



# TWRA NEWS

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## **APPLICATIONS FOR WMA QUOTA HUNTS BEGINS JUNE 14**

Hunters may start applying for the 2006-07 wildlife management area quota hunts beginning on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

The information forms are being mailed to license agents, TWRA regional offices, and sportsman license holders. Sportsman license holders will receive their information form on the back of their Tennessee Wildlife Magazine. The information form will also be available from the TWRA web page: [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org).

To apply, complete the information on the form and take it to any place where hunting and fishing licenses are sold. **DO NOT MAIL THE FORM.** When applying at a license agent, there is no fee for Lifetime Sportsman License holders, Annual Sportsman License holders or Seniors with a Type 167 permit. For all others, there is a \$20 permit fee per drawing plus a \$1 agent fee.

Hunters may also apply over the Internet. Sportsman License holders and seniors with a Type 167 permit will be charged a \$2 Internet usage fee. All others, in addition to the \$2 usage fee, will be charged a \$20 permit fee per drawing plus 50 cents for each drawing entered. The \$2 usage fee is collected by the company that maintains the Internet site.

Rules for applying are the same as last year for adults and youth. Youth, ages 6-16, may apply for separate youth hunts and in a party with adults for regular hunts.

Hunters should be aware that when applying for Catoosa, Laurel Hill, Presidents Island, Oak Ridge, and Yuchi hunts that bucks have special antler restrictions.

The young sportsman hunts scheduled for this year include: Catoosa, Chuck Swan, Henderson

Island, Hiwassee Refuge, Kingston Refuge, Tellico Lake – McGhee Carson and Niles Ferry units, and Yuchi Refuge at Smith Bend. These hunts are listed on the lower right corner of the information form.

Wild turkey hunters should be aware that the fall turkey hunts on Cheatham, Cheatham Lake, Chuck Swan, Eagle Creek, and Laurel Hill are listed on the form. In addition, AEDC, Chuck Swan, Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant, and Yuchi Refuge allow turkeys to be harvested during the archery-only deer quota hunts.

Remember to read the information form carefully, fill out all requested information, double check the form, and take it to a license agent.

Application must be made no later than midnight, July 20, 2006

The priority system remains in effect. Anyone who applied last year, but was unsuccessful in the drawing has priority status. If you are on priority, be sure to apply alone or in a party that every member is on priority.

A common mistake is adding someone who does not have priority status. If this happens, the party will be included in the regular drawing.

If permits remain after the drawing is completed, any vacancy permits will become available through license agents beginning on September 13, 2006.

Deer taken on many wildlife management areas do not count toward the statewide bag limit. Refer to the *2006 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for details.

### **BOATERS UNDER 12 MUST WEAR PFDS (LIFE JACKETS)**

#### **ANYTIME BOAT NOT MOORED**

Boat operators need to remember that anytime their vessel is moving, even if it is only adrift, that any passenger under 13 must wear a personal flotation device, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

If a boat is not docked or tied to a fixed object, then a young passenger is required to wear a PFD (life jacket). A boat does not have to be under the power of a motor for the law to apply. It applies even if the boat is just drifting.

“Young boaters that are in a cabin or enclosed area aren’t required to wear a PFD,” noted TWRA’s Chief of Boating Ed Carter. “Minus those enclosures, however, the law helps provide protection to our boating youngsters.” The PFD law has been required several years by TWRA, but is now also a U.S. Coast Guard law nationwide.

### **“BOATER FATIGUE” FOUND TO TRIPLE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL**

With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend fast approaching, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) would like to remind boaters to be wary of “boater fatigue” while on the water. “Boater fatigue” is a phenomenon in which a combination of sun, wind, noise, vibration and boat motion can triple the effects of alcohol on boaters.

“Boater fatigue” can occur when a combination of the sun, wind and physical activity dehydrates the body. Mildly dehydrated people will absorb alcohol more quickly into their system and will have a higher blood alcohol content than non-dehydrated people. Nationally, more than 50 percent of all recreational boating fatalities involve alcohol use.

This phenomenon is not only a concern for boat operators, but passengers as well. Passengers may think they can drink alcohol and boat safely if they have a designated driver, but fatalities and injuries can occur when intoxicated passengers fall overboard or try to do recreational activities, like water skiing.

TWRA recommends that all boaters take a safe boating class and always wear a life jacket. Nine out of ten boating-related drownings involve a victim who was not wearing a life jacket. Remember – “It Floats, You Don’t”.

### **TWRC TO MEET IN NASHVILLE**

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (TWRC) will meet in Nashville on June 21 and 22, 2006.

The TWRC committee meetings will start on June 21, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. cst. at the Region II Office Building located at the Ellington Agricultural Center. The full commission meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. cst. on June 22, 2006.

The TWRC is the governing body of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). The public is invited to attend all Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (TWRC) meetings and voice their concerns.

#### **Region I Fishing Report:**

##### **BROWNS CREEK LAKE (located ten miles south of I-40 in Natchez Trace State Park):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass- 5 (16”-21” PLR) only one per day greater than 21", Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie - 30 ( 10" minimum). Bass fishing is good, fish are being caught on crank baits and jerk baits. Crappie fishing is fair, being caught on small minnows and blue & white jigs around the fish attractors. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is excellent. Fish being caught on crickets and red worms.

