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## AUSTIN AREA LAKES GET UNUSUAL BASS STOCKING

AUSTIN -- Town Lake in downtown Austin and Walter E. Long lake east of the city have been stocked with largemouth bass that are unlike the usual Florida-strain hatchery bass.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department crews released about 26,000 Kemp's bass, which are first-generation crosses between Florida and native largemouths, in Town Lake. Half of the one-inch fish were released in the lower end of the lake, with the rest liberated near the Lamar Boulevard bridge. The species is named for the late Bob Kemp, who as the department's fisheries director was instrumental in bringing Florida bass to Texas.

The fish were "marked" genetically for future identification. The department released 6,000 Kemp's bass in Town Lake in 1987, and follow-up electroshocking work indicated good survival of the fish, according to biologist David Terre of San Marcos.

Terre said the first-generation crosses are known for their fast growth rates. The fish were produced at the department's Jasper Fish Hatchery.

Crews also stocked more than 50,000 fingerlings produced by the Operation Share A Lone Star Lunker program in Long Lake, a city-owned power plant lake just east of Austin.

Terre said the fingerlings were from the third and fourth spawns of the 16-pound, two-ounce Gibbons Creek bass donated to the lunker program by Troy Johnson of Austin.

Terre said Long Lake was selected for the release because it has an abundance of aquatic vegetation for bass habitat, and it is accessible to a large number of anglers in the Austin area.

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RECORD NUMBER OF DESERT  
BIGHORN LAMBS BORN

ALPINE -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are pleased with a bumper crop of desert bighorn lambs produced this year at several locations in the Trans-Pecos.

Jack Kilpatric, bighorn sheep program leader, said at least 38 lambs born since March are showing no signs of disease problems that have plagued them in the past. "This is the latest in the year that we have gone without some disease losses, so the situation looks good so far," said Kilpatric. During 1987, nine lambs succumbed to a bacterial pneumonia,

with 16 growing to maturity

This year's production of 38 lambs is split among herds at four locations, Kilpatric said. The herd in brood pens at the Sierra Diablo Wildlife Management Area (WMA) near Van Horn produced 25 with two more expected. Another five were born at the Chilicote Ranch, four at the Elephant Mountain WMA and at least four in the Van Horn Mountains. Additional production could have occurred among some 50 to 75 free-ranging bighorns at Sierra Diablo, Kilpatric added.

The bighorn sheep restoration program is aimed at returning the rare species to its former ranges in the mountainous areas of the Trans-Pecos

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FAIRFIELD PARK OFFERS  
SUMMER FISHING BONUS

FAIRFIELD -- Fairfield State Park visitors can enjoy a type of fishing unavailable at any other inland state park in Texas.

The park is located on the shores of Lake Fairfield, a 1,500-acre power plant reservoir that has been stocked with saltwater red drum, or redfish.

Park Superintendent Dennis Walsh said the park offers overnight camping and boat launch facilities to help anglers sample this unusual fishery. "It seems that fishing for redfish gets better the hotter the weather gets," Walsh said. "They catch a lot of reds near the power plant discharge area, using a variety of live bait and artificial lures."

Overnight facilities may be reserved by calling the park at (214) 389-4514 To reach the park, take State Highway 84 east from Fairfield, turn left on FM 488, then right on FM 2570 and right on the park road

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DECLINE EXPECTED IN  
PRONGHORN POPULATIONS

ALPINE -- Pronghorn antelope census operations are currently underway in West Texas, and biologists expect the surveys to show a decline in pronghorn populations

Mike Hobson of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said statewide antelope populations have been over the 26,000 mark in recent years, but drought conditions probably will reduce the number this time

Permits are required to hunt pronghorns in Texas Qualifying landowners will receive their permits by mail during August, Hobson said

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LAKE NOCONA ANGLERS  
CATCHING MORE BASS

NOCONA -- Introductions of Florida-strain largemouth bass more than five years ago are beginning to pay off for anglers at Lake Nocona, according to biologist Bruce Hysmith of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Hysmith said four bass over nine pounds each have been caught at the

1,470-acre lake in Montague County since fall 1987. The largest, weighing 11 pounds, was taken on April 2, and on the following day another fisherman caught one weighing 10 pounds, 12 ounces.

