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HOW TO USE THIS DIGEST

Read the general laws first.

If you want to know the regulations for a particular county or lake, look for that county under "Special Laws" or "County Laws" or "Lake Laws." If you do not find that county or lake mentioned, the "General Law" applies.

It must be understood that any restrictions contained in a special law must be obeyed even though they appear to be in conflict with the general law. Likewise, any privilege granted in a special law may be enjoyed without concern for general restriction in conflict.

THIS DIGEST DOES NOT CONTAIN the hunting, trapping and fishing regulations for the following counties: Armstrong, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Coryell, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Erath, Fannin, Gillespie, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hill, Hood, Hutchinson, Jack, Johnson, Kerr, Lipscomb, Llano, Mason, McLennan, Medina, Milam, Montague, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parker, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Red River, Roberts, Sherman, Somervell, Stephens, Sutton, Swisher, Titus, Wheeler, Wise and Young Counties nor the hunting and trapping regulations for those counties west of the Pecos River, nor the deer and turkey regulations for Lavaca County. A supplement digest covering these counties will be available after September 1, 1956.

WARNING

Any person convicted of violating any game law may forfeit his hunting license and all hunting rights for one year from date of conviction.

Any person convicted for the first time of violating the trespass law, Article 1377, Penal Code as amended, may be fined not more than \$200 and may forfeit his license and all hunting or fishing rights for a period of one year from date of conviction. The penalty for a second conviction is \$500 to \$1000 and license forfeiture for two years; and penalty for third conviction is confinement from thirty days to one year in the county jail, plus fine of from \$500 to \$1000, as well as forfeiture of hunting rights for three years.

HUNTING LAWS

LICENSES

Resident: Price \$2.15. Required of every Texas citizen not less than 17 nor 65 or more years of age who hunts outside his county of residence and required of every Texas citizen who hunts deer or turkey anywhere in the State. Citizen who hunts deer or turkey on land on which he resides is not required to pay the \$2.15 fee, but must have an exemption license. Citizen who is less than 17 or is 65 or more years of age is required (according to Atty. Gen. Letter Opinion No. MS-229, dated July 11, 1955) to have an exemption license before hunting deer or turkey. "Citizen" includes any person except an alien who has been for more than six months immediately preceding application for license a bona fide resident of Texas.

Non-Resident: Fee \$25.00. Required of every person who is not a citizen of this State, or who is an alien, and who is 16 or more years of age, and who hunts with a gun in this State. Person under 16 years of age is required to comply with deer tag law, so will need exemption license to hunt deer.

Hunting Boat: Fee \$2.00. Required of every person owning or navigating a sail boat or power boat for accommodating hunters for pay.

Shooting Preserve: Fee \$5.00. Required of every person who acts as manager for any club or shooting preserve or lessor of premises leased for hunting purposes, who accommodates hunters for pay.

Shooting Resort: Fee \$10.00. Required of every person who acts as manager, or owner, of "shooting resort" as defined by law, who accommodates hunters for pay.

Game Breeder: Fee \$2.00. Required of every person who holds in captivity any game animals or game birds for the purpose of propagation. Apply to Game and Fish Commission for detailed information.

Commercial Quail Breeder's License: Fee \$25.00. Permits holder to raise pen-raised quail and sell same for all purposes, including sale of quail carcass for food. Restaurants, boarding houses, clubs and hotels may resell such quail without license for consumption on the premises. May be purchased only in July.

Blind: In Harrison and Marion Counties license required for operation of commercial blinds for use in hunting waterfowl. Fee \$5.00 for each blind. Such license is not required of sportsmen hunting in private blinds.

It Is Unlawful To —

Hunt out of county of your residence without a license.
Hunt under license of another.

Allow another person to hunt under your license.

GAME BIRDS

Brant, chachalaca, doves, ducks, geese, grouse, partridge, pheasants, pigeons (wild), plover, prairie chickens, quail, shore birds of all varieties, snipe and turkey are game birds.

All wild birds belong to the people of this state. It is unlawful to kill or have in possession, either dead or alive, any wild, non-game bird, except the following birds, which are unprotected: black bird, butcher bird (shrike), buzzard (vulture), crows, duckhawks, eagle (golden or Mexican brown), goshawk, hawk (Cooper's or blue darter, and sharp-shinned), jaybirds, owl (great horned), pelicans (white), ravens, ricebirds, roadrunners, sapsuckers, sparrows (English), starlings, and woodpeckers. Canaries and parrots as domestic pets are unprotected.

It Is Unlawful To—

Kill a brown pelican.

Kill or molest a carrier pigeon.

Take game birds by net or trap.

Destroy the nests or eggs of any birds protected by the laws of this State.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

A separate digest is published by the Game and Fish Commission on migratory game birds.

NON-MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

CHACHALACA

Open Season: December 1 to January 16, inclusive.

Frio and La Salle Counties: No closed season.

Bag Limit: Five per day, not more than 10 in any 7-day period.

Possession Limit: 10.

Protected Area: Unlawful to hunt chachalaca between Rio Grande River and State Highway 4, now Federal Highway 83, from the Zapata-Starr County line to the west boundary of the city limits of Brownsville.

Means of Taking: If shotguns are used they must not be larger than 10 gauge, and must be permanently

plugged so that they will hold not more than three shells, including magazine and chamber.

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

PHEASANT

General Law

No open season.

Special Law

Ellis County: Season open December 1 through January 16.

Frio and La Salle Counties: Season open all year.

Hidalgo County: Season open on enclosed tracts of not less than 320 acres which have been stocked with wild pheasant raised by licensed game breeder in this State, during October, November, December and January.

Kaufman County: Season open all year except in "Point" or "Combine Community." Closed in "Combine Community."

Smith County: Season open all year.

Travis County: Open season for legally propagated pheasants November 15 through December 31, on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and any legal holiday during season. Controlled season for taking legally propagated pheasant September 1 through November 1, on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and any legal holiday during season. Shooting hours sunrise to sunset, except on November 15 and September 1 ten a.m. to sunset. Daily bag limit, 4 pheasant per day. Only shotgun may be used.

PRAIRIE CHICKEN (PINNATED GROUSE)

Season closed.

QUAIL

General Law

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

Bag Limit: Twelve a day and not more than 36 a week, or in possession.

Means of Taking: If shotguns are used they must not be larger than 10 gauge, and must be permanently plugged so that they will hold not more than three shells, including magazine and chamber.

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

Special Seasons

Andrews County: Closed until 1958.

Borden and Collin Counties: Closed until January 1, 1958.

Camp County: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and State legal holidays during the period December 1 to January 16, and on December 1 and January 16.

Cochran County: Open December 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

Coke County. Closed until 1957.

Delta, Franklin and Hopkins Counties: Each day except Sundays during period December 1 to January 16, inclusive.

Guadalupe County: Sunday and Wednesday of each week during period December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive.

Hunt and Rains Counties: Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week during period December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive, and when a Monday, Wednesday or Friday during such period is a legal holiday, also on the day following such holiday.

Kaufman County: In "Point" or "Combine Community" season closed until 1958, on both wild and pen-raised quail.

Kennedy and Kleberg Counties: December 1 to January 31, both days inclusive.

La Salle County: November 1 to December 15, both days inclusive.

Live Oak County: November 16 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

McMullen County: November 1 to December 15, both days inclusive.

Upshur County: Each day except Sundays during period December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive. Written consent of owner or person in charge of premises to hunt quail, or oral consent in presence of two witnesses required.

Van Zandt County: Each day except Sundays during period December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive. May not hunt quail with gun or dog on premises of another outside of county of residence without written consent of owner or agent.

Wood County: Any person found with shotgun and bird dog on premises other than own is presumed to be

unlawfully hunting quail. Consent to hunt quail on another's premises must be in writing, or given in presence of two witnesses.

TURKEY GOBBLERS

General Law

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

Bag Limit: Three gobblers a season.

Means of Taking: If shotguns are used they must not be larger than 10 gauge, and must be permanently plugged so that they will hold not more than three shells, including magazine and chamber.

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

Special Laws—Season

Austin, Burleson, Harrison, Jim Hogg, Lee, Nolan, Panola, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby and Washington Counties: Closed until 1960.

Coke County: Closed until 1957.

Delta, Franklin and Hopkins Counties: Season closed.

Eastland County: November 16 to November 30, both days inclusive.

Kenedy County: Precinct 1, November 15 to December 1, both days inclusive.

La Salle and McMullen Counties: November 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

Shackleford County: Season closed until 1958.

Taylor County: Season closed until 1959.

Special Laws—Bag Limit

Comal, Crockett, Edwards, Kendall, Kimble, Kinney, Menard, Real and Schleicher Counties and Val Verde County east of Pecos River: 2 gobblers per season.

Eastland and Freestone Counties: 1 gobbler per season.

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GAME ANIMALS

Antelope, bear, buffalo, deer, elk, javelina (peccary), wild sheep and squirrels are game animals.

All wild animals belong to the people of this state.

Any kind of gun may be used to take game animals.

It Is Unlawful To—

Kill or possess any game animal for which no open season is provided.

Kill or injure any bat.

ANTELOPE

General Law: Season closed.

BEAR

Open Season

General Law: November 16 to December 31, both days inclusive.

Bag Limit

One a season.

BUFFALO

General Law: Season closed.

DEER (Bucks with Pronged Horn)

General Law

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

Bag Limit: Two bucks a season.

Means of Taking: Unlawful for any person to make use of a dog or dogs in the hunting, pursuing, or taking of any deer in Texas. No restriction as to type of gun.

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

Sale of deer hides permitted.

It Is Unlawful To—

Hunt deer without hunting license.

Possess deer carcass without deer tag thereto attached, bearing date and place of kill, and name of hunter.

Possess deer carcass or green hide with all evidence of sex removed.

Use the same deer tag on more than one deer.

Kill doe deer, fawn or spike buck.

Use a deer call, except deer horns which may be rattled.

Hunt at night with a headlight in territory where deer are known to range.

Special Seasons

Brown County: November 16 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

Burleson County: Precinct 4, closed until 1960.

Cass County: Season closed.

Coke County: Season closed until 1957.

Delta, Franklin and Hopkins Counties: November 21 to November 25, both days inclusive.

Duval, Morris and Shackelford Counties: Season closed until 1958.

