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## EARLY-SEASON MIGRATORY REGULATIONS PROPOSED

AUSTIN -- An increased mourning dove bag limit during the special white-winged dove hunting season in the Rio Grande Valley was the major change proposed in the 1989-90 Early-season Migratory Game Bird regulations announced by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department last week

The early-season regulations include those for doves, rails, gallinules and teal ducks. The proposed changes are subject to review by the U S Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) according to Ron George, dove program leader

George proposed that the dove bag limit for the special whitewing season be 12 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves per day, not to include more than two white-tipped doves. A similar bag limit had been proposed for the 1988 whitewing season, but the USFWS ruled that only two mourning doves could be included in the aggregate daily bag limit, citing late nesting activity by mourning doves in the Valley

George told the commission that this year's proposal to increase the mourning dove bag limit, if approved by the USFWS, would be part of a

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three-year biological study to assess the effects of the higher bag limit

Shooting hours for all early-season species except teal are proposed for 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. However, shooting hours may be modified by changes in the federal framework relating to waterfowl hunting, George said.

The USFWS cancelled the September teal duck season during 1988 because of poor production on the northern breeding grounds due to drought, and resulting low populations of blue-winged teal. George told the commission the staff is recommending a Sept 16-24 teal season in order to have the proposal ready if the USFWS later decides to allow a September season. Shooting hours for teal would remain as in the past at sunrise to sunset, and the bag limit would remain at four blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal in the aggregate, with a possession limit of eight.

Proposed mourning dove seasons for 1989-90 are: North Zone, Sept 1-Nov 9; Central Zone, Sept 1-Oct 30 and Jan 6-15; South Zone, Sept 20-Nov 18 (Nov 14 in the Special White-winged Dove Area), and Jan 6-15. The bag limit in all three zones is proposed as 12 mourning, white-winged and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including no more than two white-winged and two white-tipped doves per day. The possession limit would be twice the daily bag limit.

The four-day whitewing season in the Special White-winged Dove Area is proposed for Sept 2-3 and 9-10. One fully-feathered wing would be required, as in the past, on all dressed doves at all times in the South Zone and the Special White-winged Dove Area. Shooting hours during the

special whitewing season are noon to sunset No changes were recommended in dove hunting zone boundaries

Seasons and bag limits proposed for other early-season species are

Rails, Sept 1-Nov 9, bag limit 15 King and clapper rails, possession limit 30; bag limit 25 Sora and Virginia rails with a possession limit of 25

Gallinules, all species (common moorhen and purple gallinule), Sept 1-Nov 9; bag limit 15 per day, possession limit 30

The proposed season would be closed on red-billed pigeons, band-tailed pigeons and shorebirds

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LAKE LEWISVILLE IS NORTH  
TEXAS CRAPPIE HOTSPOT

LEWISVILLE -- Lake Lewisville north of the Dallas-Fort Worth area may be one of the top crappie fishing lakes in the state, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Biologist Bobby Farquhar said fishermen interview (creel) surveys on the lake indicate anglers caught an estimated 210,400 crappie at Lewisville during 1987 "This amounted to a catch rate of 8 crappie per hour of fishing, which is well over the statewide average of 41 crappie per hour," Farquhar said

Most of the crappie checked during creel surveys were in the nine- to 11-inch range. Farquhar said recent netting samples also indicate the crappie population is healthy, with 25 percent of the fish collected being over 10 inches in length.

The creel survey also showed that 43 percent of the angling effort on the 22,300-acre lake is directed at crappie, making the species the most popular among Lewisville anglers.

There are numerous public boat ramps and other access points on the lake, which is north of Denton and east of Lewisville. Lake Lewisville State Park is located on the east shoreline of the lake, and it offers full camping facilities and boat ramps. For reservations or other information, call the park at (214) 292-1442.

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SEVERAL STATE PARKS OFFER  
REFUGE FOR BALD EAGLES

AUSTIN -- American bald eagles have been sighted in and around at least six of Texas' state parks.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff and volunteer observers conducting the annual Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Survey sighted bald eagles at Possum Kingdom and Eisenhower State Parks in North Texas; Fairfield Lake, Lake Bob Sandlin and Atlanta State Parks in East Texas and Colorado Bend State Park above Lake Buchanan in Central Texas.