"The department first stocked Florida bass in 1981, with 75,000 fingerlings," said Hysmith. "A second stocking of 73,000 followed the next year."

Follow-up surveys indicated the stocked fish had good survival, and the Florida gene was present in 27 percent of the nine-inch-plus fish collected in samples, Hysmith noted.

Lake Nocona, located eight miles north of Nocona on Farm Roads 103 and 2634, is owned and operated by the North Montague County Water District. Public boat ramps are located on the upper end of the lake on the west side and also near the dam, said Hysmith.

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ORGANIZATION LAUDS FISHERY  
RESTORATION WORK

AUSTIN -- A conservation organization has praised the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Fisheries Division for its conservation efforts for Guadalupe bass and paddlefish.

Susan P. Rust, president of the Texas Organization for Endangered Species, said in a letter to Dr. Gary Matlock, division director, that her organization is looking forward to the status determination work and

possible restocking of endangered paddlefish, and studies of Guadalupe bass genetics

"We have been increasingly concerned over the status of the Guadalupe Bass as the introduction of other species into its habitual home streams has resulted in hybridization and loss of genetic purity," said Rust "We are encouraged with the division's plans to investigate the genetics of the remaining populations and to secure protection for the species through restocking and the designation of sanctuaries "

The department is currently conducting genetic studies of Guadalupe bass collected from various river systems, and also has established a sanctuary for the species at Lost Maples State Natural Area in Bandera County

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CONSERVATION RESERVE  
SIGNUP PERIOD SLATED

AUSTIN -- Farmers and ranchers interested in enrolling highly-erodible cropland in the U S Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) should contact their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) prior to or during the July 19-Aug 5 signup period

Ron George, farm program coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said the CRP has the inherent potential to greatly improve wildlife habitat conditions throughout Texas over the next 10 to 15 years "Landowners can further increase the wildlife benefits of CRP as well as

supplement their farm income by providing for specific wildlife needs when planning and implementing this program on their own land," said George

When signing up for CRP, a landowner enters a 10-year agreement with the Department of Agriculture. This agreement carries explicit obligations for both parties, George said. The landowner agrees to establish and maintain permanent vegetative cover on his CRP lands. In exchange, USDA guarantees that the landowner will receive annual rental payments for 10 years as well as 50 percent cost-sharing for plantings.

Permanent vegetative cover eligible for CRP includes introduced and native grasses, forbs, legumes, shrubs and trees. The construction of shallow wetlands for wildlife and the establishment of annual wildlife food plots are also permitted under CRP.

During the 10-year contract, CRP lands cannot be grazed or hayed, but hunting is permitted. Access rights to hunt can be leased for additional farm income, or the landowner can reserve hunting rights for friends, family and guests. Some CRP participants may forego hunting opportunities and simply prefer to see and enjoy wildlife.

George said those wishing to improve wildlife habitat on their land through CRP should identify the most important wildlife needs in that area and select approved conservation practices most likely to satisfy those needs.

The ASCS Handbook for CRP in Texas lists 13 conservation practices. The wildlife benefits realized from each practice can be expected to vary with

the plant species selected, regional climate, wildlife species present in the area and individual skill in establishing and maintaining the cover.

A general knowledge of potential problems as well as realistic expectations of wildlife benefits for each cover practice are important when selecting a practice, George noted.

A free Texas Tech University Management Note entitled "Managing For Wildlife with the Conservation Reserve Program," is available by contacting the Literature Section, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

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CHANGES MINOR IN DOVE  
HUNTING SEASON PROPOSALS

AUSTIN -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have announced that no changes are proposed for any of the early-season migratory game bird hunting seasons except for a modification in the daily bag limit during the special white-winged dove season and a provision for later closing dates for the extended falconry season.