Eastland County: November 16 to November 30, both dates inclusive.

Galveston, Nolan, Orange and Washington Counties: Closed until 1960.

Gregg, Harrison, Rusk and Shelby Counties: November 15 to November 25, inclusive. Non-residents of county required to have 3-day, nonrenewable permit from county clerk.

Jasper and Newton Counties, and Precinct 4 in Tyler County: Open December 25 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

Kenedy County: Precinct 1: November 15 to December 1, both dates inclusive.

Lamar County: In Precinct 4, closed until 1959. Rest of county, November 16 to November 20, both dates inclusive.

La Salle and McMullen Counties: November 1 to December 15, both days inclusive.

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

Maverick County and Val Verde County east of Pecos River: Open November 16 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

Panola County: Open November 15 to November 25, both days inclusive.

Taylor County: Closed until 1959.

Upshur and Wood Counties: Open November 16 to December 15, both days inclusive.

Special Law—Means of Taking

Atascosa, Bandera, Baylor, Bexar, Burnet, Caldwell, Cameron, Comal, Concho, Crockett, Denton, De Witt, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Haskell, Hays, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kimble, Real, San Saba, Schleicher, Shackelford, Starr, Tom Green, Uvalde, Webb, Wharton, Wilson, Zapata and Zavala Counties: Lawful to use dogs during open season for trailing wounded deer.

Brazoria, Fort Bend, Hardin, Jasper, Matagorda, Newton, Panola, Polk, Shelby and Tyler Counties: Lawful to use dogs during open season in hunting, pursuing or taking deer.

Marion County: Only shotgun loaded with buckshot or slugs permitted.

Sabine and San Augustine Counties: Hunting during deer closed season while in possession of shotgun and buckshot, whether shotgun is actually loaded with buckshot or not, shall be prima facie evidence of violation.

Upshur and Wood Counties: May not hunt in deer territory with shotgun loaded with buckshot or slug, or with rifle larger than .22 caliber except during deer open season.

Special Shooting Hours

Marion County: Sunrise to sunset.

ELK

Season closed.

JAVELINA (PECCARY)

General Law

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

Bag Limit: Two per season.

Sale of javelinas or their hides prohibited, but this provision does not apply to javelinas or their hides imported from another state or foreign country.

Special Law

Kenedy County, Precinct 1: Open season November 15 to December 1, both dates inclusive.

Crockett, Dimmit, Frio, Jim Hogg, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Starr, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb and Zavala Counties: Open all year.

SHEEP (Wild)

Season closed.

SQUIRREL

General Law

Open Season: May, June, July, October, November and December.

Bag Limit: Ten squirrels in any one day and not more than 20 in possession at any one time.

Means of Taking: Unrestricted.

Special Seasons

Angelina County: Open October 1 to January 15, both days inclusive.

Bandera, Bastrop, Brown, Burnet, Caldwell, Callahan, Coleman, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Denton, De Witt, Dimmit, Eastland, Edwards, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hays, Irion, Karnes, Kendall, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, McCulloch, Menard, Mills, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Sterling, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Travis, Uvalde, Victoria, Williamson, Wilson and Zavala Counties: No closed season.

Cass, Cherokee, Harrison and Marion Counties: Open October, November and December.

Brazos, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and San Jacinto Counties: Open May 16 through July; October through December.

Fayette and Lavaca Counties: Open May through December.

Hardin, Jefferson, Liberty, Orange, Polk and Shelby Counties: Open October 15 to January 15, both dates inclusive.

Jasper and Newton Counties: Open season November 10 to January 15, both dates inclusive.

Nacogdoches, Panola, Sabine and San Augustine Counties: Open October 1 to December 31, both days inclusive.

Trinity County: Open October 15 through January 15; May, June and July.

Tyler County: Open November 16 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

Wharton County: Open April through December.

Special Bag Limits

Brazos, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and San Jacinto Counties: 5 per day and not more than 15 per week.

Delta, Franklin and Hopkins Counties: Not more than 8 per day or in possession.

Jasper, Newton,, Sabine, San Augustine and Tyler Counties: Not more than 5 per day or in possession.

Lamar County: Not more than 8 per day, nor more than 16 in possession.

Shelby County: Not more than 10 per day or in possession.

Wood County: Not more than 6 per day and 20 per week.

Aransas, Atascosa, Bandera, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Brown, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Chambers, Colorado, Comanche, Comal, Concho, Cooke, Denton, De Witt, Dimmitt, Eastland, Edwards, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hays, Karnes, Kendall, Kimble, Lampasas, Live Oak, McCulloch, Matagorda, Menard, Mills, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, San Saba, Schleicher, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Travis, Uvalde, Victoria, Waller, Wharton, Wilson and Zavala Counties: Daily bag or possession limit not restricted.

STORAGE

State Law: No limit to the time game birds or game animals may be kept in storage. Any person accepting game for storage must keep a record giving time of storage, name and address of person placing game on storage, and kind and amount of game stored by each individual.

SHIPMENT AND SALE

It is unlawful to sell or buy game birds or game animals, dead or alive, regardless of where caught or killed. **Exceptions:** game breeders; taxidermists may sell unclaimed specimens; and deer hides may be sold.

It is unlawful to bring game into this state during the closed season on such game without a permit from the Game and Fish Commission.

It is unlawful to ship game except to one's own home or to a taxidermist and unless affidavit is attached that the shipper has lawfully killed such game.

WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES

Rockport Wildlife Sanctuary: Unlawful to take any birds or animals. (Boundaries described by suitable markers in Rockport area.)

Lake Corpus Christi (except that part of the lake located in Jim Wells and Nueces Counties): Unlawful to enter with gun or rifle, or to attempt to shoot any bird or animal.

Wichita County: Hunting, except for ducks and geese, prohibited in certain marked areas in and near Wichita Falls. For boundaries consult local Game Warden.

Public Parks: Hunting prohibited at all times in public parks under control of State Parks Board.

Military Reservations: Hunting doves, ducks, geese or other migratory birds prohibited at all times on military reservations, except Matagorda Island.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO—

Hunt in State Parks under the control of the Texas State Parks Board.

Hunt for hire or hire anyone to hunt.

Hunt from an automobile, motor boat, sail boat, boat under tow, or airplane.

Hunt on a State Game Preserve.

Hunt or fish on enclosed lands of another without the owner's consent.

Shoot any gun or firearm in, on, along or across any public road in this state.

Refuse to permit a game and fish warden to search your game bag or automobile or other receptacle.

\$250 REWARD

A reward of \$250 will be paid by the Texas Forestry Association for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons willfully setting a fire to East Texas woodlands. The offer of this reward will extend through 1957.

Claim for the reward, based on arrest and conviction of the offender, should be filed with

Texas Forestry Association
Box 1032—Lufkin, Texas

Woods Fires Destroy Game and Fish!

FRESH WATER FISH LAWS

GENERAL REGULATIONS

LICENSES REQUIRED

Resident: Price \$1.65. Required of resident Texas citizens before fishing in public fresh water outside of county of residence and adjacent counties, and before fishing in county of residence or adjacent counties with artificial bait and before using live bait outside of county of residence. License not required of resident 16 or less years of age nor of resident 65 or more years of age, nor of resident holding commercial fishing license. No license required for Salt Water Sport fishing.

An artificial lure is any manufactured bait or imitation of a natural bait. Live bait is fish or minnows.

Nonresident: Nonresidents of Texas or aliens must procure a Nonresident Fishing License, price \$5.25, or a Five-Day License, price \$1.65, when fishing with any kind of bait in any public fresh water. Exception, persons under 17.

“Nonresident” is any citizen of the United States who is not a citizen of Texas and who has not continuously for six months been an actual bona fide resident of this state.

A seine or net license is required of commercial fishermen operating in fresh waters as well as those operating in salt water. (See Salt Water and Commercial Fishing Laws.)

A license is required to sell fish. (See Salt Water and Commercial Fishing Laws.)

“Fresh Water.” All fresh water rivers and streams and all lakes, lagoons and bodies of rivers, except tidal bays or coastal waters, such as bays and gulfs, are fresh water to their mouths. Exceptions are noted in salt water laws as to certain coastal lakes.

“Public Water.” For information as to what waters are public, consult your county attorney.

TACKLE

Ordinary pole and line, set line, trotline, artificial lures and seines or nets of not less than three-inch square mesh permitted. Seine or net made of wire or other metallic substance is prohibited. Minnow seines not more than twenty feet in length are permitted for taking minnows and rough fish, and fruit jars with funnel attached are permitted for taking minnows. Cast nets permitted on

rough fish. All other methods or means of taking fish are prohibited unless specially noted below.

Fresh water rough fish are: shad, carp, suckers, gar and buffalo. All other fishes are game fish.

SIZE LIMITS

Large-mouth black bass, small-mouth black bass, spotted bass, or any subspecies of these fishes, not less than seven inches. Limits in certain counties are noted below.

BAG LIMITS

Large-mouth black bass, small-mouth black bass, spotted bass, or any subspecies of these fishes, 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). In those counties where sale of catfish is permitted, this limitation as to possession of catfish does not apply to persons having a commercial fisherman's license, wholesale fish dealer's license, wholesale truck dealer's fish license, or retail fish dealer's license.

Sale prohibited: Sale of bass or crappie or white perch is prohibited in all counties. Special sale restrictions noted below as to other species.

Minnow Laws: License required for dealing in minnows. (See Salt Water and Commercial Fishing Laws.) Other restrictions on sale or transportation of minnows noted below.

Notice: It is unlawful to fish by any method in waters within the confines of any public park under the control of the State Parks Board, without the consent of persons in charge of the park.

It is unlawful to fish from deck or road surface of any highway bridge or causeway maintained by State Highway Department or to leave any dead fish or bait on such property.

It is unlawful to enter the enclosed land of another without the consent of the owner or person in charge thereof and thereon catch or take, or attempt to catch fish.

Penalties for using electricity-producing apparatus for taking fish are \$25 to \$200; for using explosives, poisons, etc., \$50 to \$100 and 60 to 90 days in jail.

