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(EDITOR'S NOTE: You should have received a business reply card stapled to the July 9 news packet asking for updated information and comments about the packet. Unfortunately, labels were accidentally left off of the reply card. Please write your name, address and account number in the space provided on the card before returning. We apologize for the error.)

## COMMISSION ADOPTS DOVE, TEAL REGULATIONS

AUSTIN--The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission on July 8 approved changes in the Early Season Migratory Game Bird Proclamation opening the mourning dove season in the South Zone on Sept. 24, opening the second season in the Central and South zones on Dec. 26 rather than January and clarifying the wording on the definition of baiting.

Jay Roberson, program leader for webless migratory game birds at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said a proposal by the Central Flyway Council, of which Texas is a member, to allow Texas to split the dove season into three segments to allow for Thanksgiving and Christmas hunting was not approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A nine-day early teal season and a four-day white-winged dove season in the Special White-winged Dove Area also were approved by the USFWS and the commission. This is the second consecutive teal season allowed by USFWS since 1987

Mourning dove dates are Sept. 1-Nov. 9 in the North Zone, Sept. 1-Oct. 31 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3 in the Central Zone and Sept. 24-Nov. 14 (ends Nov. 10 in the Special White-winged Dove Area) and Dec. 26-Jan. 12 in the South Zone.

During the regular dove season, the statewide (except for four specific counties in the Valley) daily bag limit is 12 doves, including no more than six whitewings and two whitetips. During the regular season, in the traditional white-winged dove counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy counties, the bag limit will remain 12 doves, including no more than two white-winged and two white-tipped doves per day.

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Whitewing hunters should remember that a \$7 white-winged dove stamp is required to hunt whitewings anywhere in Texas.

Blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal are eligible to be hunted during the early teal season Sept. 11-19. Bag limit is four daily and eight in possession. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

The four-day whitewing hunt will be Sept. 4, 5, 11 and 12 in the Special White-winged Dove Area (except Sanctuary B along the Rio Grande). The bag limit is 10 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including no more than five mourning doves and two white-tipped doves per day. Shooting hours are noon to sunset.

One fully feathered wing is required on all dressed doves at all times in the South Zone and the Special White-winged Dove Area.

The commission also approved dates and bag limits for rails and gallinules.

Rails may be hunted Sept. 1-Nov. 9. Daily bag limit is 15 (30 in possession) for King and clapper rails and 25 daily (25 in possession) for Sora and Virginia rails.

The season for all species of gallinules (common moorhen and purple gallinule) is Sept. 1-Nov. 9. Daily bag limit is 15; possession is 30.

The shooting hours for rails and gallinules is one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

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## STATE PARK HUNTS APPROVED

AUSTIN--The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission on July 8 authorized public hunts on 20 state parks this fall and winter allowing more than 1,400 hunters the opportunity to hunt.

Seventeen of the parks will be hunted for natural resource management purposes while three will be hunted under other authority possessed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said Herb Kothmann, TPWD public hunts coordinator.

Management hunts for deer are scheduled for 14 parks - Atlanta, Choke Canyon-North Shore, Colorado Bend, Devil's Sinkhole, Enchanted Rock, Guadalupe River Honey Creek, Huntsville, Kickapoo Caverns, Lost Maples, Matagorda Island, Pedernales Falls, Possum Kingdom and Seminole Canyon. Other management hunts are proposed for Big Bend Ranch (exotics), Caprock Canyons (aoudad sheep) and Devil's River (exotics). (See dates below.)

Kothmann said hunter harvest will address critical resource management concerns such as overpopulation of deer, removal of exotic wildlife species, potential damage to vegetation caused by over-browsing and adverse impact on biodiversity.

Alligator and waterfowl hunts at Sea Rim State Park will be conducted under authority for recreational hunts in the Parks and Wildlife Code. Public hunts at Resaca de la Palma State Park site (white-winged dove) and Caddo Wildlife Management Area/State Park (waterfowl and squirrel) will be conducted under authority in the Parks and Wildlife Code providing for appropriate interim use of state park lands not otherwise open to the public.

About 1,427 drawn hunt positions will be available. In addition to these drawn hunt positions, other proposed hunts on state parks include waterfowl hunting at Sea Rim and whitewing hunting at Resaca de la Palma by daily or annual permit and waterfowl and squirrel hunting at Caddo Lake WMA/SP with required hunting license and applicable stamps. More than 15,000 people applied for 1,650 drawn hunt positions advertised on 20 state parks last year

State park hunts as scheduled for 1993-94:

- \* Atlanta - antlerless deer, gun hunt, 45 drawn hunt positions available, hunt dates are Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23.
- \* Big Bend Ranch - exotic only, gun, 15 positions, Jan. 7-9, 21-23, 28-30.

- \* Caddo Lake WMA/SP - open to hunting under regulations established for Marion and Harrison counties without requirement for a permit other than licenses and stamps required by statute.
- \* Caprock Canyon - aoudad either sex, gun, 30 positions, Dec. 15-17, Jan. 5-7, 12-14.
- \* Choke Canyon-North Shore - deer either sex, muzzleloader, 48 positions, Oct. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31
- \* Colorado Bend - deer either sex, gun, 40 positions, Dec. 1-3, 15-17; also, antlerless deer, gun, 100 positions, Dec. 8-10, Jan. 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28.
- \* Devil's River - exotic only, gun, 80 positions, Dec. 6-8, 8-10, 10-12, 12-14.
- \* Devil's Sinkhole - deer either sex, muzzleloader, 48 positions, Jan. 10-12, 12-14, 24-26, 26-28.
- \* Enchanted Rock - deer either sex, gun, seven positions, Dec. 6-8; also, antlerless deer, gun, 35 positions, Dec. 8-10, Jan. 3-5, 5-7, 17-19, 19-21
- \* Guadalupe River - antlerless deer, gun, 90 positions, Jan. 3-5, 5-7, 10-12, 12-14, 17-19, 19-21
- \* Honey Creek - deer either sex, muzzleloader, 24 positions, Jan. 3-5, 10-12; also, antlerless deer, muzzleloader, 48 positions, Jan. 5-7, 12-14, 17-19, 19-21
- \* Huntsville - antlerless deer, gun, 60 positions, Jan. 10-12, 12-14, 17-19, 19-21
- \* Kickapoo Caverns - deer either sex, archery, 80 positions, Oct. 25-27, 27-29; also, deer either sex, gun, 70 positions, Nov. 8-10, 15-17; and antlerless deer, gun, 200 positions, Nov. 10-12, 17-19, 22-24, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Dec. 1-3, 6-8.
- \* Lost Maples - deer either sex, gun, six positions, Dec. 8-10; also, antlerless deer, gun, 30 positions, Dec. 15-17, Jan. 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28.
- \* Matagorda Island - deer either sex, gun, 20 positions, Dec. 10-12; also, antlerless deer, gun, 45 positions, Dec. 17-19.
- \* Pedernales Falls - antlerless deer, gun, 150 positions, Jan. 3-5, 5-7, 12-14, 17-19, 19-21, 26-28.
- \* Possum Kingdom - deer either sex, gun, 30 positions, Jan. 4-6, 25-27; also, antlerless deer, gun, 30 positions, Jan. 11-13, 18-20.
- \* Resaca de la Palma - white-winged dove, daily permit, Sept. 4, 5, 11, 12.

