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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.

## 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.

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# HUNTING LAWS

## LICENSES

**Resident:** Price \$2.15. Required of every Texas citizen 17 or more years of age who hunts outside his country of residence and required of every Texas citizen who hunts deer or turkey anywhere in the State. Citizen who is under 17 or 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" 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:** Price \$25.00. Required of every person who is not a citizen of this State, or who is an alien.

**Five-Day Migratory Bird License:** Price \$5.00. Available to non-resident or alien. Permits hunting of migratory game birds only, for five consecutive days, including day of issuance, without \$25.00 non-resident+ license.

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

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

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

**Commercial Quail Breeder's License:** Price \$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. Price \$5 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 license.

Hunt under license of another.

Allow another person to hunt under your license.

Receive any hunter on board a boat for pay unless owner has a license for his boat.

## 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.

**West of Pecos River:** No open 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

**Smith County:** Season open all year.

Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties: Open Season December 5 through December 6, and December 12 through December 13. Shooting hours, sunrise to sunset. Daily bag limit, two cocks. Possession limit, four cocks. Means of taking, shotgun not larger than ten gauge or rifle.

### 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

**West of Pecos River:** December on all species except Mearns. Season closed on Mearns.

**Borden County:** 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.

**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.

**Johnson County:** Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only during period December 1 to January 16, both days inclusive.

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

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

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

**Live Oak and McMullen Counties:** November 1 to December 15, both days inclusive.

**Upshur County:** Each day except Sundays during period December 1 to January 16, both dates 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.

### Special Bag Limits

**Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties:** Six per day and not more than twelve in possession at any one time.

**Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Erath, Gillespie, Hood, Hudspeth, Jack, Jeff Davis, Mason, Palo Pinto, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Stephens, Terrell and Young Counties:** Twelve a day and not more than 24 in possession.

### Special Means of Taking

**Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Erath, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hood, Hutchinson, Jack, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Stephens, Swisher, Wheeler and Young Counties:** Only shotgun not larger than ten gauge, or rifle.

**Gillespie and Mason Counties:** Only shotgun not larger than ten gauge, permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or rifle, permitted.

**Fannin, Red River and Titus Counties:** Only shotgun not larger than ten gauge, permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, permitted.

### Special Shooting Hours

**Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties:** Sunrise to sunset.

## 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

Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties: November 14 to November 23, both days inclusive.

Brewster, Cottle, Culberson, El Paso, Fannin, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Motley, Pecos, Presidio, Red River, Reeves, Terrell and Titus Counties: Season closed.

Coke County: Closed until 1957.

Colorado, Jackson, Lavaca, Nolan, Throckmorton and Wharton Counties, and Williamson County south of South San Gabriel River and west of Highway 81: Season closed until 1955.

Delta, Franklin and Hopkins Counties: November 16 to November 25, both dates inclusive.

Eastland, Erath, Hood, Jack, Palo Pinto, Stephens and Young Counties: November 16 to November 30, both dates inclusive.

Fort Bend County: Season closed until 1956.

Kenedy County: Precincts 1 and 2, November 15 to December 1, both days inclusive.

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

Live Oak and McMullen Counties: November 1 to December 15, both days inclusive.

Shackelford County: Season closed until 1958.

Taylor County: Season closed until 1959.

#### Special Laws—Bag Limit

Armstrong, Blanco, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Crockett, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Delta, Donley, Edwards, Franklin, Gillespie, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hopkins, Hutchinson, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lipscomb, Llano, Mason, Medina, Menard, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Real, Roberts, Schleicher, Sherman, Sutton, Swisher, Val Verde and Wheeler Counties: 2 gobblers per season.

Eastland, Erath, Freestone, Hood, Jack, Palo Pinto, Stephens and Young Counties: 1 gobbler per season.

#### Special Means of Taking

Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Erath, Gray, Hall,



Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hood, Hutchinson, Jack, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Stephens, Swisher, Wheeler and Young Counties: Only shotgun not larger than ten gauge, or rifle permitted. In Panhandle counties .22 caliber rifle using rim-fire ammunition is unlawful, and bow and arrow may be used if landowner expressly permits.

Gillespie and Mason Counties: Only shotgun not larger than 10 gauge, permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, or rifle, permitted.

## 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.

Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Erath, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hood, Hutchinson, Jack, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Stephens, Swisher, Wheeler and Young Counties: Season closed.

**West of Pecos River:** November 20 to November 25, both days inclusive.

#### Bag Limit

One a season.

### BUFFALO

Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Erath, Fannin, Gillespie, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hood, Hutchinson, Jack, Lipscomb, Mason, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Red River, Roberts, Sherman, Stephens, Swisher, Titus, Wheeler and Young Counties: No closed season.