Life Preservers: Required on all hired boats for each person aboard on fresh waters. Does not apply on river within ten miles of bay, inlet or gulf waters into which river flows, nor on Caddo Lake in Marion County, nor on Gulf of Mexico. Life preserver is any device designed for and capable of buoying body of adult in water.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

COUNTY LAWS

Anderson County: Unlawful to fish for, take or catch or have in possession for sale, or to carry, transport or ship for sale, or to buy or sell or offer for sale or offer to buy, barter or exchange fish taken from waters of Neches River.

Angelina County: Seines and nets prohibited except dip net and minnow seine not more than 20 feet long for taking minnows. Trolling permitted from any kind of boat. No fish from public waters may be sold or offered or possessed for sale.

Archer County: Lake Kickapoo, Big Wichita River, Lake Kemp, Diversion Lake, Lake Wichita, connecting irrigation canals and laterals: no seines and nets permitted except twenty-foot minnow seine of not less than one-sixth inch square mesh for taking minnows for bait. May use one trotline per person or not more than two per party of two or more persons. Trotlines must not be set nearer than fifty (50) feet apart, nor contain more than fifty (50) hooks nor have hooks thereon nearer than four (4) feet apart. Unlawful to barter or sell or to offer for barter or sale or to buy any fish except minnows for bait. No minnows or edible fish may be left on banks to die.

Austin County: Seines and nets prohibited except cast net. Minnow seine not longer than 20 feet and container with funnel permitted for taking minnows not for sale outside county. Minnows may not be taken from public waters for transportation beyond county for sale, nor sold outside said county. Transportation of any minnows by commercial minnow dealer or his agent, or of more than 250 minnows by any other person, beyond county is prima facie evidence of violation.

Bandera County: Unlawful to use seines and nets except as permitted on rough fish by general law. May use ten-foot minnow seine of not less than one-fourth inch square mesh for taking minnows for bait. Unlawful to sell or offer to sell any perch, or catfish. Unlawful to take minnows from county for sale, or transport more than 200 such minnows from county.

See Medina Lake under "Lake Laws."

Bastrop County: Not more than 150 minnows may be transported beyond county at any one time; possession of more than 150 minnows prima facie evidence of violation.

Seine and net prohibited except dip net or legal minnow seine for minnows.

Baylor County: Same as Archer County. Also, minnows may not be taken from public waters for transportation out of county for sale. Transportation beyond

county of more than 200 minnows from public waters is prima facie evidence of violation.

Bexar County: Permitted: ordinary hook and line, or trotline or artificial bait; ten-foot minnow seine of not less than one-fourth inch square mesh and fruit jar with funnel attached for taking minnows for bait; cast net and minnow seine on rough fish. Unlawful to sell or offer to sell any perch or catfish.

Brewster County: Unlawful to sell or offer for sale any fish taken in county. In Rio Grande River seines and nets prohibited except twenty-foot minnow seine for taking minnows.

Brown County: Unlawful to use seine or net except 20-foot minnow seine to take minnows for bait and except cast net and legal minnow seine for rough fish. Unlawful to sell catfish taken in county.

Burnet County: Unlawful to sell catfish taken in county. Seines and nets prohibited except: (1) 20-foot minnow seine on minnows for bait; (2) may take rough fish with cast net or 20-foot minnow seine, or with seines and nets having meshes not less than one-inch square, or with wire, rope or gig, but may not possess other fish when using latter devices. Unlawful to transport minnows out of county. Possession of more than 500 prima facie evidence of violation. For Colorado River and its lakes, see "Lake Laws."

Calhoun County: Only hook and line, trotline, cast net or legal minnow seine for bait, and flounder gig and light permitted in Guadalupe River.

Callahan County: See Lake Baird, in "Lake Laws."

Cass County: Permitted: gig, ordinary hook and line, set hook and line and artificial bait, and fruit jar with funnel for minnows. Seines and nets prohibited, except (1) 20-foot minnow seine for minnows for bait: (2) hoop, trammel or gill net of not less than 3-inch square mesh for buffalo, carp and catfish, and cast net and minnow seine on rough fish.

Chambers County: May take rough fish with cast net or legal minnow seine or with seines and nets the meshes of which are not less than one-inch square, or with wire, rope or gig, but may not possess other fish when using latter devices.

Cherokee County: Fish from public waters of county may not be sold or offered or possessed for sale.

Coke County: Sweetwater Oak Creek Lake, unlawful to sell or buy or offer to sell or buy or to take or possess for commercial purposes any fish from said lake. Neither game nor rough fish nor goldfish may be used for bait, unless cut up and used as cut bait. Minnows from lake

may not be transported beyond county for sale, and not more than 200 minnows may be transported beyond county for any purpose. Season closed on bullfrogs from lake or within 200 yards of lake during March, April and May. Seine or net prohibited except minnow seine not more than 20 feet long for taking minnows for bait. Bottles, cans, or floats must be tied stationarily or held by fisherman. Trotlines prohibited within 200 feet of any dock, pier, beach or other swimming area. Set or throw line may not have more than 2 hooks. Trotline may have not more than 30 hooks. Only one trotline per person or two per party of two or more persons permitted, and no two trotlines may be joined together.

Coleman County: Unlawful to use seine or net except (1) 20-foot minnow seine for catching minnows for bait; (2) net of not less than 3-inch mesh for taking carp and suckers in Colorado River; (3) cast net or legal minnow seine for rough fish.

Collin County: Seines and nets prohibited except minnow seine not longer than 20 feet for taking minnows for bait. Hooks on set line, throw line or trotline may not be less than three feet apart. Possession of illegal tackle within 200 yards of water prima facie evidence of violation. Unlawful to take minnows from streams, except not more than 50 at one time when not for sale. Minnows and fish from Lake Lavon may not be sold or offered for sale, nor taken or possessed for commercial purposes.

Comal County: Sale of perch and catfish prohibited. Throw line may not have more than 2 hooks. Not more than 10 throw lines may be set at one time. Trotline may not have more than 40 hooks. Only one trotline may be set at one time. Seines and nets prohibited except dip net or minnow seine not longer than 20 feet and of not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch mesh for minnows for bait; and set net of not less than 2-inch mesh for taking shad, sucker and buffalo. Fish size limits: bass, not less than 11 inches; crappie, not less than 8 inches; catfish, not less than 12 inches. Minnows from public waters may not be sold or offered for sale. Not more than 100 minnows per day from public waters may be transported beyond county. Records of minnow sales required of private hatcheries to be available for game warden inspection.

Comanche County: Cast net or legal minnow seine, or seine or net of not less than one-inch square mesh and wire, rope or gig are permitted for taking rough fish, but other fish may not be possessed while using latter devices. Minnows may not be transported beyond county, except 200 for personal use and minnows raised in minnow hatchery. Possession of more than 400 minnows by non-resident of county prima facie evidence of violation.

Concho County: Unlawful to transport more than 200

minnows out of county. No minnows may be transported out of county for sale. Unlawful to sell catfish taken in county. Seines and nets prohibited except 20-foot minnow seine for minnows, cast net or legal minnow seine for rough fish, and nets of not less than three-inch square mesh for catching carp and suckers in Colorado River.

Cooke County: Only rough fish may be taken or possessed for sale. Seines and nets are prohibited except (1) cast net or legal minnow seine for taking rough fish and minnows; (2) seine or net having meshes of not less than three inches square for taking rough fish. When using seine or net for rough fish, all other fish must be immediately returned to waters. May not possess rough fish and other fish at same time, nor any fish but rough fish while using seine or net. Trotline, set line or throw line may have not more than 100 hooks, spaced not less than three feet apart. Possession of prohibited tackle within 500 yards of waters prima facie evidence of violation. Unlawful to take minnows in district composed of Grayson and Cooke counties for transportation out of district for sale, or to sell minnows outside of district. Transportation out of district of more than 200 by any person or of any amount by minnow dealer prima facie evidence of violation. Daily bag limits for Lake Texoma, 25 white bass, 25 crappie, 10 black bass; 15 catfish; 35 bream, goggle-eye or other small sunfishes, singly or in aggregate. Possession limit for Lake Texoma, 10 black bass on Reservoir, or 35 elsewhere; 15 catfish on Reservoir, 30 elsewhere (not including polliwog or chucklehead, on which there is no size or catch limit); 35 bream, goggle-eye or other small sunfishes at Reservoir, no limit elsewhere. Size limits for Lake Texoma, catfish not less than 10 inches; black bass not less than 10 inches. Inquire of Commission, local game warden or county clerk as to special Texoma license.

Culberson County: Unlawful to sell or offer for sale any fish taken in county.

Dallas County: More than 2 hooks permitted only on ordinary pole and line or rod and reel. Seines and nets prohibited except cast net or legal minnow seine on rough fish; minnow seine not longer than 20 feet for minnows. Hooks on throw, set or trotline may not be closer than 3 feet apart. Illegal tackle in possession closer than 200 yards of public water is prima facie evidence of law violation.

Delta County: Lawful to grabble for, or use seine or net having meshes one-inch square to take catfish, perch, buffalo and drum.

Denton County: Same as Chambers County.

De Witt County: Unlawful to sell or offer to sell or to buy any fish taken in county. May take suckers, buffalo,

carp, shad or gar with seine or net of not less than one-inch square mesh, or by wire, rope or gig, but may not possess any other species of fish when using such devices.

Dimmit County: Minnows may not be taken in county for sale, or sold. Commercial minnow dealers may not transport minnows from the county. Unlawful to sell catfish. Seines and nets prohibited except: (1) May use 20-foot minnow seine to take minnows for bait; and (2) may use cast net or legal minnow seine, or seines or nets of not less than one-inch square mesh, or wire, rope or gig, to take rough fish, but may not possess any other species of fish while using latter devices.

Edwards County: Unlawful to sell or offer or possess for sale any perch, bream or catfish. Legal fruit jar and 20-foot minnow seine permitted for minnows. No device may have more than 2 hooks, except artificial lures used with rod and reel. Bottles, cans and floats of any kind may not be used unless line to which hooks are attached is tied securely to stationary object or held by fisherman. Unlawful to take from county minnows for sale, or to transport more than 200 minnows beyond county.

El Paso County: Unlawful to sell fish taken in county. Permitted: hook and line, pole and line, trotline, or set line; cast net or legal minnow seine for rough fish; 10-ft. minnow seine with meshes not larger than three-eighths inch square and legal fruit jar for minnows.

