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RAIN CAUSES FLOODING AT 13 STATE PARKS

AUSTIN--December flooding at 13 state parks led to partial closing at 10 of the parks while severe flood damage is keeping three parks closed indefinitely.

Affected parks include Brazos Bend, Cedar Hill, Colorado Bend, Eisenhower, Goliad, Inks Lake, Lake Brownwood, Lake Lewisville, Meridian, Mother Neff, Palmetto, Lake Somerville and Lake Whitney.

"At week's end (Jan. 10), all but three parks were open or partially open again," said Laird Fowler, director of programs in park operations. "Mother Neff, Lake Whitney and Brazos Bend state parks remain closed for indefinite periods while we wait for the rains to abate and the waters to retreat."

Mother Neff State Park, west of Moody in Coryell County, is closed by high waters from the flooded Leon River. Park roads and campsites are under water and restrooms will need critical repairs before the park is opened again.

Lake Whitney State Park near Hillsboro is closed indefinitely. Flooding in the spring of 1990 devastated the park, leaving it in need of extensive repairs. While the December flood was not as damaging, it has inundated campsites, roads and buildings that were still being repaired from the earlier floods.

Brazos Bend State Park, southwest of Houston, was almost completely under water at the flood's crest. About 4,000 of the park's 4,897 acres were flooded.

"The critical buildings such as the park headquarters, park residences, interpretive center and observatory are on high ground and were not flooded at all," said Jerry Bartel, park superintendent. "Since we don't know how soon the waters will recede, we anticipate being closed for the month of January. If we get more rain the park could still be closed in February."

Before planning any trip to a state park, call the park to check on its condition or call TPWD headquarters at 1-800-792-1112.

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TWO ASSESSED FINES AFTER WARDEN FINDS 50 DEER CARCASSES

SAN ANGELO--Two West Texas ranchers have been assessed fines totaling more than \$5,000 for after being charged with not tagging 50 deer.

On Jan. 13, Tom Green County Justice of the Peace Steve Floyd assessed fines of \$500 each against Marshall E. Brown and Kenneth R. Barbutti for one count each of failure to keep wild white-tailed deer in edible condition and four counts each of possession of untagged deer.

Brown, reportedly the co-owner of the Encino Ranch, an exotic game and trophy whitetail ranch, and Barbutti, reportedly associated with the North Concho Ranch, also were ordered to pay cold storage and processing fees of more than \$1,600. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will charge the men about \$9,600 in civil restitution.

While on routine patrol Jan. 3 in west Tom Green County, game warden J.D. Gould discovered a large number of field dressed whitetails at a cleaning area on a private ranch. Gould found five bucks and 45 does that had been killed and not tagged. The investigation is continuing on others who may be involved.

This is believed to be the largest number of deer ever confiscated in the state at one time.

"We have reason to believe they had intentions to take more deer than that," said Capt. Stanley Brooks, regional law enforcement director in San Angelo. "We do know that more had been taken."

Lt. game warden Terry Joy, district supervisor in San Angelo, said it was reported that several deer already had been tagged and picked up by people other than those who killed the deer. "This type of behavior is clearly a violation of the law," he said. "A person who tags a deer that he hasn't killed is allowing the person who killed the deer to hunt under his license. When this occurs, both the hunter who killed the deer and the person who tags the deer have violated the law."

This occurrence may not have been an isolated incident and may be a common practice on some ranches in the state, Capt. Brooks said. "A similar incident occurred last year in this region but it didn't involve near as many deer being killed. Last year's incident, and maybe the one this year involved ranches that were attempting to reduce their deer herds for game management purposes. They didn't want to allow as many hunters that it would require for the number of deer they wanted taken."

David Palmer, director of field operations for the law enforcement division in Austin, said landowners operating under a management program should be reminded that hunting any game animal must be done legally. "You can't take them illegally for the betterment of a management program."

The deer originally were transported to a cold storage plant in Grape Creek to be held for evidence. Gould contacted Judge Floyd who allowed the department to process 41 of the deer - nine had spoiled - for donation to the hungry. About 1,220 pounds of packaged meat was donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Society in San Angelo and will be distributed to needy families.

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BIG GAME AWARDS DEADLINE NEAR

AUSTIN--The deadline for submitting deer and antelope entries for the first Texas Big Game Awards program is Feb. 15.

Through Jan. 10, 181 entries had been received at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, a co-sponsor with the Texas Wildlife Association and Lone Star Brewery. However the 256 certified program scorers have reported scoring many more deer and officials expect to receive entries right up to the deadline.

Sponsors will publish annual ranked listings for quality white-tailed and mule deer, pronghorn antelope and listings of participants in "first deer and first antelope" categories. Entry is open to wild-raised native animals that are legally harvested in Texas during the past hunting season. The program will recognize the quality of the animal, hunter harvesting the animal; and the land manager upon whose property the animal was taken (optional). A Texas book of big game records will be published every three to five years.

Recognition will be regionalized with categories for typical and non-typical white-tailed deer and mule deer and pronghorn antelope. Scoring is based upon Boone and Crockett Club guidelines using net green scores. All animals must be scored by a certified program scorer.

The top 400 typical whitetails in the state 50 from each region will make up the "Texas 400." Hunters and landowners with deer in the "Texas 400" will receive a special certificate showing the deer's score and its regional standing.

A statewide recognition ceremony has been scheduled during the Texas Wildlife Association convention May 15-17 in Austin. Ceremonies representing the eight regions of the state have been set by TWA for Region 1 Alpine Civic Center April 25; Region 2, Amarillo Civic Center April 26; Region 3, Brownwood, April 4; Region 4, Lone Star Brewery in San Antonio, April 11 Region 5, Tyler April 7; Region 6, Houston, April 11 Region 7 Seguin, March 28; and Region 8, Pearsall, April 4.

Several entries have been received in the first deer category. Some include James Ruiz, 16, of Abilene, who took a whitetail buck Nov. 16 in Coleman County; Eric Wilberg, 12, of San Angelo, mule deer buck Dec. 14 in Upton County; Connor Kilpatrick, 10, of Austin, whitetail buck Dec. 8 in San Saba County; Delayne Dee Crow, 15, of Wichita Falls, whitetail buck Dec. 7 in Jack County; and Crystal Lollar, 12, of Brookeland, whitetail doe Dec. 3 in Kerr County. Certificates will be awarded to all first deer and antelope entries.

Minimum scores for entering white-tailed deer are 130 (typical) and 145 (non-typical) in the Trans-Pecos, Panhandle, Cross Timbers and Edwards Plateau; 125 and 140 in the Post Oak Savannah, Pineywoods and Coastal Prairies; and 140 and 155 for South Texas. Mule deer must be 145 (typical) and 160 (non-typical) and pronghorns must score a minimum of 70.

