TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSEL AND OUTBOARD MOTOR SALES TAX ONLY

Sales Tax Only (Exempt from Title and/or Registration) Legend X = Required Item. All of the blank TPWD forms may be copied. However, when submitted, all signatures (on all documents) must be original.	Vessel/Boat Application (PWD 143)	Outboard Motor Application (PWD 144)	Bill of Sale OR Invoice
Vessel	Х		X
Outboard Motor		Х	Х

Forms available at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat/forms.htm For additional explanation of the requirements listed above, or to find the office nearest you, or to have forms mailed, please call either 1-800-262-8755 or 1-512-389-4828.

Description of Required Documents:

Vessel/Boat Application: Title & Registration, Registration for USCG, or Sales Tax Only (Form PWD 143) - is used to request a Texas title and/or registration for a vessel/boat or to pay sales tax only on vessels 65 and under.

Outboard Motor Application: Title or Sales Tax Only (Form PWD 144) - is used to request a Texas title for an outboard motor or to pay sales tax only on an outboard motor.

Power of Attorney (Form PWD 1055) - is a legal document used to designate a representative (individual or company) to conduct business on behalf of another. Signatures must be notarized.

Letter of Authorization (Form PWD 581) - is used to designate another person to submit and pick up associated paperwork when the owner of record or applicant/purchaser can not come in person. In lieu of the form PWD 581 a hand written letter from the owner of record or applicant/purchaser is acceptable. This letter must include a statement authorizing someone other than the owner of record or applicant/purchaser to conduct a specific registration and titling transaction for the owner of record or applicant/purchaser, the name of the person authorized to do business for the owner of record or applicant/purchaser, a description of the vessel and/or outboard motor (make, TX or serial number, and year built), and the signature of the owner of record or applicant/purchaser.

Bill of Sale or Invoice - is required for every transfer of ownership. One of the following is acceptable to meet the bill of sale or invoice requirement:

(1) Form PWD 143/144 application - tax affidavit must be completed and signed by the seller, OR

(2) Handwritten Receipt or Sales Invoice - must contain date of sale, sales price (DO NOT include sales price of trailer), description of vessel and/or outboard motor (make, TX or serial number and year built), purchaser(s) name, and seller(s) signature.