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Re: Petition for Rulemaking

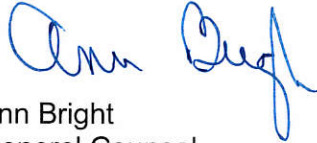
Dear Ms. Pittman, Ms. Ascot, Ms. Pritchard, Ms. Uht, Mr. Clark, Mr. Woodman, Ms. Teegarden and Mr. Watson:

On March 11, 2016, The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) received your petition for rulemaking requesting that the use of gasoline and other toxic substances to hunt snakes be prohibited. By letter dated March 29, 2016, TPWD notified you that a presentation was planned for the May 25, 2016, meeting of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (Commission). A transcript and audio recording of that meeting are available on the TPWD website, including the Commission's discussion of this matter.

However, as TPWD notified stakeholders in October 2016, at this point, there is not enough support from either the community or legislative oversight for TPWD to move forward with regulating the use of gasoline other toxic substances to collect rattlesnakes. Although TPWD staff still believe that there are better options for collecting snakes that do not adversely impact non-target species, and will continue to work with the snake collecting community to develop and implement best practices that reduce potential impacts to these species, TPWD will not be moving forward with a rulemaking regarding this matter at this time.

Thank you for your interest in TPWD and your concern for conservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ann Bright".

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