



# TEXAS HUNTING & FISHING

Licenses & Regulations 2019-20



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# HUNTING

## Seasons 2019-2020

### Alligator

**22 Counties & special properties**  
Sep. 10 - 30, 2019

**All Other Counties**  
Apr. 1 - June 30, 2020

### Chachalaca

Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr & Willacy Counties:  
Nov. 2, 2019 - Feb. 23, 2020

### Dove

**North Zone**  
Sep. 1 - Nov. 12 & Dec. 20, 2019 - Jan. 5, 2020

**Central Zone**  
Sep. 1 - Nov. 3 & Dec. 20, 2019 - Jan. 14, 2020

**South Zone**  
Regular season  
Sep. 14 - Nov. 3; Dec. 20, 2019 - Jan. 23, 2020

Additional days for Special  
White-winged Dove season  
Sep. 1, 2, 7, 8  
(special regulations apply)

### Duck

**North Zone**  
Regular season  
Nov. 9 - Dec. 1 & Dec. 7, 2019 - Jan. 26, 2020  
Dusky duck  
Nov. 14 - Dec. 1 & Dec. 7, 2019 - Jan. 26, 2020  
Youth-only  
Nov. 2 - 3, 2019

**South Zone**  
Regular season  
Nov. 2 - Dec. 1 & Dec. 14, 2019 - Jan. 26, 2020  
Dusky duck  
Nov. 7 - Dec. 1 & Dec. 14, 2019 - Jan. 26, 2020  
Youth-only  
Oct. 26 - 27, 2019

### High Plains Mallard Management Unit (HPMMU)

Regular season  
Oct. 26 - 27 & Nov. 1, 2019 - Jan. 26, 2020  
Dusky duck  
Nov. 4, 2019 - Jan. 26, 2020  
Youth-only  
Oct. 19-20, 2019

### Goose

**East Zone**  
Early Canada goose  
Sep. 14 - 29, 2019  
Light & Dark geese  
Nov. 2, 2019 - Jan. 26, 2020  
Light goose conservation order  
Jan. 27 - Mar. 15, 2020

**West Zone**  
Light & dark geese  
Nov. 2, 2019 - Feb. 2, 2020  
Light goose conservation order  
Feb. 3 - Mar. 15, 2020

### Javelina

**North Zone**  
Oct. 1, 2019 - Feb. 23, 2020

**South Zone**  
Sep. 1, 2019 - Aug. 31, 2020

### Mule Deer

**General Season**  
Panhandle  
Nov. 23 - Dec. 8, 2019  
SW Panhandle  
Nov. 23 - Dec. 1, 2019  
Trans-Pecos  
Nov. 29 - Dec. 15, 2019

**Archery Season**  
Sep. 28 - Nov. 1, 2019

### Pheasant

**Panhandle**  
Dec. 7, 2019 - Jan. 5, 2020

### Pronghorn Antelope

Sep. 28 - Oct. 6, 2019

### Quail

**Statewide**  
Oct. 26, 2019 - Feb. 23, 2020

### Sandhill Crane

**Zone A**  
Oct. 26, 2019 - Jan. 26, 2020

**Zone B**  
Nov. 22, 2019 - Jan. 26, 2020

**Zone C**  
Dec. 14, 2019 - Jan. 19, 2020

### Squirrel

**East Texas**  
Oct. 1, 2019 - Feb. 23, 2020 & May 1 - 31, 2020

**Other Open Counties**  
Sep. 1, 2019 - Aug. 31, 2020

**Special Youth Season**  
Sep. 28 - 29, 2019

### Snipe

Oct. 26, 2019 - Feb. 9, 2020

### Teal

Sep. 14 - 29, 2019

### Rio Grande Turkey

#### Fall Season

**North Zone**  
Nov. 2, 2019 - Jan. 5, 2020

**South Zone**  
Nov. 2, 2019 - Jan. 19, 2020

Brooks, Kenedy, Kleberg & Willacy counties  
Nov. 2, 2019 - Feb. 23, 2020

**Archery-Only**  
Sep. 28 - Nov. 1, 2019

#### Fall Youth-Only

**North Zone**  
Oct. 26 - 27, 2019 & Jan. 6 - 19, 2020

**South Zone**  
Oct. 26 - 27, 2019 & Jan. 20 - Feb. 2, 2020

#### Spring Season

**North Zone**  
Apr. 4 - May 17, 2020

**South Zone**  
Mar. 21 - May 3, 2020

**One-turkey counties**  
Apr. 1 - 30, 2020

#### Spring Youth-Only

**North Zone**  
Mar. 23 - 24 & May 18 - 19

**South Zone**  
Mar. 9 - 10 & May 4 - 5

### Eastern Turkey

#### Spring Season

**East Texas**  
Apr. 22 - May 14, 2020

### White-tailed Deer

#### General Season

**North Zone:** Nov. 2, 2019 - Jan. 5, 2020  
**South Zone:** Nov. 2, 2019 - Jan. 19, 2020

#### Special Late Season

**North Zone:** Jan. 6 - 19, 2020  
**South Zone:** Jan. 20 - Feb. 2, 2020

#### Youth-Only Seasons

**Early Season:** Oct. 26 - 27, 2019  
**Late Season:** Jan. 6 - 19, 2020

#### Archery Season

Sep. 28 - Nov. 1, 2019

#### Muzzleloader-Only Season

Jan. 6 - 19, 2020



# FISHING

## Bag & Length Limits

### Fishing Licenses

#### All-Water

Type	Resident	Non-Resident
All-Water Package	\$47	\$68
One-Day License	\$11	\$16
Senior Package	\$22	
Special Resident (legally blind)	\$7	
Year-From-Purchase	\$47	

