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## TPWD USES DEMOGRAPHICS TO FIND CUSTOMERS

75901. Is that number a lotto winner? No, it's the largest zip code block of hunters and fishermen in the state, according to 1990 figures.

Where is it? It's not in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio or any other major metropolitan area. The highest concentration of hunters and fishermen in Texas live in Lufkin.

A zip code block contains about 2,320 households. Zip code 75901 in Lufkin has 9,491 hunting, fishing or combination license holders. That zip leads the state in combination licenses with 3,654; is first in hunting licenses with 1,719; and is second in fishing licenses with 4,118.

What does this mean? We don't know yet, said Bill Rutledge, director of conservation communications for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Maybe a combination license has more value in rural areas and those people have more time to use it. We don't know, but as part of our new marketing effort we're trying to determine where our customers live."

In an effort to wean itself from general tax support and function entirely on user-generated revenues, the TPWD will use geodemography to find out more about its customers. Geodemography is based on principles such as: people in similar communities share similar consumer patterns. Geodemographics will enable the department to pinpoint locations of people who reflect the ideal customer profile.

The department licenses about 2 million anglers, 1 million hunters and 600,000 boat owners each year. More than 400,000 people pay to camp in state parks and about 190,000 subscribe to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine. These are the department's customers and little is known about them.

"We want to know where the people who buy hunting, fishing and combination licenses live," Rutledge said.

Do you know where they live?

Although 82 percent of all Texans live in large metropolitan areas, only about 30 percent of hunters and 40 percent of fishermen live there. The top 10 zip codes of sportsmen that have resident hunting, fishing or combination licenses in 1990 includes only one major metropolitan area (Houston) and two cities, Lewisville and Mesquite, close to another major area.

The top 10 zips and the number of license holders are 75901, Lufkin, 9,491; 77630, Orange, 8,245; 77901, Victoria, 7,643; 75067, Lewisville, 6,596; 77662, Vidor, 6,479; 77656, Silsbee, 6,393; 75149, Mesquite, 6,132; 75961, Nacogdoches, 6,002; 77520, Baytown, 5,912; and 77015, Houston, 5,792.

In addition to zip code blocks, the figures can be broken down into town and county for each type of license. The top five zip codes for combination licenses are 75901, Lufkin, 3,654; 77901, Victoria, 2,723; 75961, Nacogdoches, 2,597; 77656, Silsbee, 2,568; and 77630, Orange, 2,425. The top five towns are Houston, 52,971; San Antonio, 30,169; Dallas, 19,432; Fort Worth, 17,628; and Austin, 16,188. The top five counties for combination licenses are Harris, 82,292; Dallas, 48,779; Tarrant, 35,266; Bexar, 32,564; and Travis, 17,073.

The top five zip codes for hunting licenses are 75901, Lufkin, 1,719; 79109, Amarillo, 987; 77630, Orange, 970; 75961, Nacogdoches, 937; and 77662, Vidor, 892. The top five towns are Houston, 21,036; San Antonio, 12,877; Dallas, 7,992; Austin, 6,628; and Fort Worth, 6,135. The top five counties for hunting licenses are Harris, 31,692; Dallas, 17,690; Bexar, 13,807; Tarrant, 12,255; and Travis, 6,940.

The top five zip codes for fishing licenses are 77630, Orange, 4,850; 75901 Lufkin, 4,118; 77901 Victoria, 4,064; 75067 Lewisville, 3,937 and 75051 Grand Prairie, 3,742. The top five towns are Houston, 101,413; San Antonio, 51,169; Dallas, 37,882; Fort Worth, 30,404; and Austin, 24,654. The top five counties are Harris, 147,832; Dallas, 94,332; Tarrant, 61,553; Bexar 54,551 and Travis, 25,763.

The top zip code in Texas for residents purchasing saltwater stamps also provided a surprise to the department. The highest number of saltwater stamps per zip code is 77901 in Victoria with 5,177. The next four are 77630, Orange, 4,662; 78412, Corpus Christi, 3,866; 77520, Baytown, 3,807; and 78550, Harlingen, 3,654. The top five towns for saltwater stamps are Houston, 90,287; San Antonio, 38,649; Corpus Christi, 25,570; Austin, 12,253; and Beaumont, 10,141. The top five counties are Harris, 130,231; Bexar 40,995; Nueces, 28,083; Jefferson, 20,882; and Brazoria, 19,623.

Trivia question: Do more hunting license holders live in El Paso County or Smith County in East Texas? Answer: El Paso County has 3,402 to Smith County's 2,709. Hmm.

'I think all this information means we probably had some misconceptions about where our customers were,' Rutledge said. 'The fact that 60 percent of our fishermen lived outside the city was a surprise to me.'

'The next step for us is to look at 1990 census data and look for similar patterns,' he said. 'Are the people that live in Lufkin the same demographically as people that live in Victoria? We want to find out. This will help us get our message out better. It will allow us to better use the money we spend on dispensing our information.'

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## HUNTING WITH ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS PROHIBITED

AUSTIN--Texas hunters, especially archery and rifle hunters, are reminded that state law forbids the use of artificial light to hunt certain birds and other animals, including some equipment being sold at stores.

Under Section 62.005 of the Parks and Wildlife Code, it is unlawful to hunt any game animal or game bird at any time with the aid of any artificial light. This includes headlights, hunting lamps or any other artificial light used on or about the head or attached to a vehicle.

"There are a lot of hunting gadgets on the market today that may be illegal, said Chester Burdett, director of law enforcement at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "There are a number of sights for bows and rifles that may be illegal. If they use artificial light they are illegal for game animals. They may be lawfully used to hunt non-protected birds and animals and fur-bearing animals.

The artificial lights in question include lighted sights on bows, lighted rifle scopes, laser sights or anything that artificially illuminates sights or scopes, Burdett said.

"If the device is lighted up to aid the hunter that's why the law was passed, he said. "This includes any device to facilitate the aiming at targets. Those particular lights are used about the head. Simply because a gadget is for sale doesn't mean that it's lawful for game animals and game birds.

"These things are perfectly lawful to hunt coyotes, rabbits, feral hogs and fur-bearing animals, but not game animals."

Hunting with artificial light is a Class B Parks and Wildlife Code Misdemeanor for the first charge, punishable by a fine of \$200-\$1,000, a jail term not to exceed 180 days or both. After the first conviction, the charge increases to a Class A Misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500-\$2,000, a jail term not to exceed one year or both.