##### **CARROLL LAKE (located on Hwy. 22 between McKenzie and Huntingdon):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass- 5, Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie - 30 (10"minimum). Bass fishing is fair, fish are being caught on plastic worms and lizards. Crappie fishing is good. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is excellent.

##### **DAVY CROCKETT LAKE (located 4 miles west of Humboldt off Hwy. 152):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass-10, Blue and Channel Catfish- 5, Crappie-30 (10" minimum). ). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is good in shallow water using plastic lizards. Crappie fishing is good, fish being caught in deep water on small minnows and white/chartreuse jigs. Bluegill/shellcrackers are being caught on wax worms.

##### **GARRETT LAKE (located on Hwy. 190 near Dresden ):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass- 5, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie-30 (10" minimum). ). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is fair using spinner baits. Crappie fishing is slow Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good.

##### **GIBSON CO. LAKE (located at Trenton)**

**Creel Limits –** Bass – 5 (14”-18” PLR) only one per day greater than 18”, Bluegill/Redear (in combination) – 20, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Catfishing is good. Bass fishing is fair using spinner baits and crank baits. Crappie fishing is fair. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is excellent. Fish are being caught using wax worms, crickets and red worms..

**GLENN SPRINGS LAKE (located on Glenn Springs Rd, 12 miles northeast of Millington):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 5 (14"-18" PLR) only one per day greater than 18", Bluegill/Redear (in combination) – 20, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is good. Fish being caught using crank baits and plastic lizards. Crappie fishing is fair. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is excellent. Fish are being caught on red worms, crickets and jigs tipped with waxworms.

**HERB PARSONS LAKE (located 8 miles north of Collierville off Collierville-Arlington Road):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 10 (14"-18" PLR) only one per day greater than 18", Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie - 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is good. Catfishing is good, being caught on chicken/turkey liver. Crappie is fair. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is excellent. Fish being caught on wax worms, red worms and crickets.

**LAKE GRAHAM (located 5 miles east of Jackson on Cotton Grove Road):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 10 (14"-18" PLR) only one bass per day greater than 18", Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is good, fish being caught on crank baits and plastic worms. Crappie fishing is fair, fish being caught on jigs and minnows in 12-16 ft. water. Catfishing is good, some big fish are being caught on turkey livers and night crawlers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is excellent. Fish being caught in the 1lb. range using red worms and small jigs tipped with wax worms.

**MAPLES CREEK LAKE (located 4 miles north of I-40 in Nathez Trace State Park):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass -5, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie - 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is fair, fish are being caught on spinner baits. Crappie fishing is fair. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish being caught on red worms and crickets.

**WHITEVILLE LAKE (located 2 miles south of Whiteville off Hwy. 64):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 5, Blue and Channel Catfish- 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is good. Fish being caught on spinner baits and plastic lizards. Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on night crawlers and turkey livers. Crappie is fair. Some fish being caught on small minnows. Bluegill and shellcracker fishing is good. Fish are being caught on red worms, crickets and wax worms.

**REELFOOT LAKE:**

**Creel Limits-** Bass – 5 (minimum length 15 inches), Crappie – 30 (no size limit). Water temps in the low 80's. Lake level is about 7-8 inches above normal pool. Bass fishing is good. Fish being caught on spinner baits and crank baits shallow. Crappie fishing is good. Fish being caught in 6-7 ft. water. Bream fishing is excellent, fish being caught using crickets and on jigs tipped with wax worms. Catfish being caught in the ditches on nightcrawlers.

**KENTUCKY LAKE:**

**Creel Limits-** Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass – 5 (minimum length 15 inches), Crappie – 30 (minimum length 10 inches) Sauger – 10 (minimum length 14 inches), Catfish (only one catfish over 34 inches per day. No limit on fish under 34 inches)

North of I-40: Water temps in low 80's. Bass fishing is good. Fish being caught around weeds and logs on plastic lizards or jigs. Crappie fishing is good. Fish are moving out to deeper water. Catfishing is good. Fish being caught along rocks in the Danville and Paris areas on turkey livers or night crawlers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is excellent.

South of I-40: Water temps in the low 80's. Bass fishing is good. Some fish being caught in the creeks in 2-3ft. water on spinner baits. Crappie fishing is good. Fish being caught in deeper water in the creeks on minnows and jigs. Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on the main channel in 35 ft.-40 ft. water. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is excellent.

**PICKWICK LAKE:**

**Creel Limits:** Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass – 5 (15 inch minimum length limit on bass). Crappie – 30 (minimum length 9 inches). Water temps are in the low 80's. Largemouth and smallmouth bass fishing is good. Fish being caught early and late off the points. Crappie fishing is fair. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing good. Fish being caught on crickets and jigs tipped with waxworms.

**LAKE BARKLEY:**

**Creel Limits:** Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass – 5 (minimum length limit 15 inches on bass). Crappie – 30 (minimum length limit 10 inches). Water temps in the low 80's. Bass fishing is good. Fish being caught on jigs and spinner baits around weeds. Crappie fishing is good. Fish are scattered, some being taken around stumps and other cover along edge of creek channels on minnows. Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on night crawlers and turkey livers. Bluegill / Shellcracker fishing is excellent.

