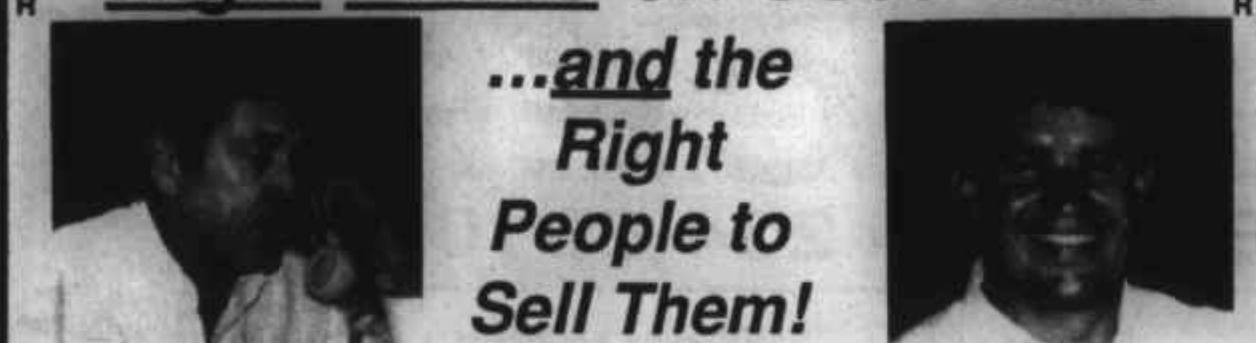


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Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge

Endangered Species Act affects you

By Terry A. Rossignol, Assistant Refuge Manager

Editor's Note: This is the fifth article in a series about the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Last month several different wildlife laws or acts were presented to give the reader a better understanding of these statutes. This month, we will concentrate on one wildlife act that has brought about much debate and public attention: the Endangered Species Act. Read on to see how this act affects you.

The main purpose of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) is to conserve ecosystems where endangered and threatened species occur. It establishes a list of endangered and threatened plant and animal species in order to provide a mechanism for the conservation of such species.

In a nutshell, the act makes it illegal to import, export, take, possess, sell or offer to sell, molest, injure, kill or transport any endangered or threatened species or their parts such as eggs, etc. The maximum criminal penalty for individuals who violate any part of the act is \$100,000 or up to one year imprisonment or both. Organizations found in violation may be fined up to \$200,000.

The act provides a listing process to determine which species to consider as endangered. The listing process begins with either a public or private organization petitioning the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) to list a species. The petition must be supported by sufficient data to allow an evaluation of its validity.

Upon receipt of the petition, an assessment is conducted of the plant or animal's biological status and the factors that threaten its survival. After gathering additional information if needed, the USFWS decides whether the plant or animal truly warrants further protection.

If it decides yes, then a public comment period is set up for at least 60 days. Public comments are reviewed, the proposal modified if necessary, and the final decision is made whether or not to list the species. The listing process takes many months before the final decision is made.

If the USFWS finds the listing necessary to prevent extinction, the species is added to the endangered list and begins to receive protection.

A recovery plan is then initiated for the species. These plans, drafted by knowledgeable individuals or teams of experts, serve as a guide to rebuild the species from the brink of extinction.

In many cases, recovery plan recommendations include habitat protection, new research, captive breeding and reintroduction, or special wildlife

and habitat management techniques. The Attwater refuge is part of this plan.

The 1993 Attwater's prairie chicken recovery plan includes five major strategies to help save this bird from extinction:

•Habitat management on both public and private lands, involving voluntary cooperators only;

•Public outreach to help generate assistance with ongoing recovery efforts;

•Population management consisting of captive propagation and reintroduction efforts;

•Coordination between government agencies and private sector; and

•Research to provide information necessary to efficiently implement recovery actions.

The ESA, passed by congress for the first time in 1966, is made of several different parts or sections. Two of the most commonly used are Sections 6 and 7.

Section 6 of the act essentially provides a method by which the federal government provides money for states to carry out recovery plan activities.

Specifically in Austin County, the USFWS has provided the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with funds to improve coastal prairie habitat by eliminating brush on private lands to benefit the endangered Attwater's prairie chicken. In this example, the landowner's cattle operation also benefitted by the improved range condition that resulted.

Section 7 of the act requires all federal agencies to evaluate the effects of any activity they fund, authorize or carry out prior to beginning the project to ensure that such activities are not likely to jeopardize the survival of any endangered species.

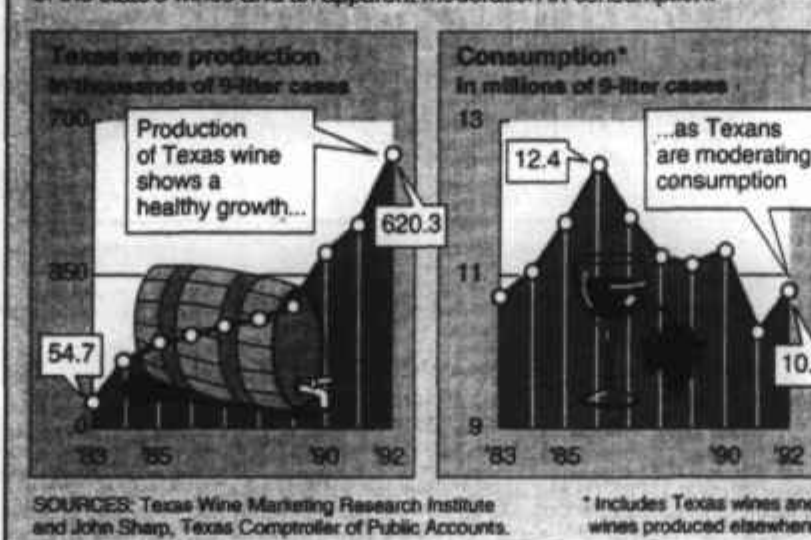
Thanks to the ESA, several species such as the American alligator, Aleutian Canada goose and greenback cutthroat trout, have made a comeback or are fully on the road to recovery. However, many more species remain endangered, some very critically.

