Texas, and after having conducted continuous research and investigation of the supply, economic value, environment and habits of the wildlife resources as required by this Act, it is deemed expedient in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time in the above named reservoir and counties in such reservoir when it shall be lawful to take and possess fish, the facts having disclosed that there is an ample supply of fish and that a portion thereof may be taken which will not threaten depletion or waste of such fish.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under said House Bill No. 654, Chapter 213, 48th Legislature, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that after and in obedience to the terms of said Act, after due notice and a public hearing held on Friday, September 12, 1958, in Sherman, Texas, and that the Game and Fish Commission, with a quorum present, in session at its office in Austin, Texas, on the 24th day of October, 1958, amended said regulations regarding the taking of fish from Lake Texoma so as to hereafter read as follows:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to take in any one day more than ten (10) black bass in the aggregate of all species, and no black bass shall be retained that is less than seven (7) inches in length.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person in any one day to take, catch, and retain, or to place on or in any device or container for holding same while fishing, more than twenty-five (25) crappie or white perch.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to catch or take in any one day and retain or place in or on any device or container for holding same while he is fishing, more than twenty-five (25) white bass.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to catch or take in any

one day and retain or place in or on any device or container for holding same while he is fishing more than twenty-five (25) catfish; provided, however, that there shall be no limit on bull-head catfish.

(5) There shall be no bag or possession limit on bream, goggle-eye and other small sunfish, except bass and crappie.

House Bill No. 102, First Called Session, 53rd Legislature, provides that it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to fish for, take, catch, or attempt to catch any fish in the fresh waters of Grayson and Cooke Counties, State of Texas, and including Lake Texoma, in Texas, by any trotline, setline, or throw line having more than one hundred (100) hooks spaced less than three (3) feet apart or by any wire trap, snag line or electrical shocking device or any device other than ordinary pole and line, rod and reel, artificial bait, and the other methods permitted herein. Further, it shall be unlawful to have in possession or aboard any boat or in any vehicle any tackle not authorized by this Act within five hundred (500) yards of any stream, lake, or other fresh waters in Grayson and Cooke Counties and including Lake Texoma, in Texas.

House Bill No. 102, First Called Session, 53rd Legislature, provides that it shall be lawful for any person to take or catch suckers, buffalo, carp, shad, or gar in Lake Texoma, Grayson and Cooke Counties, State of Texas, with a seine or net, the meshes of which shall not be less than three (3) inches square; provided, that fish other than those enumerated in this paragraph caught by any such seine or net shall be immediately released and returned to the waters from which caught.

House Bill No. 654, Regular Session, 48th Legislature, provides that any person who attempts to take any fish, possess any fish, or use any device or method for removing from the Texoma Reservoir in Texas, except in accordance with the regulations issued by the Game and Fish Commission, upon conviction, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

**TRANS-PECOS HUNTING AND TRAPPING  
PROCLAMATION NO. 16**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

At a regular meeting of the Game and Fish Commission, held in Austin, Texas, on the 18th day of July, A.D., 1958, with a quorum present, the following regulations were unanimously adopted:

House Bill No. 578, Regular Session, 48th Legislature, provides that the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas, within certain limitations, shall make suitable regulations permitting and governing the taking of certain game birds, game animals, and fur-bearing animals for that portion of the State lying west of the Pecos River and that no game birds, game animals, or fur-bearing animals shall be taken in that portion of the State of Texas lying west of the Pecos River except in accordance with the open season and bag limit that shall be prescribed by said Game and Fish Commission.

Therefore, in obedience to directions given by the Legislature of this State in the law above cited, and after making a continuous study of the supply of the species named in the Act and the factors limiting their increase, the Game and Fish Commission does hereby proclaim the following regulations to govern and permit the taking of certain game birds, game animals, and the fur-bearing animals in that portion of the State of Texas lying west of the Pecos River, except that portion of same embraced within the Big Bend National Park or within any State Game Preserve; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after September 1, 1958, and until amended, revoked or modified.

**“GAME ANIMALS” DEFINED**

Wild deer, wild elk, wild antelope, wild sheep, wild black bear, and wild gray and red squirrels, cat squirrels, or fox squirrels, collared peccary or javelina, are hereby declared to be game animals within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 892, P. C., 1925; Art. 879g-2, P. C., 1939.)

**“GAME BIRDS” DEFINED**

Wild turkey, wild ducks of all varieties, wild geese of all varieties, wild brant, wild grouse, wild prairie chickens or pin-

nated grouse, wild pheasants of all varieties, wild partridge, and wild quail of all varieties, wild pigeons of all varieties, wild mourning doves and wild white-winged doves, wild snipe of all varieties, wild shore birds of all varieties, wild Mexican pheasants or chachalacas, and wild plover of all varieties, are hereby declared to be game birds within the meaning of this Act. (Art. 872, P. C., 1925.)

