



# **TOLEDO BEND RESERVOIR RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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## INTRODUCTION

The TOLEDO BEND PROJECT is jointly owned by the Sabine River Authority of Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "SRA-TX") and the Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana (SRA-LA). The Toledo Bend Reservoir, at 185,000 acres, is the largest man-made reservoir in the Southern United States. Toledo Bend has over 1,200 miles of shoreline, 503 miles in Louisiana and 762 miles in Texas. The storage capacity of the reservoir is over 4,477,000- acre-feet. It stretches more than 75 miles from the dam to the upper reach of the reservoir, north of Logansport, Louisiana, and inundates land in four Texas counties (Panola, Shelby, Sabine and Newton) and three Louisiana parishes (DeSoto, Sabine and Vernon).

The Reservoir was constructed by the Sabine River Authority of Texas, and the Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana, primarily for the purposes of water conservation, hydroelectric power generation, and recreation. The Reservoir offers an almost unlimited opportunity for recreational development and is a major element in serving the growing demand for water-oriented outdoor recreation. The operation of the project for hydroelectric power generation and water conservation provides a dependable yield of 1,851 million gallons per day which is shared equally by Texas and Louisiana. Most of this water is passed through the turbines for the generation of electric power and is available for municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes. The two hydroelectric power generating units have peak capacities of 42,500 KVA each and are estimated to provide an average 207 million kWh annually.

These Rules and Regulations govern the Texas side of Toledo Bend Reservoir and are in addition to any applicable rules, regulations, laws or requirements of any other federal, state or local regulatory authority including, but not limited to, the Toledo Bend Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) and Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP). In the event of a direct conflict between these Rules and Regulations and any Federal or State rules, regulations, laws or requirements, such federal or state rules, regulations, laws or requirements shall prevail and control.

These Rules and Regulations are published by the SRA-TX as a means of:

- Managing that portion of the surface of Toledo Bend under the jurisdiction of Sabine River Authority of Texas
- Providing for improved water safety on the surface of Toledo Bend
- Providing for the control of both artificial and natural pollution of the surface water of Toledo Bend
- Ensuring the quality and quantity of the waters of Toledo Bend for its primary purposes of water conservation, hydroelectric power generation, and recreation
- Ensuring maximum recreational benefits to all residents and visitors
- Protecting life and property

SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS

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## 1. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Sabine River Authority of Texas is a conservation and reclamation district created by the 51st Legislature of the State of Texas in 1949. The Statute establishing the Authority and defining its powers, functions and responsibilities is found in ACTS, 1949, 51st Leg., p.193, ch. 110, Amended Acts 1955, 54th Leg., p. 373, ch. 93, p. 379, ch. 101, Amended Acts 1973, 63rd Leg., p. 557, ch. 298, Amended Acts 1989, 71st Leg., p. 5043, ch. 1248, ch. 1248, Amended Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., p. 665, ch. 100 (Article 8280-133, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

These Rules and Regulations are adopted and promulgated under authority vested in the SRA-TX Board of Directors and laws of the State of Texas, including, but not limited to, Chapter 49 and 51 of the Texas Water Code and Chapter 31 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, which statutes give SRA-TX the authority to adopt such rules and regulation as are necessary to control the surface of Toledo Bend under SRA-TX jurisdiction, to provide for improved water safety on the surface of Toledo Bend and to provide for the control of both artificial and natural pollution of the surface water of Toledo Bend.

## 2. GOVERNANCE

- 2.1 In consideration of the contractual agreements for the supply of raw water to all of its existing customers and to other future water users, and to its contractual agreements for the production of hydro-electric power, the SRA-TX recognizes its responsibility to maintain and operate Toledo Bend in the most efficient manner possible and to do all things necessary to provide for the adequacy and quality of the water.
- 2.2 The SRA-TX further recognizes its responsibilities to the citizens of the counties of Newton, Sabine, Shelby, and Panola Counties, Texas, and Sabine, DeSoto and Vernon Parishes, Louisiana and to the citizens of Texas and Louisiana, and to all who make use of and enjoy Toledo Bend.
- 2.3 In recognition of these responsibilities, the Board has adopted these rules and regulations contained herein for the purposes of: (1) conserving, protecting and developing the sanitary conditions and quality of the waters in and flowing into Toledo Bend, (2) preventing waste of water or unauthorized use thereof and (3) controlling residence, hunting, fishing, boating, camping, and all recreational and business privileges along or around the Reservoir.
- 2.4 The SRA-TX has no taxing powers and relies on revenues obtained from projects, such as Toledo Bend, to fund operations and maintenance. For certain designated use of Toledo Bend, fees and charges have been established by the Board to provide revenues for such operations and maintenance. These fees, which may be revised from time-to-time by the Board, may be found on the current "Fee Schedule for Toledo Bend." The funds derived from these fees may be used to provide for personnel, equipment, notices and publications, etc., necessary for the operation and maintenance of Toledo Bend.