## OFFICIALS BREAK GROUND FOR HATCHERY RENOVATION

WICHITA FALLS--Area dignitaries and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials turned over new dirt during a ground breaking ceremony for phase one renovation of the Dundee State Fish Hatchery.

Speakers included Sen. Steve Carriker, Roby and Charles Finnell, Holliday. Guests included Angus Thompson of the Wichita Falls City Council; Bob Laurik, president of the North Texas Field and Stream Association, the oldest sportsman's group in Texas; and Jimmy Banks of the Wichita Water Improvement District No. 2.

The total renovation project calls for 101 production ponds, water supply, a 40,000 square-foot hatchery building, utilities and site work. Phase one consists of 42 acres of ponds, or 52 ponds. Total cost of renovation as estimated from preliminary design schedules is expected to be about \$15 million. Pond renovation is expected to cost about \$10 million.

The \$6 million price tag for phase one will not cost the TPWD any money said Gene McCarty, director of fish hatcheries. Federal Wallop-Breaux Sport Fish Restoration Program funds will provide for 75 percent of the cost while the other 25 percent will come from in-kind contributions, which is existing property values.

The Dundee hatchery, the largest of the state's six freshwater hatcheries, was built in 1927, second oldest after the Tyler facility built in 1926. The original hatchery had 44 ponds (32 acres of water); in 1977 it was expanded to 91 ponds (89 acres of water).

Dundee, located on FM 1180 below the Lake Diversion Dam in Baylor County, annually produces about 4.5 million striped bass, largemouth bass and channel catfish, McCarty said. After renovation, the facility will focus on striped bass, Florida largemouth bass, channel and blue catfish. Renovation should increase production to 11.5 million fingerlings annually.

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## NON-TOXIC SHOT REQUIRED FOR WATERFOWL HUNTING

AUSTIN--For the first time non-toxic shot will be required statewide for hunting waterfowl and coots in Texas.

The state and U.S. has been moving toward nontoxic shot since 1987. As of Sept. 1 it is illegal to possess lead shot, either in shot shells or as loose shot for muzzleloading while hunting waterfowl and coots.

Bob Jessen, waterfowl program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said the entire nation is going to non-toxic shot to reduce losses to waterfowl populations from lead poisoning.

Lead embedded in the bird's body from being shot is not the problem. If the bird survives wounds from being shot, the lead is sealed off in the muscles and causes no further problems, he said. The problem occurs when a bird ingests lead shot while feeding. The shot grounds down in the gizzard where it is absorbed into the bloodstream.

With hunters using nontoxic shot statewide the number of waterfowl dying from lead poisoning will decrease. Lead that is now in the marsh bottoms will remain available to birds for years. Slowly, the heavy lead pellets will settle into the soil to a depth where birds will no longer encounter them while feeding. "It should subside substantially with time," Jessen said. "We're on the right track. We're going to save two to three million birds a year, nationally."

"The North American Waterfowl Management Plan is receiving tremendous support from hunters who want to restore waterfowl populations," said John Turner, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "The elimination of lead poisoning is yet another way hunters can help in the effort to maintain stable, healthy populations of ducks and geese."

Goose season west of U.S. Highway 81 opens Oct. 12 and runs through Jan. 26. Goose season east of U.S. Highway 81 is Nov. 9-Feb. 16 for light geese and Nov. 9-Jan. 19 for dark geese. An extended Canada goose season will run Jan. 20-26 in the eastern zone.

Hunters in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit may hunt ducks, mergansers and coots Nov. 16-Jan. 5. The rest of the state may hunt Nov. 23-Dec. 1 and Dec. 7-Jan. 5.

The sandhill crane season is Nov. 9-Feb. 9 for Zone A; Dec. 7-Feb. 16 for Zone B; and Jan. 4-Feb. 9 for Zone C. Woodcock may be hunted Nov. 28-Jan. 31 and common snipe may be hunted Oct. 26-Feb. 9.

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#### WARDEN ASSAULTS FEW IN TEXAS

AUSTIN--Fall and winter hunting seasons will soon be in full swing, keeping game wardens busy with deer, waterfowl and small game hunters as well as fishermen. This also is a time of year when many illegal activities are going on.

The potential for illegal activity is always available, but with legal and illegal hunters participating in one way or another, this time of year can be particularly dangerous for game wardens.

Fortunately, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has had very few game wardens killed or assaulted in the line of duty, much lower than the rest of the United States, according to figures provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Since the early 1900s, 12 TPWD game wardens have died or been killed while on duty, but only three of those deaths involved murder. The first was Claude R. Murchison, who was murdered on the King Ranch in 1938. J.D. Murphree was murdered in Jasper County in 1963 and Ronnie Germany was murdered in San Augustine County in 1973.

"Our numbers are outstanding. It has to do with the training and a whole lot to do with the public," said Chester Burdett, director of TPWD's law enforcement division. "I think it's great. I think our people conduct themselves in such a manner that lessens confrontations."

Most of the people game wardens meet are armed, it's usually at night, wardens usually are alone, it's usually in the middle of nowhere and the warden usually is outnumbered. Therefore, game wardens have to exercise caution and non-confrontational procedures.

"The vast majority of the time the parties have weapons," Burdett said. 'Game wardens receive considerable training that enhances their ability to apply law enforcement efforts that are reasonable and acceptable. We don't want to have a confrontation with everyone we meet.

"Game wardens have been trained in the Texas Game Warden Academy since 1947 to provide an effective law enforcement effort and at the same time preserve the constitutional guarantee of the public."

All peace officers must be licensed. Game wardens go through firearms qualifications every year and at least 40 hours of in-service training every other year he said. "We far exceed both of those to give the best possible service to the public.

In 1989, Texas, with four assaults committed against 641 state and federal conservation officers, ranked 10th of the 34 states reporting assault rates to the USFWS. Texas' assault rate of .62 percent is far below Virginia's 8.02 percent and the next highest state, Louisiana at 3.23 percent.

Nationally, in 1989, there were 8,102 state and federal conservation officers. That year there were 128 assaults, a 24 percent increase from 1988. There were no deaths but 23 of the assaults resulted in personal injury to the officer USFWS figures show. Most of the assaults, 48 percent, involved personal weapons (i.e. hand, fist, feet, etc.). Others included vehicle, 21 percent; firearm, 18 percent; and other weapons, 11 percent.

Texas' four assaults came during routine patrol or license checks. Three involved personal weapons and one was a vehicle. None of the wardens were injured. Texas' highest recorded year for assaults was 1987 with 12. There were seven in 1988, four in 1989 and four in 1990.

