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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Summary of Eligibility Requirements for Qualification of Agricultural in Wildlife Management Use

1. To qualify under Ag Wildlife Management use, the land must already have been qualified and appraised as agricultural land during the year before the owner changes to wildlife management use. For example, an owner who wishes to qualify for wildlife management in the 2011 year must be able to show that land qualified for and was appraised as agricultural land in the 2010 year.
2. The property owner must submit a written Management Plan on Texas Parks and Wildlife Department form PWD 885-W700 (07/08), along with a 1-d-1 Agricultural Appraisal application with the appraisal district between January 1st and April 30th. The property owner is responsible for submitting every year to the Brazos Central Appraisal District a Wildlife Management Annual Report on Texas Parks and Wildlife Department form PWD 888-W70000 (07/08).
3. The following must be met in regard to current use of land:
 - a. The **primary use** of the property must be for wildlife management.
 - b. The land must be actively used to generate a sustaining breeding, migrating, or wintering population of indigenous wild animals.
 - c. The indigenous wildlife population must be produced for human use, including food, medicine or recreation.
 - d. Under the law, an owner must perform at least three of seven wildlife management activities specified: (1) **Habitat control**, (2) **Erosion control**, (3) **Predator control**, (4) **Providing supplemental supplies of water**, (5) **Providing supplemental supplies of food**, (6) **Providing shelters**, and (7) **Making census counts to determine population**.
4. The conduct of wildlife management practices must meet certain degree of intensity standards as well as meet wildlife use requirement as defined in Sec. 9.2005. The Legislature directed Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to develop standards for the qualification used for wildlife management. In 2008, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department revised rules divide the state into 12 ecological regions; Brazos County is located in the Post Oak Savannah region. Other changes in rules state that wildlife use requirements (also known as minimum acreage requirements). The chief appraiser in each county, with the advice and consent of the Appraisal District Board of Directors, selects the wildlife use requirements from the allowable range based on the appropriate appraisal region.
 - a. The minimum acreage tract sizes are as follows:
 - 1) Individual tracts _____ 16.70 acre
 - 2) Wildlife management association tracts _____ 11.10 acre
 - 3) Endangered species tracts _____ 11.10 acre
 - b. Wildlife management must be consistent with those recommended in the most current Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Activities and Practices Comprehensive Wildlife Management Planning Guidelines for the Post Oak Savannah Region.
5. The property must pass periodic on-site reviews conducted by a Brazos Central Appraisal District staff appraiser.

Additional information concerning wildlife management can be found by visiting Texas Parks and Wildlife website
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