Department officials stressed that these proposed changes are contingent upon U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service review on June 22.

Ron George, dove program leader, said the proposed bag limit for the special whitewing season is for an aggregate daily bag of 12 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves that could include no more than two white-tipped doves. Under this proposed bag limit, a hunter could take 12 white-



winged doves or 12 mourning doves or any combination thereof

The proposed extended falconry season for mourning doves, white-winged doves, rails and gallinules is Sept 1 through Nov 20 and Jan 1-26

Persons wishing to comment on these proposals should contact the Dove Program Leader, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744

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ATLANTA STATE PARK OFFERS  
HISTORY, RECREATION

ATLANTA -- Atlanta State Park, nestled in the state's northeastern corner, offers its visitors a rare blend of history and outdoor fun

The park is located on the shores of Lake Wright Patman, about eight miles northwest of Atlanta in Cass County. The park is situated on a site used by Caddo Indians, the most culturally advanced tribe in Texas. The area also was a Confederate outpost during the Civil War, and the boat landing area marks an early crossing of the Sulphur River during the days of wagon trains and stagecoaches.

Lake Wright Patman covers almost 120,000 acres, and it is surrounded by an attractive pine/oak forest. The park has a full array of campsite facilities, as well as picnic sites, nature and hiking trails, a mini-bike riding area and an amphitheater.

For reservations or further information, call the park at (214) 796-6476

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AUSTIN Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for June 15, 1988:

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 89 degrees 6 inches low: black bass fair to 4 pounds on Skipjacks and buzz baits early over moss beds, trolling Bomber type deep runners around dam in deep water good today; crappie fair at night in 18-20 feet of water on live minnows with limits catfish fair to 4 pounds on limb lines baited with stinkbait and live perch.

BELTON: Water clear 79 degrees, 2 feet above normal level; black bass good to 3 pounds on 6 inch strawberry or salt and pepper Bandit worms in 20-30 feet of water hybrid striper good to 5 pounds on chrome or clear topwaters to 5 fish per string; crappie good to 25 fish per string to 1/2 pound each on minnows, white bass good to 24 fish per string to 3/4 pounds each on chrome topwaters channel catfish good to 6 fish per string to 8 pounds each on Bob's Chicken Blood; yellow catfish good to 42 pounds on trotline baited with live perch.

BROWNWOOD Water muddy, 4 inches over spillway: black bass slow; striper fairly good on perch or big minnows in schools with some limits but most fish between 2-3 1/2 pounds, largest fish during the week was 5 1/2 pounds; crappie good with good numbers in the 1/2 to 1 pound size on minnows and a few jigs in shallow water, a few limits, mostly 12 to 17 fish per string; white bass fairly good while striper fishing, better at night under lights on Lil Cleos and Mepps Spinners to 72 fish in 6 hours of fishing, fish stop biting at daylight, generally about 3 fish under each light requiring fisherman to move to next location; catfish good on worms and shrimp anywhere in the lake on trotline, rod and reel with channel catfish to 12 pounds, most are skillet sized. Rains a couple of weeks back have helped catfishermen

BUCHANAN: Water clear 76 degrees, normal level black good to 5 pounds on strawberry worms in 4-8 feet of water; striper good to 10 pounds on 3 and 4 inch Rapalas; crappie fair to 10 fish per string on minnows in 18-22 feet of water; white bass good to 50 fish per string on Crazy Shad; catfish good to 4 1/2 pounds on shad and crawfish baited trotlines.

CANYON: Water clear, 79 degrees, normal level black bass good to 5 pounds on worms and chartreuse Rat-L-Traps; striper slow; crappie good to 25 fish per boat on minnows at night; white bass slowing down; catfish good to 6 pounds on trotline baited with shrimp.

COLORADO BEND: Water still muddy, medium flow; bass slow; white bass slow; catfish fair to 5 pounds on rod and reel as well as trotline baited with stinkbait and worms.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 84 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass spotty to 7 1/2 pounds on smoke, plum and firecracker colored worms and Fat Getzits in 10 to 20 feet of water, fish generally shallow early when clouds heavy; crappie fair at night under lights, daytime crappie fishing very slow; catfish good to 40 pounds on juglines, several 5s and 6s on rod and reel with live bait and shrimp.