Two of the 1990 assaults involved confronting a violator at night, another occurred while confronting a violator during the day and another was termed other activities. Two of the assaults involved firearms and three involved personal weapons.



Burdett said, generally, a game warden's training earns the respect of the public, but there is always a segment of society that has no respect for the law.

"We're pleased that there have been so few assaults, but needless to say one is one too many," he said.

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#### TOURS OFFERED AT WILDERNESS ISLAND

**MATAGORDA ISLAND**--Nature still rules at Matagorda Island State Park where beachcombing and whooping crane tours are set for October, November and December for Texas Conservation Passport holders.

"One day a month will be set aside for guided tours," said Ronny Gallagher park superintendent. "Our passenger ferry will leave Port O'Connor at 7:30 a.m. for an all-day trip to the island." Two tours are offered, a beachcombing experience on Oct. 26 and Dec. 14 and a tour of whooping crane habitat on Nov. 23.

The wilderness island park, 38 miles long, has always been isolated from the mainland by a six-mile stretch of open water making it hard to reach. In the late 1940s, it was found to be one of the few habitats where the endangered whooping crane was still establishing a winter home. Now the island is a protected refuge for whooping cranes and other wildlife.

The island adventures are:

Oct. 26 and Dec. 14, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. -- Beachcombing adventure featuring exploration of a remote beach area from the dune line to the water's edge. Led by an expert naturalist, visitors will scout for seashells, cast-off treasures from around the world and discuss small animals, such as sand crabs, that make a home on the beach. The tour is limited to 20 people and reservations are required.

Nov. 23, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. -- Whooping crane day featuring a birdwatching tour of the winter habitat, led by Robin Doughty, geography professor at the University of Texas and author of, "Return of the Whooping Crane." Visitors should be able to see whoopers foraging in the marshes unless weather or other natural circumstances interfere. The tour is limited to 30 people and reservations are required.

Tour fees include ferry and bus or truck transportation and adult fees include the Texas Conservation Passport. Cost is \$39 for adults (or \$14 if you already have a TCP), \$14 for children 13-16 years old and \$7 for children 12 and under. Payment in full is required to reserve a place on either tour. The TCP is valid for one year and enables holders free entrance to state parks, discounts on camping fees and allows access to other special department activities.

Once visitors board the ferry they must supply their own needs because there are no stores on the island. A day pack is recommended since you will have to carry your equipment. Trash is handled on a pack it in-pack it out basis, so carry a trash bag.

"Visitors love the truly native condition of the open beaches with rolling surf, sand dunes and wild coastal grasses, Gallagher said. There are no stores, cars, condos or other development on the 38 miles of beach.

For more information call Matagorda Island State Park at (512) 983-2215.

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Species	Weight	Length	Angler	Where Caught	Date Caught	Date Certified	Method of Catch
Freshwater:							
Alligator Gar	279.00	0.00	Bill Valverde	Rio Grande	01/01/51	01/01/51	Rod & Reel
American Eel	4.00	41.00	Louis Kusey III	Medina	02/22/86	02/22/86	Rod & Reel
Black Bullhead Catfish	4.53	18.50	Charles E Guinn	Private Lake	11/15/86	12/01/86	Rod & Reel
Black Crappie	3.69	17.75	Fritz Gowan	Toledo Bend	01/17/85	02/21/85	Rod & Reel
Blue Catfish	76.00	45.00	Richard C. Jordan	Trinity River	04/14/91	04/24/91	Rod & Reel
Bluegill Sunfish	3.25	14.00	Winfred Hoke	Private Lake	04/25/66	04/25/66	Rod & Reel
Bowfin	17.19	32.00	R M Speir	Toledo Bend	08/15/72	08/15/72	Rod & Reel
Brook Trout	0.67	12.00	J Bryan Hendricks	Guadalupe River	02/19/84	03/28/84	Rod & Reel
Brown Trout	7.12	24.00	Jeff DeLong	Guadalupe River	02/07/86	05/02/86	Rod & Reel
Carp	41.00	37.00	Scott Helsley	Private Lake	05/14/72	05/14/72	Rod & Reel
Chain Pickerel	4.63	25.00	Deborah T Morris	Caddo	06/12/86	10/09/86	Rod & Reel
Channel Catfish	36.50	38.00	Mrs Joe L. Cockrell	Pedernales River	03/07/65	03/07/65	Rod & Reel
Flathead Catfish	98.00	54.00	William O. Stephens	Lewisville	06/02/86	08/13/86	Rod & Reel
Flounder	11.35	26.00	Glenn Comiskey	Brazoria Reservoir	10/16/87	10/20/87	Rod & Reel
Freshwater Drum	31.00	35.50	Larry King	Arrowhead	05/06/78	05/14/78	Rod & Reel
Golden Shiner	0.23	8.50	John Michael Zapata	Ratcliff	02/09/91	03/18/91	Rod & Reel
Goldfish	4.26	15.94	PaPa Earl	Conroe	05/12/91	07/09/91	Rod & Reel
Grass Carp	12.50	31.00	PaPa Earl	Trinity River	06/16/91	07/09/91	Rod & Reel
Green Sunfish	2.21	12.00	Alex H Short	Private Lake	05/18/69	05/18/69	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe Bass	3.69	18.25	Allen M Christenson Jr	Travis	09/25/83	09/27/83	Rod & Reel
Hybrid Corvina	14.60	31.50	Harold L. Sinclair	Calaveras	02/17/91	03/11/91	Rod & Reel
Hybrid Striped Bass	19.66	35.16	John Haney	Ray Hubbard	06/20/84	11/15/84	Rod & Reel
Largemouth Bass	17.67	27.50	Mark Stevenson	Lake Fork	11/26/86	12/04/86	Rod & Reel
Largemouth Buffalo	58.00	41.00	Bobby Thompson	Private Lake	04/06/69	04/06/69	Rod & Reel
Longnose Gar	50.31	0.00	Townsend Miller	Trinity River	01/01/54	01/01/54	Rod & Reel
Nile Perch	12.06	30.50	Mike Saldiver	Braunig	02/01/80	02/04/80	Rod & Reel
Northern Pike	18.28	41.00	Mike Sharpe	Town Lake	08/29/81	09/01/81	Rod & Reel
Orangemouth Corvina	14.50	32.00	Richard Alejandro	Braunig	03/15/90	04/04/90	Rod & Reel
Rainbow Trout	6.22	24.00	David Lewis Carpenter	Canyon Tailrace	11/24/90	12/18/90	Rod & Reel
Red Drum	30.25	35.00	Jack Talbert	Braunig	10/14/89	12/22/89	Rod & Reel
Redbreast Sunfish	1.25	12.75	Rock Layne Hamilton	Guadalupe River	05/02/87	04/17/89	Rod & Reel
Redear Sunfish	3.25	14.25	Vernon Roberts	Private Lake	04/23/78	05/09/78	Rod & Reel
Smallmouth Bass	7.72	22.00	Ronald Gardner	Whitney	11/20/88	03/15/89	Rod & Reel
Smallmouth Buffalo	64.50	40.00	Gaylon L Cole	Sabine River	03/28/87	05/04/87	Rod & Reel
Spotted Bass	5.56	21.00	Turner Keith	Lake O' The Pines	03/13/66	03/13/66	Rod & Reel
Striped Bass	45.00	44.00	Tom J. Reavis	Amistad	05/14/90	06/18/90	Rod & Reel
Tarpon	10.12	37.00	Paul Willette	Braunig	08/06/86	08/07/86	Rod & Reel
Tiger Muskie	9.06	32.00	Mike Gaines	Nocona	05/27/79	07/17/79	Rod & Reel
Walleye	11.88	31.75	Hank McWilliams, Jr.	Meredith	02/26/90	04/04/90	Rod & Reel
Warmouth	1.30	10.50	Ralph E. Manns, Jr.	Town Lake	07/19/91	08/20/91	Rod & Reel
White Bass	5.56	20.75	David S Cordill	Colorado River	03/31/77	04/05/77	Rod & Reel
White Crappie	4.56	0.00	G G Wooderson	Navarro Mills	02/14/68	02/14/68	Rod & Reel
Yellow Bullhead Catfish	1.60	12.83	James W. Stone	Palestine	05/18/91	05/22/91	Rod & Reel
Yellow White Bass	3.50	18.00	Lucky Turner	Tawakoni	07/15/89	10/30/89	Rod & Reel

