

## Y O LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

My Fellow Landowners,

I would like to start out by thanking the members on the Wildlife Committee and the volunteers for the spotlight surveys this year which have dedicated countless hours of their time over the last year. Those people are John Doggett, Mike Sample, Trent Balke, Kirk Dipple, Tamara Bonning, Dick Welle, Randy Waldrum, Dave Barrett, Butch West and Franklin Maduzia. I think we can all agree that this year has been trying to say the least. Between drought and the extreme heat, I believe we are all looking forward to the re-opening of hunting this season and next year.

Included in this packet are:

1. 2022-2023 YOLA Wildlife Regulations
2. 2022-2023 Hunting Quotas
3. 2022-2023 Harvest Tags

Plateau Land and Management Survey Report and helicopter survey

Both reports can be found on our YOLA web site. Please take the time to review your package and especially read the wildlife rules and regulations. There have been changes over the last few years. It is extremely important that you understand them and communicate them to your family members and guests.

As you will see in the Plateau Survey Report we have moved in the right direction this year. With the exception of Fallow the ungulate count has increased in every species. This is a good thing and what we have been working toward these past few years. We however, need to be a bit guarded as the heat and the drought will most likely hurt our fawn recruitment this year.

Quota Info

Please note in your quota that we again are emphasizing WHITETAILS to be harvested and a ZERO DOE QUOTA ON SIKA, FALLOW and AXIS. We on the Committee would still like to see a drop in the Whitetail population and an increase in the Axis population. Historically we have strived for a 40% population target for Axis and a 30% for Whitetails and continue to try and work to maintain those levels.

One Blackbuck Buck and 2 Blackbuck doe have been set per landowner. Similar to last year Aoudad will no longer be unlimited. We are issuing Aoudad tags for both Rams and Ewes. The Ewe tags have been doubled since last year. We have included Sika Bucks on the "Any Buck Tag" this year. This however, opens YOLA up the mandatory CWD testing. We ask that if you are planning to harvest a Sika you work with the committee to obtain the necessary samples. Mr. Welle has created an account for YOLA with the Kerrville Vet Clinic. The head must be kept cool (not frozen) and delivered within 48 hours of death, Caped and antlers removed for trophies is acceptable. They will sample both the lymph nodes and brain stem. They have our Texas Animal Health PIN Number and Account number. Mr. Welle will assist you as best he can with this process. I encourage you to reach out to Mr. Welle prior to harvesting.

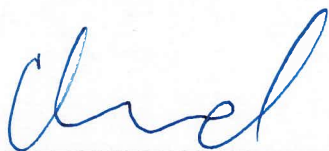
We are also asking if you shoot any coyotes and/or shoot or trap any pigs you please drop a note in our collection box or contact me. We are also asking you to throw away any unused tags from the 2021-2022 hunting season.

### Hogs and Coyotes

Many landowners still reach out to me stating the number of animals viewed on their respective properties as well as driving the roads are still diminished. We are still concerned with the overall population numbers and continue discussions with the deepest intent to increase our herd numbers, a big reason we all bought on the Ranchlands.

We will continue to have the Helicopter hog hunts several times a year. These hunts are not a YOLA function, but rather a group of landowners have donated their time to put these hunts together. The Wildlife Committee feels this is a huge step in the right direction for population gains and supports these endeavors by individual landowners as well as the large group of landowners participating. I have personally participated in several of these hunts and can see the results in the hog population within the Ranchlands. If you are interested in participating in one of these hunts please reach out to Gary Liefer. Sometime in the coming months Gary Liefer will be contacting each landowner to obtain permission to include your property in the 2023 calendar year. I personally encourage you to participate.

The coyote and pig populations affect our deer population. I cannot stress the importance of their eradication. We need to concentrate with all our might in doing so. There will be no reward tag for coyote harvests, but we implore you to take one down every chance you get. This can only help our deer population and is a no brainer.



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Chris Conrad, Chair