Interest in a Texas awards program has increased substantially the past few years, said Mike Reagan, Texas Big Game Awards coordinator. "Texas rangelands produce some of the best white-tailed and mule deer, and pronghorns, in the southern U.S. It has long been felt that the quality management efforts to produce them should be recognized along with the hunter who harvests the trophy.

Ever-changing land uses have created a need for management of both habitat and associated wildlife populations. Proper habitat and population management can result in increased diversity and populations of habitat and wildlife. In deer populations, antler development may be used as an indicator of herd health.

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COMMISSION TO DISCUSS HUNTING, FISHING REGULATIONS

AUSTIN-The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has scheduled its regular public hearing for 9 a.m. Jan. 23 at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters in Austin.

Commissioners will be briefed on proposed hunting and fishing regulations changes for 1992-93 and the proposed early season migratory game bird proclamation.

The commission will act on local park funding, which are matching grants to local governments for purchasing park lands or developing park facilities.

Another agenda item involves a new special game warden program. The Texas Legislature passed a law authorizing the executive director (Andrew Sansom) to appoint honorably retired game wardens for continued service. The department will be able to bring these retired wardens back for temporary duty in areas where help is needed or in times when extra officers are needed.

Commissioners also will discuss broodfish collection rules, an exotic fish proposal, the proposed Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan, triploid grass carp and other items.

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MATLOCK DEVELOPING FEDERAL FISHERIES PROGRAM

AUSTIN--Long time Texas Parks and Wildlife Department fisheries biologist Dr Gary Matlock is working with key fisheries personnel of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Arlington, Va., as part of an Intergovernmental Personnel Act assignment.

Matlock, most recently the department's liaison with matters involving the Gulf of Mexico, will be responsible for coordinating a national monitoring program to evaluate the status and trends of fishery resources.

"I'm very excited about this program, and I'm looking forward to the challenge," he said. "This is a unique opportunity to broaden my perspective concerning the role of science in fisheries management throughout the country.

Matlock also will serve as the primary contact and liaison in matters relating to the service's Fisheries Global Change Program and interaction with other governmental agencies, Congress, the public, international scientists and other leaders in Global Climate Change activities as they relate to fishery resources.

"Dr Gary Matlock is going to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for an assignment of national significance," said Dr. Rudy Rosen, director of the department's fisheries and wildlife division. "He will be doing work that is tremendously beneficial to fisheries in the state and throughout the nation."

"Gary Matlock's superb technical skills make him among the best fisheries biologists in the nation to handle a program of such depth and complexity, said Andrew Sansom, TPWD executive director. "We're excited to have one of our staff involved in this exciting program that looks to the future on these complex and emerging fish management issues of the day."

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TWO NEW FISH RECORDS SET

AUSTIN--New state records have been set for blue tilapia in the freshwater category and for almaco jack in the saltwater category.

Robert J. Haynes of Austin caught a record blue tilapia weighing 4 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces and measuring 17 1/2 inches long. The fish was caught Dec. 8 on Fayette County Reservoir. Haynes' fish is the first entry for blue tilapia.

A 21-pound, 4-ounce almaco jack was caught by Robert Shane Steber of Houston. The 35-inch fish was caught Dec. 8 in the Gulf of Mexico, 80 miles south of Galveston. The previous record, caught in September 1988 by Patrick Lemire of Texas City, was 36 inches long and weighed 16 pounds, 7 ounces.

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FAIRFIELD PARK SETS FIRST BIRD HOUSE DAY

FAIRFIELD--Fairfield Lake State Park will celebrate the first Bird House Day on Feb. 1, an event Park Manager Dennis Walsh hopes will become an annual activity across the nation.

'The purpose of this event is to designate one day of the year as a day to set up new bird houses and clean out old houses,' he said. 'by dedicating one day of the year to setting up new nest boxes and cleaning and doing maintenance work on established boxes, bird enthusiasts across the country can contribute to the propagation of their favorite species.'

Continuing loss of habitat through land development, introduced species competition and land management techniques that eliminate natural nest sites have reduced populations of many cavity nesting birds, Walsh said. A major goal of the event is to promote habitat enhancement through man-made nesting cavities.

Included in the scheduled activities will be the dedication of a trail specifically developed for bird watching at the park. The trail is the product of an Eagle Scout project and meanders through diverse habitat, ranging from grasslands and cedar thickets to hardwood bottoms and lakeside wetlands. The trail will display various examples of nesting structures and provide excellent birdwatching opportunities, including the potential to view bald eagles during the winter months from a shoreline vantage point.

Walsh said plans will be made available at the park's headquarters along with other interpretive materials.

"Feb. 1 was selected to insure that nest boxes will be in place and ready for the earliest cavity nesting birds that breed in Texas," he said. "Plan to set aside a small amount of your time and effort to make this day a tradition that, year after year will improve the habitat of the various species of birds that enrich our lives.

Fairfield Lake State Park is located 90 miles southeast of Dallas off IH-45. From IH-45, take State Highway 84 east to Fairfield, go six miles northeast on FM 488 to FM 2570 then to Park Road 64. For more information call the park at (903) 389-4514.