#### Freshwater

Type	Resident	Non-Resident
Freshwater Package	\$30	\$58
Senior Package	\$12	

#### Saltwater

Type	Resident	Non-Resident
Saltwater Package	\$35	\$63
Senior Package	\$17	

## Freshwater Limits

Type	Daily Bag	Min Length
Alligator Gar *	1	--
Bass †		
Largemouth & smallmouth	5	14"
Spotted, Guadalupe & Alabama	5	--
White	25	10"
Yellow	--	--
Catfish		
Channel, blue, their hybrids & subspecies	25 (any combination)	12"
Flathead	5	18"
Crappie		
White, black, their hybrids & subspecies	25 (any combination)	10"
Paddlefish	No harvest allowed.	
Saugeye	5 (only 2 less than 16")	--
Shad		
Gizzard & threadfin ‡	--	--
Sunfish		
Various species including bluegill, redear, green, warmouth & longear	--	--
Trout		
Rainbow & brown	5 (any combination)	--
Walleye	5 (only 2 less than 16")	--

\* Certain areas may be temporarily closed to alligator gar fishing when optimum spawning conditions occur.

† The combined limit for any combination of largemouth, smallmouth, Alabama, Guadalupe, and spotted bass is 5 fish per day.

‡ No limit; however, starting April 13, 2017, a person who collects shad for personal use and transports those fish from a public water body in a container or containers that total 82 quarts or more in volume will be required to get a Permit to Possess or Sell Nongame Fish Taken from Public Fresh Water.

## Saltwater Limits

Type	Daily Bag	Min/Max Length
Alligator gar *	1	--
Amberjack, greater	1	38" min
Bass		
Striped, its hybrids & subspecies	5 (any combination)	18" min
Catfish		
Channel, blue, their hybrids & subspecies	25 (any combination)	12" min
Flathead	5	18" min
Gafftopsail	--	14" min
Cobia	2	37" min
Drum		
Black drum †	5	14" - 30"
Red drum ‡	3	20" - 28"
Flounder		
All species, subspecies, & hybrids	5/2 §	14" min
Grouper		
Black grouper	4	24" min
Gag grouper	2	24" min
Goliath grouper	0 (Catch and Release Only)	14" min
Nassau grouper	0 (Catch and Release Only)	14" min
Mackerel		
King	3	27" min
Spanish	15	14" min

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† No more than one black drum over 52 inches may be retained per person per day and counts as part of the daily bag limit and possession limit.

‡ During a license year, one red drum over the stated maximum length limit may be retained when affixed with a properly completed Red Drum Tag and one red drum over the stated maximum length limit may be retained when affixed with a properly completed Bonus Red Drum Tag. Any fish retained under authority of a Red Drum Tag or a Bonus Red Drum Tag may be retained in addition to the daily bag and possession limit as stated in this section.

§ Daily bag is 5 fish except from Nov. 1-30, when the daily bag limit is 2 fish and flounder may be taken only by pole-and-line; and from December 1-14, when the daily bag limit is 2 fish and flounder may be taken by any legal means, including gigging. Possession limit is equal to the daily bag.

Type	Daily Bag	Min Length
<b>Marlin</b>		
Blue marlin	--	131" min
White marlin	--	86" min
<b>Mullet</b>		
All species, subspecies, & hybrids	--	12" max *
<b>Sailfish</b>	--	84" min
<b>Sharks</b>		
Atlantic sharpnose, blacktip, bonnethead	1	24" min
Hammerhead (smooth, great, scalloped)	1	99" min
All other allowable shark species ‡	1	64" min
<b>Sheepshead</b>	5	15" min
<b>Snapper</b>		
Lane	--	8" min
Red	4	15" min
Vermilion	--	10" min
<b>Snook</b>	1	24" - 28"
<b>Tarpon</b>	1	85" min
<b>Seatrout, spotted</b>	5 - 10 †	15" min
<b>Triggerfish</b>		
Gray	20	16" min
<b>Tripletail</b>	3	17" min

\* May not take from public waters, or possess on board a boat, mullet over 12 inches during October, November, December, and January. No limits apply during other months.

† All waters north of FM 457 in Matagorda County - Limit 10, All waters south of FM 457 - Limit 5

‡ Visit [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov) for a list of allowable and prohibited shark species.

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