GIBBONS CREEK Water clear, 82 degrees, normal level black bass very good to 10 pounds, 1 ounce on worms DB#3 and cranks in the main lake, a total of 10 keepers during the week with the smallest weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces; crappie very good with plenty of limits on minnows and jigs; catfish fairly good with blue catfish from 2 to 12 pounds on rod and reel as well as juglines baited with shrimp, liver and stinkbait with some on spinners and cranks.

LBJ Water clear to murky, 76 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 4 pounds on black and chartreuse worms in 6-12 feet of water; striper good to 11 pounds on jigs with 4-inch white grub trailers; crappie fair with strings to 15 fish on minnows in 18 feet of water; white bass good with strings to 50 fish on small chrome cranks; catfish good to 2 1/2 pounds on shrimp baited trotlines

LIMESTONE: Water clear, normal level black bass slow; striper

good to 2 pounds on minnows in 22 feet of water; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish good to 69 pounds on a goldfish baited trotline.

SOMERVILLE: Water clear, normal level black bass fair to 4 pounds on dark worms to 3 fish per string; striper fair to 6 pounds on Pets Spoons and Hellbenders near the dam; crappie fair on jigs and minnows to 10 fish per string; whites slow; catfish fair to 2 pounds on commercial catfish bait.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 75 degrees, 2 feet below normal level. black bass fairly slow to 3 pounds on purple worms with firetails; hybrid striper and white bass good with slabs and minnows to 4 hybrids and 10 white bass per string; crappie good with minnows and white jigs at night under lights and around boat docks to 1 pound each; channel catfish good at 5 1/2 pounds on liver, shrimp and cutbait on trotline with some limits with an average of 10 fish per string.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 77 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass good to 2 pounds on chrome topwaters early, during the day fish between 15 and 25 feet of water on smoke and strawberry worms, smoke and motoroil colored Fat Getzits; from Lago Vista to Cypress Creek bass good to 40 fish per boat per day with about half keeper sized and largest fish about 3 pounds, topwaters good til 9 a.m. Crazy Shad, Tiny Torpedoes and Boy Howdys good in 25 feet of water midday; striper picking up with downriggers in the Marshall Ford area in 45 feet of water, mostly on half ounce yellow and white bucktails behind Hellbenders; crappie slow, white bass slow even at night under lights; catfish good to 5 pounds, both channels and blues, on juglines with live crawfish and minnows.

WHITNEY: Water clear, 70 degrees 6-8 feet low; black bass fair to 6.3 pounds on spinners, worms and Rat-L-Traps; striper good to 16 pounds with some limits on Redfins and downrigging; crappie fair to good around docks at night on minnows in 6-10 feet of water to 2 1/2 pounds; white bass good to 100 fish per boat to 1 1/2 pound on Fleaflyies and silver spoons; catfish good to 10 pounds on ghost minnows and perch baited trotlines.

#### NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water very clear, 77 degrees, 1 inch overflow; black bass good to 6 pounds on black worms from 3 to 8 a.m. in 12 feet of water at the break line of the moss; hybrid striper good to 4 pounds on wide variety of white and chrome lures, Hellbenders good at 15 foot level in 25-50 feet of water; crappie excellent and good sized with limits on minnows at 20 feet IF fisherman can find brush piles at that depth; white bass slow; catfish good to 10 pounds on trotlines fished in 2-3 feet of water in and around stumps and dead trees on wide variety of baits. Bluegill and redear very good in 8-12 feet of water over top of bottom moss with grey crickets and red worms with strings depending on how long you fish.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, 74 degrees, 8 inches low; black bass slow; crappie slow; white bass fair to 10 fish per string on a Bagleys; catfish fairly good to 12 pounds on trotline with live bait.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, 70 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass fair but small on cranks and spinners; striper slow; crappie fair to good to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass fair to 25 fish per string on shiny baits; catfish slow.

