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## ANOTHER FINE YEAR FOR EASTERN TURKEY STOCKING

AUSTIN -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's eastern turkey restoration program continued to make progress during the past winter's restocking efforts in East Texas.

Bill Brownlee, upland game program director, said crews released 442 turkeys in 33 restoration sites in 10 counties this year. Of these, 424 were obtained from Iowa and 18 were trapped in Texas.

Brownlee said stocking goals have been met in four counties, including Nacogdoches, Angelina, Cherokee and Henderson. "Under the department's 'block stocking' plan each identified site within a county is stocked with the number of birds needed to establish populations before moving on to another county," Brownlee said.

Other counties receiving birds were San Augustine, Montgomery, Red River and Walker.

The birds were stocked on sites deemed suitable as eastern turkey habitat, and where landowners signed license agreements specifying that the birds would be protected from hunting for five years and also agreeing to

allow the department to trap broodstock for future stockings

Brownlee said the department appreciates the efforts of a number of East Texans who assisted the department this year. They include Bill Cromer, Cheryl Lubojacky and Bill Hanson of Cherokee County; Stan Murff and Kirby Spinks of Houston County; Bill Deauman and Susan Baggett of Trinity County; Craig Zeigler, Baker Denman and Dr. Jim Dickson of Nacogdoches County; David Free, A. C. Bryan and Thelma Kmiec of Leon County; L. D. Beckett of Robertson County; Harold Quillen of Red River County; Don Edwards, Walter Carter and B. E. Lee of Titus County; Henry Harris and Johnny Cates of Wood County; Bob Pryor and Eddie Bridges of Anderson County; and the Henderson County Wildlife Committee of Gayle Finch, Steve Tackett, Kenneth Parks, Walter Hairgrove and Buck Miller.

Funding for the eastern turkey restoration was derived from license fees and donations by Temple Inland, Kirby Lumber Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Louisiana Pacific, Texas Wild Turkey Federation, Inc. and private individuals.

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SOME ANGLERS UNAWARE OF  
TPWD FISH TAGGING PROGRAM

ROCKPORT -- Some Texas coastal fishermen have been surprised to find a piece of yellow plastic "spaghetti" attached to the belly of fish they caught.

The piece of tubular plastic, called a "streamer," indicates that a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department tag has been implanted in the fish's abdomen

Biologist Karen Meador said the internal tag is normally recovered when cleaning the fish, or by making another incision where the streamer contacts the fish's body. The internal tag has numbers and an address printed on it.

Meador asked that fishermen catching tagged fish send the tag to the address printed on the tag, along with the date and location of the catch and the fish's length in inches. Those returning tags will receive complete information on the fish's background, and they also are eligible for rewards of \$1 to \$25, funded by the Gulf Coast Conservation Association.

Tag recoveries help biologists learn more about how far the fish has moved, how much growth occurred and how long the fish was free after being tagged.

Several species of fish have been tagged through the years. These include some of the more sought-after game fish such as red drum and spotted seatrout, and also Atlantic croaker, gulf whiting and Florida pompano.

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MCCLELLAN SURVEYS YIELD  
GOOD CATFISH CATCHES

GROOM -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials say Lake McClellan offers Panhandle area fishermen an excellent catfishing spot

Fishery Technician Richard Eades said the reservoir, located in Gray County about 60 miles east of Amarillo, has responded to stockings of blue catfish that were done in 1979-82 and again in 1986

A recent gill net survey collected 39 blue catfish, ranging from eight to 31 inches in length "The wide distribution of sizes in the fish collected indicates each stocking was successful," Eades said He said 23 of the fish were between eight and 12 inches, 14 were between 17 and 25 inches and the largest two were 28 and 31 inches long The largest weighed 15 3 pounds

All the fish collected in nets were released alive after being weighed and measured, Eades said

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LIMIT APPARENTLY HELPING  
LAKE PALESTINE BASS

TYLER -- Largemouth bass populations at Lake Palestine appear to be responding well to the 14-inch minimum length limit established in 1985

Biologist Richard Ott said the change from a 10-inch minimum length to 14, and reduction of the daily bag limit from 10 to five has resulted in positive changes in the bass population

"There have been significant increases in numbers of bass in the 10- to 14-inch size class in both electrofishing and cove rotenone surveys," said Ott. The fall electrofishing catch rate for bass in that size range increased from 7.2 per hour in 1986 to 15 per hour in 1988. Cove rotenone samples showed a parallel increase, from seven per acre in 1986 to 33 per acre in 1988.