- \* Sea Rim - alligator, 40 positions, Sept. 13-14, 14-15, 15-16; also, teal, daily permit, Sept. 11-19; and waterfowl, daily permit, only on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the general duck season as provided for Jefferson County.
- \* Seminole Canyon - deer either sex, muzzleloader, 14 positions, Jan. 3-5, 17-19; also, antlerless deer, muzzleloader, 42 positions, Jan. 5-7, 10-12, 12-14, 19-21, 24-26, 26-28.

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### **LATE SEASON MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS PROPOSED**

AUSTIN--Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are proposing changes to the late season migratory bird regulations for 1993-94, including adjustments to season dates and bag limits.

The East Texas split season for ducks, mergansers and coots is proposed for Nov. 20-28 and Dec. 18-Jan. 16. Brian Sullivan, TPWD waterfowl program leader, said the proposal moves seven days from the beginning of the first segment from last year and adds them to the beginning of the second segment to allow more hunting during the Christmas holiday and to avoid starting the second segment on Christmas day.

The proposed bag limit is three ducks, to include no more than two mallards (only one may be a female), two wood ducks, one mottled duck, one pintail, one redhead and one canvasback; five mergansers (only one may be a hooded merganser) and 15 coot. Proposed bag limits are the same as last year except for allowing one canvasback.

Proposed dates for the High Plains Mallard Management Unit (western portion of Texas) are Nov. 20-Jan. 9, same as last year. The daily bag limit is the same as East Texas, except that three male mallards are allowed.

The goose season east of U.S. 81 is proposed for Nov. 6-Feb. 13 for snow and Ross' geese, Nov. 6-Jan. 16 for white-fronted geese and black brant and Nov. 6-Jan. 23 for Canada geese, a delay of seven days in the opening from last year. Sullivan said this delay should allow a more abundant snow goose population on opening day and reduce the potential for over the bag limit violations on white-fronted geese.

The white-fronted goose season will close with the end of the duck season instead of before the duck season like last year, he said. This would prevent duck hunters who are unaware of the early closure of the white-fronted goose season from being in violation by taking this species during the last week of the duck season.

The proposed goose bag limit east of U.S. 81 is 12, not to include more than 10 snow or Ross' geese, one Canada goose or one black brant and one white-fronted goose, except that two Canada geese are allowed Jan. 17-23, same as last year.

West of U.S. 81, the proposed goose season dates are Oct. 16-Jan. 30, same as last year. The daily bag limit is proposed at eight, not to include more than five snow or Ross' geese and three Canada geese or black brant or white-fronted geese. Last year, the bag limit was five with the same species restrictions.

Proposed sandhill crane hunting dates are Nov. 13-Feb. 13 in Zone A (West Texas), Dec. 4-Feb. 13 in Zone B (Central Texas) and Jan. 8-Feb. 13 in Zone C (South Texas). The bag limit is three, same as last year.

In Zone C, the season would be delayed one week from last year to make the closing date consistent for all zones and to reduce crop deprecations by cranes in February.

The woodcock season is proposed for Nov. 27-Jan. 30 with a bag limit of five, same as last year. Snipe hunting would be allowed Oct. 23-Feb. 6 with a bag limit of eight, same as last year.

These proposals are subject to changes in the federal framework, Sullivan said. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission will adopt late season migratory bird regulations at its Aug. 26 meeting in Austin.

Anyone who wants to comment on these proposals can contact Sullivan in writing at TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or by calling 1-800-792-1112, ext. 8012, or (512) 389-8012.

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## PURTIS CREEK TOPS FORK FOR BIG BASS

TYLER--In a piscatorial twist on the David and Goliath theme, mighty Lake Fork may have met its match in tiny Purtis Creek State Park Lake when it comes to producing numbers of lunker largemouths. Warning: Watch for Falling Rocks. .and Falling Records.

While it would be tough to argue against 27,500-acre Fork's lofty track record for turning out record-sized bass, it appears Purtis Creek, at a meager 355 acres, is staking its claim as the next lunker factory. Witness, since Jan. 1, Lake Fork has 27 entries submitted in the state's Lunker Catch and Release angler recognition awards program - Purtis Creek, 30.

Granted, more Fork bass are probably landed which meet the 8-pound, 21-inch minimum length limit to qualify for a Lunker Catch and Release award, and never reported. However, Purtis Creek's status as the top Catch and Release producer in 1993 and the number two all-time lake in the state for that category, is a testimonial in and of itself, considering the lake is less than nine years old.

"We fully anticipate having fish in the Share a Lunker program next year," said Richard Ott, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department inland fisheries biologist from Tyler. "We should have some 13-pound fish this summer."

Although an unconfirmed new Purtis Creek lake record bass, a 12.99-pounder caught the weekend of July 10-11, might only draw a yawn or two and possibly a Polaroid at Fork where 37 of the state's top 50 bass originated, it is a milestone worth noting. Consider, for example, not long after Fork began consistently turning out 13 pounders - about nine years after it was impounded - Mark Stevenson boated the first ever Share a Lunker entry and a state record 17.67-pounder

"Before we built the weigh station, we had reports of 15-pounders being caught on Purtis," Ott said. "But, there was no way for anglers to confirm weights since Purtis is a catch and release only lake.

Now, thanks to a unique self-contained certified weigh station on Purtis Creek erected last August with donations from the Tyler Sportsman's Extravaganza, anglers are compiling a hefty list of records. In addition to a host of Lunker Catch and Release bass the last month on the lake, numerous other fish species are gaining attention.

Lawrence Grabell of Mabank caught a 26.56-pound lake record channel catfish; Morgan Minick of Dallas broke the lake record white crappie with a 2.59-pounder; and James Sides of Canton not only eclipsed the lake record, but also established a new state record with a 1.81-pound bluegill.

Before anglers hitch their boat trailers and head for Eustace, though, there are a couple of things to consider. First, a 50-boat maximum and wake speed only rule are enforced on Purdis Creek. Second, reservations are strongly encouraged, especially on weekends and near holidays, said Betty Templin, Purdis Creek State Park reservations clerk.

"For the last month and a half, every weekend has been booked up," she said. "If it's close to a holiday, we're booked a month in advance."

Reservations can be made up to 90 days in advance. The maximum boat limit does not prohibit anglers from fishing from the bank. For reservations and more information on Purdis Creek, call (903) 425-2332 or write to Purdis Creek State Park, Park Superintendent, Rt. 1, Box 506, Eustace, Texas 75142.