CADDO: Water clear, 18 inches low; black bass fair to 3 pounds on Chuggers and plastic worms; crappie good in the river beds on minnows; striper slow; white bass slow; yellow catfish fair at night to 20 pounds on small perch. Area needs rain.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 78 degrees, 12 inches low; black bass fair to 7 1/4 pounds on June Bug Sensations and black and red metalflake worms in 8-12 feet of water; hybrid striper good to 9 pounds trolling Hellbenders trailing chartreuse Rooster Tail jigs; crappie good with limits to 1 1/2 pounds each on minnows in 20 feet of water, night fishing best; white bass good trolling deep divers and trailing chartreuse Rooster Tails or slabbing knolls with silver slabs; catfish good to 6 pounds along the riprap of the dam and the highway bridges on shrimp and nightcrawlers. Few catfish below 10 feet.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water fairly clear, 76 degrees, 8 inches low;

black bass fairly good to 6 1/4 pounds at night, slow during day, on black worms and spinners; crappie fairly good to 20 fish per string in 25 feet of water on minnows mostly; catfish good at night to 30 pounds in 8 feet of water, daytime catfish are good in 15 feet of water on large minnows and nightcrawlers.

FAIRFIELD: Water clear, 93 degrees, 8 inches low; black bass slow; catfish good to 7 pounds on tilapia in 3 to 12 feet of water; redfish fair to 13 pounds on DB#3 cranks.

FORK Water stained, 83 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass fairly good early and late to 11 pounds on dark worms; crappie good at night to 25 fish per string on minnows in 20 feet of water; catfish slow.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear 81 degrees, 18 inches below summer level. black bass fair to good to 5 pounds on dark worms in 5-10 feet of water around the moss and lily pads, some on chartreuse and white buzz baits over the moss; hybrid striper and white bass good to 100 fish per boat near the dam and around Big Cypress Marina on jigs and small silver Rat-L-Traps. crappie fairly slow; catfish slow; bream good to excellent in 6-8 feet of water around the river channels in the midlake area.

LAVON: Water clear, 70 degrees, normal level. black bass slow; crappie very good to near 2 pounds on minnows and jigs. white bass excellent with surfacing off windward points on slabs, Lil George and Roadrunners. catfish excellent to 39 1/2 pounds on shrimp baited trotline.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 74 degrees, 5 foot low; black bass good on points to 4 1/2 pounds on cranks and worms; striper fair to 8 pounds on live bait; crappie slow; white bass fair to 20 fish per string on slabs and Roadrunners. catfish good to 5 pounds drifting stinkbait and shrimp.

MARTIN CREEK: Water clear, 1 foot low; black bass good on worms and spinners; striper good in deep channels. crappie good with 10 fish per string on minnows; catfish excellent near dam on worms and stinkbait.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 100 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass good to 9 pounds, 5 ounces on Carolina rigged light colored worms drifting; crappie slow; catfish excellent to 10 pounds at night on shrimp and nightcrawlers.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 79 degrees, normal level; black bass slow and mostly under 14 inches on Jig and Pig and Rat-L-Traps. crappie fair to 15 fish per string in deep water on minnows and jigs late at night; white bass slow; catfish good to 4 pounds on homemade cheesebait and stinkbait.

MURVAUL: Water clear, 80 degrees, 14 inches low. area needs rain; black bass fair to 8 pounds on dark worms in 8-10 feet of water; crappie slow; catfish good on trotline to 5 pounds on cut shad and nightcrawlers. yellow catfish good to 51 pounds on trotlines baited with bream.

NACOGDOCHES: Water clear. normal level; black bass fairly good to 4 pounds on Fat Getzits and PopRs. crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish slow.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 79 degrees, 4 inches low; black bass good to 7 1/4 pounds on cranks in the Kickapoo or Flatcreek areas. striper fairly good to 7 pounds on chrome spoons, Rat-L-Traps; crappie fair on minnows in 12-20 feet of water; white bass good on chrome cranks around Henderson Point and the Big Eddy area; catfish excellent to 37 pounds on shrimp, nightcrawlers and stinkbait on trotline as well as rod and reel.