Falls County: Unlawful to sell or offer for sale or to buy any fish taken from waters of Brazos River or within one mile of mouth of any tributary of the Brazos River. Unlawful to transport more than 125 minnows beyond county.

Fayette County: Hoop net prohibited. Minnows may not be transported beyond county for sale. Not more than 200 minnows may be transported beyond county for any purpose and possession of more than 200 minnows prima facie evidence of violation.

Fisher County: Same as Chambers County.

Foard County: Minnows taken in county may not be transported beyond county, except those raised in private hatcheries and except 150 for personal use. Possession of more than 500 minnows prima facie evidence of violation.

Franklin County: May take catfish, perch, buffalo and drum by hand or with seine or net having meshes one inch square.

Freestone County: Seines and nets may have mesh not less than 2 inches square.

Gonzales County: Seines and nets may not be used or possessed except minnow seine not longer than 20 feet

with not less than 1/16-inch mesh for minnows. Possession of prohibited seine or net within 200 yards of public water prima facie evidence of violation.

Grayson County: Same as Cooke County.

Guadalupe County: Unlawful to sell or offer for sale any perch or catfish taken from waters of county. Gear permitted: ordinary hook and line, trotline or artificial bait; 20-foot minnow seine of not less than one-fourth inch mesh and legal fruit jar for minnows; cast net or legal minnow seine for rough fish; 3-inch square mesh seine or net for rough fish but no other fish may be possessed while using same.

Hamilton County: Drag seine or net unlawful except: (1) 20-ft. minnow seine to take minnows; (2) cast net or legal minnow seine for rough fish; (3) 1½-inch square mesh net for rough fish, but no other fish may be possessed while using this device. Unlawful to take minnows from public waters for sale or to offer for sale, or to transport more than 125 minnows from public waters outside of county.

Hardeman County: Same as Foard County.

Hardin County: Same as Chambers County.

Harrison County: Seines and nets prohibited in all waters, except: (1) 20-ft. minnow seine for minnows; (2) hoop net, set net or trammel net with meshes not less than 3½ inches square for taking buffalo, gar, catfish, shad and bowfin or grindle; (3) cast net or legal minnow seine for rough fish. Unlawful to take or possess alligators. Limit on white bass is 25 per day or in possession. Additional laws applying to Caddo Lake are: gig or spear prohibited; daily bag limits on bream and goggle-eye, 35; crappie 15, catfish 25. Season closed on crappie during March, April and May. Size limits, crappie not less than 9 inches, catfish not less than 12 inches. Driving or riding in boat while under influence of intoxicants, or driving in reckless manner or at high rate of speed is unlawful. Shooting in, on, along or across Caddo Lake unlawful except when hunting during open season. Fish guides may not take, catch, retain or have in possession any bass or crappie.

Haskell County: Unlawful to transport minnows outside of county. Possession of more than 500 minnows prima facie evidence of violation. Seines and nets prohibited except 20-ft. minnow seine for bait. Hooks on set line, throw line or trotline may not be less than 3 feet apart. Possession of prohibited tackle within 200 yards of public water prima facie evidence of violation.

Hays County: Unlawful to transport minnows taken from waters out of county for sale, or to transport more

than 200 for any purpose. Possession of more than 200 minnows prima facie evidence of violation.

Hopkins County: May take catfish, perch, buffalo and drum by hand or with seine or net of one-inch square mesh.

Houston County: Following regulations apply in all public waters except Trinity River: seines and nets prohibited except dip net and minnow seine not more than 20 feet long for taking minnows; trolling permitted from any kind of boat; no fish from public waters may be sold, or offered or possessed for sale.

Hudspeth County: Unlawful to sell or offer for sale fish taken in county. In Rio Grande River seines and nets prohibited except 20-foot minnow seines for minnows.

Hunt County: Only ordinary hook line, set line or throw line, ordinary cord line, seine or net with meshes not less than one and one-half inches square, legal fruit jar and legal minnow seine for minnows; cast net and legal minnow seine for rough fish, permitted. Unlawful to sell or offer to sell catfish.

Jackson County: Permitted devices: Hook and line or trotline or flounder gig and light, or cast net or minnow seine not more than 20 feet in length for catching bait and rough fish; legal fruit jar for minnows. All other devices prohibited.

Jasper County: In that part of the Neches River forming the boundary between Tyler and Jasper Counties and in lakes lying wholly within Jasper and Tyler Counties formed from the Neches River and in the Angelina River and in lakes formed from the Angelina River but lying wholly within Jasper County, seines and nets are prohibited except legal minnow seine of not less than 1/6 inch square mesh for taking minnows.

Jeff Davis County: Unlawful to sell or offer for sale any fish taken in county.

Jefferson County: Same as Angelina County.

Jim Wells County: Unlawful to take for purpose of sale any fish from Lake Corpus Christi in San Patricio, Jim Wells and Live Oak counties, or from the waters of Nueces River between Calallen Dam and west boundary line of Live Oak County on Nueces River. Unlawful to use seine or net except 20-foot minnow seine for taking minnows and rough fish, and cast net for rough fish. Unlawful to use trotline with hooks less than 3 feet apart.

Jones County: Unlawful to take any fish in county for commercial purposes. For Fort Phantom Hill Lake regulations, see "Lake Laws."

Karnes County: Commercial dealer or any employee of

commercial dealer may not take minnows. No other person may take minnows for sale. Minnows may not be transported beyond county for commercial purposes; not more than 200 minnows may be transported beyond county per day or possessed in vehicle.

Kaufman County: Hooks on set line, throw line or trotline may not be closer than 3 feet apart. Seines and nets unlawful except 20-foot minnow seine for minnows and rough fish, and cast net for rough fish. Possession of prohibited tackle within 200 yards of water prima facie evidence of violation. Minimum size limits: bass, trout, 8 inches; crappie or other fish, $\frac{1}{2}$ pound. Sale of bream or other perch, or channel catfish less than 12 inches long, prohibited.

Kendall County: Trot or set line may not have more than 25 hooks, spaced not closer than 4 feet apart. Unlawful to transport minnows beyond county. Possession of more than 500 minnows prima facie evidence of violation. Seine or net prohibited except (1) 20-foot minnow seine for minnows and rough fish; (2) cast net for rough fish; (3) seine or net having not less than one-inch-square mesh or wire, rope, or gig, for rough fish, but may not possess other fish while using latter devices.

Kimble County: Throw line or drop line may have only one hook. Not more than 30 drop lines per person or group of persons permitted. Trotline may have not more than 30 hooks. Only one trotline per person or party or group of persons permitted. Artificial lure permitted only with rod and reel. Seines and nets prohibited except minnow seine not longer than 20 feet for taking minnows, carp, buffalo, sucker or gar. Illegal tackle declared a nuisance and subject to court's disposition. May not sell catfish, perch or bream. Minnows from public waters may not be transported beyond county for sale. Not more than 200 minnows from public waters may be possessed in, or transported per day beyond, county for any purpose. Licensed bait dealers may possess not more than 1000 minnows from public waters.

King County: Minnows may not be transported beyond county, except 150 for personal use and minnows raised in hatchery. Possession of more than 500 minnows prima facie evidence of violation.

Knox County: Same as King County.

Lamar County: Seines and nets prohibited, except (1) seine or net of not less than 2-inch square mesh; (2) 20-foot minnow seine to take minnows for bait; (3) may take rough fish with cast net or legal minnow seine, or with seine or net having meshes not less than one-inch square, or with wire, rope or gig, but other fishes may not be possessed while using latter devices.

Lampasas County: Unlawful to sell catfish. Seines and nets prohibited except (1) 20-foot minnow seine for taking minnows for bait; (2) may take rough fish with cast net or legal minnow seine; or with seine or net having meshes not less than one-inch square or with wire, rope or gig, but may not possess other fishes while using latter devices. Minnows may not be transported beyond county for sale and not more than 200 minnows may be transported for any purpose. Special regulations apply to Colorado River and its lakes. See "Lake Laws."

Live Oak County: Unlawful to take any fish for sale from Lake Corpus Christi in San Patricio, Jim Wells and Live Oak counties, or from waters of Nueces River between Calallen Dam and west boundary line of Live Oak County on Nueces River, including all waters within all tributaries of Nueces River within Live Oak, San Patricio and Nueces counties. Unlawful to use seine or net except 20-foot minnow seine for minnows and rough fish, and cast net for rough fish. Unlawful to use trotline with hooks less than 3 feet apart.

Loving County: Unlawful to sell catfish taken in county. Seines and nets prohibited, except 20-ft. minnow seine to take minnows and rough fish, and cast net for rough fish.

Marion County: Permitted devices: ordinary hook and line, rod and reel, set hook and line, trotline or artificial bait and legal fruit jars for minnows. Seines and nets prohibited except: (1) 20-ft. minnow seine for minnows, and rough fish; (2) hoop net, set net or trammel net of not less than 3½-inch mesh, for buffalo fish, garfish, catfish, shad and bowfin or grindle. Cast net permitted for taking rough fish. Limit on white bass, 25 per day or in possession. Unlawful for guide to take, retain or possess any bass or crappie. Unlawful to take or possess alligator. Additional regulations for Caddo Lake are: Season closed on crappie during March, April and May; daily bag limits are crappie 15, catfish 25; size limits are crappie not less than 9 inches; catfish not less than 12 inches. Unlawful to drive or ride in any boat on Caddo Lake while under influence of intoxicants, or to drive self-propelled motor craft in careless manner or at high speed. Unlawful to shoot in, on, or along or across Caddo Lake except while hunting, during open season. Gig permitted in Caddo Lake on buffalo, gar, shad, bowfin or grindle, and catfish.

Menard County: Same as Kimble County.

Mills County: Unlawful to sell bass, crappie or catfish. In lake waters seines and nets unlawful, except 20-foot minnow seine to take minnows and rough fish and except cast net or seine or net the meshes of which are not less than one inch square, or wire, rope or gig used for taking

rough fish, but no other fish may be possessed while latter devices are used. In streams, seines and nets prohibited except minnow seine not longer than 20 feet nor deeper than 26 inches, for minnows.

Mitchell County: Same as Chambers County. Also trotlines may not have more than 25 hooks and must have metal identification tag bearing name and address of owner. Fish from Lake Colorado City may not be taken for sale.

