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Mr. Scott Thrash  
P.O. Box 21946  
Waco, Texas 76702

Dear Mr. Thrash:

On December 1, 2006, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) received your petition for rulemaking requesting an extension of the archery-only open season.

In accordance with TPWD's rules regarding petitions for rulemaking and the Texas Administrative Procedure Act, TPWD has forwarded a copy of the petition, accompanied by the staff recommendation, to each of the nine members of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (Commission). A copy of that recommendation has been enclosed.

Staff is recommending approval of your petition. Therefore, this item will be included in staff's presentation of the proposed statewide hunting and fishing proclamation at the Commission's January 24, 2007 meeting.

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and your concern for conservation. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 389-8558 or by email at [ann.bright@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:ann.bright@tpwd.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

Ann Bright  
General Counsel

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Enclosure



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hunting or fishing



Visit a state park  
or historic site

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**  
**PETITION of MR. SCOTT THRASH**

**12/06/06**

Petitioner requests that the Commission extend the archery-only open season to the day prior to the opening of the general open season for deer and turkey. The current archery-only season runs from the Saturday closest to September 30 for 30 consecutive days. Historically, there has always been a five-day closed season between the end of the archery-only open season and the opening of the general season for deer and turkey. Staff has been unable to determine the original rationale for this closed season. Staff also has determined that the petitioner's request, if promulgated, will result in additional hunter opportunity for archers, but will not negatively affect wildlife populations or the ability of the department to enforce fish and game law. For this reason, staff recommends approval of the petition.