### 3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 **Project Boundary:** The Sabine River Authority of Texas shall exercise control over the Toledo Bend Reservoir from the project boundary and will be responsible for managing the area 1,000 feet eastward and/or toward the center of the lake and reservoir area from the 172-foot mean sea level (msl) elevation, or 1,000 feet from the low water mark on the Texas side of the reservoir. The Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana will exercise similar control over a similar area of the Louisiana bank of the Reservoir. The area between these two areas, or what is generally considered the middle part of the Reservoir, will be under the control of the Toledo Bend Project, Joint Operation. The project boundary line was established as far as engineeringly practicable along the 175-foot msl contour elevation, or a minimum distance of fifty (50) feet laterally toward the land from the 172-foot msl contour elevation.
- 3.2 **Conservation Pool:** the level of which water is deliberately impounded within Toledo Bend and established at 172.0-msl. Contents of the Reservoir may exceed the Conservation Pool and generally inundate lands up to the Project Boundary of 175.0-msl.
- 3.3 **Floodplain:** All lands owned by the SRA-TX and between the Project Boundary and Conservation Pool.
- 3.4 **SRA-TX:** Shall mean the Sabine River Authority of Texas, a conservation and reclamation district, a governmental agency and political subdivision of the State of Texas created by special act of the Texas Legislature codified at Article 8280-121 V.T.C.S., as amended, under authority of Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution.
- 3.5 **SRA-TX Land:** Shall mean any real property owned or controlled by the SRA-TX in connection with the operation, maintenance, and original construction of Toledo Bend Reservoir. This term generally includes easement rights, rights of way, any type of real property interest and/or any land which is, may be or has been inundated by water of the Reservoir, and the lands adjacent thereto, up to the Project Boundary.
- 3.6 **Board:** The Sabine River Authority of Texas Board of Directors
- 3.7 **Reservoir:** shall mean Toledo Bend, which is the body of water impounded by the Toledo Bend Dam, located in Newton, Sabine, Shelby and Panola Counties in Texas and Sabine, Desoto and Vernon Parishes in Louisiana.
- 3.8 **Commercial Limited Use Permit (CLUP):** Permit issued to Permittee for making commercial use of SRA-TX property.
- 3.9 **Private Limited Use Permit (PLUP):** Permit issued to Permittee for domestic non-commercial use of SRA-TX property.
- 3.10 **Subdivision Limited Use Permit (SLUP):** Permit issued to a developer, homeowner's association or other group of landowners for common non-commercial use of SRA-TX property.
- 3.11 **Watercraft:** For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations shall have the same meaning as the term "Vessel" in the Texas Water Safety Act.

- 3.12 **Rules:** Shall mean these rules and regulations.
- 3.13 **Texas Water Safety Act:** Shall mean Chapter 31 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- 3.14 **Permittee:** Any person, individual, firm, or company holding a valid CLUP, PLUP, or SLUP.
- 3.15 **FERC:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

#### 4. SUPERVISION OF TOLEDO BEND

The implementation of these Rules shall be delegated to the General Manager and his or her designee.

#### 5. OFFICE LOCATIONS

The Toledo Bend Office is located at 450 Spur 135, Burkeville, Texas, 75932 at the south end of the dam near Burkeville, Texas, phone number (409) 565-2273. The General Manager's office is located at 12777 North Highway 87, Orange, Texas 77632, phone number (409) 746-2192.

All inquiries pertaining to the Rules established herein should be directed in writing to the Sabine River Authority of Texas, Toledo Bend Division Manager, 450 Spur 135, Burkeville, Texas, 75932. All applications for permits are to be made on appropriate forms which may be obtained from the Toledo Bend office. Applications of any kind should be filed with this office and accompanied the by designated application filing fee. No permits will be valid until approved in writing.

All fees, rentals, and other charges are to be paid to the Toledo Bend office in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and the current "Fee Schedule for Toledo Bend."