"Lake Palestine was known as a 'big bass' lake during the 1970s and early 1980s," said Ott. "This resulted in a great deal of fishing pressure and a heavy harvest of bass in the intermediate size classes."

Freezing weather during the winter of 1983-84 also may have contributed to the bass decline, as it eliminated much of the vegetative cover needed by largemouths, Ott said.

"With the increase in medium-sized bass, and the increased interest in catch-and-release bass fishing, Palestine should soon recapture some of its

former stature as a big bass fishing lake," Ott said

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TWO SALTWATER FISH RECORDS  
CERTIFIED

AUSTIN -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's fish records committee recently certified two new saltwater records

A six-pound, eight-ounce silver seatrout caught by Jacquelyn Merrel of Rockport on March 2 establishes a new listing in the record book for that species

Also certified was a six-pound, four-ounce Florida pompano caught by Wilbert J Hettinger of Indiana on Jan 1 in the surf at Port Isabel The former state record pompano weighed six pounds, one ounce

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AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for April 6.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 69 degrees normal level black bass fair to 3 pounds; crappie fair to 10 fish per string on minnows; catfish slow.

BELTON: Water clear to stained, 62 degrees, normal level black bass good to 4 pounds on white spinners and crawfish cranks in 5-20 feet of water; striper fair to 4 fish per string to 4 pounds each on white jigs with white trailers in 20 feet of water; crappie good to 20 fish per string on minnows in 20-30 feet of water; white bass fair to 15 fish per string to 1 1/4 pounds on L'il Georges in 10-20 feet of water; channel catfish fair to 5 pounds on dough bait and blood bait with rod and reel in 20 feet of water; yellow catfish fair to 3 fish per string to 9 pounds each on perch and goldfish in 30 feet of water in the creek channels.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 62 degrees, 9 1/2 feet low; black bass good in shallow water to 8 pounds on buzz baits and worms, with limits but lots of small fish; striper good to 14 pounds on live bait and topwaters around Shaw Island to Silver Creek; crappie good with limits from brushy areas and rocky points on minnows white bass good in front of highlines on deep diving trolling baits; channel catfish good to 9 pounds on shad and worms yellow catfish good to 30 pounds on live perch baited trotlines.

CANYON: Water clear, 65 degrees normal level; black bass good to 6 pounds on dark worms and Rat-L-Traps in 3-10 feet of water; striper slow; crappie good with some limits on minnows in 15 to 20 feet of water; white bass good at rapids in the river on minnows, some white bass are beginning to school in the upper end of the lake; catfish slow.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 64 degrees normal level black bass good to 8 pounds on cranks and worms; crappie slow; catfish fair to 14 pounds on rod and reel with live bait.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water slightly off color in the creeks 70 degrees, 1 inch above normal level black bass good with 2 bass weighing 13 1/4 pounds each on dark worms and lizards; crappie fairly good but no limits on minnows; catfish fair to 2 pounds Lake has been filling up with fishermen on the weekend, but so far none has been turned away.

INKS water dingy, 70 degrees normal level black bass slow but a few caught; striper fair to 35 pounds on trotline baited with live perch; crappie fairly slow; white bass good below Buchanan Dam on Tads Tom's Minners and live shad; catfish good on shad and minnows to 4 pounds.

LBJ Water clear, 63 degrees, lake full black bass good to 8 1/2 pounds on worms, Zara Spooks good early in shallow water, Pig and Jig and worms; striper fair to 17 1/2 pounds up the Colorado arm on deep diving trolling baits like Storm's Big Mac; crappie good in shallow water off points with limits on minnows; white bass good up Llano arm trolling deep diving baits in deep water, minnows under bobbers and fleaflies; channel catfish good on baited areas to 4 1/2 pounds on rod and reel with worms; trotline producing channel catfish to 9 pounds on shad; yellow catfish good to 42 pounds on live bait.