So what are endangered species and how do they become imperiled? Read next month's article to find out.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans have reason for holiday cheer

The holiday season traditionally is a time of increased sales of wine and other spirits. Texans can celebrate both the steady gain in the production of the state's wines and an apparent moderation in consumption.



VA offers education refunds to certain vets

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is attempting to locate veterans who participated in the post-Vietnam era Veterans Educational Assistance Program, commonly known as Chapter 32 or VEAP. Those

who did not use all of the funds available to them or failed to request a refund are eligible to get money back.

The Chapter 32 program was open to those who entered military service between 1977 and 1985 and elected to participate by contributing \$25 to \$100 monthly from their military pay to an education fund. The Dept. of Defense contributed \$2 in matching funds for every dollar put in by participants.

The combined contributions were to be used for education expenses. With certain exceptions, the participants had up to 10 years from their discharge from active duty to use the funds.

VA estimates about 13,000 veterans who were discharged more than 10 years ago have contributions remaining in their Chapter 32 accounts. These veterans are now due refunds equal to the unused balance of their own contributions to the fund. The maximum refund could be as much as \$2,700, the maximum that service members could contribute.

Veterans who were in Chapter 32 and think they may be due a refund may contact the regional office of VA or call toll free to 1-800-827-1000.

Review

district. The Environmental Education Committee is comprised of seven retired school teachers and two others interested in school activities. Members of this committee, with the assistance of Clara Hornet and Connie Fair held meetings to review the regulations and set up new district judging requirements for the coloring, poster and essay contests sponsored by the district each year.

A total of 162 faculty members at the 14 schools in the county were visited by Clara Hornet, district secretary/technician and Connie Fair, district conservationist.

At any time, if contacted by faculty members, Hornet and Fair will visit with the schools and present Conservation programs for the students and faculty.

New Cooperators

During this year, the district approved conservation plans on four new conservation cooperators for 2,273 acres and conservation plans were revised on 6,376 acres to show conservation decisions made by cooperators. A total of 715 cooperators,

and other land users received assistance concerning conservation problems during the year. Application of soil and water related conservation practices on the land this year resulted in proper conservation treatment on 67,186 acres in Colorado County.

Colorado SWCD also participated in the Sam Houston Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D). During 1993, on-going maintenance was done to prevent erosion.

Sheriff

bound at McCoy's Lumber Co.

At 11:22 p.m. Peteres and Neisner investigated a case of class A assault and public intoxication on Center St. in Alleyton. A subject was arrested.

Friday, Dec. 24, Deputies Peters and Thaine Busby investigated an incident of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and criminal trespass on County Road 102 south of Wells Airport at 7:50 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25, at 8:42 a.m. Deputy Jim Parcell investigated a case of reckless conduct with fireworks in the 300 block of Hastedt in Garwood. The case is pending action by the complainant.

At 10:11 a.m., Deputy Parcell investigated a burglary of a habitation

Recreation and wildlife have also become a major economic influence in Colorado County each year. Hunting of doves, ducks, geese, quail and deer bring countless dollars into the Colorado County economy each year.

Each year, the SWCD directors along with the SCS and Extension Service sponsor a Fish Pond Management Field Trip which is usually held in April. Approximately 60 people attended the activity which was held in the Freisburg area.

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on Calhoun Rd. southwest of US 90 A outside of Eagle Lake.

At 2:13 p.m., he investigated a vehicle fire on IH-10 eastbound at the 705 mile marker.

Sunday, Dec. 26, at 2:30 a.m. Deputies Peters and Neisner with Columbus Police Officer Lopez investigated a class A assault and family violence. One subject was arrested for assault, family violence and capias pro fine driving while intoxicated.

At 10:45 p.m., Deputy Peters investigated an incident of a suicidal subject on Hwy. 71 at FM 333.

At 11:18 p.m., Peters investigated an attempted suicide on Reese Lane. The case remains open.

Increasingly Important

The need for a sound soil and water conservation program becomes even more important every year with the increase in value of land and the need for greater food production to feed an ever-growing world population.

Properly managed land will financially benefit the landowners and also the consumer. Sound management of conservation practices benefits everyone.

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District directors look forward to working with the land users in the community who are conservation minded and who are trying to protect their natural soil and water resources.

Media Thanked

During the holiday season, the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District would like to express its appreciation to the Colorado County Citizen, The Banner Press Newspaper, The Weimar Mercury, The Eagle Lake Headlight, The New Ulm Enterprise and Radio Station KULM for their continuing support in the interest of resource conservation.

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District belongs to you, the people of Colorado County. The district would like for you to know that your participation in district activities is encouraged and appreciated.

The District provides assistance to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, natural origin, age or physical or mental handicap.

See You Next Year!

While all good years must come to an end, we hope that the many friendships we've formed will continue to grow.

Best wishes to you and heartfelt thanks!

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Hunters

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passed within a few yards of him at dusk.

His account of the incident during the evening meal made the hair stand up on the back of your neck. The hunt ended about 1 a.m. at Bob and Pat Anderson's home in Rock Island where Pat took charge of the hog skinning with some help from the hunters.

Craig said he planned to have his boar's head mounted and display it at his Springfield home. Dwain had assured his wife before coming that he would bring home the bacon, and he did.

There was little sleep but lots of good fellowship and fun times with new friends during their stay in Texas.

The hunters left Houston Sunday to return to Illinois, hopefully with good memories and new hunting stories to tell.

End of Roll Please Rewind