



# TWRA NEWS

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## **TWRC PREVIEWS SPORT FISH REGULATIONS**

On August 29, 2007 the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency presented the following proposals regarding sport fish regulations to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (TWRC). The public is invited to provide comments on these proposals until October 15, 2007. Send your comments to [TWRA.Comment@state.tn.us](mailto:TWRA.Comment@state.tn.us), or TWRA- Fisheries Division, PO Box 40747, Nashville, TN 37204. TWRC will consider the following proposals at the October 24-25, 2007 meeting. If approved, these changes would take effect on March 1, 2008.

Proposals that affect West Tennessee are:

**All Reservoirs, except Dale Hollow and Douglas Reservoirs-** 18-inch minimum length limit on smallmouth bass. Proposal would not change existing creel limits.

**Beech River Watershed Lakes** – no minimum length limit on crappie.

**Glenn Springs Lake** – Crappie- 8-inch minimum length limit; Bass- 14-18 inch protected length range with a creel limit of 10 bass, allowing only one bass in creel to be greater than 18 inches.

**Gibson County Lake** – Bass- 14-20 inch protected length range with a creel limit of 10 bass, allowing only one bass in creel to be greater than 20 inches.

**Mississippi River Reciprocal Zone with Arkansas** – common regulations for several species:

- Black bass- creel limit 10, no length limit
- Bream- creel limit 50, no length limit
- Catfish- no creel limit, only one per day over 34 inches
- Crappie- creel limit 50, no length limit
- Striped bass and hybrids- creel limit 6, no length limit

- Sauger- creel limit 6, no length limit
- Trotlines- 100 hook maximum

To review all the proposed sport fish changes for Tennessee go to [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org).

### **2007-08 WATERFOWL HUNTING DATES ESTABLISHED BY TWRC**

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission established its duck and goose hunting dates and limits for the 2007-08 late waterfowl hunting season at its regular August meeting held at the Region II Headquarters.

The statewide duck season is Nov. 24-25 for the opening session and then will run Dec. 1 thru Jan. 27. In the Reelfoot Duck Zone, the dates will be Nov. 10-11 and the same Dec. 1-Jan. 27 session.

The youth waterfowl season will be similar to last year with only a calendar shift. For youth ages 6-15, the Statewide Zone is Feb. 2-3 while the Reelfoot Zone will be Feb. 9-10.

The daily bag limit of ducks is six and may include no more than four mallards (no more than two of which may be a female), one black duck, one pintail, two canvasbacks, two scaup, and two redheads. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) made the recommendation to increase the hen mallard limit from one to two due to the increase of the mallard population the last three years and excellent breeding conditions.

Federal frameworks for Canada goose season were extended in two of Tennessee's Canada goose zones and will allow additional days of hunting. The Statewide Canada goose zone will add two more additional days of hunting to the first segment. The Southwest Zone will be allowed 13 more days, increasing from 59 to 72 days. The Statewide and Southwest zones will be the same with Oct. 1-9, Nov. 30-Jan. 31 segments.

The Northwest Zone (72 days) and the Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zone (59 days) will remain the same from last season with only a slight shift in the calendar dates. The Northwest Zone segments run from Dec. 1-Feb. 10 while the Kentucky-Barkley Lake Zone is Oct. 1-9 and Dec. 9-Jan. 27.

The blue, snow, and Ross geese regular season will run Nov. 25 thru Feb. 10. During the regular snow goose season segment, standard federal regulations apply. Hunters cannot use unplugged guns and electronic calls. The conservation season segment is Feb. 11-March 10. Federal Conservation Order provisions allow the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns after all other waterfowl seasons have concluded.

Daily bag limits are 20 for snow, blue, and Ross' geese, two white-front geese, two Canada geese, and two brant.

The TWRC next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19-20 at Paris Landing State Park.

