

Migratory bird hunting seasons adopted

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has adopted waterfowl hunting dates and bag limits for the 1987-88 seasons. Meeting in Austin, the commission approved seasons that are basically unchanged from 1986-87.

All of the late-season waterfowl hunting regulations will be published in the department's Late Season Migratory Hunting Guide which will be available from department offices and hunting license outlets during September.

The season for ducks and coots in the eastern portion of the state is October 31 through November 4, November 21 through November 30, and December 12, 1987 through January 17, 1988. In the High Plains Mallard Management Unit of West Texas, the season is October 31 through November 4 and November 21, 1987 through January 17, 1988.

The 100-point system of duck bag limits will remain unchanged from last year. Under the point system, 100-point ducks are mallard hens, mottled ducks and black ducks; 70-point ducks are redheads, wood ducks, hooded mergansers, and fulvous and black-bellied whistling ducks; 20-point ducks are all teal species, gadwalls, scaup, widgeons, shovellers, and mergansers except hooded mergansers; 15-point ducks are all other ducks not listed, except the season is closed on masked ducks and canvasbacks. The daily bag limit on coots is 15, with a possession limit of 30.

The season for light geese in the eastern portion of the state is October 31, 1987 through January 24, 1988; the dark goose season is October 31 through December 4 and December 12, 1987 through January 17, 1988. The bag limit in that portion of the state is five light geese and one Canada or black brant and one white-fronted goose. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit.

In the western portion of the state, the season for all geese species is October 17, 1987 through January 17, 1988. The daily bag limit is five geese, not to include more than two dark geese (Canada or white-fronted). Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit.

Sandhill crane seasons again are based on a three-zone arrangement. The season in the western Zone A is November 14, 1987 through February 14, 1988; the northeastern Zone B, November 28, 1987 through February 7, 1988; and the southern Zone C, January 2, through February 7, 1988. Bag limits are three per day and six in possession. A special permit, issued free by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, is required of sandhill crane hunters. Permits are issued upon written request to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

The woodcock season is set for November 21, 1987 through January 24, 1988. The bag limit is five woodcock per day and 10 in possession. The common snipe (jacksnipe) season is October 31, 1987 through February 14, 1988. The bag limit is eight per day, 16 in possession.

Shooting hours for all late-season migratory species is one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Dove hunters need to avoid shooting protected species

With the mourning dove season now underway in the North and central Zones, and the South Zone to get underway soon, hunters need to be sure of their targets and avoid shooting at protected species.

"Almost all birds not classified as game birds are protected by state and federal law," said Ron George, dove program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, "so hunters should familiarize themselves with bird identification well enough to avoid a problem."

The only species of birds not protected by state or federal law are feral pigeons, starlings and English (house) sparrows.

Dove hunters also are reminded that state regulations allow hunters to take two white-winged doves in their daily bag limit of 12 doves, but a \$6 White-winged Dove Stamp is required to take white-wings anywhere in the state.

The mourning dove season opened September 1 in the North and Central Zones. The North Zone closes November 9 with the Central Zone season closing on October 30 and reopening for a winter segment January 2-11.

The South Zone season opens Sunday, September 20 continuing through November 18, except in the Special White-winged Dove Hunting Area, where it closes November 14. The South Zone also has a January 2-11 winter segment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 1987