SOMERVILLE: Water clear, 63 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass slow; striper fair in the 3-5 pound range on Pet Spoons near the dam; crappie fair to 10 fish per string on minnows white bass fair from the banks on minnows and shad; catfish fair to 2 pounds on shrimp and stink bait with rod and reel.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 51 degrees, 9 feet low; black bass fairly good to 3 1/2 pounds on silver Rat-L-Traps at Buzzards Roost, Bluff Park and near the bank in 3 feet of water; hybrid striper fair to 11 1/2 pounds near Buzzard Roost and south of Cedar Gap Bridge with silver slabs in 10 feet of water; crappie fair to 15 fish per string at night at marina around Cedar Gap Bridge in 6-10 feet of water; white bass good with white jigs and minnows along with crappie; channel catfish slow. Winds high midweek.

TRAVIS: Water clear 63 degrees 11 feet low; black bass are very good with up to 90 fish per day per boat with between 10-20 keeper sized fish to 3 1/2 pounds on chartreuse spinners and Tom's Minners;

striper slow; white bass good with limits in the backs of coves in the mid lake area on white grubs in 10 feet of water. main lake white bass are spawning; crappie good to 1 1/2 pounds while bass fishing; catfish have been fair to 7 pounds on shrimp.

WHITNEY: Water clear, 57 degrees, 3 1/2 feet low; largemouth bass good to 5.8 pounds on black and blue lizards in shallow water; smallmouth bass slow; striper good to 17 1/2 pounds on live bait in the mouths of creeks; crappie slow on minnows and jigs a few limits caught in deep water; white bass good to 1 1/2 pounds on Little Fishes, some limits in Steele Creek; catfish good on nightcrawlers, snails, ghost minnows and blood bait; blue catfish good to 18 pounds, channel catfish good to 11 pounds; yellow catfish slow.

#### NORTHEAST

ATHENS Water clear, 70 degrees, 4 inch overflow; black bass good to 9 pounds on lizards and Rogues in 4-6 feet of water; crappie scattered and slow; white bass good with limits of 25 fish to 4 pounds each on chrome blue backed Rat-L-Traps by the marina and in the Leagueville Cove; catfish slow; bream and sunfish good with several good catches on crickets and worms in 10 feet of water.

BOB SANDLIN: Lake murky coves muddy, 72 degrees 4 inches above normal level; black bass good to 9 pounds on silver Rat-L-Traps, lizards, Crawworms Long A Bombers; crappie beginning to move into shallow water around the deep points; white bass plentiful around Highway 21 bridge and the Cypress Dam to 3 pounds on minnows and white spinners; catfish good in the channels to 5 pounds on rod and reel baited with stink bait.

BRIDGEPORT: Water murky, 62 degrees, 13 1/2 feet low; black bass good to 5 pounds; striper good; crappie good with limits on minnows, white bass moving up the river; catfish good to 44 pounds on trotline, a 45 pound catfish caught on spinners.

CADDO Water muddy around the edges, 6 feet high; black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on purple worms and topwaters in fairly good numbers crappie fair to 1 1/4 pounds in the river bed on minnows; white bass good to 3/4 pounds on white Beetle Spins; catfish slow.

CEDAR CREEK Water well stained, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass fair to 11.1 pounds on black lizards and chartreuse spinners in 4-8 feet of water in the coves; hybrid striper slow; crappie good on the north end of the lake and fair on the south on minnows; white bass good on silver slabs and L'il Georges in 20 feet of water on the bottom; yellow catfish good to 54 pounds on goldfish and bream, channel catfish good to 4 pounds on shrimp and blood bait.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 58 degrees, 1 1/2 feet high; black bass are beginning to move into the shallow weed beds, some limits to 9 pounds on lizards and spinners; crappie good near boat docks in 2-6 feet of water on minnows white and chartreuse jigs, catfish good in the creek channels to 13 pounds on minnows and nightcrawlers.

FAIRFIELD Water clear, 70 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass fair to 4 pounds on dark worms; hybrid striper fairly slow; crappie slow; catfish good to 32 pounds on trotline with live bait; redfish slow; tilapia fair to 4 pounds

FORK: Water clear, 68 degrees, 2 inches above full rain last Monday night could muddy up some of the creeks; black bass good to 17.10 pounds caught by Stan Moss of Rowlett on black and blue lizard in 6 feet of water; crappie good in shallow water on jigs; catfish fair to 5 pounds on live bait.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 68 degrees, 5 1/2 feet above normal level, black bass good with several limits to 7 pounds each on blue worms, black lizards, orange Bomber Rattlin Rs and white spinners, around the flooded brush tops crappie scattered but some caught on small spinners in the submerged brush to 3 pounds each; white bass good with several limits on Sassy Shad, Rat-L-Traps; catfish slow.

