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## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

### Summary of Eligibility Requirements for Qualification of Agriculture in Wildlife Management Use

1. To qualify for Ag Wildlife Management use, the land must first qualify for the 1-d-1 special use ag appraisal the year before the owner changes to wildlife management use. For example, an owner who wishes to qualify for wildlife management in the current tax year must be able to show that the land qualified for the 1-d-1 special use appraisal and was being used for agriculture in the previous tax year.
2. The property owner must submit a written Management Plan via the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department form PWD 885-w700 (07/08), along with a 1-d-1 Agricultural Appraisal application (Comptroller form 50-129) with the Appraisal District between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. The property owner is responsible for submitting every year to the Brazos Central Appraisal District a Wildlife Management Annual Report on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Departments 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 property tax code Section 23.51(7)(a), the owner must perform at **least three of seven** wildlife management activities as follows: **{1) Habitat control, (2) Erosion control, (3) Predator control, (4) Providing supplemental supplies of water, (5) Providing supplemental supplies of food, (6) providing shelters, (7) Making census counts to determine population.**
4. The conduct of wildlife management practices must meet a certain degree of intensity standards, as well as, meet wildlife use requirements as defined in Property tax code Sec. 9.2005. The Legislature directed Texas Parks and Wildlife Departments to develop standards for the qualification used for wildlife management. In 2008, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department revised rules divide the state ecological regions; Brazos County is located in the Post Oak Savannah region. The chief appraiser in each county, with the advice and consent of the Appraisal District Board of Directors, sets the wildlife use requirements from an allowable range based on the appropriate appraisal region as defined by Texas Parks and Wildlife.
  - a. For acreage changes that reduce the tract in size from the previous year. The minimum acreage tract sizes are as follows:
    - 1) Individual tracts\_\_\_\_\_16.70 acres
    - 2) Wildlife management association tracts\_\_\_\_\_ 11.10 acres
    - 3) Endangered species tracts\_\_\_\_\_11.10 acres
  - 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 @

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

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