## 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

**Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties:** November 14 to November 23, both days inclusive.

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

**Bowie, Cass and Marion Counties:** Season closed until Nov. 25, 1954. Open Nov. 25, 1954 to Dec. 4, 1954, both dates inclusive.

**Brown County:** November 15 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

**Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves and Terrell Counties:** November 20 to November 25, both days inclusive.

**Coke County:** Season closed until 1957.

**Cottle and Motley Counties:** Season closed.

**Delta, Franklin and Hopkins Counties:** November 16 to November 25, both days inclusive, for the next two years.

**Eastland, Erath, Hood, Jack, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Upshur, Wood and Young Counties:** November 16 to November 30, both dates inclusive.

**Fayette, Foard, Hardeman, King, Knox and Wilbarger Counties:** Season closed until 1956.

**Gillespie and Mason Counties:** Doe deer season December 1 to December 15 in certain areas, by doe permit from landowner. Buck season Nov. 16 through Dec. 31.

**Gregg, Harrison, Panola, Rusk and Shelby Counties:** November 15 to November 25, inclusive. Nonresidents of

county required to have three-day, nonrenewable permit from county clerk.

**Jasper, Newton, Nolan, Throckmorton, Tyler and Zapata Counties:** Season closed until 1955.

**Kenedy County:** Precincts 1 and 2: November 15 to December 1, both dates inclusive.

**Lamar County:** November 16 to November 20, both dates inclusive.

**La Salle County:** November 15 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

**Limestone and McLennan Counties:** Season closed until 1954.

**Live Oak and McMullen Counties:** November 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

**Taylor County:** Season closed until 1959.

**Williamson County, south of South San Gabriel River and west of Highway 81:** Season closed until 1955.

### Special Bag Limits

**Armstrong, Brewster, Briscoe, Brown, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Culberson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Delta, Donley, El Paso, Erath, Fannin, Franklin, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hood, Hopkins, Hudspeth, Hutchinsen, Jack, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Red River, Reeves, Roberts, Sherman, Stephens, Swisher, Terrell, Titus, Wheeler and Young Counties:** One buck per season.

### Special Law—Means of Taking

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

**Brazoria, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Nacogdoches, Orange, Panola, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby Counties:** Lawful to use dogs during open season in hunting, pursuing or taking deer.

**Lavaca County:** Lawful to use one dog for trailing wounded deer.

**Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Erath, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hood, Hutchinson, Jack, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Stephens, Swisher, Wheeler and Young Counties:** Rifles only may be used, except that .22 caliber rifle using rim-fire ammunition is unlawful. Bow and arrow allowed if landowner permits, in Panhandle counties.

**Fannin, Red River and Titus Counties:** Rifle, except .22 caliber using rim-fire ammunition, permitted, and shotgun not larger than 10 gauge, using buckshot, permitted. Other means prohibited.

**Gillespie and Mason Counties:** Only rifles and shotguns permitted, except that .22 firearm using rim-fire ammunition is unlawful.

**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.

### Special Shooting Hours

**Bowie, Cass and Marion Counties:** When season opens Nov. 25, 1954, hours will be 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, Precincts 1 and 2:** Open season November 15 to December 1, both dates inclusive.

**Rusk and Zapata Counties:** Season closed until 1955.

**Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves and Terrell Counties:** November 1 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

**Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crockett, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dimmit, Donley, Erath, Frio, Gillespie, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hood, Hutchinson, Jack, Jim Hogg, Kinney, La Salle, Lipscomb, McMullen, Mason, Maverick, Medina, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Starr, Stephens, Swisher, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Wheeler, Young and Zavala Counties:** Open all year.

### SHEEP (Wild)

Season closed.

### SQUIRRELL

#### 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 season October 1 to January 1, both dates inclusive.

**Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties:** May 1 to July 1, both days inclusive, October 1 to December 1, both days inclusive. Shooting hours sunrise to sunset.

**Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Brown, Burnet, Caldwell, Callahan, Coleman, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Denton, De Witt, Dimmit, Eastland, Edwards, Erath, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hays, Hill, Hood, Irion, Jack, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Medina, Menard, Mills, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Stephens, Sterling, Sutton, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Travis, Uvalde, Victoria, Williamson, Wilson, Wise, Young and Zavala Counties:** No closed season.

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

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

**Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, and Terrell Counties:** Season closed on gray, cat and fox squirrel.

**Fayette and Lavaca Counties:** Open May through December.

**Hardin, Jefferson, Liberty, Nacogdoches, Orange, Panola, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby Counties:** October 15 to January 15, both dates inclusive.