Bill Griffin, superintendent at Lake Bob Sandlin State Recreation Area (SRA) near Pittsburg said a pair is wintering in the park and as many as four others have been sighted on the lake

Park staff members at Fairfield Lake SRA near Fairfield, assisting in the survey effort, counted five adult and 16 immature birds in the lake area. Park Superintendent Dennis Walsh theorized that abundant fish draw the birds to the lake each winter. "Warm water for the power plant provides a year-round growing season for the fish, so the lake is excellent for both eagles and human anglers," said Walsh.

Five eagles were observed during the count at Atlanta SRA, according to superintendent Marvin Berry. "Two adults and one immature bird usually roost on a high embankment in an undeveloped area of the park," Berry said.

Mike Gaddis, superintendent at Eisenhower SRA on Lake Texoma, said eagles in that area perch in trees overlooking the lake and feed on coots and fish.

A pair of eagles was seen at Possum Kingdom SRA west of Weatherford, according to superintendent Steve Jones. Eagles wintering on Lake Buchanan in Central Texas can occasionally be seen on the bluff across the Colorado River from Colorado Bend State Park.

The visiting eagles usually can be seen in Texas from November to mid-March. They nest in northern states or Canada and are pushed south by cold weather, said Catrina Martin, a biologist with the department's Nongame and Endangered Species Program.

Parks officials said prospective eagle watchers should be aware that eagles don't tolerate close human contact or disturbance of any kind. "With increased public concern and environmental awareness, the bird that symbolizes America is making a comeback," said Wilson E. Dolman, director of the Parks Division, "but they still have a long way to go, and visitors on birding trips should contact park staff for information on how to behave towards the protected species."

Information and directions to parks where eagles have been sighted can be obtained by contacting the parks directly.

PARK	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Atlanta	Rt 1 Box 116 Atlanta, TX 75551	(214) 796-6476
Colorado Bend	Box 118, Bend, TX 76824	(915) 628-3240
Eisenhower	Rt 2, Box 50-K Denison, TX 75020	(214) 465-1956
Fairfield Lake	Rt 2, Box 912 Fairfield, TX 75840	(214) 389-4514
Lake Bob Sandlin	Rt 5, Box 224 Pittsburg, TX 75686	(214) 572-5371
Possum Kingdom	Box 36 Caddo, TX 76029	(817) 549-1803

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SMALL LAKE AT LUBBOCK  
GROWING STRIPED BASS

LUBBOCK -- Buffalo Springs Lake, a 200-acre lake on the southeast outskirts of Lubbock, is offering surprisingly good striped bass fishing for a lake of its size.

Fishery Technician Richard Eades of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said a recent gill net survey showed the introduced stripers are doing well. "Two nets set in the upper end of the lake yielded 26 striped bass ranging from three to 15 pounds, and 14 of those fish were between 24 and 32 inches long," said Eades.

Eades said the the larger fish resulted from the 1983 and 1984 stocking programs. Stripers measuring 17 to 22 inches long were believed to have been stocked in 1986. One smaller striper was among those stocked last year, Eades said.

"The presence of fish from each stocking indicates the introduction of striped bass has been very successful," Eades noted. "Striped bass feed mainly on gizzard shad which are very abundant in the lake. Anglers going after stripers should try using shad-imitation lures or large minnows."

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LAKE SPENCE LARGEMOUTH IS  
NEW LAKE RECORD

ROBERT LEE -- A new lake record largemouth bass caught during January is added evidence that Lake E. V. Spence is one of the best fishing lakes in West Texas, according to biologist Billy Follis of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Daniel Milburn of Midland caught the 10-pound, six-ounce bass on a plastic worm. The fish beat the previous lake record, caught in February 1988, by more than a pound, Follis said.

