

2004-2005 Bag and Possession Limits

DUCKS: The daily bag limit for ducks is 6 and can include no more than 5 mallards or Mexican-like ducks (Mexican ducks), only 2 of which may be hens; 3 scaup (lesser scaup and greater scaup in the aggregate); 2 wood ducks; 2 redheads; and 1 mottled duck. Also, 1 pintail and 1 canvas back may be taken only during the 39-day open season for those species.

MERGANSER BAG LIMIT: 5 in the aggregate, to include no more than 1 hooded merganser.

COOT BAG LIMIT: 15

POSSESSION LIMIT: The possession limit for ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily

bag limit.

GEESE; EASTERN ZONE DAILY BAG LIMIT: Light geese-20 in the aggregate; Dark geese-3 Canada and 2 whitefronted geese.

POSSESSION LIMIT: Twice the daily bag limit for dark geese, no possession limit for light geese. During the Conservation Order there is no daily bag or possession limit on light geese.

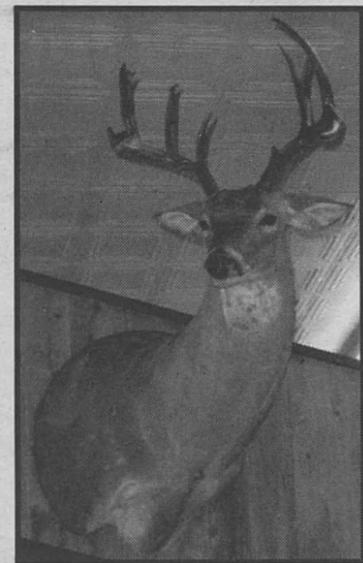
LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER: During the Light Goose Conservation Order, the taking of light geese will be permitted by regulations established through U.S. Fish and Wild-

life Service's Conservation Order. Under the Conservation Order the following rules shall be in effect for the taking of light geese through March 27, 2005.

1. The use of electronic calls shall be legal.
2. Unplugged shotguns holding more than 3 shells will be legal.
3. There will be no daily or possession limits.
4. Shooting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise until one half-hour after sunset.
5. LIGHT GEESE shall include only Snow (including blue) and Ross' geese.

AREA CLOSED TO HUNT-

ING: —After March 6, 2005, it is unlawful to take light geese in Refugio, Calhoun and Aransas counties on the seaward side of a line beginning at the Gulf of Mexico at Port O'Connor (including Pelican Island), thence northwest along State Hwy. 185, thence southwest along State Hwy. 35 to Aransas Pass, thence southeast along State Hwy. 361 to the Port Aransas Channel, thence east along the Corpus Christi Channel, thence southeast along the Aransas Channel to the Gulf of Mexico. This closure does not apply to the Guadalupe Delta Wildlife Management Area.



At B & S...

This is one of the many bucks that Bobby Wied has on display at his taxidermy shop on Main Street. Stop in and take a look.

Headlight Photo by Cathy Fearing

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If you violate fish and wildlife laws, in addition to civil restitution you may:

*be fined (Class C: \$25-500; Class B: \$200-2,000; Class A: \$500-4,000; State Jail Felony: \$1,500-10,000);

*be jailed (Class B and higher offenses);

*face automatic suspension or revocation of licenses for up to 5 years; and,

*forfeit hunting gear, including firearms, used to commit a violation.

GENERAL LAW

The following information addresses some of the more com-

monly asked questions about hunting and fishing requirements and restrictions. For additional information, contact your local game warden or phone the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) toll free at 800-792-1112.

***UNLAWFUL:** To take, attempt to take, or possess wildlife resources within a protected length limit, in greater numbers, by other means, or at any time or place, other than as indicated.

***Available for inspection:** A person who is hunting, fishing, or trapping must carry on their person and have available for inspection a valid license and any appli-

cable stamps or permits unless the person is exempt such.

***NEW LAW:** A game warden who observes a person engaged in an activity governed by the TPW Code or reasonably believes that a person is or has been engaged in such an activity may inspect: (1) any license, permit, tag, or other document issued by the department and required by the TPW Code of a person hunting or catching wildlife resources; (2) any device that may be used to hunt or catch a wildlife resource; (3) any wildlife resource in the person's possession; and (4) the contents of any container or receptacle that is

commonly used to store or conceal a wildlife resource. The full text

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