



Texas Parks and Wildlife



Department

- Law Enforcement
- State Parks
- Coastal Fisheries
- Inland Fisheries
- Wildlife
- Human Resources
- Infrastructure
- Information and Technology
- Communications
- Revenue
- Legal

Division

Mission

- Since 1895, Texas Game Wardens continue to serve the citizens of Texas by providing professional law enforcement, water safety, and search and rescue, while working to conserve and protect the natural resources of Texas.

Vision

- As Texas Game Wardens, we proudly honor and respect our heritage while embracing the future. We continue to take progressive steps to improve our culture and practices in order to better serve the people of Texas.

Division

- 551 Game Wardens – last legislative session provided for 19 FTEs with a border nexus
- 500 patrol, tactical, and rescue vessels



Texas Game Wardens, State Peace Officers

- Enforce fishing, hunting, and water safety laws
- Apprehend dangerous criminals and provide valuable public safety to the people of Texas
- Often lead in search-and rescue operations across the State and are at the front lines of the State's border security initiatives and environmental law enforcement
- Texas Game Wardens are responsible for enforcement of the Parks and Wildlife Code, all TPWD regulations, the Texas Penal Code and selected statutes and regulations applicable to clean air and water, hazardous materials and human health.







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Specialized Teams include:

- Search and Rescue
- Underwater Search & Recovery (Dive)
- Scout Team (Tactical Response)
- Aircraft Tactical Flight Officer
- Statewide Forensics Reconstruction and Mapping Team
- K-9
- Marine Tactical Operational Group
- Marine Theft
- Peer Support
- Honor Guard









Marijuana Field



El Dorado



Social Media



Facebook: Two men cited for 10 fish over their limit

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Search

 **Texas Game Wardens**
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Airboats are often utilized by Texas Game Wardens in flood response. #TXWX #EastTexasFlood #Texas



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Freeport, TX 3/26/16 11 pm



- USCG contacted TPWD LE regarding a vessel with an unknown amount of illegal red snapper on board.
- GW met the vessel & USCG in Freeport.
- NMFS was notified & along with TPWD investigated the case. Case referred to NMFS
- Four hundred eighty eight illegal red snapper were discovered with a commercial value of \$9500.00 making this one of the largest recreational seizures in the Gulf Of Mexico.

Galveston County

2/29/16, two individuals cited for exceeding the daily bag limit of red snapper by 81 fish. The fish were located in a compartment with a false floor. Many of the red snapper were also found to be undersized.



Matagorda County



- 2015 Case
- 81 Red Snapper over bag limit
- Recreational boat

Matagorda County



- Commercial shrimp boat
- In possession of 33 undersize snapper
- 15 undersize flounder, and
- several gallon zip lock bags full of frozen snapper fillets.

Any questions?

