

# Hunting, fishing license cover various time spans

## GENERAL LICENSE INFORMATION

All license sales locations (over 3,000) now carry all of the items listed below since licenses/stamps/Conservation Passports

and replacements are electronically printed at time of purchase. Renewals by mail from TPWD Austin or visits to TPWD offices are no longer necessary to purchase Annual Public Hunting Per-

mits and other recreational items. License sales by phone at no extra charge are available by calling 1-800-TX LIC 4 U (1-800-895-4248) 24 hours a day, with approved VISA or MasterCard.

The license is immediately authorized and purchaser can use license/stamp immediately, without waiting to receive an actual paper license by mail (except not valid for deer or turkey hunting due to tag requirements).

All sport fishing and hunting licenses and stamps issued by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are valid during the license year that began Sept. 1 or the date issued through Aug. 31, 2000. Licenses issued for a specific number of days, lifetime licenses and temporary hunting licenses have different expiration dates. Licenses issued for a specific number of days, Lake Texoma fishing licenses, Conservation Passports, lifetime licenses and temporary hunting licenses have different expiration dates.

Stamps for hunting and fishing privileges are now a validation printed on the license at time of purchase. Traditional picture stamps are not valid for hunting or fishing, but continue to be available for collectors.

### It is against the law to:

- hunt or fish without a valid license, or a permit and stamp, on your person and available for inspection by a game warden, unless except by age.
- use another person's license to hunt or fish.
- let someone else hunt or fish with your license.
- purchase more than one resident hunting license per year.

• purchase more than one General Non-Resident Hunting License.

• purchase more than one Non-Resident Spring Turkey Hunting License.

• purchase a general Non-Resident Hunting License and a Non-Resident Spring Turkey Hunting License during a license year.

## SPECIAL LICENSES

• **Resident Combination Hunting & Fishing License (Type 100): \$32**

Valid for both hunting and fishing for Texas residents only.

• **Resident "Super Combo" License Package (Type 111): \$49**

Package includes Resident Combination Hunting and Fishing license and 7 state stamp fees (5 hunting, 2 fishing) at a discount price. \$82 value if items purchased separately.

• **"The Texan" All-Purpose Resident License Package (Type 500): \$100; package adds free park entry (Gold Texas Conservation Passport) to Super Combo above and may include preferred customer opportunities.**

## LIFETIME LICENSES

• **Lifetime Resident Combination Hunting & Fishing: \$1000; Lifetime Resident Hunting: \$600; Lifetime Resident Fishing: \$600**

Residents may buy hunting and fishing licenses valid for the (See Licenses, Page 5)

# Sunset review to help chart future of Parks & Wildlife

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) is among the Texas state agencies now undergoing review by the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission.

Under the Texas Sunset Law, every state agency must justify its existence every 12 or so years or shut down. Sunset process provides a way for the Texas Legislature to look closely at each agency and tweak its mission and operations.

Anyone with an interest in the way TPW manages the state's natural and cultural resources is invited to send comments to both TPW and the Sunset Advisory Commission.

"I actually like Sunset," said TPW Executive Director Andrew Sansom. "This gives us a chance to be proactive, to really do something together for the benefit of conservation for the next 12 to 15 years."

The first step in the process is a

thorough self-exam. TPW has submitted a report to the Sunset Advisory Commission outlining its major strengths, weaknesses and areas of concern. This 251-page report covers all aspects of the agency, including current issues and challenges, and is available on the TPW Web site.

The Sunset Commission is sending a team of reviewers on a six-month fact-finding mission, either this fall or next spring. They will spend time at headquarters and in the field, conducting research and interviewing employees, constituents and anyone else with an opinion.

Based on the data collected, the Sunset Commission — composed of four members of the Texas House, four members of the Senate and two representatives of the general public — will draft a report outlining their recommendations. They will hold public hearings to allow TPW and anyone else to

respond.

The final report, due to the Legislature in 2001, will recommend whether to abolish or continue the agency and suggest ways to make improvements or correct problems identified during the review. Legislators will then have the final say.

For more information via the Internet, go to the TPW Web site at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/sunset](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/sunset), where you download the TPW Self-Evaluation Report or make comments on line; or send written comments to Executive Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

Anyone may comment directly to the Sunset Commission by visiting their Web site at [www.sunset.state.tx.us/sunset/process.htm](http://www.sunset.state.tx.us/sunset/process.htm) or by writing to Steve Hopson, Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, P.O. Box 13066, Austin, TX 78711.

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