LAVON: Water muddy, 56 degrees, 4 feet high; black bass good in the shallow waters near the bank on spinners and topwaters; crappie good with many limits to 1 1/2 pounds, a single 3 pounder caught on green, chartreuse and smokey jigs and minnows white bass are very good in the creeks on minnows; catfish good near the bank in shallow water on worms and minnows trotlines producing catfish to 6 pounds on stink bait, large worms and shrimp.

LEWISVILLE: Water murky, 61 degrees, 3 feet high; black bass slow; striper slow from the banks; crappie good around boat houses and slips on minnows; white bass slow; catfish good up the creeks on shrimp and worms



MARTIN CREEK: Water cloudy, 71 degrees normal level black bass and all fishing slow since the heavy rains; parts of the state park remain closed midweek.

MONTICELLO: Water murky, 77 degrees, normal level, black bass good to 7 pounds, 11 ounces on Bagley cranks and 8 inch black and blue lizards crappie slow; catfish good to 8 1/2 pounds on Canadian crawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water murky, 55 degrees 4 inches above normal level; black bass fair to 5 pounds on spinners and Rat-L-Traps; crappie slowing white bass slow; catfish slow.

MURVAUL: Water muddy, 69 degrees, 8 inches above spillway; black bass slow to 9 pounds, 3 ounces on cranks; crappie slow; channel catfish excellent with good numbers of limits to 6 pounds each; flathead catfish fair in number to 44 pounds on live bait.

PALESTINE: Water clear 65 degrees, 5 inches high; black bass good to 8 pounds, 3 ounces on cranks and topwaters striper picking up, winds still high and waters rough; crappie picking up with some in the mouths of creeks to 1 3/4 pounds on minnows; white bass picking up with some schooling; catfish good on trotlines and rod and reel to 12 pounds, some movement into shallow water.

PURTIS CREEK: Water clear, normal level; black bass good to 6 1/2 pounds on chartreuse and black and silver spinners with light skirts in 2 1/2 feet of water crappie improving; catfish good in the late afternoon to 8 pounds.

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 3 pounds on strawberry worms in 5 feet of water; striper good to 18 pounds on live bream; crappie good to 2 pounds on minnows; white bass good under bridges on minnows with limits; catfish good to 5 pounds on chicken liver.

TAWAKONI: Water murky, 54 degrees, 2 inches overflow; black bass good to 7 pounds on spinners and Rat-L-Traps in 4-6 feet of water; striper slow; crappie good to 2 1/2 pounds on minnows and jigs; white bass slow; catfish are good to 6 pounds on live bait and shrimp.

TEXOMA: Water off color, 53 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds on jigs; striper good to 12 pounds on Sassy Shad and jigs; crappie good with limits and some good sized fish in shallow water on minnows and chartreuse jigs; white bass slow; catfish good to 50 pounds on live bait, cut bait and worms in 60 feet of water.

WELSH: Water clear, 74 degrees, lake full black bass fair to 7 1/2 pounds on lizards, crappie fair on minnows to 1 pounds each with limits of 25 fish; catfish good to 15 pounds on trotline baited with bream, nightcrawlers and shrimp good on tight line; bream are very good on jigs in shallow water.

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water fairly clear, winds high, 65 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass fair to 7 1/2 pounds on black worms with blue tails, spinners and chrome cranks in 2-12 feet of water; striper fair trolling spoons and chrome Rat-L-Traps near 1097 Bridge in fairly shallow water; white bass good in the same area; catfish good to 2 1/2 pounds and near the old river bed.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 73 degrees, 8 inches above normal level black bass good to 12 pounds, 13 ounces with good numbers of fish on water dogs, Tequila Sunrise worms, white spinners, cranks, Rat-L-Traps Jig and Pig; crappie good to 2 1/2 pounds to 10 fish per string; white bass good around boat stalls in good numbers to 2 1/2 pounds on minnows; catfish good to 10 pounds, 14 ounces on trotlines; yellow catfish good to 14 pounds on live bait and chicken livers.