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

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

**Tyler County:** In Precinct No. 4, season closed until November 16, 1955. Open season rest of county November 16 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

**Wharton County:** Open April through December.

## Special Bag Limits

**Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Jasper, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Newton, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sabine, San Augustine, Sherman, Swisher, Tyler and Wheeler Counties:** 5 per day or in possession.

**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.

**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, Blanco, Bosque, Brazoria, Brown, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Chambers, Colorado, Comanche, Comal, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Denton, De Witt, Dimmit, Eastland, Edwards, Fort Bend, Galveston, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hays, Hill, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Lamar, Lampasas, Live Oak, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Matagorda, Medina, Menard, Mills, Montague, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, San Saba, Schleicher, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Travis, Uvalde, Victoria, Waller, Wharton, Wilson, Wise, and Zavala Counties: Daily bag or possession limit not restricted.

#### Special Means of Taking

Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Erath, Fannin, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hood, Hutchinson, Jack, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Red River, Roberts, Sherman, Stephens, Swisher, Titus, Wheeler and Young Counties: Shotgun not larger than ten gauge, or rifle.

## 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.

**Federal Law:** Migratory birds and waterfowl may be possessed for only 90 days after close of season.

## WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES

**Vingt et Un Islands in Galveston Bay:** It is unlawful to enter upon these islands for any purpose without permission of the Game and Fish Commission.

**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.

## 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 one home or to a taxidermist and unless affidavit is attached that the shipper has lawfully killed such game.

### 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.

# 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. Resident license not required of resident person under 17 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 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.

### 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 prohibited in all counties. Special sale restrictions noted below.

**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.

**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.

**Armstrong County:** Daily bag limits, 6 bass not less than 9 inches, 15 channel or blue catfish; possession limits, 12 bass not less than 9 inches, 30 channel or blue catfish. No bag or possession limits on crappie, sunfish, perch, bream and mud catfish. Permitted devices: ordinary pole and line, set line, artificial lures, one trotline per person, containing not more than 20 hooks. Aggregate of not more than 20 hooks permitted on all devices. Seines and nets prohibited except 20-foot minnow seine for taking minnows. Traps prohibited except common funnel fruit jar.

**Austin County:** Seines and nets prohibited except minnow seine not longer than 20 feet for minnows not taken for sale outside county, and cast net. Minnows from public waters may not be taken for transportation beyond county for sale, nor transported beyond county for sale, nor sold outside of county. Transportation of more than 250 minnows at one time, or of any minnows by commercial minnow dealer, 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.

**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.

**Bell County:** Lawful to take rough fish as permitted by general law, or with seine or net the meshes of which shall not be less than one inch square and with wire, rope or gig, provided that any bass, crappie or white perch, catfish, perch or trout caught by latter methods may not be retained. Unlawful to possess any of the above game fish while any of rough fish are in possession. Unlawful to take minnows in county for sale. Unlawful to transport more than 125 minnows out of county.

**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.

**Blanco County:** Seines and nets unlawful except (1) 20-foot minnow seine for taking minnows for bait; (2) may take rough fish with cast net or minnow seine, or seines and nets of not less than one-inch mesh, or with

wire, rope, or gig, but may not possess other fish while using such devices. Unlawful to take or possess for sale any catfish, perch or bream. Unlawful to transport minnows from county. Possession of more than 500 minnows prima facie evidence of violation. See "Lake Laws" for Colorado River and its lakes.

**Bosque County:** Unlawful to sell or offer to sell or to buy any fish taken from Bosque Rivers and their tributaries, or to sell, or offer to sell, or possess for sale any fish from Brazos River, Lake Whitney and streams emptying into and tributaries thereto. In Brazos River, Lake Whitney and streams emptying into and tributaries thereto, seines and nets prohibited except minnow seine not longer than 20 feet, for taking minnows, bream and rough fish for bait. Only one trotline per person permitted. Set line, throw line or trotline may not have hooks closer than 4 feet apart. No trotline may have more than 50 hooks. Not more than fifty hooks in aggregate on all devices permitted. More than 2 hooks permitted on artificial lures with pole and line or rod and reel. Prohibited tackle possessed within 200 yards of such water is prima facie evidence of violation. In other waters of county, unlawful to use seines or nets, except (1) dip net, approved trap and 20-foot minnow seine for catching minnows for bait; (2) rough fish may be taken as permitted by general law or with seine or net of not less than one-inch square mesh, but latter devices may not be used on other fish, and other fish may not be possessed while using such devices. Hoop nets are prohibited. Trolling is permitted from boat propelled by any means. Unlawful to take minnows to transport out of county for purpose of sale, and transportation of more than 100 minnows out of county evidence of violation of law. Only licensed bait dealers permitted to take minnows from public waters for sale in county. Licensed bait dealers permitted to transport for sale beyond county minnows taken from private hatchery.