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Species	Weight	Length	Angler	Where Caught	Date Caught	Date Certified	Method of Catch
Freshwater:							
Alligator Gar	279.00	0.00	Bill Valverde	Rio Grande	01/01/51	01/01/51	Rod & Reel
American Eel	4.00	41.00	Louis Kusey III	Medina	02/22/86	02/22/86	Rod & Reel
Black Bullhead Catfish	4.53	18.50	Charles E Guinn	Private Lake	11/15/86	12/01/86	Rod & Reel
Black Crappie	3.69	17.75	Fritz Gowan	Toledo Bend	01/17/85	02/21/85	Rod & Reel
Blue Catfish	76.00	45.00	Richard C. Jordan	Trinity River	04/14/91	04/24/91	Rod & Reel
Blue Tilapia	4.16	17.50	Robert J. Haynes	Fayette County	12/08/91	12/30/91	Rod & Reel
Bluegill Sunfish	3.25	14.00	Winfred Hoke	Private Lake	04/25/66	04/25/66	Rod & Reel
Bowfin	17.19	32.00	R M Speir	Toledo Bend	08/15/72	08/15/72	Rod & Reel
Brook Trout	0.67	12.00	J Bryan Hendricks	Guadalupe River	02/19/84	03/28/84	Rod & Reel
Brown Trout	7.12	24.00	Jeff DeLong	Guadalupe River	02/07/86	05/02/86	Rod & Reel
Carp	41.00	37.00	Scott Helsley	Private Lake	05/14/72	05/14/72	Rod & Reel
Chain Pickerel	4.63	25.00	Deborah T Morris	Caddo	06/12/86	10/09/86	Rod & Reel
Channel Catfish	36.50	38.00	Mrs Joe L. Cockrell	Pedernales River	03/07/65	03/07/65	Rod & Reel
Flathead Catfish	98.00	54.00	William O. Stephens	Lewisville	06/02/86	08/13/86	Rod & Reel
Flounder	11.35	26.00	Glenn Comiskey	Brazoria Reservoir	10/16/87	10/20/87	Rod & Reel
Freshwater Drum	31.00	35.50	Larry King	Arrowhead	05/06/78	05/14/78	Rod & Reel
Golden Shiner	0.23	8.50	John Michael Zapata	Ratcliff	02/09/91	03/18/91	Rod & Reel
Goldfish	4.26	15.94	PaPa Earl	Conroe	05/12/91	07/09/91	Rod & Reel
Grass Carp	12.50	31.00	PaPa Earl	Trinity River	06/16/91	07/09/91	Rod & Reel
Green Sunfish	2.21	12.00	Alex H Short	Private Lake	05/18/69	05/18/69	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe Bass	3.69	18.25	Allen M Christenson Jr	Travis	09/25/83	09/27/83	Rod & Reel
Hybrid Corvina	14.60	31.50	Harold L. Sinclair	Calaveras	02/17/91	03/11/91	Rod & Reel
Hybrid Striped Bass	19.66	35.16	John Haney	Ray Hubbard	06/20/84	11/15/84	Rod & Reel
Largemouth Bass	17.67	27.50	Mark Stevenson	Lake Fork	11/26/86	12/04/86	Rod & Reel
Largemouth Buffalo	58.00	41.00	Bobby Thompson	Private Lake	04/06/69	04/06/69	Rod & Reel
Longnose Gar	50.31	0.00	Townsend Miller	Trinity River	01/01/54	01/01/54	Rod & Reel
Nile Perch	12.06	30.50	Mike Saldiver	Braunig	02/01/80	02/04/80	Rod & Reel
Northern Pike	18.28	41.00	Mike Sharpe	Town Lake	08/29/81	09/01/81	Rod & Reel
Orangemouth Corvina	16.31	36.00	Earl L. Tenpenny	Calaveras	11/16/91	11/25/91	Rod & Reel
Rainbow Trout	6.22	24.00	David Lewis Carpenter	Canyon Tailrace	11/24/90	12/18/90	Rod & Reel
Red Drum	30.25	35.00	Jack Talbert	Braunig	10/14/89	12/22/89	Rod & Reel
Redbreast Sunfish	1.25	12.75	Rock Layne Hamilton	Guadalupe River	05/02/87	04/17/89	Rod & Reel
Redear Sunfish	3.25	14.25	Vernon Roberts	Private Lake	04/23/78	05/09/78	Rod & Reel
Smallmouth Bass	7.72	22.00	Ronald Gardner	Whitney	11/20/88	03/15/89	Rod & Reel
Smallmouth Buffalo	64.50	40.00	Gaylon L Cole	Sabine River	03/28/87	05/04/87	Rod & Reel
Spotted Bass	5.56	21.00	Turner Keith	Lake O' The Pines	03/13/66	03/13/66	Rod & Reel
Striped Bass	45.00	44.00	Tom J. Reavis	Amistad	05/14/90	06/18/90	Rod & Reel
Tarpon	10.12	37.00	Paul Willette	Braunig	08/06/86	08/07/86	Rod & Reel
Tiger Muskie	9.06	32.00	Mike Gaines	Nocona	05/27/79	07/17/79	Rod & Reel
Walleye	11.88	31.75	Hank McWilliams, Jr.	Meredith	02/26/90	04/04/90	Rod & Reel
Warmouth	1.30	10.50	Ralph E. Manns, Jr.	Town Lake	07/19/91	08/20/91	Rod & Reel
White Bass	5.56	20.75	David S Cordill	Colorado River	03/31/77	04/05/77	Rod & Reel
White Crappie	4.56	0.00	G G Wooderson	Navarro Mills	02/14/68	02/14/68	Rod & Reel
Yellow Bullhead Catfish	1.60	12.83	James W. Stone	Palestine	05/18/91	05/22/91	Rod & Reel
Yellow White Bass	3.50	18.00	Lucky Turner	Tawakoni	07/15/89	10/30/89	Rod & Reel

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Unrestricted:							
Alligator Gar	302.00	90.00	T C Pierce, Jr *	Nueces River	01/01/53	01/01/53	TROTLINE
Almaco Jack	31.00	40.50	Rusty Schwartz	Gulf of Mexico	03/06/88	03/31/88	SPEARGUN
American Eel	4.22	38.00	Robert Horrigan	San Marcos River	04/10/89	07/17/89	Hawianslin
Atlantic Spadefish	11.31	21.50	Bryan Gulley	Gulf of Mexico	05/04/74	09/24/74	SPEARGUN
Blue Catfish	116.00	59.00	C D Martindale	Texoma	04/21/85	06/17/85	TROTLINE
Bowfin	19.00	32.50	George E Lord	Toledo Bend	01/03/75	02/04/75	TROTLINE
Carp	48.00	42.00	David C Cook	Private Lake	08/14/80	09/23/80	BOW
Comb Grouper	2.19	16.63	'Butch' Norman L. Long	Gulf of Mexico	07/20/90	08/29/90	Elect. R&R
Cuban Dogfish	1.07	21.00	Howard Horton	Gulf of Mexico	09/06/86	02/09/87	ROD& MOTOR
Cubera Snapper	151.00	60.38	David Fotorny	Gulf of Mexico	06/23/84	08/14/84	HANDLINE
Dog Snapper	134.00	61.00	Bryan Gulley	Gulf of Mexico	08/05/78	09/11/78	SPEARGUN
Flathead Catfish	122.00	59.00	Toby Whitaker	N Fork Buffalo Creek	04/23/91	07/19/91	Trotline
Freshwater Drum	55.00	0.00	Asa Short	White Rock Lake	01/01/24	01/01/24	TROTLINE
Gag	20.41	32.50	Rusty Schwartz	Gulf of Mexico	03/14/87	06/05/87	SPEARGUN
Gizzard Shad	2.97	18.25	John H Dix, Jr	Lewis Creek	04/27/85	06/17/85	SPEARGUN
Grass Carp	37.00	39.00	Raymond Sutton	Colorado River	05/10/85	09/17/85	TROTLINE
Great Barracuda	54.00	57.00	Kenneth Richards	Gulf of Mexico	05/29/77	09/09/77	SPEARGUN
Jewfish	660.00	96.00	Jim A Frith	Gulf of Mexico	07/04/75	07/28/75	SPEARGUN
Largemouth Buffalo	75.00	42.00	Joe R Walker	Toledo Bend	08/07/85	09/09/85	TROTLINE
Longnose Gar	82.00	77.00	Rance E. Allen	Trinity River	05/13/90	05/13/90	bow & arr.
Longtail Bass	1.75	17.00	Stephen D. Murphy	Gulf of Mexico	09/10/90	10/19/90	Elec. Reel
Red Porgy	5.38	22.00	Stephen D. Murphy	Gulf of Mexico	09/10/90	10/19/90	Elec. Reel
Scamp	78.00	51.00	James Appel	Gulf of Mexico	10/19/88	04/12/89	1-Arm Band
Smallmouth Buffalo	97.00	48.00	Ray Priestly	Lake O' The Pines	02/01/89	05/03/89	Trotline
Spotted Gar	15.00	49.75	David E Smith	Travis	08/03/83	09/22/83	BOW
Tilefish	20.78	36.00	Joe Richard	Gulf of Mexico	07/28/83	09/22/83	BIKE RIG
Vermillion Snapper	6.29	23.00	Mark Bamburg	Lower Laguna Madre	03/01/89	05/03/89	Elec/R&R
Warsaw Grouper	258.00	74.00	Thomas Howard	Gulf of Mexico	05/20/89	07/17/89	Elec R&R