#### 6. AUTHORITY

These Rules related to the operation of Toledo Bend have been established by Resolution of the Board in an official meeting.

- 6.1 These Rules are in effect as of this publication and shall remain in effect until amended, revised or rescinded by official action of the Board.
- 6.2 The Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board on December 7, 1991 are hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety as of the effective date herein.
- 6.3 These Rules shall be in addition to any applicable rules, regulations, laws, plans or requirements of any other federal, state or local regulatory authority.

##### 6.3.1. **Reference**

- a) US Forest Service Rules and Regulations
- b) <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/texas/about> forest/districts/Sabine
- c) Toledo Bend - FERC Historic Properties Management Plan
- d) Toledo Bend - FERC Shoreline Management Plan

e) Toledo Bend - FERC Recreation Management Plan

f) FERC Management Plans located at: <http://www.sratx.org>

- 6.4 In the event of a direct conflict between these Rules and any federal or state rules, regulations, laws or requirements, such federal or state rules, regulations, laws or requirements shall prevail and control.
- 6.5 It shall be the policy of the Board that no protest to these Rules shall be reviewed by the Board until after proper appearance before SRA-TX's management staff including the General Manager. All persons shall have the right of appearance, protest and/or review in the order prescribed.
- 6.6 Variances to these Rules for governance, where not otherwise mandated by federal, state or local laws, may be granted by the General Manager or his designees in cases of imminent public necessity/calamity; or to protect public health, safety or welfare.

## 7. VIOLATIONS

Any violation of these Rules by a person or firm having a PLUP, CLUP, SLUP, or other form of contract or agreement with the SRA-TX shall be considered a breach of said PLUP, CLUP, SLUP contract or agreement. Under such violation the SRA-TX will provide 30-days written notice to correct violation to person or firm. Should person or firm correct violation within 30-days of written notification, no termination of PLUP, CLUP, SLUP, or other form of contract or agreement shall occur.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> day, if the violation has not been corrected the SRA-TX shall terminate the PLUP, CLUP, SLUP, contract or agreement wherein the person or firm shall submit a new application to acquire a new PLUP, CLUP, SLUP, contract or agreement once the violation has been corrected.

## 8. PROPERTY OWNED BY AUTHORITY

PRIORITY OF USE - The use of all land within the Toledo Bend Project Boundary, or owned or leased by SRA-TX for the purposes of the operation and maintenance of the Reservoir, including but not limited to the use for safety stations, maintenance shops, garages, intake facilities, telemetering stations, pump stations, dams, spillways, roadways, utility rights-of-way and easements shall have priority over any PLUP, CLUP, SLUP, contract or agreement granted by SRA-TX. As such, should the need arise, the SRA-TX retains the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate any PLUP, CLUP, SLUP contract or agreement that may conflict with the operation and maintenance of Toledo Bend.

## 9. LIMITED USE PERMITS

It is the policy of SRA-TX that the adjacent property owner or Permittee may have the first option to limited use of the Floodplain providing that all rules, prescribed fees, restrictions and reservations, including waiver of any claim against the SRA-TX for damages, are agreed to by owner or Permittee in writing.

The permitted use of the Floodplain by the Permittee will generally provide some access to the reservoir at the Conservation Pool. However, in certain areas such as narrow inlets and at the back

of coves, access to the Reservoir will be provided only where reasonable and practical as determined solely by the SRA-TX.

No person, without specific written approval from the Authority, may alter, change or realign the Conservation Pool line or do any channeling, digging, scraping or moving of earth or destroy trees or vegetation within the Project Boundary.

