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SURVEY SHOWS WILDLIFE'S ROLE IN TEXAS ECONOMY

AUSTIN -- The 1985 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation compiled by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service shows that wildlife-related recreational expenditures in Texas are \$2.4 billion annually.

The Texas section of the survey revealed that an estimated 1.4 million hunters were afield for 25 million hunter-days, spending \$1,075,000,000.

In addition to hunting, more than 8 million persons participated in "nonconsumptive" uses of wildlife, such as bird watching and photography. These users spent about \$1.4 billion, bringing the total expenditure for all wildlife recreation to \$2,475,000.

These figures illustrate the economic as well as aesthetic importance of wildlife and the environment in Texas, said Dr. Craig A. McMahan, director of wildlife planning programs for the Texas Parks Wildlife Department. "Clearly wildlife as a resource has the credentials to make a case for careful management of the environment," he said, adding that wildlife is in effect a "clean" business that has a positive impact on the state's

economy

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REDBREAST SUNFISH SETS NEW
STATE RECORD

AUSTIN -- A one-pound, four-ounce redbreast sunfish caught by Rock Hamilton of Dallas in the Guadalupe River in 1987 has been certified as a state record

Hamilton was fishing with ultralight spinning gear below the Canyon Reservoir Dam when he made the catch. The 12-inch-long fish establishes a new species category in the record book

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ANGLERS REMINDED OF
SALTWATER FISH BAG LIMITS

AUSTIN -- With the arrival of spring, increasing numbers of Texans and out of state visitors will be heading for the Gulf coast to sample the fishing

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials remind these anglers that some coastal sport fishing regulations are still fairly new and may still be unfamiliar

Fishery technician Beth Houseman of Port Arthur said these regulations include bag and size limits, and also the proper method for measuring fish

"Fish should be measured from the tip of the snout to the extreme tip of the tail, and the measurement must be taken in a straight line without following the curve of the fish's body," Houseman said "The fish should have its mouth closed and its tail squeezed together or rotated to get the maximum length possible " This measuring method also applies to freshwater fish, she said

Law enforcement officials said fish taken into possession must have the heads and tails attached until the angler reaches land (mainland or barrier island) and does not transport the fish further by boat or possess the fish on a jetty or pier

One of the newer regulation changes set the daily bag limit on red drum (redfish) at three Anglers may retain only redfish from 20 through 28 inches in length The possession limit is six

The daily bag limit for spotted seatrout (speckled trout) is 10, with a possession limit of 20 Only trout 14 inches and longer may be retained

Fishermen may retain five black drum per day Only those measuring from 14 through 30 inches may be retained Possession limit is 10

The bag limit for sheepshead is five per day, 10 in possession, with a 12-inch minimum length limit The bag limit for flounder is 20 per day, 40 in possession

Coastal fishermen also should be aware they are required to possess a \$5 Saltwater Sportfishing Stamp in addition to a valid fishing license, unless otherwise exempted from fishing license requirements

For complete information on fishing regulations, consult the department's Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing Regulations Guides, available from department offices, retail fishing license outlets and tackle stores

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GAME WARDENS RESCUE TRAVIS
SAILORS, WINDSURFERS

AUSTIN -- Game wardens and Travis County sheriff's deputies rescued dozens of sailboaters and windsurfers Saturday at Lake Travis as a fast-moving cold front swept across the area with winds in excess of 35 miles per hour

Game Warden Jack Maddux of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said the sudden wind change caught many by surprise. "The wind turned over a lot of sailboats before the sailors could get control," said Maddux, "and the windsurfers simply couldn't get up on their boards to make it back to shore."

Maddux and his partner Al Campos spent more than three hours in their 17-foot patrol boat, pulling sailboats off the rocky shorelines and dragging people out of the chilly water. He estimated they rescued between 20 and 25 people, while sheriff's deputies and several individual power boaters possibly rescued that many more.