Follis noted that fishing for crappie and white bass fishing also has been excellent during the winter period, and fishing for striped bass is improving

"Many anglers have reported catching limits of crappie and white bass throughout the lake, and crappie weighing over two pounds have been reported from the lake's upper end," Follis said

Striped bass from nine to 22 pounds were caught during January, and Follis believes the lake will be one of the state's best producers of stripers later this spring

Spence Reservoir is located in Coke County north of San Angelo, just west of Robert Lee

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STRIPED BASS CATCHES  
INCREASING ALONG GULF  
COAST

SEABROOK -- Striped bass are being caught with increasing frequency along the Texas coast, according to state fishery biologists

Biologist David Trimm of Seabrook said Trinity Bay in particular is the site of frequent catches, including the current saltwater state record weighing 23 pounds, 6.4 ounces

Recent coastal catches include a 27-inch striper taken by a sport angler at the Port Aransas jetties on Jan 22, and a 24-inch striper caught Feb 1



from the same location

Trimm said these recent landings may be a result of the department's stocking efforts in Galveston Bay beginning in 1983. "There also is a possibility that fish may be migrating down the Trinity River from Lake Livingston where striped bass have been stocked," Trimm said.

The department has tagged and released a number of striped bass below the Livingston Dam, and recoveries of these tags may help biologists determine if these fish are migrating to the bays. Anglers catching stripers in the coastal waters of the state are asked to report the catch to a local TPWD office whether the fish is tagged or not. Biologists would like to take scales from these fish to further knowledge about the attempt to bring the native fish back to historical abundance in marine waters.

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

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 56 degrees, normal level, black bass fair to good in number to 3 1/2 pounds on blue and chrome Rat-L-Traps and jigs in 4-8 feet of water; crappie slow; catfish fair in number to 3 1/2 pounds.

BELTON: Water clear, 51 degrees 5 feet low; black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on black and chartreuse jigs in 10 feet of water; hybrid striper good to 3 pounds on chrome jigging spoons in 20 feet of water; crappie are excellent to 25 fish per string on powder blue jigs in 22 feet of water; white bass fair to 10 fish per string on Castmaster spoons; catfish good to 5 pounds on trotline baited with stink bait.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear, 6 feet below spillway; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fair to 15 fish per string in 18 feet of water on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fair to 3 1/2 pounds yellow catfish fair to 12 pounds on trotline with shad

BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear, 49 degrees, 11 feet low; black bass are fairly good in 2-5 pound range in 6-8 feet of water on DB#3s or dark worms with firetails, striper are good to 14 pounds most in 3-6 pound range, under the birds from Garrett Island to Tow on Tads, white jigs or Bomber Long As on downriggers; crappie fairly good to 2 pounds on minnows and white flea flies in brush under the docks; white bass are good on chrome or shad colored Hot-N-Tots from the highline area to the falls with some around Colorado Bend State Park; catfish good to 3 pounds on stinkbait baited trotlines in 5-6 feet of water

CANYON: Water clear 54 degrees, normal level; black bass fair to 7 pounds on dark pig and jig in 15 to 25 feet of water; striper fair to 11 pounds on chrome jigging spoons crappie fair on minnows at the mouth of the river to 15 fish per string; white bass excellent on jig and spoons in the lake, some caught in the river trolling Phantoms or small cranks, some limits; catfish slow.

COLORADO BEND: Water clear, 61 degrees black bass poor; crappie poor; white bass good; channel catfish good; yellow catfish fair

FAYETTE: Water clear, 67 degrees, normal level black bass fairly good over the weekend to 6 pounds; high winds came up late Sunday which drove most fishermen off the lake; crappie slow; catfish fair to 15 pounds on rod and reel

GIBBONS CREEK: Water muddy, 62 degrees, 2 inches above normal level; black bass slow; crappie and catfish slow; good numbers of fishermen over the weekend, but not many fish landed.

LBJ: Water clear, 47 degrees, lake full, black bass are fairly good in number in the 2-4 pound range in 6-8 feet of water with motoroil and dark worms with firetails, striper are fair up the Llano River and Colorado River arms in the 4-14 pound range on jigs, Long A Bombers and live bait; crappie good in number in baited brush areas under the docks; white bass good up the Llano river with limits on flea flies and minnows, catfish are fairly good in number on trotlines and in baited holes on stink bait and worms

SOMERVILLE: Water clear, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie good with limits on minnows and jigs in crappie houses and from the piers, white bass slow; catfish fair to 2 pounds on prepared catfish baits

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 49 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass good to 7 1/2 pounds on spotted cranks, black and white spinners and live bait in 6 feet of water near Cedar Gap Bridge all other fishing slow. Few fishermen on the lake midweek

TRAVIS: Water clear, 54 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass fairly good to 4 1/4 pounds on deep diving chrome colored cranks and brown jigs as well as live minnows; Guadalupe bass good to 1 3/4 pounds on brown jigs and live minnows, no limits; striper slow; crappie fair to 20 fish per string under boat docks; white bass fair from the mouth of the Pedernales up river

WACO: Water clear, 48 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fairly good to 3/4 pounds from 16-25 fish per string on minnows white bass slow some caught trolling shad colored cranks; catfish slow.