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

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Saltwater:							
African Pompano	37.00	45.00	Steven W Smith	Gulf of Mexico	08/20/88	10/14/88	Rod & Reel
Almaco Jack	16.44	36.00	Patrick L. Lemire	Gulf of Mexico	09/13/88	10/19/88	Rod & Reel
Amberjack	107.50	66.50	Fred Carter	Gulf of Mexico	06/06/87	10/01/87	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Bonito	4.85	24.75	Patrick Maass	Gulf of Mexico	03/29/86	09/04/86	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Croaker	5.13	20.25	Earl Merendino	Galveston Bay	07/10/71	10/04/71	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Cutlassfish	2.64	40.13	H J Smith	Galveston Bay	01/01/87	02/16/87	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Needlefish	9.00	28.75	Koy L. Kelley	Gulf of Mexico	08/03/90	12/05/90	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Spadefish	10.00	22.00	Laramie Winczewski	Gulf of Mexico	11/24/90	02/01/91	Rod & Reel
Atlantic Stingray	3.75	32.00	Bryan Ellis	Galveston Bay	05/21/88	04/12/89	Rod & Reel
Banded Shrimp Eel	32.38	71.50	Cy Bennett	Gulf of Mexico	03/24/88	05/02/88	Rod & Reel
Barred Grunt	1.06	12.50	Harry Hoffman	Gulf of Mexico	07/14/84	09/04/84	Rod & Reel
Bearded Brotnla	8.03	27.00	Bryan Gulley	Gulf of Mexico	09/19/82	12/30/82	Rod & Reel
Bermuda Chub	1.37	13.50	David Lindsay	Gulf of Mexico	09/04/82	10/19/82	Rod & Reel
Bigeye	2.40	17.25	Suzannah Creech	Gulf of Mexico	03/20/89	05/03/89	Rod & Reel
Bighead Searobin	1.14	13.25	Wade Kilpatrick	Corpus Christi Bay	08/05/87	10/21/87	Rod & Reel
Black Drum	81.00	51.18	Wally Escobar, Jr.	Gulf of Mexico	06/19/88	08/08/88	Rod & Reel
Black Durgon	2.38	14.00	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/20/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Black Grouper	83.25	52.00	T L Gleason	Gulf of Mexico	09/11/83	02/01/84	Rod & Reel
Black Jack	17.25	34.00	Dedra Sheldon	Gulf of Mexico	08/05/78	12/29/78	Rod & Reel
Black Margate	12.76	27.00	Moracio A. Deleon	Gulf of Mexico	07/14/88	08/08/88	Rod & Reel
Black Snapper	11.10	26.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	07/27/87	12/15/87	Rod & Reel
Blackfin Tuna	38.89	41.75	John Alvarez, Jr	Gulf of Mexico	06/23/88	12/12/88	Rod & Reel
Blacknose Shark	28.44	48.50	Louis Kusey III	Gulf of Mexico	12/27/86	06/04/87	Rod & Reel
Blacktip Shark	179.00	81.00	Gary Rooth	Gulf of Mexico	05/20/89	07/17/89	Rod & Reel
Blue Catfish	7.56	25.50	Charles Evans	Galveston Bay	11/10/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Blue Marlin	876.50	158.00	James H Farrow	Gulf of Mexico	08/20/88	10/14/88	Rod & Reel
Bluefin Tuna	808.00	103.00	Trina Isaacs	Gulf of Mexico	05/04/85	05/13/85	Rod & Reel
Bluefish	16.62	36.63	Alex Koumonduros	Gulf of Mexico	01/11/87	02/17/87	Rod & Reel
Bonefish	3.75	23.25	C W Morris	Gulf of Mexico	11/19/77	01/18/78	Rod & Reel
Bonito	27.00	0.00	Eddie Groth	Gulf of Mexico	07/01/69	07/01/69	Rod & Reel
Bonnethead	22.81	48.00	Bill M. Kirschner	Gulf of Mexico	07/13/91	09/17/91	Rod & Reel
Bull Shark	497.00	110.00	Dale Harper	Gulf of Mexico	07/01/71	07/01/71	Rod & Reel
Cobia (Ling)	105.00	71.00	John W. Lodge, III	Galveston Bay	05/28/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Coney	3.43	17.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/17/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Cottonmouth Jack	1.25	12.50	Frank Fuller	Gulf of Mexico	07/14/84	04/07/86	Rod & Reel
Cottonwick	1.34	13.75	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	07/25/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Cow-Nosed Ray	50.50	52.00	Freeman Gage, Jr.	Gulf of Mexico	05/27/86	08/22/86	Rod & Reel
Creole-Fish	0.81	12.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/22/87	12/15/87	Rod & Reel
Crevalle Jack	50.25	52.25	Francis Lyon	Gulf of Mexico	06/26/76	08/25/76	Rod & Reel
Cubbyu	1.00	11.13	Steve Qualia	Gulf of Mexico	04/16/87	04/16/87	Rod & Reel
Cubera Snapper	131.00	56.00	Ricky H. Preddy	Gulf of Mexico	08/08/83	05/01/84	Rod & Reel
Dog Snapper	128.00	0.00	Chris Page	Gulf of Mexico	01/01/62	01/01/62	Rod & Reel
Dogfish	21.00	50.75	Vicki Kusey	Gulf of Mexico	10/26/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Dolphin (Dorado)	65.60	67.25	Robby DeLeon	Gulf of Mexico	07/04/89	12/22/89	Rod & Reel
Dusky Shark	530.00	129.00	Raymond E. Hein	Gulf of Mexico	03/01/75	05/07/75	Rod & Reel
Finetooth Shark	100.50	80.25	Richard S. Hensley	Gulf of Mexico	06/03/79	08/03/79	Rod & Reel
Flat Needlefish	0.81	29.88	Charlie Parkhill	Gulf of Mexico	07/20/90	12/05/90	Rod & Reel
Florida Pompano	6.25	23.25	Wilbert Hettinger	Gulf of Mexico	01/01/89	04/12/89	Rod & Reel
Flounder	13.00	28.00	Herbert Endicott	Sabine Lake	02/18/76	04/15/76	Rod & Reel
French Angelfish	6.48	17.00	Penelope Autry	Gulf of Mexico	08/30/86	11/13/86	Rod & Reel