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Saltwater:							
African Pompano	37.00	45.00	Steven W Smith	Gulf of Mexico	08/20/88	10/14/88	Rod & Reel
Almaco Jack	21.26	35.00	Robert Shane Steber	Gulf of Mexico	12/08/91	12/30/91	Rod & Reel
Amberjack	107.50	66.50	Fred Carter	Gulf of Mexico	06/06/87	10/01/87	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Bonito	4.85	24.75	Patrick Maass	Gulf of Mexico	03/29/86	09/04/86	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Croaker	5.13	20.25	Earl Merendino	Galveston Bay	07/10/71	10/04/71	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Cutlassfish	2.64	40.13	H J Smith	Galveston Bay	01/01/87	02/16/87	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Needlefish	9.00	28.75	Koy L. Kelley	Gulf of Mexico	08/03/90	12/05/90	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Spadefish	10.00	22.00	Laramie Winczewski	Gulf of Mexico	11/24/90	02/01/91	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Stingray	3.75	32.00	Bryan Ellis	Galveston Bay	05/21/88	04/12/89	Rod & Reel
Banded Shrimp Eel	32.38	71.50	Cy Bennett	Gulf of Mexico	03/24/88	05/02/88	Rod & Reel
Barred Grunt	1.06	12.50	Harry Hoffman	Gulf of Mexico	07/14/84	09/04/84	Rod & Reel
Bearded Brotula	8.03	27.00	Bryan Gulley	Gulf of Mexico	09/19/82	12/30/82	Rod & Reel
Bermuda Chub	1.37	13.50	David Lindsay	Gulf of Mexico	09/04/82	10/19/82	Rod & Reel
Bigeye	2.40	17.25	Suzannah Creech	Gulf of Mexico	03/20/89	05/03/89	Rod & Reel
Bighead Searobin	1.14	13.25	Wade Kilpatrick	Corpus Christi Bay	08/05/87	10/21/87	Rod & Reel
Black Drum	81.00	51.18	Wally Escobar, Jr.	Gulf of Mexico	06/19/88	08/08/88	Rod & Reel
Black Durgon	2.38	14.00	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/20/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Black Grouper	83.25	52.00	T L Gleason	Gulf of Mexico	09/11/83	02/01/84	Rod & Reel
Black Jack	17.25	34.00	Dedra Sheldon	Gulf of Mexico	08/05/78	12/29/78	Rod & Reel
Black Margate	12.76	27.00	Horacio A. Deleon	Gulf of Mexico	07/14/88	08/08/88	Rod & Reel
Black Snapper	11.10	26.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	07/27/87	12/15/87	Rod & Reel
Blackfin Tuna	38.89	41.75	John Alvarez, Jr	Gulf of Mexico	06/23/88	12/12/88	Rod & Reel
Blacknose Shark	28.44	48.50	Louis Kusey III	Gulf of Mexico	12/27/86	06/04/87	Rod & Reel
Blacktip Shark	179.00	81.00	Gary Rooth	Gulf of Mexico	05/20/89	07/17/89	Rod & Reel
Blue Catfish	7.56	25.50	Charles Evans	Galveston Bay	11/10/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Blue Marlin	876.50	158.00	James H Farrow	Gulf of Mexico	08/20/88	10/14/88	Rod & Reel
Bluefin Tuna	808.00	103.00	Trina Isaacs	Gulf of Mexico	05/04/85	05/13/85	Rod & Reel
Bluefish	16.62	36.63	Alex Koumonduros	Gulf of Mexico	01/11/87	02/17/87	Rod & Reel
Bonefish	3.75	23.25	C W Morris	Gulf of Mexico	11/19/77	01/18/78	Rod & Reel
Bonito	27.00	0.00	Eddie Groth	Gulf of Mexico	07/01/69	07/01/69	Rod & Reel
Bonnethead	22.81	48.00	Bill M. Kirschner	Gulf of Mexico	07/13/91	09/17/91	Rod & Reel
Bull Shark	497.00	110.00	Dale Harper	Gulf of Mexico	07/01/71	07/01/71	Rod & Reel
Cobia (Ling)	105.00	71.00	John W. Lodge, III	Galveston Bay	05/28/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Coney	3.43	17.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/17/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Cottonmouth Jack	1.25	12.50	Frank Fuller	Gulf of Mexico	07/14/84	04/07/86	Rod & Reel
Cottonwick	1.34	13.75	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	07/25/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Cow-Nosed Ray	50.50	52.00	Freeman Gage, Jr.	Gulf of Mexico	05/27/86	08/22/86	Rod & Reel
Creole-Fish	0.81	12.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/22/87	12/15/87	Rod & Reel
Crevalle Jack	50.25	52.25	Francis Lyon	Gulf of Mexico	06/26/76	08/25/76	Rod & Reel
Cubby	1.00	11.13	Steve Qualia	Gulf of Mexico	04/16/87	04/16/87	Rod & Reel
Cubera Snapper	131.00	56.00	Ricky H. Preddy	Gulf of Mexico	08/08/83	05/01/84	Rod & Reel
Dog Snapper	128.00	0.00	Chris Page	Gulf of Mexico	01/01/62	01/01/62	Rod & Reel
Dogfish	21.00	50.75	Vicki Kusey	Gulf of Mexico	10/26/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Dolphin (Dorado)	65.60	67.25	Robby DeLeon	Gulf of Mexico	07/04/89	12/22/89	Rod & Reel
Dusky Shark	530.00	129.00	Raymond E. Hein	Gulf of Mexico	03/01/75	05/07/75	Rod & Reel
Finetooth Shark	100.50	80.25	Richard S. Hensley	Gulf of Mexico	06/03/79	08/03/79	Rod & Reel
Flat Needlefish	0.81	29.88	Charlie Parkhill	Gulf of Mexico	07/20/90	12/05/90	Rod & Reel
Florida Pompano	6.25	23.25	Wilbert Hettinger	Gulf of Mexico	01/01/89	04/12/89	Rod & Reel
Flounder	13.00	28.00	Herbert Endicott	Sabine Lake	02/18/76	04/15/76	Rod & Reel
French Angelfish	6.48	17.00	Penelope Autry	Gulf of Mexico	08/30/86	11/13/86	Rod & Reel