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 104 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide a guarantee for the Texas grain warehouse self-insurance fund. The guarantee of the fund may not exceed \$5 million, and when the fund reaches \$5 million, the guarantee will cease. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for the surety of a grain warehouse fund to be established by the grain industry for the protection of farmers and depositors of grain in public warehouse facilities."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 60 proposes a constitutional amendment to permit rural fire prevention districts in counties with populations over 400,000 to levy a tax at a rate not to exceed six cents (\$0.06) per \$100 property valuation for the fire prevention of the district approve the tax.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to raise the maximum property tax rate that may be adopted by rural fire prevention districts, but only if approved by the district's residents."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 68 proposes a constitutional amendment to extend the school ad valorem tax exemption for elderly persons to the surviving spouse of a person receiving the exemption. If a surviving spouse is at least 55 years old at the time of death of the person receiving the exemption, ad valorem public school taxes could not be increased as long as the homestead remained the residence of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to limit school tax increases on the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of an elderly person if the surviving spouse is at least 55 years of age."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to create programs and make loans and grants of money for development and diversification of the economy, elimination of unemployment and underemployment, stimulation of agricultural innovation, promotion of agricultural enterprise, and development of transportation and commerce. Bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes must be approved by the voters in the political subdivision seeking such funding source.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide assistance to encourage economic development in the state."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 65 proposes a constitutional amendment to permit the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation to contract with the Texas Turnpike Authority and to contribute money to the costs of turnpike, toll roads, and toll bridges of the Authority. The amendment would authorize the governing body of a county with a population over 400,000, a county adjoining such county, and any city or district located in or partially in such county to make agreements with the Texas Turnpike Authority and levy ad valorem taxes to pay part or all of the principal and interest on Turnpike Authority bonds and to pay maintenance and operating expenses of the Turnpike Authority, if the voters approve the tax.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

and mental health and mental retardation facilities."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 9 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that a state legislator is eligible to serve in another state office even if the compensation of the office was increased during his legislative term or even if the appointment is made in whole or in part (including Senate confirmation) by the legislature. The legislator could not, however, receive the increased compensation approved during his legislative term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide that a member of the legislature is eligible to be elected or appointed and to serve in a different state office but may not receive an increase in compensation during the legislative term to which he was elected."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to establish three separate development funds. A Texas product development fund could be established to foster and stimulate the development of small businesses in the state. Small business development funds could be established to foster and stimulate the development of small businesses in the state. Small business development funds could be established to foster and stimulate the development of small businesses in the state.

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 55 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to be used for loans to local governments for acquisition, construction, repair, renovation, and equipment of public facilities or for grants to local governments for planning public facilities. The amendment would also permit the issuance of revenue bonds for the same purpose to be repaid from excess revenue from repayments of loans made under the amendment and from other revenue pledged to the retirement of revenue bonds. The amendment also authorizes the legislature to provide for review and approval of the issuance of the bonds and the use of the bond proceeds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance certain local public facilities."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 56 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize the issuance of bonds to be used to acquire, construct, and equip new health and mental retardation institutions or to repair existing institutions. The amendment also authorizes the legislature to provide for review and approval of the issuance of the bonds and the projects to be financed by the bond proceeds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for projects relating to corrections institutions."

valorem tax of up to ten cents (\$0.10) per \$100 valuation of the property located in the district.

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 88 proposes a constitutional amendment to appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 34 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the state a limited right to appeal criminal cases. Under current law, only criminal defendants are allowed to appeal. This proposed amendment would allow the legislature to pass laws granting state prosecutors the right to appeal in limited circumstances.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment giving the state a limited right to appeal in criminal cases."

PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 35 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services.

PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 11 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services.

PROPOSITION NO. 19 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 88 proposes a constitutional amendment to appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services."

PROPOSITION NO. 20 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 96 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services.

PROPOSITION NO. 21 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to permit the legislature to provide for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services.

PROPOSITION NO. 22 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 53 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services.

PROPOSITION NO. 24 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 83 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a county to use county equipment and personnel to perform work, without compensation, for another governmental entity if the commissioners court finds that the work will not interfere with the performance of county work and approves performance of the work.

PROPOSITION NO. 25 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services.

PROPOSITION NO. 26 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to permit the legislature to provide for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services.

PROPOSITION NO. 27 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 53 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services.

It's Festival Time!

Congratulations & Good Luck to All Who Worked So Hard on This Weekend's Waterfowl Festival! Enjoy Eagle Lake

Tickets Still Available! Schedule of Events...

Friday, September 18

7:30 p.m. Cocktail Preview Party & Auction, Community Center. Tickets are available at door. Raffle drawing after auction.