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## **PASSPORT SALES CONTINUE TO BREAK RECORDS**

AUSTIN--Texas Conservation Passport sales in June increased for the sixth consecutive month and broke sales record for the fourth consecutive month. A total of 12,051 of the \$25 passports were sold during June, bringing the fiscal year total to more than 72,000.

June's sales broke the record set in May of 11,466. May's sales were up from April's record of 11,068. The 12,051 passports sold in June was a 19 percent increase from the 10,143 passports sold in June 1992. Since Sept. 1, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has sold 72,541 passports, up from 66,837 at this time last year, an increase of 9 percent overall so far this year.

Ninety-four percent of the passports have been sold at state parks. Cedar Hill State Park near Dallas continues to lead other parks with sales through June of 6,261. Rounding out the top 10 are Lake Ray Roberts (4,922), Brazos Bend (2,714), Garner (2,144), Huntsville (2,136), Inks Lake (2,135), Hueco Tanks (2,058), Pedernales Falls (2,000), Guadalupe River (1,740) and Galveston Island (1,645).



Texas Conservation Passport holders will have access to a dozen different kinds of events during August with almost three dozen tours scheduled on state parks and wildlife management areas scattered across the state.

Events scheduled for Texas Conservation Passport holders during August include:

- \* Bastrop SP in Bastrop, Lost Pines bus tour from Bastrop to Buescher SP, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 14 and 28, bring sack lunch, (512) 321-2101

- \* Big Bend Ranch SNA, bus tour with chuckwagon lunch, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 7, (915) 229-3613, and Aug. 21, (915) 424-3327, additional fee, reservations strongly suggested but not required.

- \* Cedar Hill SP at Joe Pool Reservoir, Penn Farm walking tour, 9-11:15 a.m., Aug. 14, additional fee. Also, a birding tour, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Aug. 14, (214) 291-3900.

- \* Colorado Bend SP above Lake Buchanan, undeveloped caves tour, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 21, additional fee, (915) 628-3240.

- \* Devil's River SNA near Del Rio, hike and mountain bike trail ride, noon to afternoon, Aug. 8 and 29, (210) 395-2133.

- \* Fairfield Lake SP near Fairfield, odyssey of inland red drum slide show and discussion, 7-8:30 p.m., Aug. 7, reservations available but not required, (903) 389-2216.

- \* Fort Griffin SP near Albany, driving tour of historic Fort Belknap and Fort Richardson, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Aug. 7, (915) 762-3592.

- \* GCCA-CPL Marine Development Center in Corpus Christi, birding walk and hatchery tour and slide program, 9-11 a.m., Aug. 14, (512) 939-7784.

- \* Guadalupe River SP north of San Antonio, mustang grape jelly cooking and canning, 2-5 p.m., Aug. 21, (210) 438-2656.

- \* Heart of the Hills Research Station near Kerrville, tour of Hill Country spring and fisheries research station, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aug. 7, (210) 866-3356.

- \* Hill Country SNA in cooperation with Lightning Ranch near Bandera, horseback ride and camp out with mount and campfire meals provided, 2 p.m. on Aug. 7 to noon on Aug. 8, additional fee, (210) 535-4096 or 4136 for reservations or (210) 796-4413 for information only.

- \* Hill Country SNA and Running R Ranch near Bandera, interpretive horseback riding tour with mount and lunch provided, 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 8, additional fee, (210) 796-3984 for reservations or (210) 796-4413 for information.

\* Honey Creek SNA in Comal County, lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, 9-11 a.m., Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28, (210) 438-2656.

\* Kickapoo Cavern SNA near Uvalde, bird banding observation and birding tour, 9 a.m., Aug. 21 Also, Kickapoo Cavern tour and Green Cave bat flight observation, 4-9 p.m., Aug. 28, (210) 563-2342.

\* Lake Arrowhead SP near Wichita Falls, wildlife and landscape photography workshop, 4 p.m. to dark, Aug. 7, (817) 528-2211

\* Lake Tawakoni SP east of Dallas in Hunt County, nature tour at undeveloped park site, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aug. 28, (903) 425-2332.

\* Matagorda Island SP off Port O'Connor, marine life tour, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 1, 14 and 28, additional fee. Also, island history tour, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 15, additional fee, (512) 983-2215.

\* Old Tunnel WMA near Fredericksburg, bat emergence tour, one hour before sunset until flight is over, every Thursday and Saturday, (210) 896-2500.

\* Pedernales Falls SP in Blanco County, Twin Falls nature trail walk, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28, (210) 868-7304.

\* Sea Rim SP near Sabine Pass, beach day with coastal fisheries biologists, 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 9, (409) 983-1104.

A Texas Conservation Passport is required to attend these events for each person 17 years old and older. The \$25 passport also provides a waiver of park entry fees, discounts for camping and is a way for everyone to contribute directly to the preservation and enjoyment of Texas' natural and cultural resources.

Other benefits of the passport include entry to some currently undeveloped park lands, discounts on some department items such as the Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine and news of special outdoor programs.

The Texas Conservation Passport is sold at all state parks, TPWD regional law enforcement offices and through two vendors, Whole Earth Provision Company in Austin, Dallas and Houston and REI (Recreation Equipment Inc.) in Austin.

For more information about a tour, call the telephone number given above for the specific tour. For more information about the Texas Conservation Passport, call your local state park or department headquarters in Austin at 1-800-792-1112 or (512) 389-4800.

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## FISHING NOTES

TYLER--A permit, a Bermuda chub and a palometa recently have been certified as news state records by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

James D. Hampton of Universal City used a rod and reel to catch a 11-pound permit on June 10 behind Ransom Island. The fish was 12 7/8 inches long. There was no previous record.

Hector Rene Almendarez of Falfurrias caught a record Bermuda chub weighing 6.42 pounds on June 27. The 23-inch fish was caught at an oil rig about 40 miles out from Port Aransas in the Gulf of Mexico. The previous state record Bermuda chub weighed 4.53 pounds and was caught by Frank Ramirez of San Antonio on March 28, 1992, in the Gulf. The fish was 20 inches long.

A .57-pound palometa was caught by Robert G. Pope of La Feria on June 14 in the surf about five miles north of the Port Isabel jetty. The fish was 10.75 inches long. The previous record of .50-pound was caught by Justo Avila of Corpus Christi on Oct. 16, 1982. That fish measured 10.5 inches long.

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AUSTIN--An Arkansas anglers caught a lunker bass while night fishing recently at Lake Fork.

Henry Goodwin of DeQueen, Ark., was fishing a black and blue worm in 20 feet of water about 12:15 a.m. on July 8 when he landed a largemouth bass weighing 14.75 pounds. The lunker was 27 inches long and had a 22-inch girth.

The bass, while one of the larger bass caught in the state in 1993, does not rank in the top 50.

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## TEXAS STATE PARK JULY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 17    **Children's Nature Walk**, (TCP required for 17 and older), 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
*Honey Creek State Natural Area at Guadalupe River State Park, Bulverde*

Guided by Penny Solis, naturalist, this activity is great fun for the young. Kids can help take bluebird nest box surveys and learn about nature along Honey Creek Canyon.