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Saltwater (cont.):							
Gafftopsail Catfish	13.33	34.00	Herman Koehne, Jr	Gulf of Mexico	12/13/81	01/27/82	Rod & Reel
Gag	20.19	34.00	Troy D. Shewmaker	Gulf of Mexico	05/26/91	08/20/91	Rod & Reel
Gray Snapper	12.35	26.50	Patrick L. Lemire	Gulf of Mexico	06/28/87	08/13/87	Rod & Reel
Gray Triggerfish	9.00	25.00	Richard E. Smith	Gulf of Mexico	08/09/87	10/01/87	Rod & Reel
Graysby	1.34	13.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	07/22/87	12/15/87	Rod & Reel
Great Barracuda	50.25	56.00	Capt. David R. Lindsay	Gulf of Mexico	09/02/89	10/19/89	Rod & Reel
Great Hammerhead	871.00	163.75	Mark Johnson	Gulf of Mexico	07/04/80	09/25/80	Rod & Reel
Guaguanche	1.33	19.50	Michael Horton	Gulf of Mexico	12/31/85	09/04/86	Rod & Reel
Gulf Kingfish	1.94	17.00	Harry Hoffman	Gulf of Mexico	08/13/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Gulf Toadfish	3.00	15.88	Gay Landry	Gulf of Mexico	06/17/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Hardhead Catfish	3.17	19.25	Mike Lombardi	Gulf of Mexico	10/01/87	12/15/87	Rod & Reel
Horse-Eye Jack	18.98	34.00	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	07/17/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Jewfish	551.00	0.00	Gus Pangarakis	Gulf of Mexico	06/29/37	07/31/74	Rod & Reel
Killifish	0.13	6.13	Wesley Lynn Hoke	Galveston Bay	05/20/85	07/16/85	Rod & Reel
King Mackerel	71.50	66.50	L F Higdon	Gulf of Mexico	05/27/77	06/30/77	Rod & Reel
Knobbed Porgy	4.13	19.00	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/20/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Ladyfish (Skipjack)	4.50	25.00	Neely Johnson, Jr	Lower Laguna Madre	07/22/78	08/03/79	Rod & Reel
Lane Snapper	5.81	22.00	Timothy L Walden	Gulf of Mexico	07/14/90	12/05/90	Rod & Reel
Least Puffer	0.14	6.00	Adolf Schulz	Galveston Bay	01/30/90	04/18/90	Rod & Reel
Lemon Shark	470.00	122.00	Jim Blackburn	Gulf of Mexico	08/28/87	10/01/87	Rod & Reel
Leopard Toadfish	3.13	16.31	Tanya Page Fain	Aransas Bay	07/16/91	08/21/91	Rod & Reel
Lizardfish	0.94	15.00	Charles C Bailey	Galveston Bay	10/12/85	01/07/86	Rod & Reel
Longbill Spearfish	60.75	86.50	Kari Ann Alberthal	Gulf of Mexico	08/10/90	10/29/90	Rod & Reel
Longfin Mako	664.00	128.50	Donald Ewing	Gulf of Mexico	05/04/86	07/01/86	Rod & Reel
Lookdown	3.69	20.75	Donald J Combs	Gulf of Mexico	05/12/87	06/05/87	Rod & Reel
Marbled Grouper	4.54	20.00	Charles Grossman	Gulf of Mexico	10/01/79	09/14/86	Rod & Reel
Margined Flyingfish	0.79	14.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/21/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Mojarra	0.88	12.25	Natalie Woods	Lower Laguna Madre	08/01/81	11/17/81	Rod & Reel
Nurse Shark	22.00	47.00	Charles Whitney	Gulf of Mexico	10/25/86	05/22/87	Rod & Reel
Ocean Triggerfish	6.55	19.88	Robert W. Pratt	Gulf of Mexico	08/21/89	12/01/89	Rod & Reel
Oceanic Whitetip Shark	106.00	84.00	Joe T Surovik	Gulf of Mexico	04/24/80	06/13/80	Rod & Reel
Palometa	0.50	10.50	Justo Avila	Gulf of Mexico	10/16/82	12/10/82	Rod & Reel
Pigfish	0.86	11.25	Ronald Mache	Galveston Bay	07/05/87	10/21/87	Rod & Reel
Pinfish	1.99	16.00	Reginald Jeffers	Gulf of Mexico	02/03/87	03/23/87	Rod & Reel
Pompano Dolphin	4.10	25.88	Tommy Guedner	Gulf of Mexico	08/03/90	12/05/90	Rod & Reel
Puddingwife	3.04	16.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/20/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Queen Triggerfish	10.49	24.50	Bruce F. Goates	Gulf of Mexico	07/15/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Rainbow Runner	20.35	45.50	Sergio A. Flores	Gulf of Mexico	07/20/91	11/25/91	Rod & Reel
Red Barbier	1.81	16.50	Cpt Ricky Preddy	Gulf of Mexico	07/08/86	02/09/87	Rod & Reel
Red Drum	51.50	0.00	Johnny Cizmar	Gulf of Mexico	01/01/67	01/01/67	Rod & Reel
Red Hind	8.96	24.25	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	07/22/87	12/15/87	Rod & Reel
Red Snapper	35.00	38.40	Randy G. Bellamy	Gulf of Mexico	03/13/85	05/08/85	Rod & Reel
Rock Hind	3.70	16.50	Juan DeLeon IV	Gulf of Mexico	08/10/91	09/16/91	Rod & Reel
Roughtail Stingray	241.00	84.00	Rick A. Jansky	Gulf of Mexico	09/02/91	10/18/91	Rod & Reel
Sailfish	95.00	97.50	Morton Cohn	Gulf of Mexico	07/12/72	11/15/72	Rod & Reel
Sand Seatrout	6.25	23.50	Dennis Herrick	Galveston Bay	02/26/72	02/26/72	Rod & Reel
Sand Tiger	520.00	119.00	Joey Vermueleem	Gulf of Mexico	04/04/76	06/10/76	Rod & Reel
Sand Tilefish	2.00	22.25	Irby W Basco	Gulf of Mexico	05/27/85	06/05/87	Rod & Reel
Sandbar Shark	226.00	92.00	James S. Wilson	Gulf of Mexico	03/21/75	06/26/75	Rod & Reel
Sawfish	736.00	0.00	Gus Pangarakis	Gulf of Mexico	01/01/39	07/31/74	Rod & Reel