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear. 75 degrees, 10 inches low; black bass slow; striper fair in the 6-10 pound range on live bait; crappie slow in deep water on minnows. white bass spotty with poor surfacing, some caught on slabs in the 1 1/2 to 3 pound range; catfish good to 4 pounds around riprap with stinkbait.

TAWAKONI Water clear 72 degrees, 10 inches low; black bass good to 4 pounds on dark worms. striper good to 11 1/4 pounds on white and chartreuse slabs; crappie picking up with strings to 12 fish per string on minnows; white bass good to 146 fish per boat on Jig-N-Rig at night; catfish excellent with limits to 5 pounds on stinkbait and bloodbait.

TEXOMA: Water clear. 74 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 3 1/2 pounds on strawberry worms in 12 feet of water. striper good to 21 pounds on live bait and Hopkins slabs; crappie fair on

live bait to 10 fish per string; white bass fair to 10 fish per boat; catfish good to 13 pounds on trotline as well as rod and reel with cutbait and shrimp.

WELSH: Water clear, 102 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 6 3/4 pounds in 8-10 feet of water on 6-12 inch dark worms and Long A's at night and early and late; crappie slow; catfish fair to 8 pounds on shrimp and nightcrawlers sunfish good on crickets.

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 80 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass fair good to 9.7 pounds with several 8s and 7s on 4-inch smoke ringworm with blue tail 6-inch worms will not work, a few on 4-inch purple metalflake worms; striper fairly slow to 8 pounds on live bream under the 1097 bridge; crappie slow white bass good at night on minnows to 25 fish per string; catfish good to 2 pounds and under on nightcrawlers and stinkbait.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear 80 degrees normal level black bass good to 8 pounds, 7 ounces on Shadrap in 8 feet of water; striper fairly slow; crappie fair to 8 fish per string to 2 pounds each on minnows white bass slow; catfish good to 10 pounds on trotline baited with perch.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear and calm, normal level black bass fair in the 3-4 pound range on grape worms, spinners striper fairly good with limits in the 2-5 pound range at 18 feet in 30 feet of water; crappie poor at night to 4 fish per string off the bluffs at 14 feet in 25 feet of water on minnows white bass fairly good at night to 80 fish per boat at night. daytime fishing slow; catfish fairly slow to 60 pounds, most catfish usually small

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass slow; striper slow to 23 pounds near the dam on Boy Howdys crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish slow.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, normal level black bass excellent to 5 pounds on purple worms; striper good in number in the 4-10 pound range on white jigs; crappie slow up river; white bass excellent at night on minnows. catfish excellent to 10 pounds with good numbers caught in shallow water on shrimp under cork.

BRAUNIG: Water clear 78 degrees, normal level black bass slow in keeper size, many undersized bass on plastic worms; striper fairly good on chicken liver to 4 pounds crappie slow; catfish fairly good to 4 pounds on shad and tilapia redfish fair to 10 pounds on shad, tilapia and crawfish; corvina slow.

CALAVERAS Water clear, 84 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 5 pounds on plastic worms in 15 feet of water; striper fairly good to 4 pounds near the power lines on gold or silver spoons; crappie slow; catfish fairly good to 3 pounds on shrimp and chicken livers. redfish good to 8 pounds on tilapia near the dam; corvina very slow.

CHOKO: Water clear normal level black bass good to 8 pounds on variety of dark worms in 18-25 feet of water; striper slow; crappie fair in deep water around the dam on minnows with a few limits of 25 fish; white bass slow; catfish excellent in the 3-9 pound range on rod and reel baited with bloodbait or cheesebait in 18-30 feet of water.

COLETO CREEK Water clear, 85 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass fair in the 3-5 pound range with many undersized fish on worms; striper slow; crappie fair to 20 fish per string on minnows and jigs; white bass slow; catfish good on trotline to 3 pounds on cut shad and bloodbait.