CONTACT: Park staff, 210-438-2656

- 17 **Endangered Species**, (No TCP required; daily park entrance fee \$5)  
8:30-9:30 p.m.

*Guadalupe River State Park, Bulverde*

This slide/talk presentation is open to the public and led by TPWD endangered species biologist David Hernandez.

CONTACT: Park staff, 210-438-2656

- 17 **Greenwing Conservation**, 7 p.m.

*Lake Arrowhead State Park, Wichita Falls*

The group will demonstrate construction of wood duck nest boxes and disclose success of conservation efforts. The presentation is given by Eddie Hood, local game warden.

CONTACT: Park staff, 817-528-2211

- 17 **The Mammals of East Texas** (TCP activity), 6:30-8:30 p.m.

*Fairfield Lake State Park, Fairfield*

Join Shedrach Moore, wildlife biologist, as he presents a slide presentation and lecture about the animals and habitats of East Texas. Reservations are available but not required.

CONTACT: Park staff, 903-389-2216

- 18 **Kite Flying Contest**, 2 p.m.

*Lake Arrowhead State Park, Wichita Falls*

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this traditional summer pastime. The largest kite and the one that lands nearest to the target wins.

CONTACT: Park staff, 817-528-2211

- 21 **Junior Buffalo Soldier Reading Club**, Abilene

This outdoor educational program features a visual presentation and selected books and is designed to increase students' knowledge and appreciation of the military contributions made by African-Americans during the Plains Indian War of the 1860s and 1890s.

CONTACT: Ken Pollard, TPWD Coordinator, 915-676-2241 or A.C. Jackson, Co-Chair, Soldiers in Blue, 915-695-3230

- 24 **Bean Cooking and Sampling**, 6 p.m.

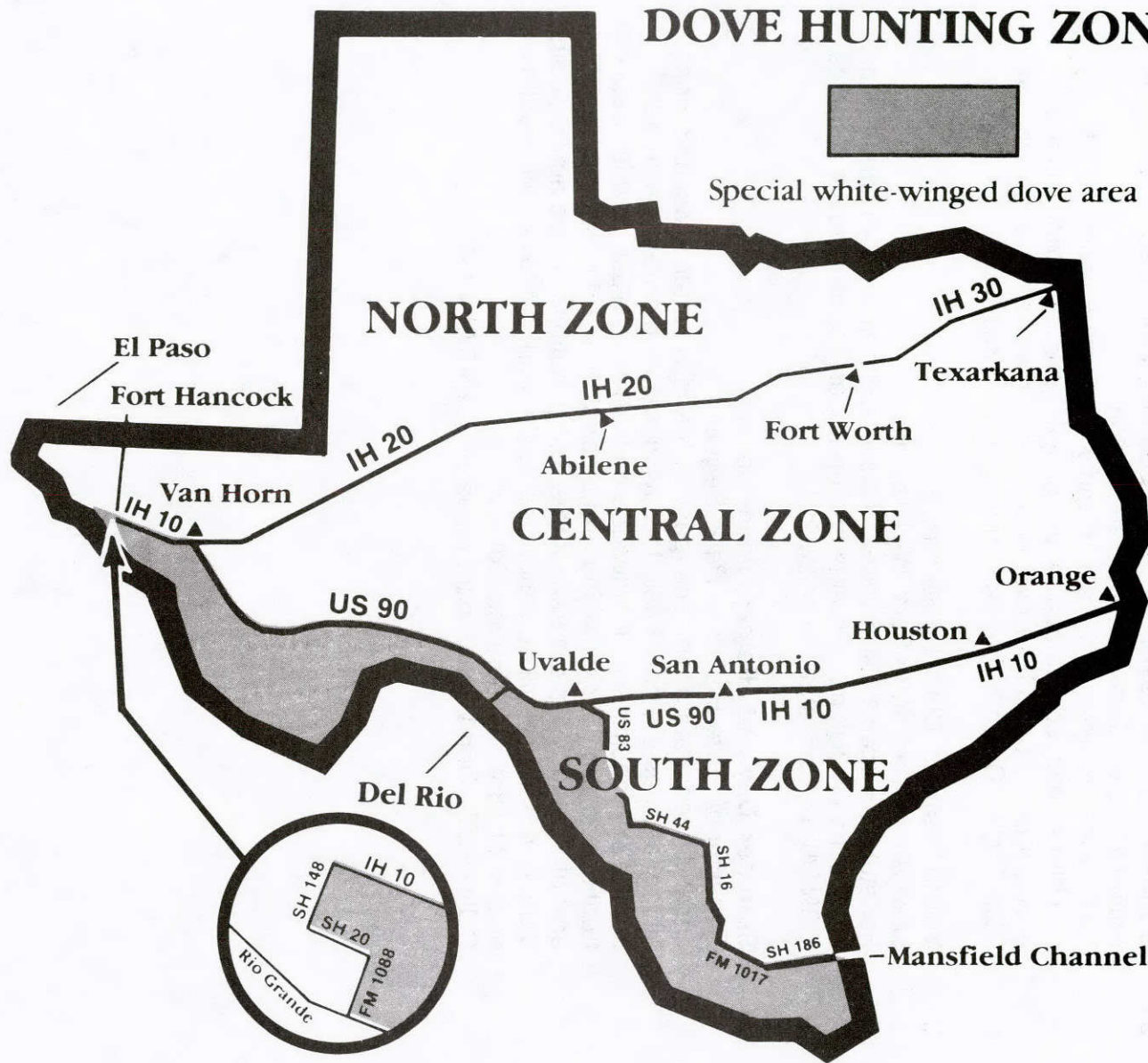
*Lake Arrowhead State Park, Wichita Falls*

Favorite dish of beans and relish and share with fellow campers.

