

May 13, 2021

Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs,

We respectfully ask that you vote "NO" on House Bill 1984/Senate Bill 1057 because the duration and timing of hunting seasons, bag limits and slot sizes should be established by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission rather than the Texas Legislature.

The TPWD Commission rule-making process for hunting and fishing regulations is driven by the best available science, harvest data from previous years, hunting and angling pressure, statewide habitat assessments, and stakeholder input from millions of Texas hunters and anglers. Furthermore, the Commission meets five times per year and can react quickly to adverse events that affect fish and wildlife populations. The Legislature cannot respond so swiftly.

Therefore, we believe these decisions should be made by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission because it is better for the long-term health of the resource, and for the hunters and anglers of Texas.

Thank you,

Texas Foundation for Conservation  
Texas Wildlife Association  
Dallas Safari Club  
Safari Club International- Austin Chapter  
Safari Club International-Houston Chapter  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
Quail Coalition  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
Houston Safari Club  
Backcountry Hunters and Anglers- Texas Chapter  
Lone Star Bowhunters Association  
Central Texas Wildlife Legacy  
Coastal Conservation Association  
National Deer Association