**Bowie County:** Seine or net of not less than 2-inch square mesh permitted in Sulphur River. Other waters of county seines and nets prohibited, except: (1) Twenty-foot minnow seine for catching minnows for bait; (2) hoop, trammel or gill net having not less than 3-inch square mesh for catching buffalo, carp and catfish; (3) cast net or minnow seine for taking rough fish. Gig, ordinary hook and line, set hook and line, artificial bait and legal fruit jar permitted.

**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.

**Briscoe County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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."

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

**Carson County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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.

**Castro County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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.

**Childress County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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. Lake closed to fishing until May 1, 1954. After said date, 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:** Same as Chambers County. Also, unlawful to take minnows from streams, except not more than 50 at one time when not for sale.

**Collingsworth County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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:** Fish may not be taken or possessed for sale. Seine or net having mesh not less than one and one-half inches square permitted on all fish. Trotline, set-line or throw line may have not more than 100 hooks, spaced not less than three feet apart. When using cast net or legal minnow seine for taking rough fish, fish other than rough fish must be immediately returned to waters. 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 to transport out of district for sale, or to sell said minnows outside of said district. Transportation out of district of more than 200 by any person or of any amount by minnow dealer prima facie evidence of violation. This minnow law applies to Lake Texoma also. For Lake Texoma regulations see "Lake Laws."

**Coryell County:** Unlawful to take minnows for sale, or to transport more than 125 minnows outside of county. 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 one-inch square mesh seines or nets, or with wire, rope or gig, but may not possess other fish when using latter devices.

**Cottle County:** Same as Armstrong County.

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

**Dallam County:** Same as Armstrong 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.

**Deaf Smith County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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. Also, unlawful to fish in Grapevine Reservoir until June 1, 1954.

**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.

**Donley County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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.

**Erath County:** Unlawful to sell or buy, or offer for sale any fish from Lake Waco and Bosque Rivers and their tributaries. Devices permitted are ordinary pole and line, set line, artificial lures, one trotline per person, containing not more than 50 hooks, spaced not less than three feet apart. Aggregate of not more than 50 hooks permitted on all devices. Seines and nets prohibited except 20-ft. minnow seine for minnows; traps prohibited except common funnel fruit jar. Limits: 25 crappie per day or in possession, any length; 25 in aggregate of channel, blue or yellow catfish per day or in possession, any length; 15 black bass per day or in possession, not less than 7 inches in length; 25 white bass per day or in possession, any length. No limit on sunfish, perch, bream and mud catfish. Not more than 100 minnows may be taken or possessed at one time from Possum Kingdom Lake.

**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.

**Fannin County:** Seines and nets of not less than two-inch square mesh permitted for rough fish only; seine or net of not less than three-inch square mesh permitted only for catfish and only when catfish is not for sale. May not possess bass or crappie while using nets or when rough fish taken with nets are in possession. Daily bag limits: 25 crappie, any length; 25 channel, blue or yellow catfish, any length; 15 large-mouth or small-mouth black bass or spotted bass, not less than 7 inches in length, of which not more than 10 shall exceed 11 inches in length; 25 white bass, any length. No bag limit on sunfish, perch, bream and mud catfish.

**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.

**Gillespie County:** Minnows may not be transported beyond county, and possession of more than 500 minnows prima facie evidence of violation of law. Catfish, perch, and bream may not be taken or possessed for sale. Permitted devices: ordinary pole and line, set lines equipped with not more than two hooks, and artificial lures. Not more than 20 hooks in aggregate may be used. Bottles, cans or floats permitted if line to which hooks are attached is securely tied to a stationary object or held by the fisherman. Minnow seine not longer than 20 feet, dip nets and common funnel fruit jar permitted for minnows. Bag limits: 15 crappie per day, 30 in possession, any length; 15 channel, blue or yellow catfish per day, 30 in possession, any length; 15 bass per day or in possession, not less than 9 inches in length; sunfish, perch, bream, mud catfish or rough fish, no limit; not more than 200 minnows taken at one time or in possession, except from minnow hatchery.

**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.

**Gray County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**Grayson County:** For special regulations for Lake Texoma, see "Lake Laws." Minnows may not be taken from district composed of Grayson and Cooke counties to transport for sale outside of district, nor sold outside of said district. Transportation out of district of more than 200 by any person or of any amount by minnow dealer prima facie evidence of violation. While using cast net or legal minnow seine for rough fish, all fish other than rough fish must be returned to waters immediately. Seine or net having mesh not less than one and one-half inches square permitted on all fish. Trotline, setline 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. Fish may not be taken or possessed for sale.

