



TWRA NEWS

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TWRC ELECTS NEW OFFICERS DURING MARCH MEETING

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission has named its new officers for 2008-09. The election came during the March meeting held at the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Region II headquarters.

Gary Kimsey, from Sweetwater, will serve as the chairman. Johnny Fred Coleman (Livingston) will serve as vice-chairman and Michael Chase (Knoxville) will be the secretary.

Thomas “Bub” Edwards (Paris) was recognized for his work the past year as the TWRC chairman. Edwards will continue to serve as a commission member.

Among the other business at the meeting, the TWRC approved a motion to combine the Royal Blue, Sundquist, and Brimstone areas and name them the North Cumberland

WMA. North Cumberland WMA will include three units: Brimstone, Royal Blue and Sundquist.

Previously, Royal Blue and Sundquist had portions on each side of Interstate 75. Under the new name, the areas on the east side of the interstate will be combined under the Sundquist Unit, the areas on the west side of the interstate will be combined under the Royal Blue Unit, and the new public access acquisition will become the Brimstone Unit.

The North Cumberland WMA, located in portions of Anderson, Campbell, and Scott counties in East Tennessee, is the largest state owned WMA and consists of 146,000 acres.

The TWRC also announced meeting dates for the next two months. The next meetings are set for April 23-24 and May 21-22 (annual season setting meeting). Both meetings will be held at the Region II headquarters.

SMALL GAME ANNUAL SEED MIX AVAILABLE IN WEST TENNESSEE

The Region I Office (West Tennessee) of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will be distributing 5 lb. bags of small game annual seed mix this spring while supplies last. This seed mix includes white proso millet, German foxtail millet, Laredo soybeans, grain sorghum, buckwheat, cowpeas, Kobe lespedeza, and partridge pea. The 5 lb. bag of seed mix will plant a ¼ acre food plot. Individuals will be limited to four bags of seed.

This annual seed food plot mixture is provided by TWRA free of charge to promote the production of food and cover for wildlife. To benefit most wildlife species, the best planting time is May through June.

This seed mix can be obtained from your local county Wildlife Officer or from the TWRA Region I Office in Jackson, located adjacent to Lake Graham. For more information contact the TWRA at 1-800-372-3928 or 731-423-5725.

LIFETIME LICENSE HOLDERS NO LONGER MAILED TEMPORARY HARVEST TAGS

As stated in the 2007 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide on page 6 under “What’s New”, beginning with the 2008 license year, Lifetime Sportsman License holders will no longer be mailed a temporary harvest tag.

Lifetime Sportsman License holders may either use their temporary harvest tag from the previous year or take the first harvested animal untagged to the checking station where a permanent harvest tag and a temporary harvest tag will be issued.

CONTRABAND ITEMS TO BE SOLD AT COURTHOUSES

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) announces the sale of equipment that has been declared contraband by General Session Judges.

Every year TWRA Wildlife Officers seize various items as evidence used in wildlife violations. If the violator is convicted, the Judge can order the equipment declared as contraband and sold by TWRA. Various pieces of equipment will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse in the county where the trial was held. **The sales of firearms are open only to persons 18 years of age or older and legally capable of possessing a firearm under federal and state laws.**

Sales will be held on the dates and times listed for the following West Tennessee counties:

April 12, 2008 – Decatur Co. (10 a.m.), Hardin Co. (10 a.m.), Haywood (10 a.m.), Henry (10 a.m.).

For a complete list of items to be sold in Region I (West Tennessee), plus the other TWRA regions across Tennessee, go to www.tnwildlife.org.

