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BRAUNIG BASS SPAWN SURPRISES BIOLOGISTS

SAN ANTONIO -- Lake Victor Braunig has been one of Texas' most unusual reservoirs during the past decade, for several reasons.

Its murky waters support a remarkable biomass of fish, including introduced species such as red drum (redfish), hybrid striped bass and hybrid orangemouth corvina.

The 1,350-acre power plant lake on the southeast outskirts of San Antonio has had its problems, however, in production of largemouth bass. For reasons yet unknown, native largemouths and Florida-strain bass traditionally have had poor spawning success.

But not this year.

Dick Luebke, manager of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Heart O' the Hills Research Station at Ingram said a recent cove rotenone survey turned up an amazing number of yearling bass that were produced by a natural spawn. The lake had not been stocked with bass this year. "We collected 1,883 bass per acre in the two coves sampled," said Luebke. "This was a 300 percent increase over 1987 and the highest density of bass since we started the sampling in 1981."

In addition to the young-of-the-year bass, the crews picked up 21 largemouths in the 14-inch-plus category, including two measuring 20 inches and one 21-incher

Luebke said an amazing 74 pounds of bass per acre were found in the survey this year, and this is a vast improvement over the 10 pounds per acre in 1987

"The forage base in Braunig continues to be excellent," Luebke continued "All size classes of bass appeared to be in good condition, and the yearling fish should be growing past 10 inches in length by fall "

Lake Braunig has the state's only true "trophy bass" limits, with a daily bag of two and minimum length limit of 21 inches "With the excellent spawn, plus the good numbers of larger size-classes of fish, it appears that Braunig is on the verge of becoming the trophy bass fishery we envisioned when the 21-inch minimum went into effect in 1985," Luebke said "In the meantime, these yearling fish will provide some outstanding catch-and-release action for anglers starting this fall and winter "

To reach Lake Braunig from San Antonio, take Interstate Highway 37 south to the Donop Road exit, then follow the signs to the lake entrance An entrance fee is charged by the San Antonio River Authority

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MOURNING DOVE HUNTING
SEASON PROSPECTS BRIGHT

AUSTIN -- Hunting prospects are good for mourning dove seasons beginning this September, but less rosy for white-winged doves in the Rio Grande Valley, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said

Ron George, dove program leader, said recent call-count surveys indicated mourning dove breeding populations in Texas are about 10 percent above last year's survey totals, and some 13 percent above the long-term average

The highest counts occurred in the Rolling Plains region of North Central Texas, followed by the South Texas Plains and the Gulf Prairies and Marshes. Good populations also exist in the Post Oak Savannah, the Blackland Prairie and Cross Timbers regions, George said

Relatively high mourning dove populations and dry weather are a good combination for hunters, George said. "Waterhole hunting should be good this year if the dry weather continues. Also, dry habitat may cause the birds to be highly concentrated in some areas and scarce in others."

The Parks and Wildlife Commission was to set 1988-89 dove hunting season dates and bag limits in its meeting in Austin on July 21

Dry weather across most of the state has not been harmful to mourning dove production, as the birds commonly fly several miles daily for water

Valley whitewings, however, have been hurt by a combination of weather conditions that included drought, high winds and heavy rains

"The Valley whitewing breeding population was down about two percent from 1987 levels, and about 14 percent below the 10-year average," George said, adding that 85-mile-per-hour winds in some areas during June and a heavy downpour in July probably reduced nesting success significantly

George said it is encouraging that at least 30 percent of the whitewings nesting in the Valley are utilizing citrus trees, a form of habitat that has been in short supply in recent years due to the December 1983 freeze "This is a 13 percent increase in numbers of birds nesting in citrus," said George Native brush that traditionally is a mainstay for whitewing nesting is stable to improving in most areas of the Valley However, a resurgence of cotton farming in the Valley may be having some negative effects on doves, as it is replacing grain crops, an important food source, George noted

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CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK
RICH IN TEXAS HISTORY