**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.

**Hall County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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 for sale or offer for sale, or to transport more than 125 minnows outside of county.

**Hansford County:** Same as Armstrong 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. 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.

**Hartley County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**Haskell County:** Unlawful to transport minnows outside of county. Possession of more than 500 minnows 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.

**Hemphill County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**Henderson County:** Same as Cherokee County.

**Hill County:** Unlawful to transport minnows outside of county, except 150 for personal use. Possession of more than 500 prima facie evidence of violation. In Brazos River, Lake Whitney and streams emptying into and tributaries thereto, seines and nets prohibited except minnow seine not longer than 20 feet, for taking minnows, bream and rough fish for bait. Only one trotline per person permitted. Set line, throw line or trotline may not have hooks closer than 4 feet apart. No trotline may have more than 50 hooks. Not more than aggregate of 50 hooks permitted on all devices. More than 2 hooks permitted on artificial lures with pole and line or rod and reel. Prohibited tackle possessed within 200 yards of such waters is prima facie evidence of violation. Unlawful to sell or offer or possess for sale any fish from Brazos River, Lake Whitney and streams emptying into or tributaries thereto.

**Hood County:** Minnows may not be taken from public waters for sale outside of county. Devices permitted are ordinary pole and line, set line, artificial lures, one trotline per person, containing not more than 50 hooks, spaced not less than 3 feet apart. Aggregate of not more than 50 hooks permitted on all devices. Seines and nets prohibited except 20-ft. minnow seine for minnows; traps prohibited except common funnel fruit jar. Limits: 25 crappie per day or in possession, any length; 25 in aggregate of channel, blue or yellow catfish per day or in possession, any length; 15 black bass per day or in possession, not less than 7 inches in length; 25 white bass per day or in possession, any length. No limit on sunfish, perch, bream and mud catfish. Not more than 200 minnows may be taken or possessed at any one time from public waters.

**Hopkins County:** May take catfish, perch, buffalo and



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# MAY 1954 SUPPLEMENT

## SPECIAL HUNTING LAWS

**Bailey County:** Dove and quail season closed until 1956.

**Bowie County:** Deer season open sunrise Nov. 16 to sunset Nov. 20.

**Cass County:** Deer season closed.

**Kenedy County:** Precinct 1: deer, turkey and javelina season open Nov. 15 to Dec. 1, both dates inclusive. Bag limits 2 buck deer, 3 gobblers and 2 javelina. In rest of county seasons are as provided by general law.

**LaSalle County:** Deer, turkey and quail season open Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, both dates inclusive.

**Llano County:** Changes in all hunting laws may be expected after September 1, 1954.

**Marion County:** Deer season open sunrise Nov. 15 to sunset Nov. 25.

**Maverick County and that part of Val Verde County east of Pecos River:** Deer season open Nov. 16 to Dec. 15, both dates inclusive.

# TO MARCH 1954 DIGEST

## SPECIAL FRESH WATER FISH LAWS

**Bastrop County:** Seine and net prohibited except dip net or legal minnow seine for minnows.

**Bell County:** The following regulations are in addition to those for said county on page 18. Minnows may not be taken from public waters for sale outside county or for transportation outside county for sale. Transportation beyond county of more than 125 by any person, or of any amount by a commercial dealer, or possession of more than 500 by commercial dealer or his agent from outside county, prima facie evidence of violation.

**Cooke and Grayson Counties and Lake Texoma in Texas:** The following regulations now apply instead of those on pages 21 and 35. 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 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 said 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.

**Llano County:** Changes in all fishing laws may be expected after September 1, 1954.



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.

**Hutchinson County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**Jack County:** Devices permitted are ordinary pole and line, set line, artificial lures, one trotline per person, containing not more than 50 hooks, spaced not less than 3 feet apart. Aggregate of not more than 50 hooks permitted on all devices. Seines and nets prohibited except 20-foot minnow seine for minnows; traps prohibited except common funnel fruit jar. Limits: 25 crappie per day or in possession, any length; 25 in aggregate of channel, blue or yellow catfish per day or in possession, any length; 15 black bass per day or in possession, not less than 7 inches in length; 25 white bass per day or in possession, any length. No limit on sunfish, perch, bream and mud catfish. Unlawful to take minnows from waters of county for sale outside of district composed of Jack, Young, Stephens and Palo Pinto Counties. Unlawful to transport minnows beyond district for sale.

**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.

**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.

**Johnson County:** Unlawful to take minnows in county for purpose of sale or to transport more than 125 minnows outside of county. In Brazos River, Lake Whitney and streams emptying into and tributaries thereto, seines and nets prohibited except minnow seine not longer than 20 feet, for taking minnows, bream and rough fish for bait. Only one trotline per person permitted. Set line, throw line or trotline may not have hooks closer than 4 feet apart. No trotline may have more than 50 hooks. Not more than aggregate of 50 hooks permitted on all devices.