Montgomery County: Lawful to use set or gill nets having meshes not less than four inches square, for taking all fish, except bass, catfish, crappie and perch. Minnows taken in county may not be transported beyond county except 150 for personal use, unless raised in private minnow hatchery. Possession of more than 500 minnows prima facie evidence of violation.

Morris County: Any kind of seine or net with meshes not less than two inches square permitted on all fish. Unlawful to shoot on, in, along or across Daingerfield Lake unless hunting with shotgun during open season.

McCulloch County: Unlawful to transport minnows out of county except 150 for personal use. Possession of more than 500 prima facie evidence of violation. May not sell catfish taken in county. Seines and nets unlawful, except: 20-ft. minnow seine to take minnows and rough fish; and may take rough fish with cast net, or with seine or net having meshes not less than one inch square or with wire, rope or gig, but may not possess other fish while using latter devices.

Nacogdoches County: Same as Cherokee County.

Nolan County: Only one trotline may be used, and it may not contain more than 25 hooks; or only one throw line may be used, and it may not contain more than two hooks; except artificial lure with rod and reel. Twenty-foot minnow seine permitted for taking minnows and rough fish. May take rough fish with cast net, or with seine or net the meshes of which are not less than one inch square, or with wire, rope or gig, but other fish may not be possessed while latter devices are being used.

Nueces County: Same as Live Oak County.

Orange County: Same as Angelina County.

Pecos County: Unlawful to sell any fish taken in county. Permitted gear: ordinary hook and line or trotline or artificial bait. Seines and nets prohibited except 20-ft. minnow seine for taking minnows and rough fish and cast net for rough fish.

Polk County: Unlawful to take minnows from waters

of county for sale; unlawful for commercial minnow dealer or his employee to take minnows. Unlawful to transport minnows outside of county for sale or to transport more than 200 minnows outside of county, or to have more than 200 minnows in vehicle.

Presidio County: Unlawful to sell fish taken in said county. In Rio Grande River seines and nets prohibited except 20-ft. minnow seine for taking minnows.

Rains County: Seines and nets of not less than 1½-inch square mesh permitted.

Real County: Unlawful to use gear with more than 2 hooks, except artificial lures used with rod and reel. Bottles, cans and floats unlawful unless line to which hooks are attached is tied securely to stationary object or held by fisherman. Twenty-foot minnow seine permitted for minnows and rough fish, and cast net for rough fish. Unlawful to take minnows for sale, or transport beyond county more than 200 minnows. Unlawful to take, offer or possess for sale, catfish, perch or bream.

Reeves County: Unlawful to sell any fish taken in county. Gear permitted: ordinary hook and line or trotline or artificial bait. Seines and nets unlawful, except 20-ft. minnow seine to take minnows and rough fish, and cast net for rough fish.

Refugio County: Only hook and line, trotline, flounder gig and light, and cast net or legal minnow seine for bait permitted in Guadalupe River.

Robertson County: Unlawful to take minnows for transportation outside of county for sale, or to sell minnows outside of county. Transportation of minnows beyond county by dealer and transportation of more than 200 minnows beyond county by any person prima facie evidence of violation.

Rockwall County: Seines, nets and fruit jars prohibited, except 20-ft. minnow seine for minnows. Hooks on setline, throw line or trotline may not be closer than 3 feet apart. Possession of prohibited devices within 200 yards of waters is prima facie evidence of violation. Fish may not be taken or possessed for sale. May not take minnows from streams except not more than 50 at one time when not for sale.

Runnels County: In New Lake Winters, throw line may not have more than two hooks, trotlines, seines and nets prohibited, and minnows may not be taken or possessed from lake. May not sell, buy, or offer to sell or buy, or take or possess for commercial purposes, any fish from New Lake Winters. In other waters of county, seines and nets prohibited except 20-ft minnow seine to

take minnows and rough fish, and cast net for rough fish, and 3-inch mesh net for carp and suckers in Colorado River. Unlawful to sell catfish taken in county.

Rusk County: Same as Angelina County.

Sabine County: Same as Cherokee County.

San Augustine County: Same as Cherokee County.

San Patricio County: Same as Live Oak County.

San Saba County: Unlawful to sell or buy or offer to sell any fish. For gear permitted in Colorado River and its lakes, see "Lake Laws." Other waters, unlawful to take fish by any device except ordinary pole and line or throw line equipped with more than two hooks, except dowagiac or other artificial bait. Trotlines may not have more than 20 hooks. In lakes other than Colorado River lakes, seines and nets unlawful except minnow seine not more than 20 feet long for catching minnows and rough fish, and may take rough fish with cast net and with seine or net having meshes not less than one inch square, or with wire, rope or gig but may not possess other fish while using such devices. In streams, seines and nets unlawful except minnow seine not longer than 20 feet nor deeper than 26 inches for minnows. Unlawful to transport minnows outside of county, except 150 for personal use. Possession of more than 500 minnows evidence of violation of act.

Shackelford County: Unlawful to take any fish for commercial purposes.

Smith County: Same as Cherokee County.

Tarrant County: Unlawful to fish in Lake Worth and Eagle Mountain Lake except in accordance with regulations made by Game and Fish Commission. See "Lake Laws."

Taylor County: See "Lake Laws" for Fort Phantom Hill Lake regulations. In Lytle Lake, trotlines are prohibited and not more than 2 hooks may be used on each pole and line or line.

Terrell County: Unlawful to sell or offer for sale any fish taken in county.

Tom Green County: Trotline or set line may not be equipped with more than 30 hooks, and group of persons fishing together may not use more than 2 trotlines or set lines, and no 2 trotlines or set lines shall be joined together. Seines and nets prohibited except twenty-foot minnow seine for minnows and rough fish, and cast net

for rough fish. Possession of prohibited tackle on waters or set up for use is violation. Unlawful to sell, buy or attempt to buy any fish except buffalo, carp, suckers and gar. Unlawful to use crappie, catfish or bass for bait. Unlawful to transport minnows beyond county for sale or to transport more than 200 minnows beyond county for any purpose in any one day.

Travis County: Following regulations apply to all waters except Colorado River, beginning with Lake Austin, and its lakes. Unlawful to use trotline or throw line with hooks spaced closer than 3 feet. May take rough fish with cast net or legal minnow seine; or with seine or net having meshes not less than one inch square, or with wire, rope or gig, but may not possess other fish while using such devices. No fish may be sold except rough fish, mullet and needlefish. For tackle permitted in Lakes Austin and Travis and Colorado River, beginning with Lake Austin, see "Lake Laws." All waters, minnows may not be transported beyond county for sale and not more than 200 minnows may be transported beyond county for any purpose. For spear fishing see "Colorado River and its lakes" ante.

Trinity County: Same as Polk County.

Tyler County: In that portion of Neches River which forms the boundary between Tyler and Jasper counties and in all lakes lying wholly within these two counties formed from the Neches River, seines and nets are prohibited except legal minnow seine of not less than 1/6 inch square mesh for taking minnows for bait.

Uvalde County: Same as Chambers County. Also, unlawful to take minnows for sale or to sell minnows taken in county. Unlawful for commercial minnow dealer or his employee to transport minnows from county. May not sell catfish.

Val Verde County: All waters: unlawful to sell catfish. Seines and nets unlawful except cast net for rough fish and 20-ft. minnow seine for taking minnows and rough fish. In all waters except Rio Grande River, Pecos River and San Felipe Creek: not more than an aggregate of 20 hooks permitted on devices; unlawful to use crappie, catfish or bass for bait; unlawful to transport minnows from county. Possession of more than 200 minnows prima facie evidence of violation. In Devil's River and its lakes, fish bag limit 20 in aggregate per day or in possession.

Van Zandt County: In Sabine River seines and nets of not less than 1½ inch square mesh permitted.

Victoria County: Only hook and line, trotline, flounder gig and light, and cast net or legal minnow seine for bait permitted in Guadalupe River.

Walker County: Unlawful to transport minnows out of county for sale, or to transport more than 2000 minnows out of county for any purpose, or to have more than 2000 minnows in a vehicle in said county.

Waller County: Minnows from public waters may not be taken for transportation beyond county for sale, nor sold outside said county. Transportation of any minnows by commercial minnow dealer or his agent, or of more than 250 minnows at one time by any other person, beyond county, is prima facie evidence of violation.

Ward County: Seine or net unlawful, except 20-ft. minnow seine permitted for taking minnows and rough fish, and cast net for rough fish. Unlawful to sell catfish.

Washington County: Unlawful to take minnows from public waters for purpose of transporting outside of county for sale, or to sell said minnows outside of county. Such transportation of any minnows by dealer, or of more than 200 by other person is prima facie evidence of violation.

Wichita County: Same as Archer County. Also, minnows may not be taken for sale outside county, nor transported beyond county for sale, nor sold beyond county. Transportation of more than 50 minnows beyond county at one time prima facie evidence of violation.

Wilbarger County: Minnows may not be taken to transport out of county for sale. Transportation of not more than 200 minnows raised in minnow hatchery permitted for personal use. Transportation of more than 200 beyond county prima facie evidence of violation. Fishing tackle and fish sale provisions same as Archer County in laterals leading from irrigation canals connected with Lake Kemp or diversion dam.

Williamson County: Seines and nets prohibited, except (1) minnow seine not more than 20 feet long for taking minnows and rough fish; (2) may take rough fish with cast net, or with seine or net having meshes not less than one inch square, or with wire, rope or gig, but may not possess other fish while using such devices. Unlawful to transport minnows out of county except 150 for personal use. Possession of more than 500 minnows evidence of violation of law. May not sell catfish.

Wilson County: Unlawful to sell bass, perch, crappie or catfish taken in county. Seines and nets prohibited, except 10 foot minnow seine with meshes not less than one-fourth inch square to take minnows and 20-ft. minnow seine and cast net for rough fish.

Wood County: Fish from public waters of county may not be sold or offered or possessed for sale. Rough fish may be taken with 2-inch mesh seine or net or by grabbing with hands within seine, but may not be sold when so taken. Other fish may not be possessed while so fishing.