Maddux said high winds were a factor in several drownings across the state during the weekend. "Anyone operating a boat, large or small, should always check weather forecasts and be alert for possible weather changes,"

he said Also, be familiar with sirens or other signals used on many lakes to signal a wind hazard, he added

If caught out on the water in a high wind, the boat operator first should make sure everyone aboard is wearing a personal flotation device (life preserver) "You should always head toward the nearest shoreline, rather than back where you put in," said Maddux

In a high wind, it is best to head the boat into the wind at a reduced speed, as cutting across the waves can cause the craft to take on water and capsize

If a motor boat's engine dies, using an anchor tied to the bow also may help keep the boat afloat

If the boat fills with water or capsizes, passengers should cling to it until help arrives or until it drifts ashore "There have been countless incidents where people drowned attempting to swim ashore, when they would have survived if they had just remained with the boat," said Capt Dexter Harris, water safety coordinator for the department's Law Enforcement Division

Those wishing to learn more about boating safety can enroll in boat safety courses offered by the TPWD, the U S Coast Guard Auxiliary and U S Power Squadrons To obtain information about a course in your area, contact the Boater Education Section, Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, (512) 389-4999

SAN JACINTO DAY ACTIVITIES
SET APRIL 21-22

HOUSTON -- San Jacinto Day, 1989, festivities begin on Friday, April 21 at San Jacinto Battleground State Historical Park near Houston. This year's events celebrate the 50th anniversary of the San Jacinto Monument and the founding of the San Jacinto Museum Association.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) officials said the featured speaker for the mid-day ceremonies will be U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm. The traditional program, which begins at 11 a.m., will conclude with a wreath laid to honor heroes of the Republic of Texas.

The TPWD will host a variety of activities on Friday and Saturday for students and families. Members of several Texas military re-enactment groups will demonstrate Texian uniforms and weaponry, including replicas of the "Twin Sisters" cannons. Under the auspices of the Harrisburg Guard, the group will camp in the park near Buffalo Bayou. Another group from San Antonio will represent Santa Anna's army, with weapons and uniforms of the day, at the site of the Mexican camp on the battleground.

Three historic areas of the battlefield -- the Texian camp, the Mexican camp and the area now occupied by the south steps of the monument -- will be interpreted on both days by volunteers who will describe the battle from the various vantage points.

Volunteers from San Jacinto College's North Campus will host youth

activities in a pavillion near the monument on Friday Story tellers and crafts will be featured

On both Friday and Saturday, TPWD staff from Goliad State Park will demonstrate weaving techniques, and interpreters from Fulton Mansion State Historic Structure will conduct 19th Century games

Admission to all events is free on both days San Jacinto Battleground State Historical Park is located east of Houston at 3524 Highway 134 For more information, contact Park Superintendent Dale Martin at (713)

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AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for April 13

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear 63 degrees, normal level black bass fair in the 2-3 pound range on cranks and minnows crappie slow; catfish slow.

BELTON: Water clear to stained in the river 72 degrees, normal level black bass good to 4 pounds on crawfish colored cranks; hybrid striper good in number to 5 pounds on white jigs and white twin tailed trailers in 20 feet of water; average 3 fish per string; crappie good to 20 fish per string on minnows in 35 feet of water; white bass fair to 15 fish per string with average about 1/2 pound on chrome Rat-L-Traps; channel catfish good to 8 pounds on Legal Limit Dough Bait.

BUCHANAN: Water clear 61 degrees, 9 1/2 feet low; black bass good in shallow water to 7 1/2 pounds on Spots worms and buzz baits in shallow water with limits; striper good with limits daily to 16 pounds on shad Tads, jigs and Bombers trolling; crappie good with limits on minnows, a limit of 25 fish weighed 33 pounds; white bass good in the high line area trolling deep diving Hot-N-Tots; catfish good in baited areas to 5 pounds on rod and reel, yellow catfish good to 33 pounds with trotlines baited with live bait upriver.

CANYON: Water clear 62 degrees, normal level black bass slow; striper slow; crappie good with several limits to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows in 15 to 20 feet of water in back of creek channels; white bass fair at the rapids on minnows, fair in upper end of lake on Mann O Lures to 15 fish per string; catfish fair to 4 1/4 pounds on shrimp.

FAYETTE: Water clear 72 degrees, normal level black bass fairly good to 8 pounds on black and blue lizards and worms; crappie slow; catfish fair to 22 pounds on jug line with live bait.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear 65 degrees, normal level black bass good to 8 pounds on jigs and purple worms; crappie slow; catfish fairly good to 6 pounds on stink bait and shrimp.