QUITAQUE -- About 10,000 years ago a small band of Indian hunters killed and butchered buffalo along a creek in the canyon country of the Texas Panhandle Known by archeologists as the Folsom culture, these people were the first of many groups to visit the shaded, watered landscape of the Caprock Escarpment

Over thousands of years the temperature warmed and the rains diminished Indian tribes came and went big game hunters, small game hunters, tribes that depended on collecting plant foods, farming Indians and then Spanish explorers all stayed on the escarpment for a while

In the 1600s, the Plains Apache and Comanche tribes ranged across the western lands and camped beside the rugged canyon walls A period of Anglo settlement followed and some of the most famous ranchers of all times ran cattle in the high plains country along the escarpment For a few years Charles Goodnight was a part owner in the J A. Ranch which operated on 2 million acres of open range including the caprock

Today a portion of the escarpment is preserved in Caprock Canyons State Park Visitors can experience the desolate grandeur of the high plains and spectacular views of cliffs and canyons along the escarpment by hiking to unimproved primitive camping areas Wildlife abounds in the area, and many visitors use a bird checklist available at park headquarters

Lake Theo provides a swimming and fishing spot that is also suitable for small boats Playgrounds, campsites with water and electrical hookups, restrooms with showers and a dump station also are available

Campers should call (806) 455-1492 for reservations and fees The park is located about 100 miles southeast of Amarillo and is three miles north of Quitaque, Briscoe County, on FM 1065

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AUSTIN Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for July 20:

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear. 90 degrees normal level black bass good at night to 3 pounds on deep diving baits; crappie fairly good to 10 fish per string at night on minnows; catfish good on juglines at night.

BELTON: Water clear 86 degrees normal level black bass good to 3 1/4 pounds on June Bug 6-inch worms with chartreuse tails hybrid striper slow to 6 pounds trolling chrome cranks in 40 feet of water crappie fair to 10 fish per string on minnows in 24 feet of water around brush white bass fair to 1 pound on topwaters to 20 fish per boat at night; channel catfish good to 11 pounds on Legal Limit dough bait.

BROWNWOOD Water clear, normal level black bass fair to 3 pounds; striper fair to 6 pounds, most around 3 pounds; crappie slow; white bass fair at night, catfish slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear 83 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass slow to 2 1/2 pounds on red worms in 6-10 feet of water; striper good in the 5-10 pound range early on topwaters, crappie slow; white bass good to 50 fish per string on chrome Hotspots; catfish good in the 3-10 pound range on shad and chicken livers

CANYON: Water clear, 83 degrees, 3 feet high; black bass good and improving in the flooded shallows to 5 pounds on buzz baits, topwaters early and late, Rat-L-Traps and worms midday; striper slow; crappie fair at night with a few limits on minnows white bass good at night on minnows in 40 feet of water, catfish excellent to 6 pounds on shrimp and nightcrawlers on rod and reel as well as trotline; walleye slow.

COLORADO BEND: Water clear, normal level black bass very slow; striper slow crappie slow white bass fair to 10 fish per string; catfish slow.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 92 degrees normal level black bass bass fairly slow to 8 pounds, 3 ounces, several over 6 pounds on Fat Getzits worms spinners, topwaters, few fishermen out; crappie fair at night to 12 fish per string on minnows; catfish slow.

GIBBONS CREEK Water clear 89 degrees, 3 inches low; black bass fairly good to 12 pounds, fishing slow and fishermen having to work to catch fish, best baits are dark colored worms and jigs; crappie slow to 20 fish per boat on minnows, catfish good to 7 pounds in Hog and Sulphur Creeks on minnows, liver and shrimp.

LBJ Water muddy, 82 degrees, normal level black bass slow to 3 pounds up the Colorado arm of the lake, striper crappie and white bass slow due to muddy water, catfish good to excellent in the 2 1/2 to 12 pound range on shad and shrimp on rod and reel.