More than 2 hooks permitted on artificial lures with pole and line or rod and reel. Prohibited tackle possessed within 200 yards of such waters is prima facie evidence of violation. Unlawful to sell, offer or possess for sale any fish from Brazos River, Lake Whitney and streams emptying into and tributaries thereto.

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

**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.

**Kerr County:** Unlawful to take minnows from county for sale, or to transport more than 200 minnows beyond county when taken in county. Unlawful to sell or offer for sale any bass, perch, crappie or catfish taken in county. Gear permitted: ordinary hook and line, trotline or artificial bait, and legal fruit jar for minnows. Unlawful to use seines and nets except 10-foot minnow seines with meshes not less than  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch square for taking minnows, and cast net or legal minnow seine for rough fish.

**Kimble County:** May not use more than one hook per line, except artificial bait. One person may not use more than 6 poles and lines or rods and reels or throw lines at one time. Trotlines unlawful. Seines and nets unlawful, except minnow seine for minnows; and 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 when using such devices. Not more than 125 minnows may be transported beyond county. Possession of prohibited tackle within 200 yards of stream or lake is prima facie evidence of violation. Unlawful to take, offer or possess for sale any catfish, perch or bream.

**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."

**Lipscomb County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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.

**Llano County:** Unlawful to transport minnows beyond county. Possession of more than 500 minnows evidence of violation of law. No device may have more than two hooks except artificial lures used with rod and reel. Seines and nets prohibited, except: (1) 20-ft. minnow seine to take minnows; (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 other fishes may not be possessed while using latter devices. Unlawful to take, offer or possess for sale any catfish, perch, or bream. Special regulations apply to Colorado River and its lakes. See "Lake Laws."

**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 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. Unlawful to take or possess alligator.

**Mason County:** Unlawful to transport minnows out of county, and possession of more than 500 minnows evidence of violation of law. Unlawful to take, offer or possess for sale catfish, perch, or bream. Permitted devices: ordinary pole and line, set lines equipped with not more than two hooks, and artificial lures. Not more than 20 hooks in

aggregate may be used. Bottles, cans or floats permitted if line to which hooks are attached is securely tied to a stationary object or held by the fisherman. Minnow seine not longer than 20 feet, dip nets and common funnel fruit jar permitted for minnows. Bag limits: 15 crappie per day, 30 in possession, any length; 15 channel, blue or yellow catfish per day, 30 in possession, any length; 15 bass per day or in possession, not less than 9 inches in length; sunfish, perch, bream, mud catfish or rough fish, no limit; not more than 200 minnows taken at one time or in possession, except from minnow hatchery.

**Medina County:** Special laws apply to Medina Lake. See "Lake Laws." Other waters of county, gear permitted: ordinary hook and line, or trotline or artificial bait. Seines and nets prohibited, except (1) 10-ft. minnow seine with meshes not less than one-fourth inch square 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 fish while using latter devices. All waters, unlawful to sell or offer to sell perch or catfish taken in county.

**Menard County:** Unlawful to use device equipped with more than two 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. May use 20-ft. minnow seine and legal fruit jar to take minnows. 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 no other fish may be possessed while latter devices are used. Unlawful to take, offer or possess for sale any catfish, perch, or bream. Minnows may not be taken from county for sale. Not more than 200 minnows may be transported out of county.

**Milam County:** Twenty-foot minnow seine permitted for taking minnows and rough fish, and cast net permitted for rough fish. Other seines and nets prohibited. Sale or purchase of fish taken in county prohibited.

**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.



**Moore County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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.

**Motley County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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.

**McLennan County:** Unlawful to sell or buy or offer to sell any fish from waters of Lake Waco or Bosque Rivers and their tributaries. Unlawful to transport minnows beyond county for sale. Possession of more than 100 minnows prima facie evidence of violation. May take rough fish 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 such devices are being used.

**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.

**Ochiltree County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**Oldham County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**Orange County:** Same as Angelina County.

**Palo Pinto County:** Same as Jack County. Also, unlawful to sell fish from Possum Kingdom Lake or its backwaters.

**Parmer County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**Parker County:** Same as Chambers County. Also, unlawful to transport minnows out of county except 150 for personal use. Possession of more than 500 minnows evidence of law violation.

**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.

**Potter County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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:** Same as Cherokee County.

**Randall County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**Real County:** Unlawful to use gear with more than 2 hooks, except artificial lures used with rod and reel. Bottles, can 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.