- 9.1 No person shall make use of any SRA-TX land except as authorized by a Limited Use Permit or other written approval issued by the SRA-TX. Failure to obtain such Limited Use Permit will render such person or persons liable for trespassing on SRA-TX Land. In addition to such trespassers being subject to prosecution, it shall also be consideration for denial of a Limited Use Permit to which otherwise they would be entitled.
- 9.2 A Limited Use Permit may be issued to a person, firm or corporation who are owners, leaseholders or assignees of land adjacent to the Project Boundary for that portion of the Floodplain adjacent to their property.
- 9.3 Application for a Limited Use Permit is to be filed with the SRA-TX on the applicable forms obtained from the Toledo Bend office.
- 9.4 All Limited Use Permits shall specify the area, either directly or by reference to maps maintained in the Toledo Bend office, for which they are issued. The SRA-TX has the sole right and responsibility to define, designate, establish and revise permit area boundaries.
- 9.5 Various improvements may be constructed on the Limited Use Permit (PLUP, CLUP, SLUP) areas with prior written approval by SRA-TX. All construction approvals are site specific and may be subject to limitations due to physical properties of the permit area. See Limited Use Fee Schedule for current rates.
- 9.6 Facilities including piers, wharfs, boathouses, docks and ramps may be installed or constructed on Limited Use Permit areas, subject to the permit provision and SRA-TX's written approval of construction plans. All such facilities installed or constructed on SRA-TX land shall always be maintained in a safe, sanitary and sightly condition and strictly in compliance with these rules.
- 9.7 Construction Guidelines shall be established and approved by the General Manager or Designee for the orderly development and use of SRA-TX Land. Construction Guidelines for improvement on SRA-TX Land may be obtained from SRA-TX's Toledo Bend office.
- 9.8 Under certain conditions, as approved in writing by the SRA-TX and upon payment of prescribed water withdrawal fee, Permittees may use a limited supply of raw water from Toledo Bend for non-household use only. The Permittee agrees that SRA-TX shall not be responsible for availability, purity, quality, or regularity of flow at any time; it being expressly recognized that this raw water use is subordinate to any and all present and future municipal, industrial, and irrigation water supply agreements executed by SRA-TX. Any water withdrawal contemplated by this section shall be limited to a single pump discharge line with a nominal diameter no greater than one-inch (1").



- 9.9 Anyone withdrawing water from the reservoir shall hold the SRA-TX harmless from any and all claims, demands, suits and liability resulting from death, injury or illness of any person or damage to any property growing out of the use or consumption of any water withdrawn.
- 9.10 All properly permitted and approved improvements to the permit area in conformance to these Rules, including piers, wharfs, boathouses, docks and ramps, are considered private property and access to the general public may be restricted by Permittee. Furthermore, for the avoidance of doubt, a Permittee may restrict access to the general public within the interior of a boathouse but may not prevent the general public from casting into these areas for the purpose of fishing.
- 9.11 By execution of a Limited Use Permit, Permittee agrees to allow SRA-TX personnel to cross his or her private ownership to reach the Floodplain as necessary for inspection of the premises and, in event of permit default, to remove any personal property located on the Floodplain.

## 10. RESTRICTED AREAS

Public entry or use of the following facilities is unconditionally prohibited:

- 10.1 SRA owned, and jointly owned and operated intake works, powerhouse, spillway and private road on top of and traversing the entire length of the earthen dam, spillway channel, tailrace channel and open mowed areas below the dam.
- 10.2 SRA maintenance shops and equipment buildings.
- 10.3 Water surface within 450 feet of the powerhouse intake, and 1,000 feet downstream of powerhouse, and both sides of that 1,000-foot section of the discharge channel.
- 10.4 Water surface within 150 feet upstream of the spillway intake, and the spillway channel 650 feet downstream of the spillway.
- 10.5 Water surface within 200 feet of any SRA-TX or other publicly owned and operated water supply intake.
- 10.6 Water surface within 50 feet of the main dam embankment.
- 10.7 Other restricted areas as may be established or designated by the General Manager.

## 11. DESTRUCTION OF SRA-TX PROPERTY

No person shall destroy, damage, deface or remove any property, real or personal, owned by SRA-TX, any street or roadway, or any tree, shrub, plant, rock or mineral within the Project Boundary under the jurisdiction of SRA-TX.

## 12. SANITARY CONDITIONS: ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY RULES

**General Rule:** Sanitation conditions and facilities within the Project Boundary under the jurisdiction of SRA-TX, shall be maintained in compliance with standards set by applicable laws, rules, regulations and order of federal, state and local governmental agencies. Any violation of such laws, rules, regulations and orders shall be a violation of these Rules without regard to the issuance of a notice of violation or other enforcement of such laws, rules, regulations and orders by federal, state or local governmental agencies.

**On-Site:** On-site Sanitary Sewage Facilities located within 2,000 feet of the Reservoir are subject to regulation and permitting by the SRA-TX under that certain "Order adopting rules for on-site sewage facilities within 2,000 feet of Toledo Bend."

Rules adopted and amended by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality establishes an on-site sewage regulatory zone extending 2,000-feet landward from the Toledo Bend Project Boundary and designates the SRA-TX as its agents responsible for proper implementation of the on-site sewage facility program for Toledo Bend within Texas. Copies of the TCEQ rules and license application forms are available at the Toledo Bend Division office.