WHITNEY: Water clear. 50 degrees, 11 3/4 feet low; largemouth bass slow; smallmouth bass very slow; striper good to 20 pounds on live bait, deep diving redbins in the creeks crappie good with some limits but most in the 6-18 fish per string, some limits on minnows and jigs; white bass good on spoons with limits to 2 pounds, each; catfish slow on worms

#### NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water clear 48 degrees, 4 inches below overflow; black bass good to 7 1/2 pounds on black jig and pig; crappie good to 20 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, 55 degree, normal level black bass good to 8 1/2 pounds, with several 8s and several 7s, on Tequila Sunrise worms, black and blue jigs and chartreuse spinners in 6-10 feet of water in the moss beds; crappie good in 36 feet of water under the railroad bridge with full strings to 3 pounds each on minnows and jigs; white bass slow; catfish slow

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, 15 1/2 feet low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie good to 25 fish per string in the river and around boat docks on minnows white bass slow; catfish slow.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 46 degrees, normal level; black bass fairly good with 2 fish over 6 pounds and several over 4 pounds on black jig and pig and black and blue tailed worms in 8-12 feet of water; crappie are fair in 27 feet of water on large minnows; catfish fair to 6 pounds on big minnows and dog food on trotline.

FORK: Water clear, 51 degrees, lake full black bass fair in number to 15 pounds, 2 ounces on black and blue jig and eel in 8 feet of water; crappie fair to 1 3/4 pounds on live minnows; catfish slow.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 50 degrees, 6 inches above normal level black bass fair to 6 3/4 pounds with several over 5 pounds on black and blue jigs in 6 to 10 feet of water crappie good with some limits in 10-15 feet of water on minnows white bass fairly good on 1/4 ounce white marabou jigs along the edges of the river channels in 8-15 feet of water catfish slow.

LAVON: Water clear, 48 degrees 4 1/2 feet low; black bass slow; crappie good to 2 pounds on blue, red chartreuse and white jigs in 3-8 feet of water; white bass slow; catfish fair to 4 pounds on trotline baited with nightcrawlers.

LEWISVILLE: Water dingy, 5 feet low; crappie turned on early this week in 12 feet of water several limits on minnows and small crappie jigs; few fishermen on the lake.

MARTIN CREEK: Water clear, 59 degrees, normal level black bass good in the 2-5 pound range on spinners, Rat-L-Traps black and blue tailed lizards, striper slow; crappie good on minnows white bass slow; catfish good on rod and reel to 37 pounds

MONTICELLO: Water off color, 60 degrees, normal level black bass good to 8 1/2 pounds on live water dogs; crappie fair to 10 fish per string on minnows; catfish excellent to 50 pounds on rod and reel with a live water dogs.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 45 degrees, normal level black bass slow; crappie fair to 3 pounds with limits on minnows; white bass fair; catfish fairly good to 4 pounds

MURVAUL: Water murky from rains, 55 degrees, 4 inches of water going over the spillway; black bass improving to 7 pounds 5 ounces on black and blue jigs crappie slow; catfish are improving to 4 1/2 pounds on cut shad and night crawlers no limits

NACOGDOCHES: Water clear, 49 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass good to 6 1/2 pounds on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps in 10 feet of water and crawfish colored cranks in 6 feet of water, some hitting black and blue Stanley jigs in 15-20 feet of water around the creeks with some limits; crappie good with limits in 40 feet of water with minnows fished at 20 feet; catfish good around the creek channels to 2 1/2 pounds on Type A Catfish Charlie.