**Red River County:** Seines and nets of not less than 3-inch square mesh permitted on all fish except bass and crappie. May not possess any bass or crappie while using nets, nor when rough fish taken with nets are possessed. Daily bag limits: 25 crappie or white bass, any length; 25 channel, blue or yellow catfish, any length; 15 large-mouth and small-mouth black bass or spotted bass not less than 7 inches in length, of which not more than 10 shall exceed 11 inches in length; no limit on sunfish, perch, bream and mud catfish.

**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.

**Roberts County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**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:** Seine or net having meshes less than 1½ inches square permitted. 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:** 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, and 3-inch mesh net for carp and suckers in Colorado River.

**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.

**Sherman County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**Smith County:** Same as Cherokee County.

**Somervell County:** Unlawful to take minnows for sale or to transport any minnows beyond county for sale, or to transport more than 200 minnows beyond county, or to have more than 200 minnows in any vehicle in said county. In Brazos River, Lake Whitney and streams emptying into and tributaries thereto, seines and nets prohibited except minnow seine not longer than 20 feet, for taking minnows, bream and rough fish for bait. Only one trotline per person permitted. Set line, throw line or trotline may not have hooks closer than 4 feet apart. No trotline may have more than 50 hooks. Not more than 50 hooks in aggregate permitted on all devices. More than 2 hooks permitted on artificial lures with pole and line or rod and reel. Prohibited tackle possessed within 200 yards of such waters is prima facie evidence of violation. Unlawful to sell or offer or possess for sale any fish from Brazos River or Lake Whitney, or streams emptying into or tributaries thereto.

**Stephens County:** Same as Jack and Palo Pinto Counties.

**Sutton County:** Unlawful to use device with more than 2 hooks except artificial lures used with rod and reel. Bottles, cans and floats prohibited unless line to which hooks are attached is tied securely to stationary object or held by fisherman. Twenty-foot minnow seine permitted to take minnows and rough fish. Cast net permitted on rough fish. Unlawful to take minnows for sale, or to transport more than 200 minnows outside of county. Unlawful to take, offer or possess for sale any catfish, perch, crappie, bream or bass.

**Swisher County:** Same as Armstrong 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." Until June 1, 1954, unlawful to fish in waters known as Benbrook Reservoir and as Grapevine Reservoir.

**Taylor County:** See "Lake Laws" for Fort Phantom Hill Lake regulations.

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

**Titus County:** Seines and nets of not less than 2-inch square mesh permitted. Daily bag limits: 25 crappie or white bass, any length; 25 channel, blue or yellow catfish, any length; 15 large-mouth or small-mouth black bass or spotted bass, not less than 7 inches in length, of which not more than 10 shall exceed 11 inches in length; no limit on sunfish perch, bream and mud catfish.

**Tom Green County:** Following waters are closed to fishing until May 1, 1954: North Concho River between San Angelo Dam (which is adjacent to northern limits of city of San Angelo) and a point 9 or 10 miles upstream where a road crosses the river near the Shaw Gravel Pit, including all waters impounded by said dam. In other waters now, and in above waters after May 1, 1954, 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.

**Trinity County:** Same as Polk County.

**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 devies; 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:** Same as Cherokee County.

**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:** Seines and nets prohibited except minnow seine not longer than 20 feet for minnows for personal use and cast net. No minnows may be removed or transported from streams for commercial sales.

**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.

**Wheeler County:** Same as Armstrong County.

**Wichita County:** Same as Archer County.

**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.

**Wise County:** Minnows same as Washington County. Also, seines, nets and snag lines unlawful except 20-ft. minnow seine for minnows for bait. Hooks on set line, throw line or trotline may not be closer than 3 feet apart. Artificial bait may have more than 2 hooks, and may be used only on ordinary pole and line or rod and reel. Possession of prohibited tackle within 200 yards of waters prima facie evidence of violation.

**Wood County:** Same as Cherokee County.

**Young County:** Same as Jack and Palo Pinto Counties, except that in Clear Fork of the Brazos River from Stovall Dam downstream to railroad underpass on State Highway No. 67, trotlines are prohibited. Unlawful to sell any fish taken in county, including Possum Kingdom Lake and its back waters, except those taken in Brazos River and Clear Fork of Brazos.

**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.

## 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 Lake 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. 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.

**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.

**Medina Lake:** 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.

**Possum Kingdom Lake:** Same as Jack and Palo Pinto Counties.

**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; 35 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 having mesh not less than one and one-half inches square permitted on all fish; trotline, setline or throw line may have not more than 100 hooks, spaced not less than three feet apart. When using cast net or legal minnow seine for taking rough fish, other fish must be returned immediately to waters. Possession of prohibited tackle within 500 yards of water prima facie evidence of violation. Inquire of Commission, local game warden or county clerk as to special Texoma licenses.