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Saltwater (cont.):							
Gafftopsail Catfish	13.33	34.00	Herman Koehne, Jr	Gulf of Mexico	12/13/81	01/27/82	Rod & Reel
Gag	20.19	34.00	Troy D. Shewmaker	Gulf of Mexico	05/26/91	08/20/91	Rod & Reel
Gray Snapper	12.35	26.50	Patrick L. Lemire	Gulf of Mexico	06/28/87	08/13/87	Rod & Reel
Gray Triggerfish	9.00	25.00	Richard E. Smith	Gulf of Mexico	08/09/87	10/01/87	Rod & Reel
Graysby	1.34	13.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	07/22/87	12/15/87	Rod & Reel
Great Barracuda	50.25	56.00	Capt. David R. Lindsay	Gulf of Mexico	09/02/89	10/19/89	Rod & Reel
Great Hammerhead	871.00	163.75	Mark Johnson	Gulf of Mexico	07/04/80	09/25/80	Rod & Reel
Guaguanche	1.33	19.50	Michael Horton	Gulf of Mexico	12/31/85	09/04/86	Rod & Reel
Gulf Kingfish	1.94	17.00	Harry Hoffman	Gulf of Mexico	08/13/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Gulf Toadfish	3.00	15.88	Gay Landry	Gulf of Mexico	06/17/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Hardhead Catfish	3.17	19.25	Mike Lombardi	Gulf of Mexico	10/01/87	12/15/87	Rod & Reel
Horse-Eye Jack	18.98	34.00	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	07/17/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Jewfish	551.00	0.00	Gus Pangarakis	Gulf of Mexico	06/29/37	07/31/74	Rod & Reel
Killifish	0.13	6.13	Wesley Lynn Hoke	Galveston Bay	05/20/85	07/16/85	Rod & Reel
King Mackerel	71.50	66.50	L F Higdon	Gulf of Mexico	05/27/77	06/30/77	Rod & Reel
Knobbed Porgy	4.13	19.00	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/20/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Ladyfish (Skipjack)	4.50	25.00	Neely Johnson, Jr	Lower Laguna Madre	07/22/78	08/03/79	Rod & Reel
Lane Snapper	5.81	22.00	Timothy L Walden	Gulf of Mexico	07/14/90	12/05/90	Rod & Reel
Least Puffer	0.14	6.00	Adolf Schulz	Galveston Bay	01/30/90	04/18/90	Rod & Reel
Lemon Shark	470.00	122.00	Jim Blackburn	Gulf of Mexico	08/28/87	10/01/87	Rod & Reel
Leopard Toadfish	3.13	16.31	Tanya Page Fain	Aransas Bay	07/16/91	08/21/91	Rod & Reel
Lizardfish	0.94	15.00	Charles C Bailey	Galveston Bay	10/12/85	01/07/86	Rod & Reel
Longbill Spearfish	60.75	86.50	Kari Ann Alberthal	Gulf of Mexico	08/10/90	10/29/90	Rod & Reel
Longfin Mako	664.00	128.50	Donald Ewing	Gulf of Mexico	05/04/86	07/01/86	Rod & Reel
Lookdown	3.69	20.75	Donald J Combs	Gulf of Mexico	05/12/87	06/05/87	Rod & Reel
Marbled Grouper	4.54	20.00	Charles Grossman	Gulf of Mexico	10/01/79	09/14/86	Rod & Reel
Margined Flyingfish	0.79	14.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/21/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Mojarra	0.88	12.25	Natalie Woods	Lower Laguna Madre	08/01/81	11/17/81	Rod & Reel
Nurse Shark	22.00	47.00	Charles Whitney	Gulf of Mexico	10/25/86	05/22/87	Rod & Reel
Ocean Triggerfish	6.55	19.88	Robert W. Pratt	Gulf of Mexico	08/21/89	12/01/89	Rod & Reel
Oceanic Whitetip Shark	106.00	84.00	Joe T Surovik	Gulf of Mexico	04/24/80	06/13/80	Rod & Reel
Palometa	0.50	10.50	Justo Avila	Gulf of Mexico	10/16/82	12/10/82	Rod & Reel
Pigfish	0.86	11.25	Ronald Mache	Galveston Bay	07/05/87	10/21/87	Rod & Reel
Pinfish	1.99	16.00	Reginald Jeffers	Gulf of Mexico	02/03/87	03/23/87	Rod & Reel
Pompano Dolphin	4.10	25.88	Tommy Guedner	Gulf of Mexico	08/03/90	12/05/90	Rod & Reel
Puddingwife	3.04	16.50	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	06/20/86	12/15/86	Rod & Reel
Queen Triggerfish	10.49	24.50	Bruce F. Goates	Gulf of Mexico	07/15/89	09/15/89	Rod & Reel
Rainbow Runner	14.57	39.00	Michael Horton	Gulf of Mexico	06/04/88	10/27/88	Rod & Reel
Red Barbier	1.81	16.50	Cpt Ricky Preddy	Gulf of Mexico	07/08/86	02/09/87	Rod & Reel
Red Drum	51.50	0.00	Johnny Cizmar	Gulf of Mexico	01/01/67	01/01/67	Rod & Reel
Red Hind	8.96	24.25	Adolf Schulz	Gulf of Mexico	07/22/87	12/15/87	Rod & Reel
Red Snapper	35.00	38.40	Randy G. Bellamy	Gulf of Mexico	03/13/85	05/08/85	Rod & Reel
Rock Hind	3.70	16.50	Juan DeLeon IV	Gulf of Mexico	08/10/91	09/16/91	Rod & Reel
Roughtail Stingray	92.50	63.62	Robert B. Elliott Jr.	Lower Laguna Madre	09/21/89	12/22/89	Rod & Reel
Sailfish	95.00	97.50	Morton Cohn	Gulf of Mexico	07/12/72	11/15/72	Rod & Reel
Sand Seatrout	6.25	23.50	Dennis Herrick	Galveston Bay	02/26/72	02/26/72	Rod & Reel
Sand Tiger	520.00	119.00	Joey Vermuelem	Gulf of Mexico	04/04/76	06/10/76	Rod & Reel
Sand Tilefish	2.00	22.25	Irby W Basco	Gulf of Mexico	05/27/85	06/05/87	Rod & Reel
Sandbar Shark	226.00	92.00	James S. Wilson	Gulf of Mexico	03/21/75	06/26/75	Rod & Reel
Sawfish	736.00	0.00	Gus Pangarakis	Gulf of Mexico	01/01/39	07/31/74	Rod & Reel