CORPUS CHRISTI: water clear, 75 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 3 pounds on worms; striper good on minnows in the 3-4 pound range with limits; crappie slow; white bass fairly good to 20 fish per string on minnows catfish good to 3 pounds on minnows

MEDINA: Water clear 77 degrees, 9 feet low; black bass good to 18 inches on worms; striper slow; crappie improving to 9 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fairly good on a wide variety of baits, fish moving into shallows.

TEXANA: Water clear in main lake, 81 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 4 1/2 pounds on spinners and buzz baits early and late around mossbeds; striper and white bass slow; crappie picking up with a few limits on minnows to 1 1/2 pounds from

Sandies Creek; yellow catfish excellent to 24 pounds on trotline baited with live bait, many small blue and channel catfish in the 2-3 pound range.

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ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear 80 degrees, normal level black bass slow, striper slow, crappie fair around cedar trees on minnows, white bass slow; catfish fair to 3 1/2 pounds on worms.  
BAYLOR Water clear 76 degrees, normal level, black bass excellent to 5 pounds on purple firetailed worms, black salt Craw worms, Slobberbugs; crappie good to 20 fish per string to 2 1/2 pounds each on minnows, catfish good to 13 3/4 pounds, most in the 2-5 pound range on water dogs, large worms and stinkbait.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear, 74 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 22 inches on Bombers, crappie good to 25 fish per string on minnows and Fleaflyies; white bass excellent to 25 fish per string on minnows and Fleaflyies, catfish excellent to 30 pounds on trotline baited with shad and perch; walleye fair to 20 inches on worms and minnows.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 73 degrees, normal level, largemouth bass good to 6 pounds on minnows, spinners; smallmouth bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on minnows and spinners; crappie very good in deeper water on minnows to 15 fish per string; white bass good to 12 fish per string while surfacing while trolling topwaters; catfish very good to 18 pounds on jugline baited with cut shad; walleye excellent to 7 1/4 pounds on minnows and nightcrawlers

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 73 degrees, 4 1/2 feet low black bass good to 4 pounds on salt and pepper worms; hybrid striper good in the 3 1/2-4 pound range on live perch in good numbers; crappie fairly good to 15 fish per string on minnows; white good on silver and minnows to 25 fish per string, catfish slowing to 97 pounds on trotline with live bait, the big catfish transported by hearse to Abilene by J.R. Watkins to be photographed by the Abilene Reporter News

MCKENZIE: Water clear 74 degrees, normal level black bass fairly good to 2 pounds on black and chartreuse Ringworms, hybrid striper fair to 7 1/4 pounds on minnows, crappie slow, white bass slow, catfish slow.

MEREDITH: Water clear 72 degrees, 3 feet above normal level and rising due to heavy rains in New Mexico and the western part of the Texas Panhandle, black bass slow, crappie fairly good on minnows; smallmouth bass good to 5 1/4 pounds on minnows, white bass fair to 40 fish per string to 3 pounds on spinners, minnows and large nightcrawlers; catfish very good to 51 pounds on minnow baited trotline; walleye good in the 3-4 pound range on minnows, artificials and nightcrawlers.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 76 degrees, normal level, black bass good in numbers but small in size on topwaters, buzz baits, crappie good at night to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fairly good to 3 pounds on trotline on large minnows

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 72 degrees, 13 feet low; black bass fairly good to 6.8 pounds on topwaters early, worms good midday; striper very good around Hells Gate and near the dam to 16 pounds on Pencil Poppers, Dog Walkers; crappie fair but unpredictable; white bass excellent with all you want to catch on slabs jigging; catfish fair to 6 pounds on trotlines baited with perch.

PROCTOR: Water muddy from 10-inch rains last week, 74 degrees, 7 feet above normal level with some camping facilities under water; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie slow; catfish fairly good to 34 pounds on trotline baited with shad.