LIVINGSTON: Water off color 67 degrees 6 inches above normal level; black bass good in the 3-5 pound range on grape and black worms in 3-6 feet of water; striper good to 8 1/2 pounds on Charly's Slabs along sandbars near the river channel some limits; crappie slow to 6 fish per person on minnows and jigs in 5 feet of water; white bass good in the main lake with limits on white slabs, good numbers of white bass at night on minnows catfish good to 75 pounds on trotline baited with bream; blue catfish good to 15 pounds on rod and reel and trotline baited with shad; channel catfish good to 2 pounds on cut bait.

RAYBURN Water muddy in rivers and creeks, 65 degrees, lake full from rains black bass good to 8 pounds in shallow water on topwaters Crawworms, jigs, Rat-L-Traps, striper slow; hybrid

striper good off main lake points while schooling on spoons and Rat-L-Traps; white bass good with Hybrid striper; catfish fairly good with rod and reel.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 69 degrees normal level; black bass good to 6 3/4 pounds on black spinners; striper good to 14 pounds on Redfins, crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish slow.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD Water clear, 58 degrees, 6 inches above normal level. black bass good in 5-8 feet of water on yellow tailed purple worms and motor oil lizards; striper good on topwaters and Redfins in the 15-25 pound range, no limits; crappie slow; white bass good up the Pecos, catfish moving into 8-20 feet of water.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 65 degrees, 18 inches high; black bass slow with only 2 keepers since April 1 many fish caught but most are too small to keep, on cranks and crawfish; striper good in number to 7 pounds on chicken liver, shad and shrimp; catfish good to 5 pounds; redfish good to 16 pounds on spoons, shad and shrimp.

CALAVERAS Water clear, 68 degrees, normal level; black bass have been good to 7 pounds on jig and pig and cranks shoreline fishermen are doing very well on Rat-L-Traps striper good in the 7 pound range on gold and silver Tony Accetta Spoons in the warm water discharge area and around the crappie wall; catfish good with strings to 42 pounds on shad and chicken livers; redfish have been very good with many full strings fish average up to 13 pounds on silver Tony Accetta Spoons; bank fishermen catching redfish on shad.

CHOKO: Water slightly murky, 69 degrees 4 feet low; black bass have been fair with some limits in the 5-6 pound range with many small fish; striper fair in the 1 to 1 1/2 pound range on spinners crappie good with a few limits on minnows; white bass slow; catfish good in the 8 pound range on Nails and Bobs Catfish bait.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 68 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass good to 5 ponds on worms and spinners striper fair in number but no keepers around fishing pier on minnows; crappie good to 15 fish per boat on minnows; catfish good to 9 pounds, but most in the 2-3 pound range on shad and blood bait; a 44 pound yellow catfish landed April 2 with live bait.

CORPUS CHRISTI Water clear, 68 degrees 6 feet low; black bass fair to 8 1/2 pounds in Pernitas Creek on jig and crawfish combo and black plastic lizards; striper slow; crappie good in the coves on the east side of the lake near Hoffman's Camp with limits to 2 pounds on minnows white bass fair up river on chrome Rat-L-Traps and white Roadrunners; blue catfish good to 22 pounds on rod and reel and trotline baited with cut shad.

FALCON: Water clear, 4 feet low; black bass good to 8 pounds with limits on worms and cranks in 6-10 feet of water; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass fair in the lake with some schooling; catfish good on frozen shrimp and sponge baits.

MEDINA: Water clear, 68 degrees, 22 feet low; black bass good to 18 inches on worms and jigs; striper slow; crappie fair, some at night; white bass good with limits on minnows and small silver spoons; catfish slow.

TEXANA: Water muddy in lake clear in Jungle 66 degrees, normal level; black bass good in the Jungle to 4 pounds on chartreuse and white spinners, striper and white bass slow; crappie fair on minnows up the creeks on minnows, no limits; catfish good to 30 pounds on live bait on trotline in main lake

#### WEST

ARROWHEAD Water clear, 60 degrees 8 feet low; black bass fair to 4 1/2 pounds on black Ringworms with chartreuse tails in shallow water; striper poor; crappie good to 2 pounds on minnows in 4 feet of water, white bass poor; catfish poor.