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

AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Oct. 10:

#### CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 82 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are good to 6 pounds on topwaters and worms; crappie are fair at night on live minnows; catfish are fair to good to 4 pounds on live perch and Bill's Sponge Bait.

BELTON: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper and hybrids are good to 7 pounds on topwaters; crappie are picking up on minnows; white bass are excellent on slabs, spoons and Tiny Torpedoes; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on commercial catfish bait on trotlines.

BROWNWOOD: Water muddy, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are fair in number and small in size on minnows; striper are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 16 pounds on trotline with live bait.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 76 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair through 3 pounds, 9 ounces on chartreuse spinners; striper are good in the evening to 10 pounds on topwaters and live bait; crappie are slow; white bass are good in the Garrett Island area on slabs and jigs; catfish are good on the upper end of lake through 5 pounds on stink baits.

COLORADO BEND: Water murky, 71 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 3 pounds on plastic worms and cranks; striper are poor; crappie are good to 10 fish per string on minnows; white bass are good to 8 fish per string on yellow and white jigs; catfish are good to 36 pounds on trotlines with live bait; channel catfish are good to 4 pounds on worms.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds with good numbers caught over the weekend on Slug-Gos, Rattle Traps and live bait; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 9 pounds on rod and reel.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear, 75 degrees, 17 inches low; black bass are good in number but most are within the slot range and are caught in shallow or deep water; crappie are fairly good sized on minnows; catfish are fair on stinkbait.

LBJ: Water clear, 76 degrees, lake full; black bass are good through 5 pounds, 12 ounces on Rogues; striper are slow; crappie are good around docks with structure with limits daily; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 6 pounds on trotlines baited with fresh shad.

LIMESTONE: Water clear, 78 degrees, 7 inches below normal level; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on buzz baits and Poe's Ace in the Hole and Poe's 100 cranks; crappie are fair on minnows off isolated trees in 15 feet of water; white bass are only fair in number on slabs, spoons and minnows; catfish are fair in number to 27 pounds on trotline baited with live perch.

SQUAW CREEK: Water clear with visibility in the 8-10 foot range, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass have slowed down, some in the 3 pound range in shallow water and off boat docks on worms, slabs and minnows; striper are slow; crappie are good in the 2 pound range in shallow water and

off boat docks on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 2 1/2 pounds in 15 to 30 feet of water on shrimp and minnows.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 75 degrees, 9 feet low; largemouth bass are good to 3 1/2 pounds on chrome Jerkin' Sams, chartreuse spinners and firecracker Ring Worms; Guadalupe bass are good to 16 inches on same lures with frequent limits; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on trotlines.

WACO: Water clear, 75 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds on buzz baits; striper are slow; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; white bass are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on slabs and spoons; catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water clear, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are fair to 10 pounds on topwaters and shad; crappie are good to 1 3/4 pounds on minnows; white bass are fair to 1 3/4 pounds on slabs and spoons; blue catfish are good to 12 pounds on worm-baited trotline.

#### NORTHEAST

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, 73 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are slow; crappie are good on minnows at 20 feet in 40 feet of water; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on minnows while crappie fishing.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, 79 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds, 3 ounces on worms; striper are slow; crappie are good with many limits to 1 3/4 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

CADDO: Water clear, normal level; black bass and all fishing has been slow, no fishermen out midweek.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 76 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds in good numbers on bloodline worms and shad colored cranks; hybrid striper are slow; crappie are fair to 15 fish per string at 22 feet at the artificial reefs and at bridge pilings; white bass are good with limits on silver slabs and L'il Georges in 18-22 feet of water over the knolls; catfish are good to 42 pounds on cut bait and goldfish; channel catfish are good on rod and reel drifting shrimp and nightcrawlers.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 70 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 10 pounds on Ring Worms; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; catfish are good to 7 pounds on nightcrawlers.

FAIRFIELD: Water clear, 65 degrees, 2 inches above normal; black bass are good to 6 pounds on black worms; hybrid striper are slow to 10 pounds on shad; redfish are slow to 20 pounds on shrimp; catfish are fair to 10 pounds on natural baits.

FORK: Water clear, 70 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are excellent in number to 11.66 pounds on spinners; crappie are good in number with limits on minnows and jigs; catfish are slow.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 73 degrees, normal level; black bass are good but most are small and are caught on small cranks, Rattle Traps and a few on Tiny Torpedoes, the largest weighed 4 1/2 pounds; crappie are picking up on minnows and jigs in 15 feet of water along main creek channel near brush piles; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 12 pounds on

rod and reel baited with Canadian nightcrawlers, most are caught in channels of Alley Creek, Johnson Creek and along the Big Cypress channel and around 155 bridge.