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Scaled Sardine	0.10	6.50	John M. Zapata	Gulf of Mexico	07/12/90	12/05/90	Rod & Reel
Scalloped Hammerhead	195.00	106.00	Lonnie Davis	Gulf of Mexico	10/30/89	01/17/90	Rod & Reel
Scamp	23.00	39.00	Rudy Luna	Gulf of Mexico	12/31/80	01/23/81	Rod & Reel
Scrawled Filefish	1.79	20.25	John Landeche	Gulf of Mexico	08/11/86	02/09/87	Rod & Reel
Sheepshead	12.92	25.25	Gary R. Davis	Galveston Bay	12/04/83	02/01/84	Rod & Reel
Short Bigeye	1.00	11.00	Luis A. Gomez	Gulf of Mexico	10/16/91	12/04/91	Rod & Reel
Shrimp Eel	0.70	24.50	Megan Gower	Gulf of Mexico	08/03/90	12/05/90	Rod & Reel
Silky Shark	556.00	140.00	Wolfgang Bushang	Gulf of Mexico	07/23/73	12/09/74	Rod & Reel
Silver Perch	0.25	8.50	Mary Bailey	Galveston Bay	07/02/87	10/01/87	Rod & Reel
Silver Seatrout	6.50	24.75	Jacquelin Merrel	Aransas Bay	03/02/89	04/12/89	Rod & Reel
Skipjack Herring	2.43	15.67	Paul Jorgenson	Sabine Lake	01/20/87	03/23/87	Rod & Reel
Skipjack Tuna	28.25	33.88	Jimmy Welder	Gulf of Mexico	06/20/81	09/17/81	Rod & Reel
Smalleye Hammerhead	151.00	95.00	Louis Kusey III	Gulf of Mexico	10/26/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Smooth Butterfly Ray	9.00	21.88	Cameron V Wells	Lower Laguna Madre	08/02/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Smooth Puffer	10.46	30.00	Kenneth Frazer	Gulf of Mexico	05/25/88	05/25/88	Rod & Reel
Snake Mackerel	0.63	26.88	Mike Mathis	Gulf of Mexico	08/09/86	11/13/86	Rod & Reel
Snook	57.50	0.00	Louis Rawalt	Gulf of Mexico	01/01/37	01/01/37	Rod & Reel
Southern Kingfish	2.75	17.00	Mike J Walker	Gulf of Mexico	03/11/72	03/11/72	Rod & Reel
Southern Stargazer	1.02	10.88	Vere Cameron Wells	Gulf of Mexico	07/14/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Southern Stingray	229.00	88.00	David Lee Anderson	Galveston Bay	06/02/91	08/07/91	Rod & Reel
Spanish Mackerel	8.74	34.50	Bobby Tarter	Gulf of Mexico	08/15/76	07/14/77	Rod & Reel
Spinner Shark	184.00	86.37	David Lee Anderson	Galveston Bay	05/21/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Spotted Hake	0.89	14.00	Kenneth R Colura	Gulf of Mexico	03/03/90	04/23/90	Rod & Reel
Spotted Seatrout	13.56	33.75	P. M Blackwood	Upper Laguna Madre	03/16/75	05/07/75	Rod & Reel
Squirrelfish	0.95	13.25	Nancy Horton	Gulf of Mexico	12/31/85	09/03/86	Rod & Reel
Striped Bass	28.00	33.50	Calvin E. Hinderman Jr	Galveston Bay	01/26/91	04/03/91	Rod & Reel
Striped Burr Fish	0.69	8.78	Vivian B. Butler	Matagorda Bay	08/10/91	09/17/91	Rod & Reel
Striped Mullet	13.80	30.50	Bill Fritch	Private Lake	12/28/83	02/22/84	Rod & Reel
Swordfish	317.00	142.00	J.P. Bryan, Jr.	Gulf of Mexico	07/21/79	07/03/80	Rod & Reel
Tarpon	210.00	86.25	Thomas F. Gibson, Jr.	Gulf of Mexico	11/13/73	11/13/73	Rod & Reel
Thresher Shark	133.00	104.00	Bruce Hansen	Gulf of Mexico	04/16/81	06/29/81	Rod & Reel
Tiger Shark	1121.25	145.25	Larry Simmons, Jr.	Gulf of Mexico	06/05/87	08/13/87	Rod & Reel
Tomtate	2.03	15.75	Donald K. McCarty	Gulf of Mexico	03/03/90	05/17/90	Rod & Reel
Tripletail	33.50	34.00	Mrs. Eddie Porter	Matagorda Bay	06/29/84	08/14/84	Rod & Reel
Unicorn Filefish	5.00	21.63	Eugene Foreman, Jr	Gulf of Mexico	09/25/87	04/08/88	Rod & Reel
Vermillion Snapper	4.31	21.75	Stanley J. Cernik III	Gulf of Mexico	09/04/91	09/25/91	Rod & Reel
Wahoo	124.00	73.50	Terry Crider	Gulf of Mexico	07/05/87	08/13/87	Rod & Reel
Warsaw Grouper	277.00	72.50	Aubrey Eastwood	Gulf of Mexico	10/26/89	12/22/89	Rod & Reel
White Marlin	111.50	93.00	Geo Taggart	Gulf of Mexico	08/05/79	09/25/79	Rod & Reel
Whitebone Porgy	2.63	16.13	G.A. Landry	Gulf of Mexico	07/15/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Yellow Chub	8.45	23.25	Floyd V. Pansano Jr.	Gulf of Mexico	08/07/90	12/05/90	Rod & Reel
Yellowfin Grouper	32.00	37.38	Larry Williams	Gulf of Mexico	08/27/82	01/28/83	Rod & Reel
Yellowfin Tuna	210.00	72.00	Alex Koumonduros	Gulf of Mexico	05/07/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Yellowtail Snapper	7.58	30.00	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	07/25/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel

AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Jan. 16:

CENTRAL

BELTON: Lake is closed, water still high, gates still open, water is muddy, 52 degrees; some hybrid striper to 10 pounds caught below the dam on 1 ounce white jigs; a few catfish caught from the banks in the 5 pounds range.

BROWNWOOD: Water muddy, 65 degrees, 1 foot over spillway; some catfish to 12 pounds caught on trotlines baited with shad; few boaters out; most debris cleared out; boat ramps are open.

BUCHANAN: Water murky, 62 degrees, lake full; black bass are slow; striper are slow, a few to 7 pounds caught on live shad; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are good through 10 pounds on trotlines baited with fresh shad.

CANYON: Water muddy, 8 feet above normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 2 pounds at night.

COLORADO BEND: Water murky, 1 foot low; black bass are slow; yellow catfish are good to 4 pounds on live bait; channel catfish are good to 2 pounds.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 70 degrees, 1 foot above normal level; black bass were excellent over the weekend with 5 fish over 8 pounds each on water dogs and Slug-Gos, also several over 7 pounds; crappie are slow; catfish are slow.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear, 54 degrees, 3 inches above normal level; black bass are good to 13 pounds on Rattle Traps; three bass over 8 pounds caught last week, a 12-pound, 14-ounce fish was landed on a fire tiger deep diving crank; crappie are improving on minnows; catfish are fairly good to 10 pounds on rod and reel baited with stinkbait and cheese bait.