SPENCE: Water clear, 78 degrees, 21 feet low; black bass good to 6 pounds on spinners and worms; striper good to 30 pounds on live bait and trolling; crappie fair to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass good to 40 fish per string on topwaters, catfish good to 17 pounds on trotline baited with live perch and nightcrawlers.

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 70 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass good to 7.8 pounds on dark worms; hybrid striper fair along the dam on Rat-L-Traps; crappie good in the deep water to 25 fish per string on minnows and jigs, white bass fair along the dam; catfish good to 5 pounds on live bait and shrimp.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 73 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass good

to 6 pounds on orange Bombers; crappie slow; catfish good to 5 pounds on nightcrawlers and stinkbait. Walleye are very good to 7 3/4 pounds on nightcrawlers during the day.

#### COASTAL

UPPER SABINE LAKE: Redfish fairly good to 29 inches or 8 pounds on shrimp mostly south of the islands. specks fairly good with limits but many small fish on shrimp; flounder good to 5 pounds, the average fish is in the 2-2 1/2 pound range on shrimp and mud minnows good numbers of croaker drum, sheepshead and gafftop; live bait shrimp plentiful

GALVESTON West Bay producing trout to 4 pounds on live shrimp; good numbers of trout in the surf when weather calm enough to fish; water clear in the surf water dirty in the bays; live bait shrimp available. Waders bringing in a few flounder to 4 pounds, also on Kelley Long Johns.

PORT OCONNOR: Good numbers of trout caught in a trout tournament over the weekend with a 3 pound, 12 ounce fish taking top honors; some redfish to 8 pounds on shrimp and croakers flounder slow on rod and reel. winds fairly high. offshore produced snapper amberjack and ling. Live bait shrimp plentiful.

PALACIOS Redfish good with a few limits to 30 inches on dead and live shrimp, mullet and artificials specks good in the 14-18 inch range with about 2 out of 3 big enough to keep from shorelines and in Turtle Bay on live shrimp speck rigs and plastic worms. flounder fairly good to 1 1/2 pounds on natural and artificial baits; no offshore reports many offshore trips planned for Fathers Day.

PORT ARANSAS: Redfish fairly good in the 24-27 inch range. some larger with strings to 4 fish on perch, live shrimp and gold spoons; trout good with many limits to 4 pounds on live shrimp on Mirolures along the shorelines live bait shrimp available offshore producing king to 36 pounds, ling and shark, bay waters 81 degrees. Horace Caldwell Pier fishing fairly slow with a couple of trout to 4 pounds a 5 pound drum; a few small shark.

CORPUS CHRISTI Redfish scarce; good numbers of specks with many undersized. Keeper trout scattered from Corpus Christi Bay to the Landcut; sandtrout fairly good in the south end of Corpus Christi Bay live bait shrimp available Oso Pier producing trout to 4 1/2 pounds most in the 14-16 inch range on live shrimp; no redfish, no drum. Bob Hall Pier producing kingfish to 48 inches on blue runners; specks to 4 pounds on live shrimp at night under lights a few fish caught on artificials; good numbers of whiting, bluefish, Spanish mackerel a few shark to 4 feet, a few redfish to 20 inches; water rough but fairly clear.

PORT MANSFIELD: Redfish slow some spotted south of Port Mansfield Cut and around Green Island and Three Islands; fishermen landing a few, redfish slow to bite but persistence will produce limits good numbers of trout north of Port Mansfield on the west side all the way to the Oakmont good numbers of limits; a few 5-7 pound trout, most are good keeper sized fish; live bait shrimp available. Good numbers of kingfish to 30 pounds from the end of the jetties; snapper fishing slow.

PORT ISABEL: Trout fairly good to 6 pounds on the Longbar. Infracoastal from Marker 67 to Marker 33. decent numbers of flounder to 4 pounds on live shrimp or pink chubbies redfish spotty; offshore producing good numbers of kingfish with limits to 25 pounds on ribbon fish and Russell lures. live bait shrimp plentiful at \$10 per quart; weather fairly good.

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