



**Little Bucks for a Little Boy!** Brody Pitcock, son of Jerrod and Amber Pitcock of Robert Lee, brought down this little buck (right) during the Youth Weekend held before the beginning of the regular deer season. He and his father were hunting on their property at Sanco. Over the Christmas holiday, Brody brought down this second buck (above).



right to know the origin of the deer he or she is hunting in order to make personal ethical and meat safety decisions prior to harvest.

Texas," said TWA Vice President, Marko Barrett.

**10 Day Rule-** TWA will pursue legislation that will require a "spring release" of pen-raised deer, as opposed to the current "10 day rule" which allows release of bucks up until 10 days prior to the start of the earliest deer season. This will address concerns related to consumption of deer meat that could have drug residues. A spring release would also provide more time for deer to "re-wild" before being hunted, which will address concerns regarding fair chase and perceptions of canned hunting.

**Water-** Water is the most important and complex challenge facing a sustainable, healthy Texas.

TWA will consider and monitor various water-related issues that may be presented during the next legislative session. These water issues may relate to both ground water and surface water.

**Captive Propagation of Wild Mule Deer-** TWA will seek to repeal legislation that was passed in 2011 that provides for possible implementation of Deer Management Permits (DMP) for mule deer, which allow captured wild mule deer to be placed into pens for propagation purposes. With the state's first cases of Chronic Wasting Disease detected in 2012 in the mule deer country of far West Texas, such DMP practices create unnecessary risk to our state's deer resources. DMPs for mule deer have yet to be implemented and TWA believes that this "dormant" permit allowance should be repealed in order to address these unnecessary risks to our important wildlife resources.

"TWA will work to be first in line to protect the rights of private property owners. We will always be diligent in maintaining the balance of protections between the owners of wildlife habitat, the public's wildlife, and the hunters of

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