Zavala County: Seines and nets unlawful except (1) seine or net with meshes not less than three inches square to take buffalo, carp, garfish and/or turtles; (2) may take rough fish with legal minnow seine, or cast net, or with seine or net having meshes not less than one inch square, or with wire, rope or gig, but may not possess other fish while using latter devices; (3) 20-foot minnow seine for taking minnows. Sale of catfish unlawful. Minnows may not be taken for sale or sold. Commercial dealers may not transport minnows beyond county.

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LAKE LAWS

Lake Austin from and including mouth of Bull Creek and south and east thereof, permitted gear, not more than 2 of the same or different types as follows: ordinary pole and line, rod, reel and line, hand line, set line, throw line, artificial lures when used with fly rod or rod and reel. Except when artificial lures are used no line shall have more than 2 hooks and only 2 lines shall be used at one time. Twenty-foot minnow seine permitted for minnows and rough fish; cast net permitted on rough fish. Minnows taken in public waters of Travis County may not be transported beyond county for sale, and not more than 200 minnows may be transported beyond county for any purpose. Fish may not be sold.

Colorado River and its Lakes: Beginning at the mouth of Bull Creek to headwaters of Buchanan Lake, including Lakes Travis, Buchanan, Roy Inks, Granite Shoals, Marble Falls and that part of Lake Austin beginning at (but not including) mouth of Bull Creek, permitted devices are ordinary pole and line, throw line with not more than 6 hooks, rod and reel with not more than 6 hooks, artificial bait, fruit jar with funnel attached for minnows, and trotline with not more than 30 hooks. Not more than 30 hooks in aggregate permitted on all devices. No device may be attached to another device by any means. Trotlines prohibited in vicinity of boat dock or pier, bathing pier or beach or any place commonly used as a swimming and bathing area. Seines and nets prohibited except 20-foot minnow seine for taking minnows and rough fish, cast net for rough fish. Carp, buffalo, gaspergou, gar and Rio Grande perch may be taken by spear gun and spear. Minnows taken in public waters of Travis County or Lampasas County may not be transported beyond county for sale, and not more than 200 minnows may be transported beyond county for any purpose. See county laws for fish sale provisions. In that part of river and lakes in Llano County, daily bag and possession limits are fixed by Commission proclamation. See supplement digest available after Sept. 1, 1956. In all of Colorado River and its lakes, carp, buffalo, gaspergou, gar and Rio Grande perch may be taken by spear gun and spear.

Lake Baird: Gear permitted: ordinary pole and line, rod and reel, fly rod, throw line equipped with not more than two hooks, and trotline with not more than 25 hooks. One trotline per person, or two trotlines per party of two or more persons. Seines and nets prohibited except 20-ft. minnow seine for minnows. Minnows may not be taken for sale. Not more than 100 minnows may be possessed. May not sell or buy or offer to sell or buy fish, or take or possess fish for sale. Unlawful to shoot rifle or pistol.

Lake Bridgeport: See Wise County.

Caddo Lake: See Harrison and Marion Counties.

Lake Corpus Christi: Same as Jim Wells County.

Devil's River Lake: See Val Verde County.

Diversion Lake: See Archer County.

Fort Phantom Hill Lake: Throw lines may not have more than 2 hooks. Seines and nets prohibited except cast net and legal minnow seine for rough fish; 20-foot minnow seine for minnows. Only one trotline per person, two trotlines per party of 2 or more persons, each containing not more than 25 hooks, permitted. Minnows may not be taken for sale, and not more than 100 minnows may be possessed. Fish may not be taken in Jones County for sale.

Lake Kemp: See Archer County.

Lake Kickapoo: See Archer and Baylor Counties.

Lytle Lake: See Taylor County

Medina Lake in Bandera County: Trotline or throw line may not have hooks spaced closer than four feet apart. Unlawful to take minnows from Medina Lake. Seines and nets unlawful except cast net or legal minnow seine for rough fish. See supplement digest for regulations applying to that part of lake in Medina County.

New Lake Winters: See Runnels County.

Sweetwater Oak Creek Lake: See Coke County.

Lake Texoma: For minnow sale and transportation laws, see Cooke and Grayson counties. No fish but rough fish may be sold. Daily bag limits: 25 white bass, 25 crappie, 10 black bass; 15 catfish; 36 bream, goggle-eye or other small sunfishes, singly or in aggregate. Possession limit: 10 black bass on Reservoir, or 35 elsewhere; 15 catfish on Reservoir, 30 elsewhere (not including polliwog or chucklehead, on which there is no size or catch limit); 35 bream, goggle eye or other small sunfishes at Reservoir, no limit elsewhere. Size limits: catfish, not less than 10 inches; black bass, not less than 10 inches. Tackle: seine or net prohibited except cast net or legal minnow seine for taking rough fish and minnows; or seine or net having meshes not less than three inches square for taking rough fish. When using seine or net for rough fish, all other fish must be immediately returned to waters. May not possess rough fish and other fish at same time, nor any fish but rough fish while using seine or net. Trotline, set line or throw line may have not more than 100 hooks, spaced not less than three feet apart. Possession of prohibited tackle within 500 yards of waters prima facie evidence of violation.

Lake Wichita: Same as Archer and Wichita counties.

Lake Worth and Eagle Mountain Lake: In Tarrant County devices permitted are: pole and line, hand or throw line, still fishing, casting or trolling, throw line equipped with not more than 2 hooks with hooks spaced not closer than 2 feet apart. Only one trotline per person permitted, with not more than 20 hooks spaced not less than 3 feet apart. In that part of Eagle Mountain Lake which is in Wise County, permitted devices are ordinary pole and line, rod and reel; set line, throw line or trotline, with hooks not less than 3 feet apart; artificial bait with more than 2 hooks on ordinary pole and line or rod and reel; minnow seine not more than 20 feet long for minnows. Possession of unauthorized tackle within 200 yards of water prima facie evidence of violation in Wise County. In all of lake waters, both counties, size and daily bag limits are: black bass, large-mouth small-mouth and spotted, or any species thereof, not less than 7 inches long; daily bag limit singly or in the aggregate, 15, of which not more than 10 may be longer than 11 inches. Daily bag on white bass and crappie or white perch 25. Catfish, blue, channel and yellow, singly or in aggregate, daily bag 25. For minnow sale and transportation law, see "Wise County."

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SALT WATER AND COMMERCIAL FISHING LAWS

LICENSE FEES

Bait Dealers License	\$ 2.00
Commercial Fisherman's License	3.00
Commercial Fishing Boat License, salt water	6.00
Fish Boat, fresh water (if propelled by motor or sail)	3.00
Fish Guide License	2.00
Menhaden Commercial Fish Boat License	100.00
Menhaden Fish Plant Permit	25.00
Mussel License	10.00
Mussel Shell Dredge License	25.00
Oyster Dredge License	15.00
Oyster Location Rental, per acre	1.50
Retail Fish Dealer (Cities less than 7,500 population)	3.00
Retail Fish Dealer (Cities 7,500 to 40,000 population)	10.00
Retail Fish Dealer (Cities over 40,000 population)	15.00
Retail Oyster Dealer's License (Cities over 7,500 population)	5.00
Retail Truck Fish and Oyster Dealer's License ...	25.00
Seine or net license, attached to each 100 feet	1.00
Shrimp Trawl License (large trawl)	15.00
Shrimp Trawl License (small trawl)	2.00
Skiff License (if propelled by oars or poles)	1.00
Wholesale Fish and Oyster Dealer's License	200.00
Wholesale Truck Fish and Oyster Dealer's License	100.00

Bait Dealer's License is required of any person who sells either minnows, fish, shrimp or other aquatic products for fish bait.

Commercial Fishing Boat License is required for each boat used for taking any edible aquatic life from tidal waters for commercial purposes.

Commercial Fisherman's License is required of any person who takes any edible aquatic products or any menhaden from the waters of this state for pay or for the purpose of sale, barter, or exchange.

Fish Boat License is required of each boat equipped with motor of any kind or with sails, when used for taking any edible aquatic products for commercial purposes from fresh waters.

Fish Guide License is required of any person who operates a boat for pay or anything of value in accompanying or transporting any person engaged in taking any edible aquatic life from the waters of this state.

Menhaden Commercial Fishing Boat License is required for boat or vessel used for taking menhaden fish from tidal waters.

Menhaden Fish Plant Permit is required to operate a fixed installation upon land used to process fish and the by-products by application of pressure, heat and chemicals or combination thereof to raw fish to convert same into oil, solubles, scraps or other products. Write Commission for details for making application for permit.

Mussel License will be required for the purpose of taking mussels or mussel shells from the beds of state-owned streams and waters.

Mussel Shell Dredge License required for use of dredge for taking mussels or mussel shells from beds of state-owned streams and waters.

Oyster Dredge License is required for each dredge used for the purpose of dredging oysters.

Retail Fish Dealer's License is required of any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying for the purpose of selling either fresh or frozen edible aquatic products to the consumer. Separate license will be required for each market in which such dealer or person operates. Fee of such license based on population of the city.

Retail Oyster Dealer's License is required of any person, firm or corporation buying oysters only for the purpose of selling to the consumer trade in cities of more than 7,500. (This license is provided for use of markets or dealers handling oysters only and who do not care to take out retail fish and oyster dealer's license.)

Retail Truck Dealer's License is required of any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying for the purpose of selling or distributing either fresh or frozen aquatic products to the consumer trade. Separate license required by each truck so operated and sales permitted only hotels, cafes and house-to-house peddling.

Seine or Net License must be attached to each hundred feet or fraction thereof of each seine or net used for the purpose of taking fish or shrimp from the waters of this State when fishing for commercial purposes.

Shrimp Trawl License is required of each boat operating or towing a trawl for commercial purposes.

Skiff License is required for each boat propelled by oars or poles that is used for the purpose of taking aquatic products for commercial purposes.

Sports Fishing License: None required. Persons may fish for pleasure in salt water without purchasing a license.

Wholesale Fish Dealer's License is required of each person, firm or corporation who buys for the purpose of selling to retail fish dealers and to the consumer, or who cans, preserves or processes aquatic products for commercial purposes.

Wholesale Truck Dealer's License is required of each person, firm or corporation who operates a truck for the purpose of selling to or taking orders from retail fish dealers and/or to the consumer trade. Separate license required for each truck operated.

SEASONS

Fish

No closed season. Exception, menhaden may be taken April 1 to December 1 for commercial purposes by nets and legal purse seines in certain waters.