LAVON: Water murky, 69 degrees, 3 1/2 feet low; black bass are good to 5 pounds on spinners in 2 feet of water, spinners are good around the rocks late in the afternoon; striper are slow; crappie are good to 14 inches on minnows and white jigs in 10-12 feet of water, no limits; white bass are fair on slabs and L'il Georges around the island; catfish are good to 6 pounds on fresh shad and chicken livers in 15 feet of water.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 76 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass are fair to 4 1/2 pounds on worms; striper are good to 6 1/2 pounds on 1/2-ounce Rattle Traps; crappie are fair around the marinas in 5 feet of water on jigs and minnows; white bass are schooling some but in general white bass fishing is slow; catfish are fairly good in number and caught by drifting shad.

MARTIN CREEK: Water clear, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 8 pounds on plastic worms in the moss beds; striper are slow; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds on baited holes and around bridges; white bass are slow; catfish are good on trotline to 25 pounds on live perch.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 88 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 6 1/2 pounds on 8-inch black worms with blue flakes; crappie are slow; catfish are excellent to 6 pounds on Canadian crawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 72 degrees, 4 1/2 feet low; black bass are good in number but small in size on jig and pig or worms; crappie are good to 2 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on stinkbait and shrimp.

MURVAUL: Water clear, 75 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are good early and late to 6 pounds on worms and topwaters; crappie are fairly good around brush piles and under 1971 bridge on minnows; catfish are slow, some to 4 pounds on trotline baited with Canadian nightcrawlers and shad.

PALESTINE: Water clear, normal level; black bass are fair to 7 1/2 pounds on worms; striper are slow; crappie are good to 2 pounds on minnows with a few limits caught; white bass are schooling, best baits are cranks and slab spoons; catfish are good to 12 pounds on rod and reel and trotline baited with nightcrawlers, chicken blood and shrimp.

PURTIS CREEK: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 9 1/2 pounds on spinners, and plastic worms; crappie are good to 2 1/2 pounds early and late on minnows; catfish are good early and late to 12 pounds on a wide variety of baits.

RAY ROBERTS: Water murky, 76 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good to 9 1/4 pounds on black shad colored Berkley Power Worms; crappie are good in the tops of trees in 10 feet of water, smaller fish prefer brush piles; white bass are schooling around Wolf Island, best baits are chrome and blue Rattle Traps; catfish are fairly good on shad and shrimp in the 20 pound range.

RICHLAND-CHAMBERS: Water clear, 72 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good to 5 pounds on worms; white bass are slow;



crappie are fairly good in the brush in 20-35 feet of water on minnows; catfish are slow.

TEXOMA: Water clear, 70 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds on spinners, buzz baits, worms, topwaters and cranks; striper are good to 15 pounds on live baits, slabs and topwaters, fish can be found under birds; crappie are fair on minnows in 15 to 20 feet of water around the brush; white bass are good to 2 pounds on spoons, popping corks and L'il Georges; catfish are good to 20 pounds on worms and cut bait.

WRIGHT PATMAN: Water clear, 73 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on L'il Georges and Roostertails; crappie are improving on minnows and jigs; white bass are good in the 1 to 1 1/4 pound range on Roostertails and L'il Georges; catfish are fairly good to 12 pounds with good numbers of limits on rods and reels and trotlines.

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 72 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair with several over 5 pounds caught on dark worms mostly and a few on cranks; white bass have slowed down because of the weather; crappie are good with quite a few limits caught on minnows, the black and white jig worms are best on the south end of the lake; catfish are good on stinkbait, prepared bait or shrimp and worms; bream are very slow.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 6 1/2 pounds on blue and black worms at the pump station; crappie are good off piers on minnows; white bass are schooling near the dam; catfish are slow.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear, 71 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good to 5 1/2 pounds with a few limits on pumpkin seed worms and Rattle Traps; striper are slow; crappie are moving into the creeks with up to 15 fish per string caught on minnows; white bass are good around shoreline and around bulkheads, slabs are best bait; channel catfish are picking up; yellow catfish in the 45 pound range are beginning to move; good numbers of blue catfish around 30 pounds caught on trotlines with live bait or cut bait.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 74.5 degrees, 3 1/2 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on Boy Howdies, spinners and worms; striper are slow since the first norther; crappie are good to 2 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 18 pounds on trotlines with live bait, some are caught on handlines while fishing for crappie.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD: Main lake is clear but the rivers are muddy, 74 degrees, 8 feet above normal level; black bass are fairly good to 4 pounds on topwaters, spinners and spoons and worms; striper are beginning to hit around the dam on topwaters and Zara Spooks; crappie are slow; white bass are fairly good in Zorro and Caballo Canyons on slabs; catfish are good to 6 pounds with daily limits on cheese stink baits in 3-40 feet of water. BRAUNIG: Water murky, 77 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; catfish are good to 3 pounds on liver and stinkbait; redfish are good to 13

pounds trolling Rattle Traps; corvina are poor.

CALAVERAS: Water is clear, 83 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on plastic worms; striper are only fair in number to 3 pounds on cut bait or silver spoons; catfish are very good to 3 pounds on shrimp and cheese baits; blue catfish are good to 3 1/2 pounds on shad; yellow catfish are fair to 20 pounds on shad.

CHOKE: Water clear, 78 degrees, 16 feet low; black bass are good with limits to 11 1/2 pounds along the river channels from Mason Point to San Miguel Creek in 1-5 feet of water on topwaters and Rattle Traps, deep diving cranks are good in the middle of the day; striper are slow; crappie are fair with some caught along the river channels from Mason Point to 99 bridge and around the dam area on minnows; white bass are fair with some caught along the river channels and some early near the dam; catfish are good with larger fish moving into shallow water around Mason Point, South Shore Flats and Four Fingers, most fish are in 3-10 feet of water.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 77 degrees at the dam; normal level; black bass are fair on purple worms and Rattle Traps, some keepers caught late in the creek channels; striper are slow; crappie are fair on minnows late near Coletoville Bridge with limits on minnows; catfish are slow.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 77 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 1/2 pounds in 3-5 feet of water on chartreuse spinners and 6-inch Berkley Power worms; striper are slow; crappie are good at the state park piers; white bass are good near the buoy line and Hog Island on pearl and chrome slabs; blue catfish are good to 14 pounds on trotline baited with cut shad; channel catfish are good to 3 1/2 pounds in baited holes on prepared cheese baits; yellow catfish are good from 14 to 44 pounds on trotline baited with live perch. Good numbers of mallards, teal and pintails showing up around the lake.

