



Notice Regarding Access to Scientific Research Permit Customer Information

Under section 11.030 of the Parks and Wildlife Code, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission is required to adopt rules regarding the disclosure of customer information. A customer includes a person that purchases a permit from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

The TPWD rules about customer information were revised in July 2004. Under these rules, if a member of the public requests the name, address, or telephone number of a recreational customer of TPWD, TPWD will not disclose that information unless the customer has advised TPWD in writing that he or she authorizes the disclosure of that information. TPWD will not disclose an individual's social security, driver's license, bank account, credit card, and charge card numbers for recreational permit holders unless otherwise mandated by law.

Scientific Research Permit (SPR) holders are considered recreational customers. Therefore, TPWD will not disclose your name, address and telephone number upon request unless you notify TPWD in writing that you authorize the disclosure of this information. If you do not make an election, your name, address, and/or telephone will not be released to the public upon request.

If you elect not to have this information disclosed, TPWD will not disclose your name, address and/or telephone number, unless otherwise required by law. However, if TPWD is asked whether you currently have or previously had a Scientific Research Permit, TPWD will answer *yes* or *no*.

Please be advised that other information related to your permit file may be considered public under the Texas Public Information Act.

If you wish for TPWD to allow the public disclosure of your name, address and telephone number upon request, please complete the information below and return this sheet to the address below. **If you complete this form, your contact information will be listed on a distribution list of Scientific Research Permit holders that is issued to the public upon request.**

Scientific Research Permit Program Election to Release Address and Telephone Information

I wish to allow public access to my name, address or telephone number. I understand that this only applies to the disclosure of my name, address or telephone number, and that other information related to my permit file may be considered for disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.

Printed Name: _____

Scientific Research Permit Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please mail to: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Scientific Research Permits Program
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744