The open season, bag and possession limits, shooting hours, means and methods of taking game animals, game birds, furbearing animals, and fish in the above named counties shall be as follows:

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

On State game preserves, statutory wildlife sanctuaries, United States wildlife sanctuaries, within the corporate limits of any city, and on public roads and highways, there shall be no open season on any species of game animals, game birds or furbearers.

### SHOOTING HOURS

It shall be unlawful to shoot any species of game animals, except antelope, or game birds except during the hours from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset; provided, however, that the shooting hours for migratory birds shall be regulated by a special proclamation.

## GAME ANIMALS

### PRONG-HORNED ANTELOPE

**Open Season:** October 1 to October 3, both days inclusive, and October 5 to October 7, both days inclusive, and from October 8 to October 10, both days inclusive, in the following counties: Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Pecos, and Presidio. There shall be three separate hunts: the first to be October 1 to 3, the second to be October 5 to 7, and the third October 8 to 10. Said open season shall be available only to those persons who hold either a buck or a doe prong-horned antelope hunting permit. These permits will be issued by the Game and Fish Commission on and after September 1, 1958, and shall cost \$5.00 each. Permits shall not be transferable or refundable. Each landowner shall be permitted to charge each person not more than sixty dollars (\$60) for the privilege of hunting buck antelope, and not more than forty dollars (\$40) for the privilege of hunting doe antelope on his premises. Applications for permits must be post-marked not later than August 31 of the year in which issued. The permittee shall confirm his intention to hunt by making any

required personal arrangements with the land operator not later than September 20. If such required satisfactory personal arrangements are not made and confirmed in writing by 5 P.M., September 20, then the land operator may assign this hunting privilege to any other person. The Game and Fish Commission will designate on which ranch each permit holder may hunt, and he may not hunt elsewhere. All hunting of antelope shall be under direction and supervision of representatives of the Game and Fish Commission. Antelope may be stalked from, but not chased by an automobile. No hunter shall be permitted to carry a gun afield after he has killed an antelope. Every effort must be made to kill any antelope wounded. Hunters shall not be permitted on the hunting range before sunrise of the opening day. Shooting of game, other than antelope, shall not be permitted during the antelope season on ranches to which antelope hunters are assigned. Before starting to hunt, each hunter shall report to the State Game and Fish Warden on the ranch where he is assigned. He shall also have his permit signed by the warden in charge before leaving the ranch with an antelope. No antelope hunting permit will be issued to non-residents of this state or to residents of this state under eighteen years of age until all resident applicants over eighteen years of age who filed for same have obtained a permit. If surplus applications are received and a drawing is necessary, preference will be given applicants who were not issued licenses for the prior hunt.

**Shooting Hours:** Sunrise to sunset.

**Bag Limit:** One antelope, either sex.

### **BLACK BEAR**

No open season.

### **COLLARED PECCARY** (Commonly called Javelina)

**Open Season:** November 1 to December 31, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit, Possession Limit and Seasonal Limit:** Two (2) collared peccary.

### **WILD DEER**

**Open Season:** Open season for wild deer, both mule deer, commonly called black-tailed deer, and white-tailed deer, shall be from December 1 to December 8, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** Two (2) buck deer each with at least one pronged horn, except that the bag may consist of one (1) mule deer buck and one (1) white-tailed buck, or two (2) white-tailed bucks, or

except that one (1) antlerless and/or doe mule deer or one (1) antlerless and/or doe white-tailed deer may be taken by special permit only in areas to be designated by the Game and Fish Commission; provided, however, that no one person shall kill or possess more than two (2) deer in the aggregate, or in the event an antlerless and/or doe mule deer is in possession, the bag shall be one (1) antlerless and/or doe mule deer and one (1) white-tailed buck deer, or in the event an antlerless and/or doe white-tailed buck is in possession the bag shall be one (1) antlerless and/or doe white-tailed deer and one (1) mule deer buck or one (1) antlerless and/or doe white-tailed deer and one (1) white-tailed buck deer.

The term "antlerless deer" shall be construed to mean all deer which do not possess hardened antlers protruding through the skin. The carcass shall have attached thereto a tag issued to such person on his valid hunting license; in addition, a special antlerless deer tag shall be attached to each antlerless deer. Any person possessing an antlerless deer shall have in his possession a special antlerless deer permit on which appears the date, hunter's name, and the signature of the landowner or his authorized agent on whose property the deer was killed. Any person possessing or killing an antlerless deer must have said deer checked at a designated Game and Fish Commission checking station within 24 hours after killing same, except that all antlerless and/or doe deer killed on the last day of the antlerless and/or doe deer season shall be checked at a Game and Fish Commission checking station before 10 P.M. of that date.