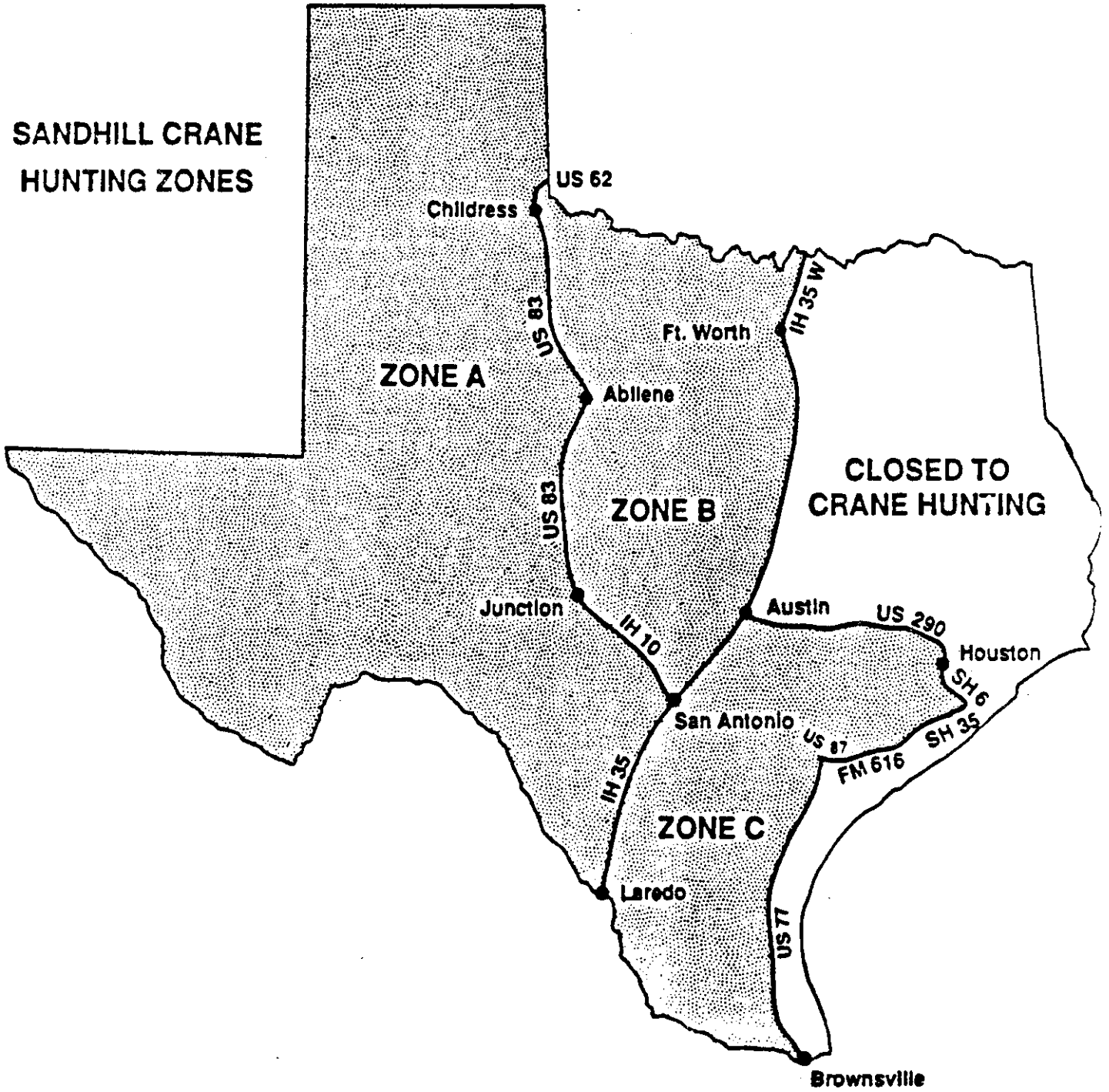
CONTACT: Park staff, 817-528-2211

- 28    **Cavalry Frontier Days,**  
*Stevenson City Park, Abilene*  
 This special indoor/outdoor educational program depicts early cowboy and cavalry life on the Western plains and is designed to involve students in learning about the black experience on the western frontier. CONTACT: Ken Pollard, TPWD Coordinator, 915-676-2241 or A.C. Jackson, Co-Chair Soldiers in Blue, 915-695-3230
- 31    **Concert On The Lawn,** 6 p.m., \$3 donation for those 16 and older  
*Fulton Mansion State Historic Park, Fulton*  
 This concert is open to the public and will feature a variety of folk, rhythm and blues, jazz, contemporary and gospel groups. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, blankets and refreshments. CONTACT: Diana Kirby, park manager, 512-729-0386
- 31    **Youth Fishing Class,** 6:30 p.m.  
*Lake Arrowhead State Park, Wichita Falls*  
 For students ages 12 and under Tackle and bait are furnished for this introduction to fishing. Parents and grandparents may assist students. CONTACT: Park staff, 817-528-2211
- 31    **Summer Days of History,** noon-5 p.m.  
*Sebastopol State Historical Park, Seguin*  
 Local demonstrators, artisans, park staff and volunteers will help bring history alive as the park hosts this living history program which will feature demonstrations in limecrete construction, black powder weapons, frontier cooking, blacksmithing and other skills used during the "concrete era" of Seguin. This program is free, but donations will be accepted and tours of the house will be conducted as the park promotes the wealth of history of 1850s Guadalupe County.  
 CONTACT: Don Whited, park manager, 210-379-4833