LBJ: Water murky, 61 degrees, lake full; black bass are slow; striper are good through 20 pounds behind Inks Lake Dam on live shad; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 8 pounds in baited holes on stinkbaits.

LIMESTONE: Water murky, 52 degrees, normal level; all fishing slow, no fishermen on the lake due to weather.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky around the edges due to high winds Monday, 62 degrees, 10 feet above normal; all boat ramps closed; some white bass were caught in the crappie house.

SQUAW CREEK: Water murky, visibility 2-3 feet, 60 degrees, normal level; largemouth bass are good in the 2 1/2 pounds in 2-15 feet of water on minnows, worms and slabs; smallmouth are good to 4 pounds on cranks and minnows in 1 to 15 feet of water; striper are slow; crappie are fair in shallow water on crappie rigs; white bass are good to 3 pounds in 38 feet of water on slabs; catfish are good to 10 pounds in 2-41 feet of water on stinkbait, worms and cranks.

TRAVIS: Water stained considerably, 58 degrees, 7 feet above full; Lake is closed to boating until Friday, Jan. 17.

WACO: Water off color, 50 degrees, 17 feet high; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are slow. Boat ramps are under water; no fishermen out

midweek.

WHITNEY: Water clear, 52 degrees, 13 3/4 above normal level; black bass are slow; striper are good to 12 pounds on Mann Shadows, Sassy Shad and jigs; crappie are slow; white bass are good on jigs and slabs with many limits; catfish are slow; boat launching possible at Walling Bend and at most lodges; most ramps are under water.

NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water clear, 50 degrees; normal level, black bass are fair to 4 pounds; crappie are slow; hybrid striper are slow; catfish are slow; only a few fishermen out.

BRIDGEPORT: Water muddy, few fishermen out; lake level is 1 foot above normal; some catfish caught on trotlines.

CADDO: Water clear, normal level; black bass are good to 3 1/4 pounds on worms and Rattle Traps; crappie are good to 2 1/4 pounds on minnows in Big Lake; white bass and striper are slow; catfish are good to 2 pounds at night on set hooks baited with minnows.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 53 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 6 1/4 pounds on jigging eels in 8 feet of water; hybrid striper are slow; channel catfish are fair to 7 1/2 pounds drifting bloodbait; all other fishing is slow.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds, 10 ounces on jig and pig; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; catfish are good to 8 pounds on nightcrawlers.

FAIRFIELD: Water murky, 65 degrees, 6 inches above normal level; black bass are slow to 6 pounds on spinners and cranks, spinners, buzz baits and cranks, some worms; hybrid striper are slow to 12 pound on shad baits; catfish are fair to 8 pounds on trotlines with live baits; redfish are slow to 20 pounds on cranks, Rattle Traps and Hellbenders.

FORK: Water clear, 48-50 degrees, lake full; black bass are fair to 11.04 pounds on spinners; crappie are good on minnows in 38-45 feet of water; catfish are slow.

JOE POOL: Water muddy, 7 feet above normal level; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on dark worms and cranks; crappie are fair to 2 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 7 pounds on chicken livers.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 48 degrees; 7 inches above normal level; black bass are fair to 7 3/4 pounds on jig and pork baits; crappie are fair on jigs and minnows around the dam area and below the spillway; white bass are slow; catfish are fairly good to 8 pounds on worms and cut bait with trotlines. A total of 32 bald eagles were spotted during the count last weekend.

LAVON: Water murky, 45 degrees, 9 feet above normal level; black bass and all fishing slow due to high winds and high water; only the Lavonia ramp is open.

LEWISVILLE: Water murky, 47 degrees, 5 feet over normal level; black bass are slow to 7 pounds on worms and jigs; striper are slow; crappie are good at 16 feet on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fairly good to 16 pounds on live shad.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 68 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds on live water dogs; crappie are fair to 10 fish per string on minnows; catfish are

good to 7 pounds on Canadian crawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 49 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows and jigs; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

MURVAUL: Water murky due to rains, 50 degrees, 8 inches above normal; black bass are fair to 6 1/2 pounds on worms and jigs; crappie are slow due to lack of fishermen, some fish were caught on small minnows around 1971 bridge; channel catfish are fair on rod and reel baited with Canadian nightcrawlers, trotline fishing is slow.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 6 inches above normal level; black bass are slow; catfish are good to 21 pounds on trotlines with cut bait; crappie are good to 2 1/2 pounds on minnows.

RAY ROBERTS: Lake remains closed; lake level is 6 feet high; all boat ramps are under water.

RICHLAND-CHAMBERS: Water murky, 50 degrees, 9 inches high; black and all fishing slow; winds have made whitecaps on 5-6 foot waves.

TAWAKONI: Water clear, 50 degrees, 6 inches above spillway level; black bass are good to 6 3/4 pounds; striper are poor; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; white bass are poor; catfish are excellent to 7 pounds on bloodbait and rod and reel.

TEXOMA: Water spotty, some clear, river channel is muddy, 47 degrees, 3 feet high; black bass are good to 10 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces a possible lake record on red crawfish colored cranks; striper are excellent to 13 1/2 pounds on live bait and sassy shad; crappie are fair in 25-26 feet of water around structure; white bass are fair on live bait and Sassy Shad; catfish are fair to 10 pounds on cut baits with trotlines.

WRIGHT PATMAN: Water muddy, 51 degrees, 8 feet above normal; black bass are poor; crappie are fair to poor on minnows below the dam in the swift water; white bass are good in the same area on L'11 Georges; catfish are fair to good to 10 pounds on trotlines baited with shad, cut shad, chicken livers and large minnows.

SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water fairly clear, 55 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 10 pounds on spoons, worms and Rattle Traps in shallow water; crappie are fairly slow on minnows; white bass are good in 25 feet of water on spoons; catfish are fairly good in shallow water on a variety of catfish baits.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 66 degrees, 6 inches above normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds on spinners; crappie are good to 12 fish per string on minnows; white bass are good to 15 fish per string on minnows; catfish are slow.