Terrapin

Season open November, December, January and February.

Oysters

Open September 1 to March 31. Exceptions: that part of Laguna Madre which is south and west of Baffin's Bay has no closed season; and that part of Copano Bay west of a line drawn from the east gable to Sorenson's clubhouse to the mouth of Mission Bay is closed, except private leases. In Aransas, Nueces, Calhoun, Chambers, Galveston and Matagorda Counties, it is unlawful to take oysters from public beds or reefs from May 1 to September 1. All public reefs in waters over six feet deep in the following area in Galveston Bay: Todd's Dump, or that portion of Red Fish Bar lying west of the Houston Ship Channel, east of Eagle Point, south of a line from Eagle Point to Beacon No. 39 on the Houston Ship Channel and north of a line from Eagle Point to Beacon No. 33 on the Houston Ship Channel, Galveston County, are closed.

Shrimp

Closed season in inland salt waters is July 15 to August 31 and December 15 to March 1. In Gulf of Mexico open waters, closed each day between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise. Exceptions: (1) May possess shrimp lawfully taken or imported from other states at any time. (2) May take or possess bait shrimp at any time. (3) May take shrimp at any time in following open Gulf waters: those portions thirteen (13) fathoms or more in depth in the territorial waters lying within following boundaries: a line extending from the mouth of the Colorado River due southeast a distance of twenty-five (25) miles into the Gulf of Mexico and a line extending from the mouth of the Rio Grande River at the international boundary between the United States and the Republic of Mexico twenty-five (25) miles out from shore in the Gulf of Mexico; and said last named boundary to extend along the said international boundary as far out as the territorial waters of the State of Texas extend.

SIZE LIMITS

Fish: (Commercial Fishing): Flounder, not less than 12 inches; speckled trout, not less than 12 inches; redfish, not less than 14 inches nor more than 35 inches; pompano, not less than 9 inches; sheepshead, not less than 9 inches; mackerel, not less than 14 inches; and gafftopsail, not less than 11 inches. **Exception:** In Cameron, Kenedy and Willacy Counties, the limits on speckled trout, flounder and redfish taken from Laguna Madre apply in sport fishing as well as commercial fishing.

Terrapin: Not less than six (6) inches in length.

Green Turtle: Not less than twelve (12) pounds in weight.

Oysters: In shell, 3½ inches from hinge to mouth.

Shrimp: May not average in count of individual specimens more than 65 headless nor more than 39 with heads, to the pound. Exception, bait shrimp, no size limit, if legally taken.

POSSESSION LIMITS

Shrimp: During closed season, not more than 150 pounds of bait shrimp with heads aboard boat on inland salt waters. Exception: Galveston County, not more than 250 pounds of bait shrimp with heads during closed season.

FISHING DEVICES

Fish: Tidal waters, ordinary pole and line, casting rod, rod and reel, artificial bait, trotline, set line, or cast net, minnow seine not more than 20 feet long for catching bait, spear or gig and light for taking flounder, set net, trammel net or strike net of not less than 1½ inch

mesh and not longer than 1800 feet permitted in tidal waters. All other seines or nets are unlawful. In open Gulf, all seines and nets, not including the bag, shall not be of less than 1½-inch square mesh. Mesh of the bags and for 50 feet on each side of the bags may be of not larger than one-inch square mesh. No seine, nor the combined length of two or more seines, may be more than 1800 feet. It is unlawful to possess a device on waters where its use is prohibited unless such device is on board a vessel when at port or in a channel en route to or from the Gulf of Mexico.

Oysters: In reefs in bodies of water less than four feet deep, only hand tongs may be used. In reefs in water from four to six feet deep, hand power dredges may be used. American citizens, or any firm or corporation composed of such citizens may use scrapers or dredges in removing oysters from other natural reefs, provided they have procured a license from the Game and Fish Commission before beginning operations. Exceptions: unlawful to dredge oysters in the headwaters of Matagorda Bay east of a line from Palacios Point on the mainland in Matagorda County across Matagorda Bay to Cotton Bayou on the Matagorda Peninsula, or in that part of Aransas Bay west of a line running from the north end of Two by Four reef to the east side of Borup reef and thence to the mainland, or in Carancahua Bay and Pass or within 300 yards of the mouth of said pass in Matagorda Bay, or in that part of Copano Bay west of a line drawn from the east gable of Sorenson's clubhouse to the mouth of Mission Bay, except oysters taken from a private lease.

Shrimp: Shrimp trawls may not be wider than 65 feet measured along the cork line. Shrimp trawls may not be used in open Gulf waters between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise, nor in any of the tidal bays, streams, bayous, lakes, lagoons or inlets, or part of such tidal waters of this State during closed season. Shrimp trawls may not be possessed during closed season on any inland salt waters except that they may be possessed aboard a duly licensed boat while in port or in channel enroute to or from open Gulf waters. Bait trawls may be used at any time for taking shrimp for bait. During closed season only one bait trawl may be towed by a power boat. Boats taking bait shrimp may not be towed. During closed season when towed by power boat, bait trawl may not be more than 10 feet at the mouth, measured along webbing attached to cork line, nor more than 25 feet long. Boards for spreading and opening bait trawl may not be larger than 12 by 18 inches. During closed season, only cast net, minnow seine not longer than 20 feet, and bait trawl are permitted for taking shrimp for bait in inland waters.

Exceptions

Menhaden may be taken from the waters of the Gulf of Mexico within the gulfward boundary lines of Jeffer-

son, Jackson, Calhoun, Refugio, Aransas and San Patricio Counties from the coast line of the Gulf of Mexico to the continental shelf between April 1 and December 1 of each year with nets and purse seines which, not including the bag, shall be not less than 1½" stretched mesh, except in any bay, river, pass or tributary thereto, or within one mile of any barrier, jetty, island or pass, or within ½ mile offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. Where conflict exists between this exception and those noted below, the menhaden law prevails.

Brazoria. Harris, Jefferson and Orange Counties: Seines and nets prohibited except cast net and legal minnow seine for bait.

Chambers and Galveston Counties: Seines and nets prohibited except cast net and legal minnow seine for bait. In Galveston County, during closed season, bait trawls may have doors or boards not larger than 20 by 60 inches.

In Swan Lake, Moses Lake, Clear Lake, Dickinson Bayou west of line running from Miller's Point to April Fool Point, Turtle Bay and all waters lying northwest of a line extending from Kemah in Galveston County to a point known as Mesquite Knoll in Chambers County, and all waters of Galveston Bay lying east of a line extending from the extreme western point of Smith's Point in Chambers County to the west bank of Siever's Cut where East Bay intersects with the north bank of the Intracoastal Canal on Bolivar Peninsula in Galveston County at Siever's Fish Camp, which cut is at a point southwest of Elm Grove Point on Bolivar Peninsula in Galveston County, seines and nets unlawful except cast nets, set nets, or minnow seine not more than 20 feet long when used for catching bait. In rest of "East Galveston Bay" other legal seines and nets permitted only during period beginning Aug. 15 and ending May 15.

Matagorda County: Seines and nets prohibited except cast net and legal minnow seine for bait in all waters of Matagorda County except that in that part of Matagorda Bay east of the Colorado River seines and nets are permitted under general law.

Calhoun and Jackson County: Seines and nets prohibited except cast net and minnow seine for bait, in Carancahua Creek. Carancahua Bay and lakes and coves opening thereonto, Carancahua Pass or within a radius of one thousand yards from its mouth in Matagorda Bay; Keller's Creek and Keller's Bay within a radius of 1000 yards from the southwest corner of Olivia State Highway Roadside Park; Coloma Creek, Powder Horn Lake, Powder Horn Bayou, or within a radius of 1000 yards of its mouth in Matagorda Bay; Chocolate Creek or within a radius of 100 yards from its mouth in Chocolate Bay; Lavaca Bay within 1000 yards on each side of Lavaca Bay Causeway; Mission Bay, Contec Lake, Cedar Bayou,

Hynes Bay and Pass Cavallo. In San Antonio Bay seines and nets, except cast net and minnow seine for bait, are prohibited. In other waters of Calhoun County, pocket net or drag seine of length not greater than 1800 feet and of mesh not smaller than 1½-inch square except for the sack or purse, (which may be of mesh not less than 1-inch square) may be used in addition to seines and nets permitted by general law. Spear and gig and light permitted on all fish.

Refugio and San Patricio Counties: In Copano Bay, Mission Bay and connecting waters west of State Highway 35, no seine, net or trawl is permitted except minnow seine not more than 20 feet long when used for taking bait and bait shrimp trawl not more than 10 feet long, with boards not more than 18 by 36 inches.

Aransas and Nueces Counties: In Copano Bay and connecting waters west of State Highway 35 in Aransas County, no seine, net or trawl is permitted except minnow seine not more than 20 feet long for bait and bait shrimp trawl not more than 10 feet long with boards not more than 18 by 36 inches. In the following waters no seine or net except cast net or minnow seine not more than 20 feet long for taking bait, is permitted: all of Redfish Bay, its connecting inlets and bayous in Nueces County which lie south and southwest of a line starting at the juncture of the railroad dumps on the mainland, running east along the center of said dumps to its eastern extremity, thence northeast to the north side of the eastern entrance to Corpus Christi Bayou; thence southeast to the northern extremity of Harbor Island to a stake or marker, and north and northeast of a line running directly east and west from the mainland to Harbor Island across the southern extremity of Ransom Point; in the waters of Corpus Christi Bay and Laguna Madre and connecting inlets or bayous, lying between a line on the north running east from a stake or marker on the shore on the northeasterly point of Flour Bluff to a stake or marker on Mustang Island one mile north of Corpus Christi Pass, and the Nueces-Kleberg County line on the south; or within one mile of Dimmit Island in Nueces County; or Callo Del Oso and connecting inlets and bayous; or Oso Creek; Corpus Christi Pass, or Aransas Pass, or within one mile of said passes; all waters of Aransas Bay lying south of a line running from a stake or marker located on the shore of St. Joseph Island one mile north of the bayside entrance to the pass, commonly known as North Pass, to the southern end of Mud Island, thence to the north side of the entrance to Corpus Christi Bayou; all waters lying between Harbor Island and St. Joseph Island, between Harbor and Mud Islands, and between Harbor and Mustang Islands, or in any pass or channel leading from one body of water to another in any of the salt waters of Nueces County; Puerto Bay, St. Charles Bay and Cedar Bayou.

