



## Texas Wildlife Association Legislative Committee Charter

### **Purpose**

The TWA Legislative Committee is formed to provide advice and recommendations to the TWA Executive Committee on the range of issues and topics necessary to achieve the organization's public policy goals (both legislative and regulatory) at the state and federal levels.

### **Function**

The Legislative Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the TWA Executive Committee on topics including: (1) legislative issues at the state and federal levels; (2) regulatory issues at the state and federal levels; (3) lead efforts in fundraising for special TWA advocacy events and for the TWAPAC, as appropriate and allowed by law; (4) lead efforts in educational awareness to legislators and legislative staff; (5) other public policy matters of interest to the organization. Note: Not all policy discussions are able to be routed through the Legislative Committee due to timing or sensitivity of issue. In such cases, TWA Officers, TWA Executive Committee, or members of the TWA Public Policy team, as appropriate, will discuss and authorize how to best achieve the public policy goals of the organization.

### **Structure**

The Legislative Committee shall consist of up to 15 TWA members (the majority of which must be TWA Directors), including the Chair or Co-Chair (appointed by the TWA President or the President's designee). At least one representative from each of the eight TWA regions shall serve on the committee. All members of the committee must understand and support the TWA mission and have demonstrated the ability and willingness to actively and directly engage in the public policy process. The Legislative Committee shall be supported by TWA professional staff, as directed by the TWA CEO. TWA Officers may participate as Ex Officio members of the Committee.

The Committee Chair, at their discretion, may create ad hoc committees, as needed. These committee members may include TWA members and/or members of the legislative or regulatory community (formal and informal). Ad hoc committee members must be members of the Texas Wildlife Association.

### **Meetings and Communication**

The Legislative Committee shall meet at least annually for an intensive working meeting with specific and designated outcomes. The Legislative Committee shall meet at least quarterly by scheduled phone conference and shall exchange information via e-mail and other written correspondence.

### **Termination Date**

Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the charter for the TWA Legislative Committee will expire on the completion of the TWA President's term in 2011.

*Approved August 12, 2009*