### **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (30 TAC 285) ...Onsite Sewage Facilities**

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov>

Such private sewage facility rules are hereby adopted in their entirety as a part of these policies, rules and regulations, and the violation of any provisions of such rules is hereby specifically prohibited.

For violation enforcement and schedule see 30 TAC 285 Subchapter G for details.

## 13. DREDGING AND FILLING: BULKHEADING

- 13.1 It is a violation of these Rules for any person to dredge, excavate, deposit, or fill material from, in or to the Reservoir or SRA-TX Lands at any time except in strict compliance with a valid Permit authorizing the same.
- 13.2 It is a violation of these Rules for any person to install, re-install, replace, or modify bulkheads in the Reservoir or on SRA-TX Lands at any time except in strict compliance with a valid Permit authorizing the same.
- 13.3 To obtain a Permit, a person must submit an application on forms provided by the SRA-TX and timely pay all fees required by the SRA-TX. The SRA-TX reserves the right to grant, deny, condition, or renew such Permit as deemed appropriate in the sole discretion of the SRA-TX.
- 13.4 In addition to the terms and conditions of any Permit issued pursuant to this Section, any dredging, filling, or bulkhead work shall be performed in accordance with all applicable regulations and permits of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Fort Worth).
- 13.5 All encroachments (regardless of whether a Permit is required under these Rules) and any dredging, filling, or bulkhead work described herein shall be subject to inspection by an

SRA-TX authorized representative at all times. It is a violation of these Rules for a person to fail or refuse to allow an SRA-TX authorized representative access to an encroachment or such work for purposes of conducting an inspection, or to interfere with an inspection in progress.

- 13.6 The SRA-TX is under no obligation to maintain a specific level of the Reservoir in order to facilitate the construction or use of any structure provided for herein.
- 13.7 The General Manager may limit or restrict the construction, operation, and maintenance of improvements by Permit in response to changes in Reservoir levels, for public health and safety, in times of emergency, or when, in his or her judgement, circumstances so require.

#### 14. GARBAGE, REFUSE, RUBBISH OR POLLUTANTS

No person shall throw, deposit or permit to be carried or deposited by the elements onto the surface of the Reservoir or SRA-TX Lands any litter, refuse, garbage, trash or any other kind of waste. No pollutants shall be dumped, deposited or permitted to be carried into or on any waters or lands within the Project Boundary

#### 15. GASOLINE AND OIL STORAGE

No gasoline, petroleum product or other flammable or combustible liquids shall be stored in, upon or around the Reservoir or SRA-TX Lands without prior written permission of the SRA-TX. No petroleum products or similar products shall at any time be dumped or deposited into the Reservoir or in such proximity thereto as to be carried or flow into the Reservoir.

#### 16. ADVERTISEMENTS

No private notices, advertisements, handbills, placards, or any printed, pictured or written matter shall be placed or deposited on SRA-TX Lands, including the surface of the Reservoir except as authorized in writing by SRA-TX.

#### 17. UNAUTHORIZED SOLICITATION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

No person, firm or corporation, or their representatives, shall engage in or solicit any business on SRA-TX Lands or under the jurisdiction of SRA-TX, without prior written permission from SRA-TX or in accordance with terms and conditions of a Limited Use Permit.

#### 18. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Laws of the State of Texas and local option laws and restrictions related to sale and use of beer, wine and intoxicating liquors within the counties in which land areas of Toledo Bend are located shall govern and dictate SRA-TX's rules pertaining to the use and sale thereof. The possession, sale, and/or use of beer, wine and intoxicating liquors in violation of applicable State, local option laws, and site specific SRA-TX rules is specifically prohibited.

## 19. ABANDONMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

No person who owns or is in possession of any personal property shall leave or abandon such property on any premises within the Project Boundary or on SRA-TX Lands, including the surface of the reservoir except strictly in accordance with written permission given by SRA-TX. In the event personal property is left or abandoned on premises within the Project Boundary, except in accordance with written permission by SRA-TX, for more than forty-eight (48) hours, SRA-TX may take possession of such property and if not reclaimed within ninety (90) days, SRA-TX may sell, use, destroy or otherwise dispose of such property without liability to the owner or person in possession thereof. If the property is reclaimed, SRA-TX may assess an impoundment charge to be determined by SRA-TX.

