



TWRA NEWS

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STATEWIDE YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 2 & 3 - REELFOOT LAKE ZONE SET FOR FEBRUARY 9 & 10

Tennessee’s 2008 youth waterfowl hunt will be held on February 2 & 3, 2008, with the Reelfoot Lake Zone set for the following week, February 9 & 10, 2008, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). The Reelfoot Lake zone is closed during the statewide segment.

This hunt is for youths 6 thru 15 years of age and all young hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Geese, coots, gallinules, moorhens, and ducks, including pintails and canvasbacks, may be taken by youths during the youth waterfowl hunt. Bag limit for the youth waterfowl is the same as the statewide season. The adults accompanying the young hunter may not hunt ducks but may participate in other open seasons.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) is encouraging hunters to take advantage of this opportunity to introduce a new generation to the joys and heritage of waterfowl hunting. “This is a great chance to let the kids go out and enjoy the experience

of waterfowl hunting,” said Dave Gabbard, TWRA Information Coordinator, for West Tennessee. “It’s a way for the kids to be the center of attention, to let them have the first shot or call in their first flock of ducks or geese.”

Hunters 12 years old and younger do not need a hunting license to hunt in Tennessee. Hunters 15 years old and younger do not need a Federal Migratory Bird Stamp (Duck Stamp). Those ages 13 - 15 need a Junior Hunt/Trap/Fish license (Type 02). In addition, hunters 10 years old and older, born after January 1, 1969 must possess proof that they have successfully completed a hunter education course, unless they have the new Apprentice License (Type 12). For complete details on the requirements of the new Apprentice License (Type 12) go to www.tnwildlife.org.

TWRA TO ACCEPT REELFOOT WATERFOWL BLIND PERMITS, FEB. 18-JULY 31

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will accept the purchase and registration of Reelfoot Waterfowl Blind Permits (personally assigned) Type 025 and Reelfoot Waterfowl Sign-on Permits Type 026 from Feb. 18, 2008 through July 31, 2008.

The permits are available for purchase from any TWRA license agent. To officially register the blind, send by certified mail only, a photocopy of the signed Type 025 and signed and notarized Type 026 Sign-on Permits to: TWRA Sales Office, PO. Box 41729, Nashville, TN 37204.

The registrations must be postmarked by midnight July 31, 2008. Reference can be made to the 2007 reminder letter for further details. There will be no reminder letters mailed this year. If further assistance is needed, telephone TWRA Revenue Division at 1-800-648-8798.

SPORTSMEN ASKED FOR INPUT INTO SEASON-SETTING PROCESS

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) is asking the public for input into the 2008-2009 hunting seasons.

The TWRA goes through a fairly lengthy season setting process each year that always begins with asking for suggestions from the public. The next step consists of regional meetings where field level proposals from officers, area managers, and the public are meshed into regional recommendations that are taken to Nashville.

There, the Nashville staff of the TWRA considers the four regional proposals. Final recommendations are taken to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (TWRC), the governing body of TWRA, at the May Commission Meeting.

The TWRA welcomes public input and will take written recommendations from all interested parties. All letters should contain the proposed change and justifications for the change. These will be reviewed by the regional staff and forwarded to the Wildlife Management Division in Nashville.

All recommendations for West Tennessee should be mailed to: TWRA Region I, 200 Lowell Thomas Dr., Jackson, TN 38301.