INKS: Water slightly murky 63 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on worms and some topwaters; striper have been good in the deep water early around the dams to 7 pounds on live bait; crappie slow; white bass fair near the dam and the bridges no limits; catfish good on shrimp and chicken livers; no trotliners out.

LBJ: Water clear 63 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 11 pounds most are in the 5-6 1/2 pounds with good numbers of smaller fish on Rogues buzz baits. Jig and Pig in the mossy areas many limits; striper fair up the Colorado Arm to 19 pounds; crappie good in shallow water and brushy area on minnows with limits; white bass good up the Llano arm on jigs under corks and minnows; catfish fair on baited areas on stink bait, shrimp and worms to 4 pounds; yellow catfish good to 40 pounds on trotlines with live bait.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear 49 degrees, 9 feet low black bass slow; striper good to 5 1/2 pounds near Cedar Gap Bridge in the first cove on silver slabs and shrimp; crappie good at marina around midnight in 6-10 feet of water on minnows and white jigs; white bass good to 1 1/2 pounds at Bluff Park Cedar Gap Bridge and around the marina on minnows and jigs; channel catfish are improving to 10 fish per string on Catfish Charly and shrimp; blue catfish slow.

TRAVIS: Water clear 65 degrees 12 feet low; black bass very good to 40 fish per boat per half day of fishing with 5-6 keeper sized fish per half day to 3 1/2 pounds on smoke grubs chartreuse spinners and crawfish colored cranks; striper slow; crappie good in 10-15 feet of water in brush; white bass good to 50 fish per boat in the back of main creeks on smoke grubs in 5-15 feet of water; catfish fair on trotlines.

WACO: Water muddy 70 degrees, normal level black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fair to 7 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fairly good to 10 pounds on cut bait and stink bait.

WHITNEY: Water clear 60 degrees 3 1/2 feet low; black bass fair to 4 pounds on rod and reel baited with shrimp; striper good on live bait in 30 feet of water to 10 1/2 pounds; crappie fair on minnows in 18 feet of water around the bluffs; white bass slow; yellow

catfish good on live bait to 17 blue catfish good to 22 pounds,
channel catfish good to 4 pounds

NORTHEAST

ATHENS Water clear, 68 degrees 4 inch overflow; black bass good to 8 1/4 pounds on black and blue lizards and Crawworms crappie good but hard to find in 20 feet of water under brush; white bass good to 25 fish per string on blue backed chrome Rat-L-Traps; catfish slow; bluegill and redear are slow.

BOB SANDLIN: Water slightly murky from winds, 71 degrees, normal level black bass good to 11 3/4 pounds on red Rat-L-Traps Long A Bombers spinners, lizards; crappie moving to deep points with some limits to 2 pounds each on minnows and jigs; white bass good to 3 pounds at Highway 21 bridge and Cypress Springs Dam on small white spinners, Sassy Shad and chrome Rat-L-Traps; catfish good to 5 pounds on goldfish chicken hearts, blood bait and minnows in the creek channels

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear 58 degrees 13 1/2 feet low; black bass fairly good to 5 pounds on Rat-L-Traps; striper slow; crappie good to 1 3/4 pounds on minnows with some limits white bass slow; catfish slow

CADDO Water clear in lake, muddy around edges, 2 feet high; black bass good to 4 pounds on dark worms striper slow; crappie good to 1 1/4 pounds on a minnows; white bass good; catfish fairly slow due to lack of fishermen caused by high winds

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 62 degrees normal level; black bass good to 11 pounds, 2 ounces in the shallows on black lizards and white spinners; hybrid striper slow, crappie spotty and slow; white bass good at night on minnows in 20 feet of water catfish good on goldfish and bream

FORK: Water clear 68 degrees, lake full black bass good with 10 and 11 pounds most every day on dark lizards, the largest for the week weighed 11 78 pounds; crappie fair in shallow water on minnows and jigs, catfish slow.

LAKE O THE PINES Water clear, 68 degrees 5 1/2 feet above normal level black bass fairly good to 6 1/2 pounds on lizards and white spinners, red Rat-L-Traps, Rogues and Long A Bombers; crappie have been fair in brush on small artificials and jigs, white bass fairly good with some limits to 3 pounds on jigs and small cranks catfish fair to 8 pounds on trotlines baited with cut bait

LAVON Water clear, 58 degrees 4 1/2 feet above normal level black bass fair around grass beds on spinners, striper good to 10 pounds below the dam on large minnows and shad crappie fair in 5 feet of water to 15 fish per string to 1 1/2 pounds each on minnows, white bass good in shallow creeks on minnows and L'il Georges catfish good to 13 pounds on trotline baited with shrimp on the east side of the lake; winds high over the weekend.

