



TWRA NEWS

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2006 STATEWIDE SPECIAL SEASON QUOTA DEER AND TURKEY HUNTS APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Applications for the 2006 special season quota antlerless deer hunts and quota fall either – sex turkey hunts are now being distributed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). These applications are available from any license agent, TWRA regional offices, or on-line at www.tnwildlife.org. If you receive the Agency magazine, *Tennessee Wildlife*, a copy of the application can be found on the magazine wrap of the calendar issue. Deadline for applying is September 6, 2006. You may apply by submitting your application at any TWRA license agent, all TWRA Regional Offices or by online application. Do not mail the application.

TWRA URGES PWC OPERATORS TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE BOATING

With the 2004 boating season entering into its busiest time of the summer, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) is urging Personal Watercraft (PWC) operators to exercise caution while boating on Tennessee’s waterways.

Personal watercrafts (PWC’s) are considered by law to be boats, and as such, are covered by all the laws pertaining to boats. They must be registered, operators cannot cause a wake in “No Wake”

zones, and a fully charged fire extinguisher must be on board since they have enclosed spaces in their hulls and non-portable gas tanks.

Laws specific to PWC's are

- Anyone born after January 1, 1989 must show the TWRA - issued Boating Safety Education Certificate as proof of successful completion of the TWRA Boating Safety Exam.
- Operators of PWC's must be at least 12 years old. Persons under 12 years of age must have an adult on board who can take immediate control of the PWC.
- Operators of personal watercraft must wear a life jacket at all times.
- PWC's may not be operated between sunset and sunrise.
- PWC's must have a lanyard - type engine cut off attached to the operator unless it has a self-circling capability.
- Jumping the wake of another boat is prohibited within 100 feet.
- A person under the age of 16 may not rent a PWC.
- Personal watercraft being used to tow skiers or other devices must be equipped with the appropriate mirrors. Mirrors must be present even if there is an observer on board.
- It is illegal for the owner or person in charge or control of a PWC to authorize or knowingly permit the PWC to be operated in violation of the laws.

Further information on personal watercraft may be found on TWRA's website at www.tnwildlife.org.

TWRA OFFERS A FREE INTERNET NEWSLETTER

In an effort to communicate directly with sportsmen, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has initiated a new Internet newsletter. The free newsletter, which will contain an abbreviated version of the most current information concerning TWRA programs, seasons, hunting and fishing regulations, and other material of interest to sportsmen, will also contain Internet links to take subscribers directly to more complete information if they wish.

Sportsmen may subscribe to the newsletter by visiting the TWRA Web site at www.tnwildlife.org and providing an e-mail address, along with some basic information about his or her particular outdoor interests. The newsletter will be automatically sent to subscribers via e-mail each time a new one is available. There is no charge for the subscription.

“This free Internet newsletter is just one more way the agency is working to improve its service to Tennessee sportsmen,” TWRA Executive Director Gary Myers said. “We hope that anyone with an interest in the outdoors will find it both useful and informative. We also hope that sportsmen will help us spread the word about the availability of this new tool by telling their friends about it. All a sportsman needs to do is sign up to receive it.”

TWRC TO MEET IN NASHVILLE

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (TWRC) will meet in Nashville on July 19 and 20, 2006.

The TWRC committee meetings will start on July 19, 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 July 20, 2006.

Items to be presented to the TWRC on Wednesday, July 19, will include a preview of the proposals for the 2006-2007 Commercial Fishing regulations, a report by Ducks Unlimited and a presentation by the TWRA Wildlife Management Division on baiting.

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.

TWRA 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 fair, fish are being caught on plastic worms and lizards. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. 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. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish being caught on wax worms and crickets.

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 using plastic lizards. Crappie fishing is slow, fish being caught in deep water on small minnows. Bluegill/shellcrackers are being caught on wax worms and crickets.

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 plastic worms. Crappie fishing is slow Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good on crickets and red worms.

GIBSON CO. LAKE (located at Trenton)

Creel Limits – Bass – 5 (14-18" PLR) only 1 bass per day greater than 18", Bluegill/Redear (in combination) – 20, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on night crawlers. Bass fishing is good, fish being caught using plastic lizards and on top water baits early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Crappie fishing is slow. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good 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 fair, some fish being caught using crank baits and plastic lizards. Crappie fishing is slow. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish are being caught on red worms, crickets and jigs tipped with wax worms.

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 fair. Catfishing is good, being caught on chicken/turkey liver. Crappie is slow. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. 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 plastic lizards and on top water baits early in the morning or late afternoon. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfishing is fair,

some being caught on turkey livers and night crawlers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish being 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 plastic worms. Crappie fishing is slow. 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 plastic lizards. Catfishing is good . Fish being caught on night crawlers and turkey livers. Crappie is slow. 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 upper 80’s, which has slowed fishing. Lake level is at summer pool Bass fishing is slow. Fish being caught on crank baits and plastic worms. Crappie fishing is slow. Bream fishing is fair, fish being caught on jigs tipped with wax worms. Catfishing is fair. Fish being caught 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 the upper-80’s. Bass fishing is fair. Fish being caught on plastic worms . Crappie fishing is fair. Fish are being caught in deep water along the main ledges. Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on turkey livers or night crawlers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish being caught on gravel bars on jigs tipped with wax worms.

South of I-40: Water temps in the upper-80’s. Bass fishing has fair. Some fish being caught on main river points on plastic worms and deep running crankbaits. Crappie fishing is fair. Some fish are moving to deeper water, being caught on minnows and jigs. Catfishing is fair. Fish being caught on the main channel using turkey livers and night crawlers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is fair. Fish being caught on crickets, red worms and small jigs tipped with wax worms.

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 upper 80’s. Largemouth bass fishing is fair. Fish being caught in on plastic lizards or jigs. Smallmouth fishing is fair. Some fish being caught around grass beds. Crappie fishing is slow. 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 upper 80’s. Bass fishing is good. Fish being caught on jigs and plastic worms. Crappie fishing is fair. Fish are scattered, some being taken in deep water around stumps and other cover on minnows. Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on night crawlers and turkey livers.