LIMESTONE: Water clear 18 inches low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fairly good on minnows at night; white bass slow; catfish slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water clear normal level black bass fair to 8 pounds on spinners striper slow crappie fair on jigs and minnows to 12 fish per string in 15-18 feet of water white bass fair to 8 fish per string; catfish fair to 2 pounds on rod and reel baited with shrimp.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 85 degrees, 6 feet low with 5 feet more to drop for industrial and irrigation uses, lake level dropping at the rate of 6 inches per day; most all fishing slow; white bass fair at night channel catfish good to 3 1/2 pounds on liver nightcrawlers doughbait.

TRAVIS Water clear, 84 degrees 9 1/2 feet low; black bass fairly good up to the 2 1/2 pound range on topwaters and plastic worms early, most fish in the 12-13 inch range, most fish caught in 5-15 feet of water; striper fair around Marshall Ford Marina area around bluff on downriggers in 75 feet of water on 1 ounce chartreuse and white jigs; crappie slow white bass good before 9 a.m. while schooling in main river channels, catfish very good on juglines at night with live crawfish and shrimp in 1 1/2 to 4 pound range.

WHITNEY Water clear, 71 degrees, 8 1/2 feet low; black bass slow; striper good to 17 1/2 pounds downrigging live bait around

Bee Bluff Towash, King Creek; crappie fair in 18-20 feet of water on live minnows; white bass good with strings of 50 fish on Flea Flies, spoons catfish good to 31 pounds on trotline with live bait, worms, stinkbait; channel catfish good to 6 pound with good numbers of eating sized fish on rod and reel

NORTHEAST

ATHENS Water clear 80 degrees, 4 inches below overflow and dropping steadily; black bass good at night to 9 pounds on black 6-inch Twister worms; crappie good day and night in 20 feet of water on minnows with plenty of limits; white bass slow; catfish good to 23 pounds on shrimp, goldfish small bream and big minnows Bluegill and redear excellent in 10 feet of water around bottom moss with crickets and redworms

BOB SANDLIN Water clear, 23 inches low; black bass good at night to 7 pounds on dark plastic worms, crappie slow to 5 fish per string on minnows in deep water; white bass slow to 5 fish per string on minnows catfish slow. Bream excellent.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear. 89 degrees, 7 1/2 feet low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie good with limits early and late on minnows in deep water; white bass slow; catfish fair on trotline to 3 pounds

CADDO: Water fairly clear, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 2 pounds on grape worms, hybrid striper slow; crappie slow due to lack of fishermen; white bass slow; catfish good on trotlines baited with live bream.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 84 degrees, 22 inches low; black bass fair on topwaters, keeper fish caught in 16-20 feet of water on black or purple firetailed worms; hybrid striper fair trolling at 25 feet on Magnum Hellbenders with Rooster Tail trailers; crappie fair in 24 feet of water on minnows in the stump fields and around bridge pilings white bass good trolling in 12-14 feet of water with spotted surfacing during the late afternoon; yellow catfish fair to 42 pounds on live bait on trotline channel catfish good on stinkbait to 3 1/2 pounds

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear. 80 degrees, normal level. black bass fair to 6 pounds early and late on worms and buzz baits in 12-15 feet of water; crappie fairly good in 25-30 feet of water until 11 a.m., in late afternoon crappie are goo on minnows; catfish fairly good in 12-15 feet of water on shrimp and dough bait.

FAIRFIELD Water clear. 101 degrees, 1 1/2 feet low; black bass slow to 5 1/2 pounds on motoroil worms; striper fair on shad. catfish fair to 7 pounds on stinkbait; redfish slow to 10 pounds on orange DB#3

FORK: Water clear. 87 degrees, 4 inches low; black bass good to 8 1/4 pounds on plum and Fire and Ice worms; crappie good with limits in 17 feet of water on minnows. catfish fairly good to 11 1/2 pounds on rod and reel bream good.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 82 degrees 2 feet low black bass good with some limits to 5 1/2 pounds on dark worms. some on white buzz baits and green frogs crappie slow white bass schooling midlake between alley and Johnson Creek on small cranks, fish small in size but good in number catfish slow. Bream good on crickets on worms.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 84 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass good off points to 5 pounds on dark worms; hybrid striper fair on slabs fished on the bottom; crappie fair under the Highway 35 bridge white bass schooling early and late best bait are topwaters catfish good to 7 pounds drifting shrimp.