#### **WILD ELK**

No open season.

#### **WILD SHEEP**

No open season.

#### **FUR-BEARING ANIMALS**

**Open Season:** The open season for taking fur-bearing animals, to-wit, fox, otter, opossum, raccoon, mink, polecat or skunk, badger, muskrat, civet cat or ringtail shall be within the period December 1 to January 31, both days inclusive. The open season for taking beaver (under the provisions of House Bill No. 564, Regular Session, 48th Legislature) shall be during the period January 1 to January 15, both days inclusive, and no person shall be permitted to take more than three (3) beaver during any one open season.

**Bag Limit** Exclusive of beaver, there is no limit on the number of other fur-bearing animals herein mentioned that may

be taken, but all fur-bearing animals shall be taken and disposed of only in accordance with the laws of this state relative to license and purchase and sale.

## **GAME BIRDS**

### **WILD QUAIL**

**Open Season:** December 1 to December 31, both days inclusive.

**Bag Limit:** Bag limit not to exceed twelve (12) quail in any one day; possession limit not to exceed twenty-four (24) quail in possession at any one time, and provided that there shall be no open season on Mearns Quail, commonly called Fool quail.

### **WILD TURKEY**

No open season.

## **MIGRATORY BIRDS**

It is provided that the regulations governing the taking of migratory birds will be issued separately by the Game and Fish Commission and shall continue in effect for that portion of the state lying west of the Pecos River until such regulations shall expire.

The taking of game or fur-bearers in the above named counties by any means other than as hereinabove set forth shall be unlawful. However, none of this proclamation shall apply to the Game and Fish Commission of Texas, their agents or employees when in the course, acts, or procedures of conservation, or other practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interest of game and fur-bearer culture and the preservation of the sport of hunting.

There shall be no open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take any of the wildlife resources in the above named area, other than during the open seasons hereby proclaimed.

House Bill No. 578, Acts, 1943, 48th Legislature, Ch. 209, provides that any person who takes or attempts to take or possess any game birds, game animals or fur-bearing animals, except in accordance with the permission granted in this proclamation, shall be prosecuted under the provisions of Section 22 thereof, which provides, upon conviction of the defendant, a penalty shall be assessed against him of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200).

The rules and regulations in the Proclamation herein promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission are cumulative of all General and Special Laws enacted by the Legislature regulating the taking of wildlife.



**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS  
HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION  
NO. 3 — AMENDED**

1958

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS )

At a regular meeting of the Game and Fish Commission, with a quorum present, at its office in Austin, Texas, on the 24th day of October, A.D., 1958, the following regulations were unanimously adopted:

By virtue of authority vested in the Game and Fish Commissioner under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and House Bill No. 609, Acts, Regular Session, 52nd Legislature, State of Texas, and after having conducted continuous research and investigations of the supply, economic value, environment, breeding habits and sex ratio of wildlife resources and the factors affecting their increase and decrease, it is deemed expedient and in the interest of sound conservation practice to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess wildlife species as hereinafter provided, the facts having been disclosed that there periodically is an ample supply of such wildlife resources that a portion thereof may be taken which will not threaten depletion or waste of such wildlife on the designated Wildlife Management Areas.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the directions given under House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, and House Bill No. 609, Acts, Regular Session, 52nd Legislature, State of Texas, it is hereby proclaimed and decreed by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas that as the supply of said game birds and animals warrants, there shall be an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take and possess game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals and fish on the Kerr Wildlife Management Area—Kerr County, Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area—Hemphill County, Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area—Anderson County, Sheldon Wildlife Management Area—Harris County, Black Gap Wildlife Management Area—Brewster County, Sierra Diablo Wildlife Management Area—Culberson County, Big Hill Bayou Wildlife Management Area—Jefferson County (state-owned), and the Alabama Creek Wildlife Management Area—Trinity County (by agreement with U. S. Forest Service), and Angelina Wildlife Management Areas in Sabine, Tyler and Angelina Counties,

under conditions herein provided; and that this proclamation and all rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be in effect on and after October 24, 1958.

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

### SHOOTING HOURS

It shall be unlawful to shoot any species of game animals or game birds except during the hours from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

### WILD DEER

**Open Season:** Within the period November 16 through December 31, both days inclusive; however, specific dates to be declared by the Executive Secretary of the Texas Game and Fish Commission following inventories of the supply of game on the respective areas; provided, however, that in case of emergencies, the Executive Secretary shall have the authority to declare open seasons at periods other than stipulated above.