LEWISVILLE: water muddy from runoff 3 feet above normal level black bass slow; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass slow catfish fairly good in the 5-6 pound range on shrimp and dough bait.

MARTIN CREEK: Water murky, 61 degrees, normal level black bass and all fishing is very slow; ramps will be open Friday morning

MONTICELLO: Water off color 80 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 8 1/2 pounds on 8-inch black lizards and Rat-L-Traps with limits; crappie slow; catfish good to 65 pounds on Canadian Crawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 62 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds on Rat-L-Traps and Jig and Pig in shallow water; crappie slow white bass good to 10 fish per string on slab; catfish good to 6 pounds on chicken livers and shrimp.

MURVAUL Water murky on the upper end 64 degrees, 4 inches over the spillway black bass fair to 7 1/2 pounds on dark worms; crappie are improving around the bridge and around the boat houses, no limits catfish good on trotlines to 5 pounds on nightcrawlers and cut shad; a few yellow catfish to 15 pounds on live perch.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 65 degrees 4 inches above normal level black bass are good to 7 pounds 1 ounce on topwaters and worms; striper are picking up to 8 pounds and moving into shallow water with some surface activity; crappie are fairly good on minnows to 2 pounds; white bass improving on cranks and spoons with some breaking water; catfish good on trotlines and rod and reel to 14 pounds with nightcrawlers shrimp

RAY HUBBARD: water clear, 59 degrees, normal level black bass slow

to 2 pounds on spinners. Striper good to 8 pounds on live shad; crappie good with good numbers of limits in 4 feet of water on minnows. White bass good with some schooling early and late around the bridges on slabs; catfish fairly good to 5 pounds on chicken livers.

TAWAKONI: Water clear. 59 degrees. 1 inch over spillway level. Black bass good in 4-6 feet of water on cranks and spinners. Striper fair to 14 pounds on white jigs and worms. Crappie are good to 2 1/2 pounds on minnows and jigs with limits. White bass good to 3 pounds using slabs on the bottom in 10-12 feet of water around sandbars; catfish good to 5 pounds on shrimp and live bait.

TEXOMA: Water clear. 57 degrees. 18 inches low. Black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds on cranks and spinners; Striper fair to 14 pounds on Sassy Shad, jigs and some live bait; crappie fair to good to 3 pounds on live bait with some limits. White bass slow; catfish good to 40 pounds on jug lines with live bait.

WELSH: Water clear. 70 degrees. Lake full. Black bass fair to 6 1/2 pounds on topwaters early and late. 6-inch strawberry worms and chrome cranks later in the day; crappie slow; catfish good on trotline and tightline on worms and live bream; bream excellent on small jigs and worms.

SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear. 55 degrees. Normal level. Black bass good to 7 1/2 pounds on black blue tailed worms before the front which brought high winds. Striper slow; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish good to 5 pounds on rod and reel as well as trotline.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear. 67 degrees. Normal level. Black bass good in the 7-9 pound range on live water dogs and some cranks, some Rat-L-Traps and chartreuse spinners. Pig and jig. Striper slow; crappie fair to 10 fish per string to 2 1/2 pounds on minnows; white bass good to 3 pounds on minnows near the marina; catfish good to 3 pounds on rod and reel and to 14 pounds on trotline on the dam on chicken livers. Blood bait, water dogs.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear. 66 degrees. Normal level. Black bass fair in the 2-4 pound range on white spinners or black lizards in 1-3 feet of water. Striper good on minnows at night with many limits, Striper not as active during the day. White bass good on slabs and minnows. Catfish good in number. Fish moving into shallow water on shad. Stink bait, shrimp and cut bait.

