

Hunting, fishing regulation hearing scheduled April 1 in Colorado County

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have announced that public hearings concerning proposed regulation changes for the 1986-87 hunting and fishing seasons will be held in selected locations across the state during April 1-9.

On April 1 at 7 p.m. a hearing has been scheduled at the Colorado County Courthouse in Columbus. The public is urged to attend and comment on the proposed changes, which will be considered for adoption by the commission on May 1.

Highlights of the hunting proposals include a uniform statewide white-tailed deer hunting season for 1986-87 which would be November 8 through January 4, 1987; expanding the number of counties with either-sex hunting seasons for white-tailed deer; expanding the mule deer season from nine to 16 days; and moving the special antlerless-only whittail season in six South Texas counties from prior to the gun season to following the gun season.

Proposed changes in fishing regulations include a statewide 14-inch minimum length limit on largemouth black bass, except on reservoirs that have special length limits and except in the Panhandle where the minimum size would be 12 inches; and a statewide crappie

bag limit of 25, possession limit 50 (no minimum length limit), except on reservoirs with special limits.

Additional information may be obtained by calling toll-free 1-800-792-1112, extension 4974.

Soil, Water Stewardship Week to be observed May 4-11

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District will join the nationwide observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week during the period of May 4-11, announces Melvin Albright, chairman.

Conservation's New Frontiers is the theme for this year's observance. The reference booklet suggests a revival of the pioneer spirit to explore the new frontiers of today. "Society must adjust constantly to changes dictated by discoveries, technology, demographic factors, and depletion of resources." The publication further emphasizes that the basic motivation for the conservation and orderly development of natural resources is man's recognition of his responsibilities under God to

Sorority bake sale in Garwood this Saturday

Alpha Sigma Omicron sorority of Garwood will hold a bake sale this Saturday in front of F&W Food Store in Garwood beginning at 8 a.m.

They also will sell sesquicentennial items.

protect and use wisely. His precious gifts of soil and water.

Since 1955, the National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week, in cooperation with the nearly 3,000 conservation districts, as one way to emphasize the importance of good stewardship of our basic soil and water resources.

Materials especially designed to carry the 1986 theme of "Conservation's New Frontiers" are being distributed through local conservation districts to clergymen, lay leaders, civic and educational organizations and individuals participating in the observance.

Information and materials for the 1986 observance of Soil and Water Stewardship week are available in this area from Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, 316 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas 78934, (409) 732-2773.

Control pond weeds during spring

If you have a pond with a weed problem, spring is a good time to control the weeds with herbicides. If you wait until summer, treatment could help cause oxygen depletion and fish die-off.

Oxygen depletion can occur during spring months, but the risk is greatly reduced.

The major factors contributing to oxygen depletion are (1) amount of aquatic vegetation, (2) water temperature, (3) pondage of fish, and (4) weather conditions. In most years the amount of aquatic vegetation is less and water temperatures are cooler in the spring, which reduces the risk

of fish die-off after treatment. If this spring is unusually warm and weather conditions within two weeks of treatment include several windless, cloudy days, an oxygen depletion may occur.

Personnel at the USDA Soil Conservation Service and county extension offices can provide information about approved herbicides for aquatic use. They will apprise you of precautions when using aquatic herbicides and assist in locating chemicals.

The most important first step is to treat your pond as soon as possible to avoid an oxygen depletion and fish die-off.

Conservation assistance. The conservation plans for Norborn Meisner have been written.

Conservation assistance was provided to Jackie Reinhardt of Houston who is in the process of constructing a pond.

District cooperators Lawrence Korenek of the Ellinger area has completed shaping eroded areas which will be established to coastal bermudagrass to control erosion.

Glen Lilie, a district cooperator of the Rocky Hill area, is in the process of preparing a seedbed to sod coastal bermudagrass this spring.

James Haynes, a district cooperator of the Ellinger area, has completed shaping eroded areas which will be established to coastal bermudagrass to control erosion.