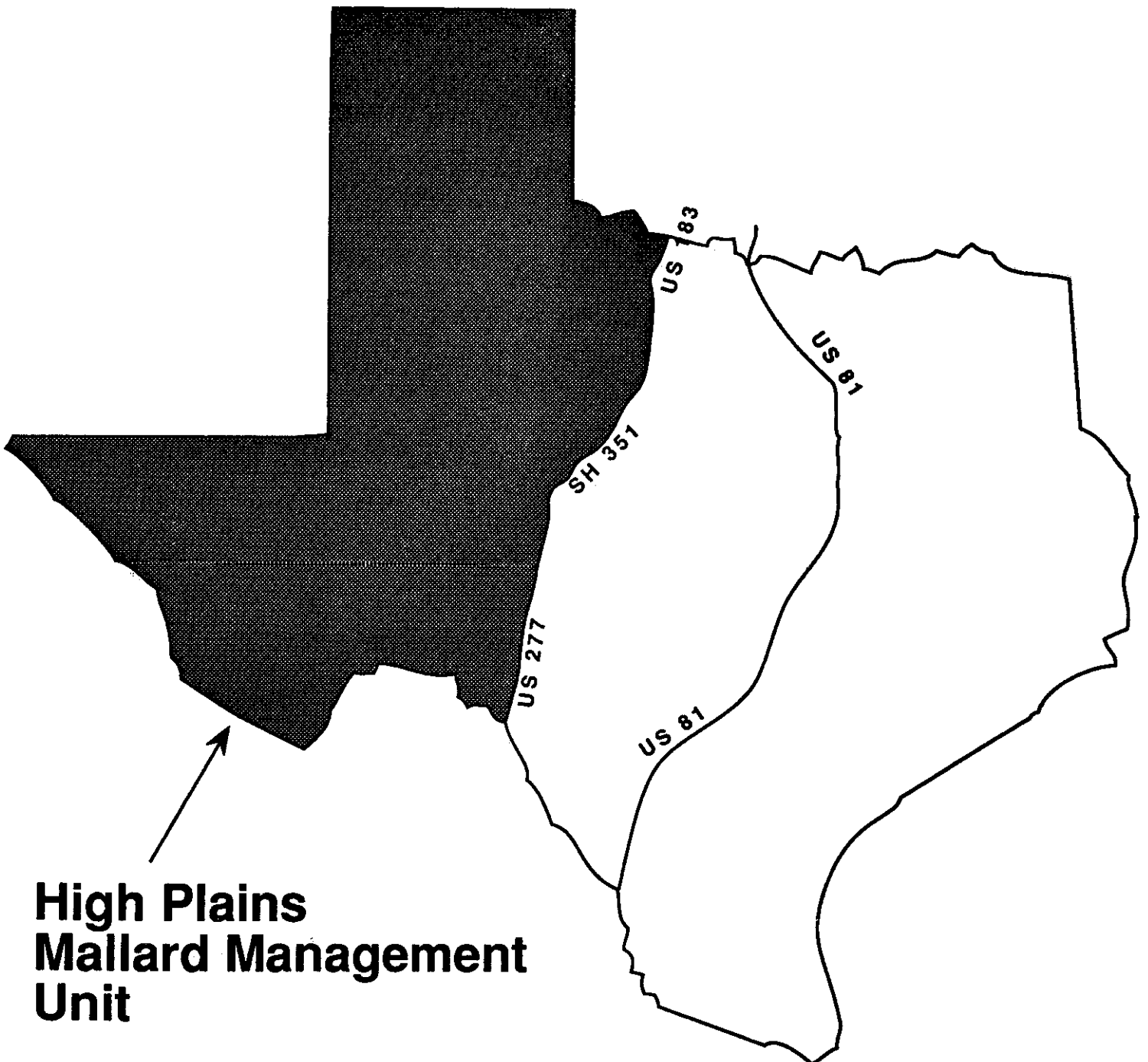
# DOVE HUNTING ZONES



**SANDHILL CRANE  
HUNTING ZONES**



# DUCK, COOT, & GOOSE HUNTING ZONES





Paul Hope, Fishing Report No.595  
July 14, 1993

AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for July 14:

#### CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 90 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are good to 4 1/2 pounds on topwaters early and worms later in the day; crappie are slow; catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water clear, 88 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow because of heat and lack of rain; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are fair on slabs and jigging spoons, no limits caught; catfish are fair on prepared bait and shad; yellow catfish are fair to 18 pounds on live perch baited rod and reel.

BROWNWOOD: Water fairly clear, 78 degrees, 3 feet below spillway level; black bass are fair to 5 pounds, 9 ounces on live perch; striper are fair in the 3 1/2 to 4 pound range under lights at night; crappie are good to 8-10 fish per string on minnows and jigs; white bass are fair at night on lights along with crappie on jigs and minnows; catfish are slow to 4 pounds on shrimp, perch and nightcrawlers; some yellow catfish to 38 pounds on live perch and shad.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 82 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass are good through 5 pounds, 2 ounces on chartreuse spinners in shallow water; striper are excellent to 15 pounds on live bait with limits every morning for the past week; crappie are beginning to move into docks with structure, some limits caught on minnows; white bass are good around Garrett Island early, watch for schools on top, many throwbacks caught; catfish are good to 5 pounds in baited holes with chicken liver.

CANYON: Water clear, 76 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair just above minimum size on live minnows; striper are deep; crappie are fair at the piers on minnows; white bass are fair in number off the pier; catfish are good to 4 pounds on dough bait and minnows, some caught in the shallows; yellow catfish are slow on goldfish baited trotlines.

COLORADO BEND: Water slightly murky, all fishing is slow due to heat and lack of fishermen.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 88 degrees, 18 inches high; black bass are good early and late to 6 pounds on live water dogs, Bass Assassins, topwaters and worms; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 16 1/2 pounds on live carp.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water slightly stained, normal level; black bass are good to 12 pounds, 1 ounce on green Slug-Gos and yellow Caterpillars; crappie are fair with some limits on minnows, most strings are in the 12-18 inch range; blue catfish are fairly good to pounds on cut bait, shad and shrimp.

LBJ: Water clear, 82 degrees, lake full; black bass are fair to 4 pounds to 4 pounds, 9 ounces on tequila sunrise worms working shallow structure; striper are good to 28 pounds, 11 ounces up the Colorado on live bait; crappie are good around docks with structure on minnows; white bass are good early between Lighthouse Point and dam, watch for fish on top; catfish are good to 12 pounds on trotline baited with fresh

shad.

LIMESTONE: Water slightly murky, 90 degrees, 2 inches below normal level; black bass are fair to good to 7-17 pounds on Crawworms; crappie are fair with some limits around the highline piling and under the bridge on minnows; white bass are fair with some schooling early and late on slabs, spoons and Rattle Traps; catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water clear, 3 1/2 feet above normal level; black bass are slow; a few crappie caught around marina on minnows.

SQUAW CREEK: Water clear, 86 degrees, normal level; black bass are good in the 2 1/2 to 3 pound range on plastic worms; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 5 pounds on trotlines baited with Mister Whiskers Cheese Bait.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 88 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow, some caught at night on worms and black spinners; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are fair on slabs and jigging spoons, no limits caught; catfish are fair on prepared bait and shad; yellow catfish are caught in the Lampasas River on live bait.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 82 degrees, 3 feet low; largemouth bass are fair to 4 pounds on silver P.J. Pops, white spinners and smoke glitter grubs; Guadalupe bass are fair to 14 inches on same baits with up to 28 fish per boat per day; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are spotty and slow, surface activity for white bass is irregular; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on shrimp.

WACO: Water off color, 87 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on spinners; striper are slow; crappie are fair on minnows, strings to 6-8 fish are caught in 20 feet of water; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 10 pounds on bloodbait.

WHITNEY: Water clear, 83 degrees, 10 inches low; black bass are slow; striper are slow, some to 8 pounds caught schooling early on topwaters; crappie are improving with a few limits on minnows and jigs; white bass are improving somewhat around Katy Bridge on spoons; catfish are slow.

#### NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are good through 8.95 pounds on Ripple Sticks; striper are slow; crappie are fairly slow; white bass are good but hard to find, some found around points; catfish are slow; sunfish are very good on worms and crickets at the first creek near Peninsula Point.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, 86 degrees, lake full; black bass are small to 2 1/2 pounds on pumpkin seed Power Worms and spinners; striper are slow; crappie are good on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on worms and shrimp.

CADDO: Water clear, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds on PopRs; white bass are slow; crappie are fair to 1 pound on minnows toward the Louisiana line; catfish are fair to 2 1/2 pounds on trotlines baited with goldfish.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 87 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair in number, mostly small, on buzz baits early and worms during the middle of the day; crappie are fair, mostly small, on minnows in 18 feet of water; white bass are good on humps with L'il

Georges and Pink Ladies; catfish are good to 20 pounds on jug lines and trotlines baited with shrimp and bloodbait.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 75 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 8.2 pounds on pumpkin seed colored worms in 10 feet of water; crappie are good with limits on minnows in 20 feet of water; catfish are good to 10 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp in 8 feet of water.

FAIRFIELD: Water fairly clear, 85 degrees, 10 inches above normal level; black bass are good through 8 1/2 pounds on Rattle Traps; hybrid striper are fair to 5 pounds around the hot water discharge on white jigs; catfish are good to 3 1/2 pounds on cut bait and shad; redfish are fair to 16 pounds on DB#3s in 20 feet of water.

