

**TENNESSEE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 16, 2026  
University of Tennessee, Institute of Agriculture, Knoxville**

**1 p.m. EDT Chairman Greg Davenport**

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome
3. Roll Call
4. Executive Director Report
5. Announcements

**Wildlife Committee:**

Jason Maxedon, Executive Director

1. Dr. Scott Schlarbaum with UT Tree Improvement

**Season Setting Presentations:**

Joe Benedict, Chief, Wildlife & Forestry

Mark McBride, Asst. Chief, Wildlife & Forestry

1. Big Game Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits (No Changes)
2. Proc. 26-06 - Manner and Means of Hunting, Taking, and Trapping
3. Proc. 26-07 - National Wildlife Refuges & other Federal Lands
4. Proc. 26-08 - Migratory Game Bird Seasons & Bag limits
5. Proc. 26-09 - Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Seasons
6. Proc. 26-10 - Wildlife Mgmt. Area, Refuge & Public Hunting Area - Seasons & Bag Limits

**Budget Committee:**

Ken Tarkington, Chief, Budget & Procurement

1. Financial Report

Adjourn

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**9 a.m. EDT Chairman Greg Davenport**

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2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Announcements

**Presentation/Awards:**

Greg Davenport, Chairman, TFWC

1. Legacy Award
2. R3 Wally Childress TWRA Outstanding Leadership Award

Jason Maxedon, Director, TWRA

1. Courage Award

Dale Grandstaff, Colonel, Boating & Law Enforcement

1. 2025 Officer of the Year

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**Rule Hearings:**

Rule 1: Joe Benedict, Chief, Wildlife & Forestry

- Rule 1660-01-34 Amendment to Chronic Wasting Disease

Rule 2: Joe Benedict, Chief, Wildlife & Forestry

- Rule 1660-01-08 Rules & Regulations Governing Hunts

Rule 3: Brandon Wear, Deputy Director, Field Operations

(NCWMA) Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Permits and Fees

- Rule 1660-01-14 Rules and Regulations for Refuges, Wildlife Management Areas and Public Hunting Areas
- Rule 1660-01-28 Rules and Regulations Governing Licenses and Permit Fees

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