## 20. DIGGING OR REMOVING ARTIFACTS

No person shall dig or remove any artifacts, bone or pottery from any SRA-TX Lands. Such activity is a violation of the Texas Antiquities Code and such action is subject to prosecution.

## 21. REMOVAL OF NATURAL RESOURCES

No person shall destroy or remove from SRA-TX Land any timber, shrubs, other vegetation, rock, sand, gravel, caliche, or any other substance, material, or geological feature without prior written approval of SRA-TX.

## 22. WATERCRAFT AND BOATING REGULATIONS

All persons owning and operating a boat of any type, whether commercial or private, shall comply with all requirements of the Texas Water Safety Act.

## 23. HOUSEBOATS

Houseboats operated or moored on the Reservoir shall meet all local, state and federal requirements. No person holding any Limited Use Permit or a lease from the Authority shall permit a houseboat, barge, or other boat which is not in strict compliance with the laws, rules and of any agency of the United States and of the State of Texas with respect to toilet facilities and water quality to dock or use any pier or other facility or such person's shoreline for harbor.

## 24. CAMPING

- 24.1 Camping on SRA-TX property will be permitted in specifically designated areas.
- 24.2 Camping is limited to fourteen (14) days unless otherwise designated by signs, bulletin boards or by written authorization.
- 24.3 Camping equipment shall not be abandoned or left unattended for a period of more than twenty-four (24) hours.
- 24.4 The installation of any permanent facility at any designated public camp ground will be permitted only on written authorization of the SRA-TX.

- 24.5 Campers shall keep their camp grounds clean and shall dispose of all refuse, garbage, trash, etc. in accordance with the instructions contained herein or posted.
- 24.6 Due diligence shall be exercised in building and putting out fires to prevent damage to trees and vegetation and to prevent forest and grass fires.
- 24.7 Camps must be completely razed, and sites cleared before departure of campers.

## 25. FISHING

Fishing is permitted on the Reservoir, or from any SRA-TX Land, except at locations specifically restricted by the General Manager, as regulated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department or lands in which a permittee holds a valid limited use permit. Furthermore, fishing from all roadway bridge structures on the Reservoir is specifically prohibited.

## 26. HUNTING

- 26.1 Hunting of game and wildlife on the Reservoir is restricted to areas designated by the SRA-TX.
- 26.2 Hunting on SRA-TX Lands will be permitted in accordance with Federal, State and local laws for the protection of game and wildlife and in accordance with these Rules.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

<https://www.fws.gov/le/laws-regulations.html>

Texas Parks and Wildlife

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/hunting/general-regulations/>

- 26.3 Waterfowl hunting, in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and all Public Hunting Lands requirements, is permitted on the Reservoir surface. Refer to the North Toledo Bend Wildlife Management Area (WMA) section of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Hunting Map Bulletin.

[https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/wma/find\\_a\\_wma/list/?id=33&activity=hunting](https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/wma/find_a_wma/list/?id=33&activity=hunting)

- 26.4 No fixed or stationary hunting blinds may be placed or constructed on the Reservoir. All hunting blinds are subject to the rules and regulations of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Public Hunting Lands Program. Any hunting blind not in compliance with the TPWD Public Hunting Lands Program are subject to removal and/or destruction.

## 27. SWIMMING

Swimming is specifically prohibited within 1,000-feet upstream from the Spillway and Powerhouse, adjacent to public boat ramps, and in any other area designated as restricted by the General Manager.

## 28. MANUFACTURED HOMES, HOUSES, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES OR OTHER STRUCTURES

No manufactured home, house, recreational vehicle or other structure, used or intended for habitation by human beings shall be constructed or placed on SRA-TX Lands except as approved in writing from the SRA-TX.

## 29. SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

- 29.1 The enforcement of all Rules for the safe use of the Reservoir is vested in the General Manager or his authorized designee.
- 29.2 The violation of any of the above Rules, which might endanger the life, safety or property of any other person, shall be considered sufficient grounds for revocation of any permit. This penalty shall be in addition to other penalties prescribed by law or by resolution pertaining to Toledo Bend adopted by the Board.
- 29.3 The performing of any act prohibited by or the failure to do any act required by these Rules is hereby declared to be unlawful and such violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200) or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days or both.

In addition, any such violation shall authorize the SRA-TX to revoke any permit issued to the person committing such violation, or terminate any Limited Use Permit, lease, agreement or other privilege granted to, such violator by the SRA-TX.