BAYLOR: Water clear, 58 degrees normal level; black bass good to 7 pounds, 14 ounces on black jigs and blue pork frogs, brown jigs, brown pork frogs and purple worms with white tails; crappie good to 15 fish per string on minnows in less than 6 feet of water; catfish slow to 6 pounds.

GRANBURY: Water murky, 62 degrees, lake full black bass good to 6 pounds on black and chartreuse lizards, Tequila Sunrise Crawworms and spinners; striper slow; crappie good on minnows with limits in 12 feet of water; white bass slow; catfish good to 6 pounds on blood bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 7 feet low; black bass good to 8 pounds,

11 ounces on chartreuse spinners in shallow water: striper good to 8 pounds; crappie good sized in shallow water on minnows; catfish slow.

MCKENZIE: Water clear, 54 degrees normal level; black bass slow to 3 1/2 pounds; striper slow; crappie fairly slow to 3 fish per string on minnows; catfish slow.

OAK CREEK: Water clear. 61 degrees 5 feet low; black bass fair to 7 pounds, 14 ounces on cranks; crappie slow; white bass good with limits to 2 pounds trolling; catfish good on trotline to 4 pounds on big minnows.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 50 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass fair to 5 pounds on artificials, striper good to 13 pounds on 1 or 2 ounce chartreuse and white jigs; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds to 10 fish per string on minnows white bass fair but no limits; catfish slow.

SPENCE: Water clear, 57 degrees, 27 feet low; black bass good to 5 pounds on plastic worms; striper fair to 18 pounds trolling jigs and Hellbenders, crappie good with some limits on minnows; white bass fair to 10 fish per string on Rat-L-Traps and slabs; catfish slow.

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 6 feet low; black bass good to 9 pounds; white bass slow; crappie scattered up river; hybrid striper slow; catfish good to 35 pounds on trotline with live bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 58 degrees, 6 1/2 feet low; black bass good to in the 3-7 pound range on jigs, worms and some cranks in shallow water; crappie good in the small size, large size crappie are slow; white bass slow; catfish good to 5 pounds on live bait.

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Winds have been high most all week; some good redfish Tuesday to 28 inches with near limits on small crabs and mud minnows; a few redfish over last weekend also on crabs; a few croaker in East Pass and south of Stewt's Island; some flounder along the roadways. No live bait shrimp available.

SOUTH SABINE LAKE: Redfish are fairly slow and small, some caught from the bank; flounder fishing has improved to 3 pounds most are in the 1-1 1/2 pound range around the causeway bridge and around the banks, mainly in the channel and along the bridge on mud minnows; speck fishing has slowed since last week, some school trout have been caught on salt and pepper worms and black and silver Sassy Shad. No live bait shrimp available

GALVESTON: Good numbers of gafftops to 6 3/4 pounds from the piers on shrimp; some keeper redfish in the 21-24 inch range in protected coves, some flounder to 3 pounds in the protected coves; scattered drum; live bait shrimp available at \$8-\$9 per quart; offshore slow due to rough water bay waters dirty, strong winds midweek. Few fishermen out midweek except for piers

ROCKPORT: Bay water muddy midweek, some clear water in Estes Flats; some trout in Estes Flats; fishing has been relatively slow because of high winds Carlos and Ayres Bays are muddy but are producing some redfish; not many fishermen out; live bait shrimp spotty; some brought in from the Laguna Madre.

PORT ARANSAS: Winds have been fairly high, waters have been dirty; live bait shrimp plentiful at \$7.49 per quart; fishing spotty and scattered because of weather. Caldwell pier fishermen catching small bonnet nosed shark, some drum to 37 inches some whiting, a red snapper weighing 3 pounds caught from the pier; fair numbers of fishermen on the pier

CORPUS CHRISTI: North wind blowing at 20 knots early Wednesday, no fishermen early Wednesday; Tuesday night fishermen caught good numbers of sandtrout and specks; a single large drum to 30 inches; live and dead bait shrimp plentiful

PORT MANSFIELD: North winds blowing 20-30 knots, no fishermen out; live bait available at \$10 per quart; fishing should be good when the wind switches back to the south. Norther hit at 3 a.m. Wednesday.

SOUTH PADRE: Limits of redfish but fish are scattered before the front hit early Wednesday; trout fishing slow; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.