PALESTINE: Water clear 50 degrees 6 inches above normal level; black bass fair to 5 pounds on jigs striper slow crappie slow around 155 bridge on minnows and jigs white bass slow catfish slow.

PURTIS CREEK: Water clear 18 inches low black bass slow in the 3-3 1/2 pound range with jigs on the bottom; crappie good with limits of 25 fish on minnows catfish fair to 6 pounds on prepared commercial baits.

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear, 45 degrees 18 inches low black bass fair to 7 pounds on Pocket Feed worms in 12 feet of water striper

slow; crappie excellent with good numbers of limits on jigs in 8-12 feet of water; white bass slow; catfish good to 7 pounds on shrimp around the discharge in 15 feet of water.

TEXOMA: Water clear, 44 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass fair to 4 pounds on cranks; striper good to 14 pounds on green jigs; live bait and Sassy Shad; crappie good to 2 pounds on minnows and jigs; white bass slow; catfish good to 3 pounds on worms and cut bait.

WELSH: Water clear, 70 degrees, lake full, black bass fair to 9 1/4 pounds in shallow water on worms, shad colored cranks, Crawworms and topwaters; crappie fair on Roadrunners jigs; catfish good on worms and bream on trotline. Bream are excellent in number on worms and jigs

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water fairly clear, 50 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass slow to 7 1/2 pounds on black jigs and chrome Rat-L-Taps with blue backs in 8-20 feet of water; striper slow; some white bass at the river mouth; channel catfish good in 20 feet of water on prepared catfish bait, mostly on the bottom.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 52 degrees, normal level, black bass good to 8 pounds, 1 ounce on large shiners in 2 feet of water; striper slow; crappie fair to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass fairly slow; catfish fair in the creek channels to 9 pounds on live water dogs and live perch.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear, normal level, black bass fair to 3 1/2 pounds on black and blue worms in 8 feet of water; striper slow; crappie fair to 12 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish good to 44 pounds with cut bait and shad

RAYBURN: Water discolored up the river and in the creeks, 53 degrees, 6 1/2 feet below pool level, black bass good in number to 6 pounds on Rat-L-Traps over the moss in 10 feet of water; striper slow; crappie good up the Angelina and Attoyac on minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow. Most boat ramps are now usable

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 57 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair in number to 4 pounds on Rat-L-Traps and spinners; striper good with limits but fish are mostly small on spoons and jigs at the generators; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish slow.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, 58 degrees, 2 feet above normal level, black bass good to 5 pounds on blue and brown jigs in 10-20 feet of water; some limits, but not many fishermen; striper good to 27 pounds in the San Pedro or Diablo area; crappie slow; white bass good to 2 pounds on chartreuse and white slabs; catfish good to 5 pounds in baited holes up river in 5 to 30 feet of water

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 56 degrees, normal level, black bass fair to 10 pounds over the weekend on Rat-L-Traps; striper slow; crappie slow; catfish good on trotline and from the bank on chicken liver and live perch to a 3 pound average; redfish fair to 16 pounds, mostly in the 3-10 pound range; corvina slow.

CALAVERAS: Water clear, 60 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass slow; striper good to 6 pounds on shad and silver spoons; crappie slow; catfish slow on tilapia and cut bait; redfish good on crawfish to 9 pound average; corvina are very good to 7 pound average in good numbers in the warm water discharge area on green grubs.

CHOKO: Water clear, 3 feet low; black bass are slow to 8 pounds on jigs and cranks; striper slow; crappie slow in 4 feet of water on minnows; white bass fair up the river on white Roadrunners; catfish are good in the 6-7 pound range on cheese bait and blood bait.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 56 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass fair in the 6-7 pound range on dark worms around Dike No. 2, no limits; striper good in number but most undersized on minnows and jigs; crappie fair in number but small in size on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fair in the 3-4 pound range on blood bait.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear from the dam to the middle of the lake, 54 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass fair to 6 pounds on white spinners and blue worms; striper slow; crappie good at the state park on minnows; white bass fair up river during the day, limits easy at night under lights on Bomber Small As and jigs; catfish good to 15 pounds around the KOA camp on lye soap and cut shad.