FALCON: Water clear off the main channel, 78 degrees, 5 1/2 feet below normal level and rising; black bass are good to 8 1/2 pounds on worms; striper are fair in number in the 10-12 pound range on live bait and trolling deep divers; crappie are slow; white bass are fair and spotty all over the lake, most are caught under the birds, limits every day; catfish are good in the 3-4 pound range in the channels and on the river.

MEDINA: Water clear, 37 feet low; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are good to 14 inches with some limits caught on slabs; catfish are fair to 3 1/2 pounds on shrimp.

TEXANA: Water murky, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds in the jungle area on white spinners; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 8 pounds on trotlines baited with live perch.

#### WEST

BAYLOR: Water clear, 76 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 3 1/2 pounds on topwaters, worms, Craw Worms and spinners; crappie are picking up to 2 pounds on minnows; catfish are good to 14 1/4 pounds on large worms,

minnows, stinkbait and shrimp.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky, 67 degrees, 1 foot above normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds on spinners, buzz baits; striper are good to 12 pounds on live shad; crappie are fair on minnows in 15 feet of water; white bass are fair on slabs and spoons; catfish are good in the 6-8 pound range on cut shad baited trotlines as well as rods and reels.

GRANBURY: Water clear, 79 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 4 1/2 pounds on cranks; striper are good to 11 pounds around DeCordova Bend area; crappie are beginning to hit, good numbers of big crappie caught but no limits, on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are good to 2 pounds on minnows, some limits caught; white bass are good on slabs and spoons, limits caught; catfish are good to 35 pounds on trotline with live bait. OAK CREEK: Water clear, 65 degrees, 7 feet low; black bass are slow; crappie are beginning to hit minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fairly slow; very few fishermen out.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 68 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are fairly good on topwaters and Pop-Rs to 5 pounds; striper to 10 pounds are hitting live bait at night; crappie are picking up on minnows in 8 feet of water; white bass are slow; catfish are picking up and range from 1 1/2 to 3 pounds on rod and reel baited with Uncle Josh's stink bait, trotline fishing is slow.

SPENCE: Water clear, 70 degrees, 34 feet low; fishing has been slow; some white bass and small striper landed; fairly good numbers of fishermen were out over last weekend.

STAMFORD: Water clear, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are fair to 15 dish per string on minnows; blue catfish are fair to 10 pounds on trotlines baited with goldfish. WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 70 degrees at 12 feet, 8 feet low; black bass are good to 6 1/2 pounds on spinners and buzz baits; crappie are very good in 6 feet of water around brush on small minnows; catfish are very good to 5 pounds on stink bait and live bait.

#### COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Fishing has been good all week; redfish have been schooling with limits of keepers in 30 minutes; birds are working all over and schools of trout can be found; sheepshead and some flounder to 4 pounds caught; some croaker landed; winds can be high early but by afternoon the water is generally slick; live bait shrimp is available at 6 cents each.

SOUTH SABINE LAKE: Good numbers of flounder in the 2 pound range were caught near the causeway on live bait under corks; good numbers of redfish in the 24-28 inch range on mud minnows; good numbers of drum in the 4 pound range and good numbers of large golden croakers were caught on shrimp; live bait shrimp available at \$2.75 per pound; mud minnows are \$2.10 per dozen.

GALVESTON: Inshore fishing has slowed down because of weather; good numbers of sandtrout and croaker caught in the bays and around the jetties and beach front; good numbers of bull

redfish caught in the surf; offshore boats have been bringing in limits of red snapper to 10 pounds, ling to 40 pounds along with limits of Spanish mackerel; live bait shrimp is not all that plentiful and sometimes hard to get; some flounder landed, but the run has not started yet.

FREEPORT: Winds are high midweek; some redfish were caught in the bays. Seas are running from 9 to 15 feet, offshore boats remained in port since last week.

PORT OCONNOR: Good numbers of keeper sized redfish caught at the jetties, around Grass Island, Bill Day Reef, some also caught in Pringle Lake and Conti Lake; some Spanish mackerel caught at Pass Cavallo; some good sized black drum caught in the back bays; offshore activity has been a little slow due to rough water. Live bait shrimp is available at \$8.50 per quart.

MATAGORDA: Good numbers of redfish in the bays; good numbers of trout in the river; flounder run is still going; some big redfish caught in the Intracoastal Canal; the best baits for redfish are finger mullet or cut mullet while the best bait for specks has been strawberry Hogies with a white tail; live bait shrimp plentiful at \$10 per quart.

PALACIOS: East to Northeast winds have kept the water messed up for almost a week; the winds should go back to the Southeast later this week and fishing should improve; some redfish and trout caught in Keller's Bay on copper spoons and Hogies strawberry with white tail Swimming Shad; trout caught when weather permits at the Baptist Encampment and also under the lights; most trout are small but some keepers caught; some live bait shrimp available; some good catches of trout made around Oliver's Point; good numbers of redfish in the 26-27 inch range caught in Oyster Lake, some limits.

ROCKPORT: Winds have been fairly high; few fishermen out; some pier fishermen are catching sandtrout and speckled trout.

PORT ARANSAS: Some redfish in the 26 to 27 inch range along with some oversized fish caught at the jetties on mullet; some specks on piggy perch near Mud Island, Dagger Island and East Flats; when the wind is not blowing very hard, good numbers of flounder above 2 pounds in Redfish Bay flats; live bait shrimp is scarce, mullet, piggy perch and croaker are available. An offshore boat with 24 fishermen caught 900 pounds of snapper and amberjack Tuesday from 40 miles offshore; some kingfish and Spanish mackerel caught around jetties.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Good numbers of trout down the beach and a few oversized redfish, some keeper sized redfish; good numbers of flounder to 4 pounds on clear shrimp tails with a black stripe; some live bait shrimp available but not plentiful at 10-12 cents each. Oso Pier fishermen are catching triple tails to 10 1/2 pounds, good numbers of sandtrout; golden croaker, speckled trout and a small black drum.

PORT MANSFIELD: Good numbers of flounder to 20 inches caught in the Port Mansfield channel going to the Gulf; good numbers of specks north of Port Mansfield; good numbers of keeper sized redfish caught northeast of Port Mansfield near Jones oil cut; live bait shrimp plentiful at \$12 per quart.

SOUTH PADRE: Winds have been fairly high along with rain; tides have been high; weather cleared Tuesday; some fishermen out midweek; some trout caught behind Three Islands; some redfish caught along the west side shoreline; the Brownsville channel produced good numbers of specks early this week; good numbers of trout, reds, drum and whiting caught in the surf; live bait shrimp plentiful at \$10 per quart; good numbers of kingfish caught before the front.

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