RAYBURN: Water discolored up the rivers and creeks, 65 degrees, 6 inches high; black bass are good before the front to 10 pounds. 9 ounces on jigs and topwaters, cold front slowed fishing; Striper slow; crappie scattered to 15 fish per boat on minnows. Fish not in shallow water yet; white bass fair off points. Fish unpredictable; catfish good in the 4-5 pound range on stink bait.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 65 degrees, lake full. Black bass slow; Striper fair to 13 pounds on live bait near the dam; crappie fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows. White bass slow. Catfish fair on trotline to 25 pounds on live bait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear. 58 degrees. 1 foot above normal level. Black bass fairly good but spotty to 8 pounds on lizards. Rat-L-Traps and red crawfish colored Bombers. Big Striper are improving to 25 pounds on 7 inch Redfin topwaters. Small Striper good on smaller topwaters, minnows or small Redfins; crappie slow; white bass slowing. Catfish good in shallow water in Zorro-Caballo area in 30 feet of water.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 65 degrees, 14 inches high; black bass slow to 8 pounds on crawfish; Striper good to 8 pounds on chicken liver and shad; catfish good to 7 pounds on chicken liver and shrimp; redfish good to 16 pounds on spoons and worms; corvina slow.

CALAVERAS: Water clear. 68 degrees. Normal level. Black bass fair to 8 pounds on jigs and worms; Striper good to 5 pound average down rigging Tony Accetta spoons at 15 feet. Catfish good to 2 pounds on worms; redfish good to 5 pounds on crawfish; corvina fair to 6 pounds, 6 ounces on shad.

CHOKE: Water clear. 72 degrees. 5 feet low; black bass good to 6 pounds on spinners in shallow water. Striper slow; crappie are fair in 5 feet of water off the river channel on minnows with few full strings; white bass slow; catfish good to 8 pounds in 2 feet of water on Bill's Catfish Bait and Bob's Blood Bait with full strings.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear. 68 degrees. 6 inches low; black bass

fair to 5 pounds on dark lizards, worms and spinners in 5 feet of water; striper fair in number but all undersized; crappie good on minnows around the piers most fish are small and averaging to 20 fish per string; white bass slow; catfish good to 6 pounds on blood bait.

CORPUS CHRISTI Water clear mid lake to dam, stained in upper areas, 66 degrees 6 feet low; black bass fair in the 4-6 pound range in 3 feet of water on white and chartreuse spinners; striper good to 9 pounds near Sunrise Beach in state park on gizzard shad and 1/2 ounce Ponyhead jigs white bass slow; crappie excellent with limits in backs of coves on minnows; blue catfish good to 32 pounds on trotline in shallow water on shad and live bait flathead catfish good to 46 pounds on trotline in river channel on sunfish.

FALCON: Water clear 4 feet low black bass good to 8 pounds on worms and deep running cranks in 8 feet of water; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass fair in the state park area under birds on slabs and spoons, catfish good to 4 pounds on frozen shrimp and sponge baits.

TEXANA: Water muddy in lake, clear in the Jungle area 69 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass good to 5 pounds from the Simon's area on the south end of the lake on topwaters and spinners striper and white bass slow; crappie slow up the Sandies on minnows; blue catfish good to 30 pounds on trotline baited with shad.

WEST

ARROWHEAD Water clear 58 degrees, 8 feet low; black bass good to 3 pounds on black Ringworms with chartreuse tails in shallow water; striper poor crappie good to 2 pounds on mini jigs white bass poor; catfish poor; temperatures dropped to 30 degrees Monday night but warmed up on Tuesday.

BAYLOR: Water clear 55 degrees, normal level black bass good to 7 1/2 pounds on lures in orange, black and blue; crappie good to 20 fish per string on minnows; catfish slow to 7 1/2 pounds. Temperatures fell to 28 degrees Monday night, but damage was light.

GRANBURY: Water clear, 62 degrees normal level black bass good to 6 1/2 pounds on jig and pig striper slow; crappie good to 12 fish per string on minnows, white bass slow; catfish good on trotlines baited with shrimp and perch. Temperatures fell to 32 degrees on Monday night with some damage to local gardens

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear 48 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass fair in number to 6 pounds on blue and silver Rat-L-Traps; hybrid striper fairly good on spinners Tads, spoons and big minnows; crappie good with limits on minnows; white bass fairly slow; catfish fairly good in the 6-9 pound range on cut bait. Temperatures fell to 32 degrees Monday night but no damage reported.