FALCON: Water clear, 3 feet below conservation level, black bass fair to 8 pounds, some limits on spinners and worms; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass fairly good up the river with near full strings; catfish good on shrimp and cut bait to 4 pounds

MEDINA: Water clear, 18 feet low; black bass and all fishing slow.  
TEXANA: Water muddy in lake, clear in the jungle area, 53 degrees, normal level black bass good to 3 pounds in the jungle area on worms and spinners; striper and white bass slow; crappie slow; catfish good to 20 pounds on trotlines baited with cut bait.

#### WEST

GRANBURY: Water clear, 51 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 6 1/2 pounds on jig and pig; striper good to 12 pounds on live perch; crappie good on minnows to 12 fish per string; white bass slow; catfish good to 4 pounds on Mr. Catfish blood bait.  
HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 48 degrees, 5 foot, 7 inches low; black bass are fair to 7 pounds on chartreuse worms from 8 to 18 feet of water; striper good to 4 pound average on large minnows; crappie good up the creek on minnows; catfish slow.  
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 46 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass fair to 11.7 pounds on a jig and pig; striper good to 10.65 pounds, with several in the 5 pound range on slabs while fishing for white bass; crappie good with some limits on minnows; white bass good with limits on slabs; catfish slow.  
SPENCE: Water clear, 58 degrees, 26 feet low; black bass good to 8 pounds on pig and jig in 18 feet of water; striper good to 20 pounds on slabs and Redfins; crappie fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows white bass fair, no limits; catfish slow.  
TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 6 feet low; black bass good to 8 pounds on worms, slabs and spinners; hybrid striper fair to 13 1/2 pounds on minnows and heavy Castmasters; crappie are fairly good with producing redfish to strings to 20 fish on minnows; white bass good with some limits on minnows and slabs; catfish slow; most fish are in deep water.

#### COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Fishing has been very slow; a few fishermen out; a couple of undersized drum landed, but these were returned to the water

SOUTH SABINE LAKE: Good numbers of black drum to 9 pounds on dead shrimp in the ship channel, across from the mouth of Keith's Lake; redfish good to 5 pounds in the same area and also from the bank on shrimp; flounder and speck fishing has been slow due to the cold water; mud minnows available.

GALVESTON: Fishing has been slow since the weekend because of rough water and fog; good numbers of redfish to 24 inches and drum to 17 inches were caught along the beach front; some specks in the bays with some limits to 2 pounds, in Offat's Bayou, some trout to 6 1/2 pounds on strawberry Kelley Wigglers and MirOlures; a good number of specks, some limits, at Bacliffe generating outfall to 6 pounds on Kelley Wigglers, MirOlures and live shrimp when available; whiting are plentiful along the beach front; live bait shrimp are not available.

ROCKPORT: Redfish are moving from deep water into shallow water, best baits are spoons, worms and Cordell's; good numbers of fish to 28 inches or 9 pounds, no limits; trout are excellent in number in the 2-3 pound range with good numbers of limits all over, especially on Fulton Beach and Key Allegro Point; a 10 pound, 3 ounce speck weighed in by Bill Bridger of Portland, fish was caught on a MirOlure; some live bait shrimp available at \$7.50 per quart.

PORT ARANSAS: Some redfish with a few keepers but mostly undersized from the jetties in Port Aransas on dead shrimp; Conn-Brown Harbor producing specks to 20 inches on dead shrimp, plastic worms; sheepshead and small drum good in the channels and around the jetties; no live bait shrimp available.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Fishing has been slow, few fishermen out; winds have been gusting to 40 knots all week; little fishing activity in Lower Laguna and the Land Cut area; no live bait shrimp available. Oso Pier fishermen are catching drum to 30 inches with 5 oversized fish on Tuesday with dead shrimp; redfish are fair in number but most are below or over the size limit on shrimp.

PORT MANSFIELD: Bay fishing slow; some good sized redfish and trout in the surf on artificials and cut bait, no limits few fishermen; no live bait.

SOUTH PADRE: Redfish to 7 pounds but no limits on live shrimp or red touts in Mesquite Flats and South Bay; trout to 3 pounds, no limits, on strawberry touts and live shrimp; live bait shrimp is very hard to find; surf and jetties producing limits of redfish with some oversized as well as oversized black drum