Hunting of deer shall be by permit only, and each permittee shall be impartially selected.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) deer, sex and age to be specified before the permittee is allowed to hunt. **Possession Limit:** One (1) deer.

The carcass or any part thereof of any deer in possession of any person shall have attached thereto a tag issued to such person on his valid hunting license; in addition, a special tag shall be attached to each deer or to any part thereof, stating that the deer is a legal deer.

All deer killed on Wildlife Management Areas must be checked at area headquarters before the hunter will be permitted to leave the premises.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild deer with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder, or shotguns using other than solid slugs or buckshot, or .22 caliber firearms using rim-fire ammunition.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to make use of a dog or dogs in the hunting of or pursuing or taking of any deer; provided, however, that it shall be lawful to use one dog on a leash, controlled by the hunter, for the purpose of trailing a wounded deer.

### COLLARED PECCARY (Javelina)

**Open Season:** Within the period November 1 to December 31, both days inclusive; however, specific dates to be declared

by the Executive Secretary of the Texas Game and Fish Commission following inventories of the supply of game on the respective areas.

Hunting of javelinas shall be by permit only, and each permittee shall be impartially selected.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) javelina. **Possession Limit:** One (1).

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to shoot or take wild javelina with any rifle that is not capable of being fired from the shoulder or .22 caliber firearms using rim-fire ammunition or shotguns.

## SQUIRRELS

**Open Season:** October 1 to December 31, both days inclusive.

**Bag and Possession Limits:** Bag and possession limits shall be declared by the Executive Secretary of the Texas Game and Fish Commission following inventories of the supply of game on the areas.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill squirrels with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity. .22 caliber firearm using rim-fire ammunition may be used.

## GAME BIRDS

### WILD QUAIL

**Open Season:** Within the period between December 1 and January 16, both days inclusive; specific dates to be declared by the Executive Secretary of the Texas Game and Fish Commission following inventories of the supply of game on the respective areas.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Twelve (12). **Possession Limit:** Twenty-four (24).

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill wild quail with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity.

### WILD TURKEY

**Open Season:** Within the period November 16 and December 31, both days inclusive; specific dates to be declared by the Executive Secretary of the Texas Game and Fish Commission following inventories of the supply of game on the respective areas; however, that in case of emergencies the Executive Secretary shall have the authority to declare open seasons at periods other than stipulated above.

Hunting of turkey shall be by permit only, and each permittee shall be impartially selected.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) turkey, sex to be specified before the permittee is allowed to hunt. **Possession Limit:** One (1) turkey.

All turkeys killed on Wildlife Management Areas must be checked at area headquarters before the hunter will be permitted to leave the premises.

**Means of Taking:** It shall be unlawful to take or kill wild turkey with a shotgun larger than 10-gauge or any shotgun that is not permanently plugged to three-shell capacity or .22 caliber rifle using rim-fire ammunition.

### MIGRATORY BIRDS

The hunting of migratory birds shall be prescribed within the open season and under the regulations as set forth in the Migratory Bird Proclamation. Specific regulations to be prescribed by the Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

### FISHING REGULATIONS

Authority for setting regulations for the taking of all species of fishes from the waters of the above Wildlife Management Areas is hereby vested in the Executive Secretary of the Texas Game and Fish Commission; provided, however, that all fishing privileges shall be extended to the public in a fair and impartial manner.

The taking of game or fish on the above named areas by any means other than as hereinabove set forth shall be unlawful, except under fish management contracts with the Game and Fish Commission for the removal of rough fish as provided in Acts, 1949, Ch. 422, House Bill 806. However, none of this proclamation shall apply to the Game and Fish Commission of Texas, their agents or employees when in the course, acts, or procedures of conservation removal of rough fish, or other practices deemed by said Commission to be in the best interest of game and fish culture and the preservation of the sport of hunting and fishing.

House Bill No. 378, Regular Session, 54th Legislature, State of Texas, provides for a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) upon conviction of any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act or who shall hunt or fish at any time other than the times specified by the Game and Fish Commission.

This is to certify that all of the above proclamations are correct copies of the proclamations, rules, regulations, and all amendments thereto issued by the Game and Fish Commission, with a quorum present, at its regular meetings in Austin, Texas, and recorded in the minutes of said Commission and publicized and recorded as directed by law, and Proclamations, rules, regulations and orders entered by the Executive Secretary as authorized by the Commission.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of April, 1959.

(Signed) H. D. DODGEN  
H. D. Dodgen  
Executive Secretary  
Game and Fish Commission  
State of Texas

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(Signed) MARTHA WEST  
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