LIVINGSTON: Water murky, 50 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly slow due to lack of fishermen; striper are slow; crappie are good on minnows when fishermen are out; white bass are beginning to move up the creeks; catfish are spotty to 42 pounds on live bait.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear in lake, murky in creeks, 63 degrees, 3.5 feet low; black bass are good to 6 1/2 pounds in 32 to 35 feet of water on spoons; striper are slow; crappie are scattered and hard to find on live bait; white

bass are slow; catfish are slow.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, 59 degrees, 5 feet above normal level; black bass are good to 10 pounds in 5 to 30 feet of water on dark worms, jigs and spinners; good numbers of 4-5 pound bass caught; striper are fair in number but spotty at the springs and around Markers 7 and 8 on jigs mainly, some are surfacing around Marker 17, at the springs; white bass are good in the same area on slabs and spoons; catfish are good in 40 to 100 feet of water on cheese baits, shrimp and worms.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow and small; catfish are good to 6 pounds on nightcrawlers and chicken liver; redfish are slow.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 55 degrees, 1 foot above normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow to 6 1/2 pounds on cranks; crappie slow; catfish are good to 5 pounds; channel catfish are good to 1 1/2 pounds; redfish are slow; corvina are slow to 15 1/4 pounds on tilapia.

CHOKE: Water clear, 56 degrees, 11.7 feet low; black bass are good to 8 pounds, 12 ounces on spinners in 1 to 5 feet of water early; later in the day bass are good in 15 to 25 feet of water on slow moving worms and large deep diving cranks; 4-inch worms on Carolina rigs work best; striper are slow; crappie are fair with small schools in 15 feet of water in the river channel and around highway 99 bridge, some crappie were caught on minnows in 1-5 feet of water; catfish are good to 5 pounds on cheese baits in 1-5 feet of water and also in 5-15 feet of water; good catfish areas are along the river by Highway 99 bridge, south shore flats and along the north shore by Four Fingers on cheese bait, nightcrawlers and shrimp; catfish in the 15 to 40 pound range pounds were caught on trotlines baited with live bait and shad.

COLETO CREEK: Water murky, normal level; black bass are poor; striper are fair in number on jigs and spoons; crappie are poor; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on artificials.

FALCON: Water clear, 62 degrees, 2 feet above normal level; black bass are fair to 8 pounds on worms and spinners; striper are fair in the keeper range on diving baits; crappie are slow; white bass are good up the river on slabs and spoons with some fish to 3 pounds; catfish are good to 4 pounds on rod and reel baited with shrimp or cheese baits.

MEDINA: Water clearing, 1 foot above normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on L'il Georges in the river area; catfish are good to 5 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp.

TEXANA: Water muddy, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 25 pounds on trotlines with cut shad.

WEST

GRANBURY: Water clear, 58 degrees around the hot water discharge, 52 degrees in the rest of the lake; lake level 6 inches low; black bass are good to 6 1/2 pounds on spinners and fire tiger cranks; striper are slow; crappie are good

with many limits on minnows; white bass are good in the DeCordova bend area on slabs and jigging spoons; catfish are good to 7 pounds on Mister Whiskers.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 48 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair; crappie are slow; white bass are fair on slabs and spoons; catfish are slow; walleye are slow; keeper sized rainbow are good with limits on Power baits.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water a little muddy, normal level; black bass are good to 12 pounds, 6 ounces, a possible new lake record, on jigs; crappie are good on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

IVIE: Water clear, 51 degrees, 54 percent full or 16 feet low and rising very slowly; black bass are fair to 5 pounds, some keepers on worms in deep water; crappie are poor to fair on minnows; catfish are fair to good in baited holes in 20-30 feet of water.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 42 degrees, 83 1/4 feet; black bass are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are good at night on shad or minnows; catfish are slow; walleye are fair in the 4 1/2 to 5 pound range on minnows and shad.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 6 feet low; black bass are slow; few fishermen out on the lake.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 49 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds in 20 feet of water on green and black pig and jig; striper are slow on Hellbenders; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds in 10 feet of water on live bait; white bass are good along with crappie on live minnows in the 2 1/2 pound range; catfish are good to 6 pounds on rod and reel with worms and shrimp; a 35-pound yellow catfish caught on trotline last Sunday.

PROCTOR: Lake still closed.

SPENCE: Water clear, 52 degrees, 33 feet low; black bass are slow to 4 pounds on dark worms; striper are good to 26 1/2 pounds trolling deep running Bombers; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are good in baited holes with shrimp and worms and on trotlines with bass minnows.

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Fishing has been slow due to weather; fishermen are out but not many are catching anything, though some channel catfish are caught; rain and high winds have kept most fisherman away; no live bait shrimp available.

GALVESTON: Tides are very low, little water in the bays; fishing has been slow; snapper fishing was good offshore before this weather hit with fish consistently in the 5-7 pound range; inshore fishing has been slow with an occasional redfish, trout or gulf trout; good numbers of gulf trout caught around offshore rights when boats can get out; no live bait shrimp available.

FREEPORT: Good numbers of snapper caught offshore; water is fresh in the area; not many fishermen out; weather has been too rough for snapper boats to go out.

MATAGORDA: Some trout and redfish caught on the south bank of Matagorda Bay on strawberry Hogies with white tails; salinity in most areas is in the 10 ppt range where normally it is 25 ppt. East Matagorda has good numbers of small redfish, few trout; no live bait available; river still running, muddy and high.

PALACIOS: Good fishing around the Baptist Encampment, the Pavilion

and in the turning basin on clear metal flake Hogies Swimming Shad, Jumping Minnows; extremely low tides and high winds have prevented fishing in other areas midweek; protected deep holes should be good fishing after the new cold front comes through; no live bait shrimp available; good concentrations of dark geese west of Palacios.

ROCKPORT: Strong winds have been blowing since Monday; fishing good over the weekend; weather clear midweek; live bait shrimp available at \$8 per quart.

PORT ARANSAS: Weather beautiful late Tuesday with 3 knot winds; weather is cool but pleasant; some trout to 19 inches caught off the north jetties on green metal flake cacohoe minnows, the red flaked ones are the best; some redfish caught in the flats off the jetties and in Estes Flats; some drum caught at the end of the jetties; sheepshead also good at the jetties; live bait shrimp available but not always easy to find; mud minnow plentiful.

Offshore fishing boats have been stuck in port since Saturday; good numbers of 2-3 pound snapper and fairly good numbers of vermillion snapper caught; some amberjack in the 15-20 pound range and warsaw grouper to 25 pounds were caught. Laguna Madre and Baffin Bay fishermen have been catching limits of trout to 5 pounds on live shrimp when available and root beer or strawberry touts.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Fishing has been fairly good though winds were high on Monday; The weather was clear and pleasant late Tuesday; some trout caught along the causeway, at Indian Point and at Long Spear; some drum caught in the bay bays near the power lines; live bait shrimp available at 15 cents each.

PORT MANSFIELD: Fishing has been slow this week; few fishermen present due to weather; live bait scarce.

SOUTH PADRE: Weather has kept most fishermen at home; good numbers of trout caught when fishermen can get out; best fishing is in deep water near the shallows; some redfish and drum are caught in South Bay; pier fishing is limited because of the weather but some whiting, sand trout and big drum caught; some live bait shrimp available. Surf fishing is extremely good with many whiting, drum, redfish and pompano; jetties are producing flounder; snapper fishing is good in the 3-5 pound range when fishermen can get out.

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