FORK: Water fairly clear, normal level; black bass are good to 9.54 pounds on pumpkin seed worms in 10-15 feet of water early and 20-25 feet later in the day; crappie are good to 3.18 pounds on minnows; catfish are slow.

GRAPEVINE: Water stained on the upper end, clear on the lower end, 83 degrees, slightly below normal level; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on crawdad colored cranks along the rocky points in 15 feet of water; hybrid striper are slow; crappie are fair on minnows around boat stalls in 20 feet of water; white bass are fair on Tiny Torpedoes early, 1/4 ounce chrome and blue Rattle Traps in 25-30 feet of water; catfish are slow to 10 pounds on shrimp and cut shad along the dam in 20 feet of water.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 86 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds in the river channel on nightcrawlers.

LAVON: Water clear, 81 degrees, 1 foot below normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are good to 13 inches on minnows in 10-12 feet of water; white bass are fair on slabs; catfish are good in the 3-4 pound range drifting shrimp.

LEWISVILLE: Fishing slow due to high winds all week.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 94 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 1/2 pounds on 8 and 12 inch black and black neon worms; crappie are slow; catfish are fairly good to 10 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 81 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are fair to 10 fish per string on minnows caught in 10 feet of water; white bass are slow; catfish are good through 5 pounds on shrimp and cheese bait.

MURVAUL: Water is semi clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 9 pounds, 6 ounces on worms; crappie are fair, no limits caught; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on trotlines baited with cut shad and nightcrawlers.

PURTIS CREEK: Water a little off color, normal level; black bass are good to 6 pounds on plastic baits; crappie are fair to 2 pounds on minnows; catfish are very good to 26.56 pounds on shrimp; bream are very good.

RAY ROBERTS: Water clear, 74 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass are good through 8 pounds on chartreuse tailed pumpkin seed colored Carolina rigged lizards; crappie are fair on brush piles with minnows; white bass are fair around Wolf Island on slabs and

spoons; catfish are good through 60 pounds on shad and live perch. RICHLAND-CHAMBERS: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 4 1/2 pounds on cranks and worms; striper are slow; crappie are fairly good on minnows; white bass are fairly good to 1 1/2 pounds on slabs and spoons; catfish are fairly slow. TEXOMA: Water clear, 76 degrees, normal level; black bass are picking up to 5 1/2 pounds on pig and jig combinations; striper are excellent to 16 1/2 pounds on live bait, topwater action beginning to pick up with some striper to 15 1/2 pounds with Pencil Poppers; crappie are fair around boat houses with live bait and minnows; white bass are picking up on Golly Whoppers, live bait and ghost minnows; catfish are fair to 32 pounds on cut bait with jug lines. WRIGHT PATMAN: Water clear, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are slow; sunfish are fair on red wigglers and crickets.

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 90 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to good to 6.62 pounds on cranks early and worms later in the day around rocks and brush, fish are in a summertime pattern, Carolina rigs are good; crappie are fair under the 1097 bridge around brush on minnows; white bass are schooling early and late chasing shad, generally in the middle of the lake on humps, largest fish are caught under schools on L'il Georges and chrome Rattle Traps; catfish are fairly good to 2 1/2 pounds on cut bait, shad, nightcrawlers and chicken livers, most catfish are biting at night; bream are fantastic in number, some are good sized.

LIVINGSTON: Water clearing in the middle of the lake, normal level; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on purple worms; striper are slow to 24 inches; crappie are good around the slough and boat docks on minnows; white bass were good over the weekend around mid day to 11 1/2 inches on yellow Charly Slabs; catfish are slow.

RAYBURN: Water clear, 2 feet above normal level; black bass are slow to 6 pounds, 14 ounces on pumpkin seed jigs with a green Crawworm trailer; crappie are fair on minnows in 18-30 feet of water, most are good sized and were caught over structure and in baited holes; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 4 pounds on trotlines baited with bloodbait, soap and nightcrawlers.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 84 degrees, 8 inches low; black bass are slow; striper are fair to 16 pounds on topwaters schooling near generators; crappie are slow; catfish are fair in number on trotlines in 16 to 20 feet of water.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, 73 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on top waters early and late and Power Worms in the middle of the day; striper are fair to 10 pounds running with white bass on slabs and minnows; crappie are slow; white bass are schooling with some caught near the dam, schools are scattered and hard to find; catfish are fairly good to 4 pounds on cheese baits. BRAUNIG: Water murky, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass are good

to 6 pounds on cranks; striper are fair to 17 3/4 pounds on Rattle Traps; catfish are good to 3 pounds on shad; yellow catfish are good to 3 pounds on shad; channel catfish are good to 3 pounds on worms, shad and shrimp; redbass are good in the 10-15 pounds range on shrimp, spoons, shad, tilapia and Rattle Traps.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 92 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow to 5 1/4 pounds on artificials; striper are slow to 5 pounds on artificials, live perch; catfish are fair to 2 pounds on shad, perch, crawfish, chicken liver and worms; redbass are fair in the afternoon from boats on spoons, shad and shrimp, trolling spoons works very well; corvina are fair to 12 pounds on live perch and artificials.

CHOKO: Water clear, 85 degrees, lake full; black bass are fair in number to 8 1/2 pounds on topwaters, spinners, shallow running cranks in 5 to 12 feet of water around the outer edge of grass beds; best action is early and from noon to 5 p.m. plastic worms and Slug-Gos are best; striper are slow; crappie are slow, best early and at night on minnows in 15 to 35 feet of water in the dam area; white bass are fair, some limits caught trolling deep diving cranks in the dam and South Shore areas; white jigs or grubs trailers are effective behind deep diving baits; catfish are scattered, good numbers of small catfish caught in 5-10 feet of water; larger catfish are suspended in the river, creek channels and in the tank dams; fish are holding 10-15 feet of water over deeper water. Some larger catfish are spawning in less than 5 feet of water; best baits are cheese baits and liver fished under corks; trotline fishing has been good along the edge of river channels on live and cut bait.

COLETO CREEK: Water stained, normal level; black bass are fair early in the keeper range around the weed beds on Rattle Traps; striper are slow; crappie are fair on minnows in 15 feet of water; white bass are slow; catfish are fairly good to 28 pounds on trotlines with live bait.

FALCON: Water clear, 85 degrees, 8 1/2 feet low; black bass are excellent to 9 1/2 pounds on Power Worms and June Bugs; striper are good in the dam area on Knocker Spoons and live perch; crappie are slow; white bass are good in the dam area on Knocker Spoons; catfish are good to 5 pounds on frozen shrimp.

MEDINA: Water clear, 84 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on blue flake Power Worms in 8 feet of water; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 14 pounds on jug lines baited with perch.

TEXANA: Water murky, normal level; black bass are fairly good to 5 pounds on tequila sunrise worms; crappie are fairly good on minnows in the Navidad River and in Sandies Creek on minnows; catfish are slow.

#### WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water murky, 86 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds on slabs; crappie are slow; white bass are fairly good to 3 pounds on spoons and slabs; catfish are good to 4 pounds on minnows and worms. GRANBURY: Water a little murky, 85

degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are fair to 12 fish per string on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fairly good to 3 pounds on Mister Whiskers.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 77 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 1/2 pounds on minnows and worms; crappie are slow; white bass are good to fair on minnows and jigs; catfish are good to 8 1/2 pounds on minnows, worms and shrimp; walleye are good to 4 3/4 pounds on minnows and worms.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 76 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5 pounds late in the afternoon on cranks; crappie are slow; white bass are excellent on slabs and spoons during the day and on minnows at night under lights; catfish are good to 5 pounds on nightcrawlers; some big flatheads to 30 pounds caught on trotlines with live bait; walleye are fairly good to 4 pounds on live minnows below white bass.

O.H.IVIE: Main lake clear, upper end murky, 78 degrees, 7 inches low; largemouth bass are good to excellent on cranks and spinners early, Onion Draw is producing 50-100 bass per day in the 15-17-inch range with an occasional 18-inch fish, larger fish are caught in 20-40 feet of water on worms at channels, points and ridges; small mouth bass are fair to good; crappie are good on minnows in 25 to 35 feet of water around points at Observation Point and Yellow Bluff areas; white bass are good on slabs, jigs and spoons, fish are suspended over ridges and points in 15 to 30 feet of water; channel catfish are good on rod and reel in baited holes and on trotline; yellow catfish are poor to fair on trotlines with live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 80 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on Rattle Traps in 6-8 feet of water; striper are fair to 8 pounds with some surface activity with Pencil Poppers on top, some on downriggers with Sassy Shad around Bone Bend; crappie are fair on minnows in 20-25 feet of water; white bass are fair with some schooling, fish are chasing small minnows, best bait is the sand bass rig or a weighted cork with streamer flies; catfish are slow to 23 pounds on shrimp and shad gizzards.

PROCTOR: Water clear, 70 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow to 8.8 pounds; crappie are fair to 1.13 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 42 pounds on trotlines with live bait.

SPENCE: Water clear, 79 degrees, 25 feet low; black bass are fairly good to 12 1/4 pounds; striper are good to 16 1/2 pounds on jigs; crappie are slow; white bass are fair on slabs and spoons; catfish are good to 18 1/2 pounds on live bait.

#### COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Fishing is poor; quite a few croakers, scattered redbass and flounder from the shoreline; even good fishermen are not doing much; water quality is improving; no live bait shrimp.

SOUTH SABINE LAKE: Specks and redbass are moving back into the lake; flounder are plentiful around the bridge and around the Louisiana side; redbass and trout are good at the Lighthouse Cove

and at the jetties; good numbers of sandtrout and croaker caught in the lake; best baits are live minnows and shrimp; wildfire tiger Swimming Worms are good again over the reefs; flounder are good on mud minnows; redfish are good on shrimp; trout are good on live mud minnows and dead shrimp; no live bait shrimp available.

**GALVESTON:** Seven tarpon caught offshore, estimated weight between 120 and 170 pounds, fish released; good numbers of red snapper to 10 pounds at the far off banks; some kingfish and dolphin caught off shore; inshore fishermen are catching specks to 6 3/4 pounds with fair numbers of limits and scattered keeper sized redfish in the bay; surf water still sandy; sandtrout, croaker and gafftops are caught in the surf; still no great number of fishermen because of the heat; live bait shrimp available at \$10 to \$12 per quart.

**FREEPORT:** Good numbers of redfish caught at San Luis Pass on live shrimp; specks are caught in the surf; offshore fishing should be good by the weekend; live bait shrimp available at \$8 per quart.

**PORT OCONNOR:** Redfish and trout caught in the back bays, which are salty again; front bay is paying off at the Cedars and the J Hook, the jetties, Greens Bayou and the shore line of Boggy Bayou; the gulf has producing snapper in the 15 to 25 pound range; kingfish are good from 15 to 42 pounds on ice fish and ribbonfish and squid; live bait shrimp available at \$8.50 per quart and croaker at \$3.50 per dozen.

**MATAGORDA:** Limits of red fish caught in West Matagorda along the oyster reefs with live finger mullet; limits of trout caught in East Matagorda Bay on Hogies Swimming Shad and Jumping Minnows; good numbers of flounder everywhere and are caught on live mud minnows, finger mullet and small 2-inch white Hogies Swimming Shad; live bait shrimp plentiful at \$10 per quart.

**PALACIOS:** Fair numbers of redfish and trout caught on the peninsula from Oil Field Cut to the Port O'Connor jetties on strawberry metal flake white Hogies Swimming Jacks, live shrimp and live croaker; redfish and trout are caught at the mouth of Oyster Lake on live shrimp and live mullet; redfish and some trout caught at Coon Island Bay on the outside reef, mostly on live bait; water is muddy in the back bays around the mouths of rivers, conditions elsewhere are beginning to clear up; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

**ROCKPORT:** Good numbers of tailing redfish in shallow water areas; redfish are still in the holes of South Bay and in California Hole; tides are fairly low and fish are caught on live bait; good numbers of trout are caught at the south tip of Mud Island and on the outside of Traylor island; live bait shrimp available at \$8.50 per quart.

**PORT ARANSAS:** Fairly good numbers of redfish caught around Mud Island and in California Hole on live mullet; live bait shrimp are available. Offshore fishermen are catching good numbers of kingfish in the 5-10 pound range on ribbonfish about 10-12 miles offshore; snapper are plentiful from 15 to 40 miles offshore in the 4-6 pound range on squid and cigar minnows; a few shark landed and quite a few sailfish tagged and released; amberjack are good in the 15 to 20 pound range.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Fishing is slow in the Upper Laguna and around the causeway and Baffin Bay. Back bay fishermen are catching redfish and specks at Indian Point at night on live shrimp; fishing generally spotty in the back bay; live bait shrimp available at 15 cents each.

**PORT MANSFIELD:** The arrival of the shrimp fleet brought fantastic action close to shore for king, ling and dolphin; the Steamer Rock have been producing good boxes of snapper in the 8-20 pound range, these rocks at 66 feet offer anglers opportunities to use lighter rods and discover what a scrappy fighter a snapper can be; bay fishing is fair, a few limits of redfish caught in shallow water south of East Cut, the saucer area is good off and on; the Pipeline area is still good for keeper trout; water conditions are improving along west shoreline and some birds working from Century Point to the Tide Gauge; live bait shrimp available at \$12 per quart. The Port Mansfield Fishing Tournament starts July 22, a big turnout is expected.

**SOUTH PADRE:** offshore fishermen are catching good numbers of bonito, a few kingfish and some tuna; redfish have slowed down in the bay, but the trout have picked up on live shrimp primarily as well as some plastic shad type baits; pier fishing is producing good numbers of trout late at night; quite a few mango snapper caught around the docks and in the bays; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

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