**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."

# SALT WATER AND COMMERCIAL FISHING LAWS

## LICENSE FEES

Bait Dealer's 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
Mussell 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.

**Mussell 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 boat 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. Exceptions, 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 of 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 Galveston Bay known as Red Fish Bar, including Smith Point reefs, the reef between Red Fish Light and Beacon No. 34, on the Houston Ship Channel, Todd's Dump (except that part of Todd's Dump reef in water less than 4 feet deep, which shall remain open to taking oysters under the provision of laws pertaining to same) and all public reefs between Todd's Dump and the Dickinson Channel are closed from March 10 to Sept. 1, 1954.

### 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 or 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.

**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, 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 waters, 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 en route 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 trawls 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 Jefferson, 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, nets and trawls prohibited except cast net and legal minnow seine for bait and legal bait trawl in bays, streams, bayous or canals.

**Chambers and Galveston Counties:** Seines, nets and trawls prohibited except cast net and legal minnow seine for bait, and bait trawls in all waters at all times. In Galveston County, during closed season, bait trawls may have doors or boards not larger than 20 by 60 inches. Shrimp trawls of legal size are permitted during open season in the following waters: East Galveston Bay in the counties of Galveston and Chambers, except that part 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, and northeast of Baffle Point on Bolivar Peninsula in Galveston County.

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 Intra-coastal 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, nets and trawls prohibited except cast net and legal minnow seine for bait and bait trawl for shrimp, in all waters of Matagorda County except that in Matagorda Bay shrimp trawls may be used under general law, and in that part of said bay east of

the Colorado River seines and nets are permitted under general law.

**Calhoun County:** Seines, nets and trawls, except cast net and minnow seine for bait, and bait trawl for shrimp, prohibited 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 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.

**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, net or trawl except cast net or minnow seine not more than 20 feet long for taking bait, or bait trawl, 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; or 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, nets and trawls prohibited except cast net, minnow seine not longer than 20 feet and bait trawls 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, nets or trawls permitted except cast net for bait and bait trawl.

**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 one 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 Navigation Districts, no seines, nets or other physical or mechanical device permitted.

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 lawful to use gigs on flounders only in the following waters: Agua Dulce Creek, Aransas Pass, Brazoria County, Brazos Santiago Pass, Brown's Cedar Pass, Cedar Bayou, Chambers County, Contec Lake, Corpus Christi Pass, Galveston County, Harris County, Hynes Bay, Ingle-side Cove, Jefferson County, Laguna Madre in Cameron County, Mitchell's Cut, Mud Flats, North Pass or St. Jo Pass, Nueces Bay, Orange County, Oso Creek, Oyster Lake, Pass Cavallo, Puerto Bay, Red Fish Cove, San Luis Pass, Shoal Bay, Shallow Bay, Shamrock Cove, Sabine Pass, St. Charles Bay, Turtle Bay, Copano and Mission bays and connecting waters, except that portion west of State Highway No. 35 in Aransas, Refugio and San Patricio Counties; pass on north of Laguna Madre, leading into Corpus Christi Bay; Aransas Bay between Port Aransas and Corpus Christi Bayou and between Harbor Island and Mud Island; waters lying between Padre Island and the mainland in Kleberg and Kenedy Counties, including all back bays and inlets and that back of the Laguna Madre in Kleberg and Kenedy Counties.

#### 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. For details write Game and Fish Commission, Austin, Texas.

Use explosive or poison water.

Use any seine, net, gill net, trotline or other device, except hook and line, for the purpose of fishing within the channel, turning basin, or other waters of any navigation district.

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 to 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.

Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties: Muskrat open season December 1 to February 28, both days inclusive.

Austin, Burleson, Denton, Freestone, Hardin, Henderson, Jasper, Kaufman, Lee, Leon, Madison, Milam, 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.

**Blanco, 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.

**Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves and Terrell Counties:** Lawful to trap muskrat December 1 to January 31, both days inclusive. Open season on beaver, January 1 to 15, and bag limit three.

**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.

**Erath, Gillespie, Hood, Jack, Mason, Palo Pinto, Stephens and Young Counties:** Open season on muskrat December 1 to January 31, both days inclusive. Gillespie and Mason Counties, season closed on beaver.

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

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

**Kimble, Maverick and Val Verde 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.

**Parker County:** Unlawful to liberate or hold fox in captivity.

**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. In Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Erath, Fannin, Gillespie, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hood, Hutchinson, Jack, Lipscomb, Mason, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Red River, Roberts, Sherman, Stephens, Swisher, Titus, Wheeler and Young Counties it is unlawful to possess green hide of furbearer at any time after 15 days following close of 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.