Kleberg and Kenedy Counties: Seines and nets prohibited except cast net, minnow seine not longer than 20 feet in all waters lying between Padre Island and the mainland, including all back bays and inlets and waters back of Laguna Madre.

Willacy County: Tidal waters west of Padre Island, no seines or nets permitted except cast net for bait.

Cameron County: From April 1 through September 30, both dates inclusive, seines and nets are prohibited in Laguna Madre, except cast net and 20-foot minnow seine for taking bait. During rest of year, no seine or net is permitted in Laguna Madre except cast net or minnow seine not longer than 20 feet for taking bait, and gill net provided it is not used as a drag seine, has no bag or pocket, is not more than 1800 feet long, has meshes not less than $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches from knot to knot, is equipped with only cork line and one lead line, both made of Manila rope not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter, or other material of equivalent tensile strength. In Laguna Madre shrimp trawls are prohibited and from October 1 to March 31, both dates inclusive, bait trawls may not be wider than 12 feet nor longer than 25 feet with board not larger than 12 by 24 inches. In Brazos Santiago Pass seines and nets, except cast net and legal minnow seine for bait, are prohibited.

In any channel or canal connecting one body of bay water with another body of bay water, or in any canal or channel connecting a bay with the Gulf of Mexico, or within a mile of such channel, seines, nets or shrimp trawls are prohibited.

Any seine or net or shrimp trawl possessed in violation of law is subject to seizure by any officer and destruction by court order.

Permits to use suitable seines and nets for removal of rough fish may be obtained from the Game and Fish Commission for use where either seining or netting is permitted. Fee \$5.00. Proposed device must first be inspected and tagged by representative of Commission. "Rough fish" include those fish having no sporting value, predators, bony or rough-fleshed species.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Game and Fish Commission is empowered to close an oyster reef by giving two weeks' notice when it has reason to believe same is being overworked.

Shell from oysters opened or shucked on board the boat must be deposited on shore as directed by Game and Fish Commission.

A person leasing an oyster claim or reef may apply for permission from the Game and Fish Commission to seine thereon for drumfish.

Shrimp Shipment: During closed season, not more than

25 pounds of bait shrimp may be shipped to any point in the interior beyond 50 miles of any county bordering any salt water bay on Texas coast.

Dumping Shrimp Heads: Unlawful to remove head of any shrimp aboard a commercial fishing vessel shrimping in Texas inland salt or territorial Gulf waters, or to dump heads at or near area where shrimp are ordinarily taken.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO—

Ship, sell or possess for purpose of sale any fish or oysters taken from an insanitary reef.

Plant, or buy oysters for planting, bedding, marketing, or other purpose during closed season without permit from the Game and Fish Commission.

Ship or accept for shipment or transportation during closed season, oysters taken from public reefs.

Fail, or refuse to scatter culls from oysters you take from reefs.

Open or shuck oysters for market near or on reefs.

Sell oysters taken for planting or depositing for preparation for market.

Sell cargo of oysters containing more than 5 per cent young oysters.

Use insanitary containers for oysters.

Float or bloat oysters.

Deface, injure, destroy or remove any buoy, marker or fence, or part thereof.

Refuse to show license.

Erect, set, operate or maintain any fish pound net within three nautical miles from coast line without permit from Game and Fish Commission.

Take from public salt or fresh waters any sand, shell or gravel without first obtaining a permit from the Game and Fish Commission, Austin, Texas.

Use explosives or poison water.

To retain undersize fish; they must be returned to the waters from which taken.

Use, operate, sail, anchor, tie, or moor to the bank any boat, sailboat, motorboat, skiff, barge, raft, or other floating device or to place any post, piling, obstruction, wire, rope, cable, net or trap, in or upon the waters of any natural or artificial pass which is now or may be hereafter opened, reopened, dredged, excavated, constructed, and maintained by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Texas as a fish pass, between the Gulf of Mexico and any inland bay, within a distance of two thousand, eight hundred (2,800) feet inside of such pass where it empties into or opens upon the Gulf of Mexico.

FURBEARER LAWS

Animals classified as furbearers by law are wild beaver, wild otter, wild mink, wild ring-tail cat, wild badger, wild polecat or skunk, wild raccoon, wild muskrat, wild opossum, wild fox and wild civet cat. They must not be confused with those animals legally defined as "game animals." Game animals may not be trapped at any time, nor may their pelts or hides be sold (except deer hides when legally taken). Game animals are wild deer, wild elk, wild antelope, javelina, wild Rocky Mountain sheep, wild black bear, wild gray and red squirrels, cat squirrels or fox squirrels. (See Game Laws.)

PROPERTY OF STATE

The protected furbearers and their pelts are the property of the State until they have been lawfully taken, and all regulations and laws complied with.

OPEN SEASON (GENERAL LAWS)

The period of time when it is lawful to take pelt of furbearers as defined specifically above is during the months of December and January, (except muskrats) of each year, but there are exceptions to this general rule. Those exceptions are noted below in a summary of special laws that apply to various counties. Furbearers may be taken with traps, guns or dogs, with exceptions noted below.

Muskrats: May be taken from November 15 through March 15 with traps only, except that persons may kill muskrats on their own premises at any time by any means. Unlawful to trap or kill muskrats on land of another without permission of landowner or lessee, whether the land is posted or inclosed or not.

OPEN SEASON (SPECIAL LAWS)

In some counties it is unlawful to kill, take or have in possession for sale any wild fox or the pelt thereof at any time of the year. In other counties it is unlawful to take or kill fox unless they are destroying or are about to destroy, domestic stock, or unless other special provisions have been made by law, but even in these cases it is unlawful to sell their pelts except during the open season of December and January, unless stated otherwise.

Austin, Burleson, Denton, Freestone, Hardin, Henderson, Jasper, Kaufman, Lee, Leon, Madison, Newton, San Jacinto and Walker Counties: No closed season on fox, but pelts may not be sold except during open season fixed by general law.

Comal, Guadalupe, Hays and Kendall Counties: Fox may be killed at any time and pelts may be sold.

Brazos and Falls Counties: Season closed on fox, except when destroying or about to destroy domestic fowl or other domestic stock.

Camp County: Unlawful to use trap or guns to take fox or to sell pelts.

Cass County: May take, kill or have in possession for sale wild fox or their pelts during month of December only.

Cherokee County: Unlawful to set steel trap, snare or deadfall for purpose of taking furbearers except from December 1 to February 15.

Harrison and Marion Counties: Closed on nutria in Caddo Lake and its tributaries.

Henderson and Van Zandt Counties: Mink season closed 2 years.

Jefferson and Rusk Counties: Season closed on fox and sale of pelts unlawful.

Kimble, Maverick and Val Verde (east of Pecos River) Counties: Open season on beaver, January 1 to January 15, both days inclusive. Bag limit three per season.

Navarro County: Unlawful to set steel trap, snare or deadfall to take fox.

Robertson County: No closed season on fox, and pelts may be sold at any time.

Sabine and San Augustine Counties: Lawful to use any type of trap, or snare to take opossums, bobcats and catamounts at any time of the year.

Shelby County: Unlawful to kill or possess for sale any fox. Fox destroying domestic stock may be killed. State health officer may authorize killing of fox when rabies menace exists. Trap or deadfall prohibited on all furbearers.

Upshur County: Unlawful to trap or hunt with gun any fox, except when in act of destroying farm stock. Sale of fox or pelt unlawful.

TRAPPER DEFINED

A resident trapper is any person who takes for the purpose of barter, sale, or who sells, or offers for sale the pelts of any of the furbearing animals of this State, and who has been a bona fide resident of this State for two years prior to his application for a license. All others are nonresident trappers.

TRAPPER'S LICENSE

The fee for a Resident Trapper's License is one dollar (\$1.00). For a Nonresident Trapper's License the fee is two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.

BEAVER-OTTER LICENSE

Fee \$50.00 to trap beaver and otter outside of county of residence.

PROPAGATION OF FURBEARING ANIMALS

For a fee of \$5.00 a permit can be obtained for the purpose of taking furbearing animals alive during the open season for the purpose of sale or propagation.

"FUR BUYER" DEFINED

Retail Fur Buyer: One who purchases the pelt or pelts of any of the furbearing animals of this State from the trappers only.

Wholesale Fur Buyer: One who purchases for himself or on behalf of another person, the pelt or pelts of any of the furbearing animals of this State from a retail fur buyer and/or from the trapper.

FUR BUYER'S LICENSE

The fee for a Retail Fur Buyer's License is \$5.00. The fee for a Wholesale Fur Buyer's License is \$25.00.

DEALER'S REPORT

Every Fur Dealer must file with the Game and Fish Commission, not later than the tenth day of each month, a complete sworn report, on printed forms furnished by the Game and Fish Commission, of the kind and number of the pelts of furbearing animals purchased in this state and shipped out of the state during the preceding month. No report is required for those months when no pelts are purchased. The above report is required of dealers who buy in the state and ship out of the state. If the dealer is a tanner, furrier, taxidermist or manufacturer, who tans or manufactures the pelt into a finished product in this State, a report is required not later than the tenth day of the month which shows the number of pelts purchased during the preceding month.

UNDRIED PELTS

The possession of undried pelts after fifteen days after the close of the open season shall be prima facie evidence that the pelt was taken during the closed season. The trapper is given fifteen days immediately following the close of the open season for drying of pelts taken by him during the open season.

PREDATORY ANIMALS

Wolves, coyotes, cougars, rabbits, wild cats, bobcats, weasels, mountain lions, Mexican lions, and ocelot are not classed as furbearing animals. They are not protected by law. They may be killed at any time of the year.

It is unlawful for any person to possess or to receive, or to have for the purpose of transporting, or for the purpose of turning loose, or to turn loose or to cause to be turned loose, any live wolf within this State.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Federal Lacey Act: This legislation, enacted in 1900, and amended and incorporated in the Criminal Code of the United States in 1909, prohibits the delivery of dead bodies of wild animals or parts thereof to any common carrier for transportation from one state to another when such animals have been killed or shipped in violation of state laws.

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