Saturday, September 19

10 a.m. Free guided tour, Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge, directions at Community Center.
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wildlife Art Show at Community Center
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Food, Beer Garden, Arts & Crafts and commercial booths open
2 p.m. Duck & Goose Calling Contest, Bead Contest, Field Trial Demonstration, Community Center
3 p.m. Gumbo Cookoff, Community Center Pavilion
3 p.m. Free guided tour, Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge, directions at Community Center

Sunday, September 20

10 a.m. Free guided tour, Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge, directions at Community Center
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wildlife Art Show, Community Center
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Food, Arts & Crafts and commercial booths open
12 Noon Beer Garden opens
1 p.m. Silent Auction ends, winners announced
2 p.m. Field Trial Demonstration at Community Center
3 p.m. Free guided tour, Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge, directions at Community Center

Eagle Lake Insurance Agency
Robert & Maxine Griffith
Call Us for a Health Quote
234-2509

The Snack Center
1001 E. Main
234-5395

Gifts of Distinction
Lake Motors, Inc.
323 S. McCarty
234-2513
Eagle Lake
234-2507

A.J. Struss Auto Supply
101 E. Main
234-2020
Elmer & Frances Struss

Eagle Lake Farm & Home Supply
123 E. Main
234-2566
Your True Value Hardware Store
Paint • Feed • Tack • Stock Tanks
Tools • Hardware • Electrical • Garden Supplies • Plumbing
Purina Dealer

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce
Where the Rice Grows and the Oil Flows
Goose Hunting Capital of the World
234-2780

Eagle Lake Dairy Delite
810 E. Main
234-7128
"Where Friends Meet"

Jo Ann's
Women's & Children's Fashions & Gifts
121 E. Main
234-2580

Wilcox Minimax
Complete Food Mart
200 S. McCarty
234-2515

Jean Wiese displays the 1987 Waterfowl Festival Poster, produced by artist Ron Wells. Prints are available at Prairie Edge Museum, Gifts of Distinction and The Custom Shoppe as well as during the festival. Fifty signed prints will also be available.

Jimmy Adkins
505 E. Main
Coke & Diet Coke
234-2574
1 Liter Bottle, 99¢
Try Our Homemade Country Sausage

Dannels Designs
333 W. Prairie
Eagle Lake
234-296

EXXON
500 E. Main
234-3985
Full and Self-Service Station

LCRA
209 S. McCarty, Eagle Lake
234-7336

The Furniture Shoppe
307 E. Main, Eagle Lake
234-2534

Mary Lou Szymanski
Justice of the Peace, Present #8
Municipal Building
Eagle Lake

Eagle Lake Drugstore
Gifts... Fragrances, Russell Stover Candies
FREE Delivery to Sr. Citizens
24 Hour Emergency Service (234-3634)
234-2502
New Post, PC & Blue Cross Insurance Accepted
702 S. McCarty

Austin's Grocery
505 E. Main
Coke & Diet Coke
234-2574
1 Liter Bottle, 99¢
Try Our Homemade Country Sausage

BOOKKEEPING, Etc.
209 S. McCarty, Eagle Lake
234-7336

Main Parts Supply
807 E. Main
234-3581
Your NAPA Dealer

Johnny's Sport Shop
101 Boothe Drive
234-3516
See Us for All Your Hunting Supplies

The Custom Shoppe
Custom Quality Picture Framing
Wildlife Prints... Framed & Unframed
Access to Texas Duck Stamp Prints... 1981-87
(for any other conservation prints)
On the Square 234-3911 Tues.-Fri., 10 to 5

Eagle Lake Police Department
Chief Ben Johnson
Sgt. Lupe Villarreal, Officers Buford Ashley, Bobby Johnson, Brad Murray, Jay Reeves and Vera Reeves

The First National Bank
Member F.D.I.C.

Waterfowl artist at work during 1985 Waterfowl Festival.