MCKENZIE: Water clear 54 degrees, normal level black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fairly good in the 1/2 to 1 pound range on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fair to 4 pounds on chartreuse spinners.

MEREDITH: Water clear 49 degrees, normal level black bass fairly good to 8 1/2 pounds in North Canyon on spinners, smallmouth good to 6 1/2 pounds on yellow jigs, crappie beginning to hit to 2 1/2 pounds on minnows in 25 feet of water; white bass good to 25 fish per string on larger river minnows; catfish slow; walleye good to 10 1/2 pounds on live bait, minnows, jigs and nightcrawlers mostly on the north side of the lake from North Canyon to the dam. Temperatures fell to 31 degrees on Monday two inches of snow fell on Sunday night.

OAK CREEK: Water clear 61 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass good to 4 1/2 pounds on cranks, crappie improving at night around the docks; white bass schooling and limits caught while trolling catfish good to 5 pounds on trotline, some limits caught. Temperatures fell to 37 degrees Monday night and winds were high.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear 50 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass fairly good in number to 9 pounds mostly in the 4-5 pound range, on Pig and Jig and some topwaters, striper good to 11 pounds on slabs and Pig and Jigs crappie are fairly good to 1 pound on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fairly good on trotlines in the 4-5 pound range on liver and stink bait.

SPENCE: Water clear 60 degrees 28 feet low; black bass are good to 7 pounds on cranks, spinners and worms; striper slow; crappie good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; white bass fair in number to 2 pounds on Rat-L-Traps and slabs; catfish slow.

TWIN BUTTES. Water clear. 68 degrees normal level; black bass good to 8 pounds on Rat-L-Traps and worms; hybrid striper are good to 12 pounds on minnows and jigs; crappie good on minnows in shallow water with strings to 20 fish; white bass have moved up the river. no limits; catfish good to 35 pounds on live bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; 63 degrees 6 1/2 feet low; black bass fair and moving into the shallows; minnows and artificials are best; striper slow; crappie are moving into the shallows, best baits are minnows; catfish good on big minnows.

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Fishermen caught fair numbers of flounder to 1 1/2 pounds in the mouth of East Pass, some along side roads; a 30 pound freshwater catfish caught off a dock; redfish slow; trout very slow; no live bait shrimp available; high winds and cold temperatures have slowed fishing.

SOUTH SABINE LAKE: Fishing has been slow since the weekend because of the weather. Speck and flounder fishing has been fair near the reefs on red shad and salt and pepper worms; flounder have been good to 3 3/4 pounds and trout to 10 pounds; no live bait shrimp available.

GALVESTON: Fishing has been slow because of weather; winds have been strong; good numbers of gafftop along the beach front to 6 1/2 pounds on dead shrimp and squid; protected coves in the bays and the lower end of West Bay, Chocolate and Christmas Bay have been producing redfish to 24 inches along with good numbers of throwbacks on live shrimp and spoons; trout have been scarce because the water has been off color; some trout in highly protected coves; some drum in the drum haunts, most oversized; live bait shrimp available. Fishing will improve when the wind lays. Pier fishermen catching whiting and assorted panfish from piers.

PALACIOS: Fishing has been bad because of winds; norther came in 2 days ago; a few redfish in the 25-28 range on fresh dead shrimp in the Carancahua River; no other game fish except black drum, some just above keeper size; live bait scarce; some available at \$10.

ROCKPORT: Fishing has been slow; water is muddy. Live bait shrimp not plentiful; some brought from Flour Bluff. Some fish in the Klondike and California Hole areas, but are very picky.

PORT ARANSAS: Caldwell Pier fishing has been slow; cold weather has kept all fishermen away; before the front blacktip shark, sand shark and bonnet nosed shark were plentiful; no live bait shrimp available.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Trout fishing fairly good in the Baffin Bay area on artificials; a few flounder and a couple of redfish; a few drum to 40 pounds in the same area; live bait plentiful in the Corpus Christi area.

PORT MANSFIELD: Few fishermen out due to the weather; live bait shrimp plentiful.

SOUTH PADRE: Light rains and strong winds midweek; low numbers of fishermen midweek; redfish have been fairly good to 3 pounds in the Three Islands area; trout good to 8 pounds but many 16 inch fish also in the bays; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

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