MARTIN CREEK: Water clear. 80 degrees. 18 inches low; black bass fair on spinners. crappie fairly good to 15 fish per string on minnows. catfish good to 4 pounds on trotline with beef hearts and liver

MONTICELLO: Water clear. 98 degrees, normal level black bass good to 8 pounds, 14 ounces on 8 inch black worms; crappie poor; catfish excellent to 10 pounds on Canadian crawlers and shrimp on trotline and drifting.

MOSS LAKE Water clear 86 degrees normal level black bass slow; crappie slow; white bass fair to 10 fish per string on slabs some small schools catfish fairly good in the 5-7 pound range on cheese bait in deep water.

MURVAUL Water clear 85 degrees 18 inches low; black bass fair

to 7 pounds, 11 ounces on dark worms, some smaller bass on buzz baits, not many fishermen out; crappie slow, no limits. catfish fair on trotline to 4 1/2 pounds on worms

NACOGDOCHES: Water clear 86 degrees, 2 feet low black bass good to 8 pounds on Tequila Sunrise worms, silver and black PopRs, and gold Carrot Tops. crappie good at night in 15-20 feet of water on live minnows. catfish slow

PALESTINE: Water clear, 1 foot below spillway: black bass fairly good to 8 1/4 pounds on plastic worms. striper fair when schooling; crappie slow on minnows and jigs under bridge and in brush. blue catfish good to 9 pounds on trotline, catfish good to 3 pounds and down drifting gasper gou good to 20 pounds on trotline while fishing for catfish.

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear, 80 degrees, normal level. black bass good to 4 1/2 pounds early and late around brushy banks up the river with topwaters; striper and hybrid striper slowing. some to 12 pounds on live bait and Hellbenders and jigs in 18-20 feet of water; crappie slow, some off barge; white bass beginning to school to 2 1/2 pounds schools hard to find; catfish fairly good on shrimp and bloodbait around riprap and jetties fish generally deep.

TAWAKONI: Water clear, 81 degrees, normal level black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds with limits around moss beds on spinners and dark worms. striper and hybrids good in 40-45 of water. suspended at 28-30 feet, on white jigs and live bait all day; crappie slow with some strings under the bridges and in Wolf Cove on minnows. white bass good while schooling under birds. at night, white bass good on slabs and Jiggin Rigs; channel catfish good on shrimp, worms and bloodbait near the dam around moss beds. yellow catfish slow to 49 pounds on trotline with live bait.

TEXOMA: Water clear, 81 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass good to 5 pounds, 14 ounces on worms and cranks; striper good to 12 pounds on slabs and live bait, some topwaters. crappie fair in 20 feet of water on live minnows; white bass good around island and in Little Mineral on live bait; catfish good in shallow water to 11 pounds with plenty of limits on stinkbait, worms and shrimp.

WELSH: Water clear, 104 degrees, 18 inches low: black bass fair to 7 pounds at night on 11 inch worms, some topwaters early and during the day; 6 inches good midday; crappie slow; catfish good on frozen shad and worms to 12 pounds. bream good to 50 fish per string on red wigglers and crickets

SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 84 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass good one day, poor the next to 7 1/4 pounds on smoked bluetail worms, black bluetailed and purple worms with a chartreuse tails in 5 to 20 feet of water around structure; hybrid striper fair trolling chrome lures; white bass good at night on minnows and around 1097 bridge on minnows. catfish good to 64 1/2 pounds on trotline baited with live perch. Bream plentiful on worms and crickets.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 85 degrees normal level black bass good to 9 pounds, 11 ounces on black worms; crappie good with several limits around the dam on minnows; catfish fair to 28 pounds on trotline with live bait.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear, 83 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass fair in 1 to 3 pound range on black and chartreuse worms, a few on topwaters. striper good around Pine Island with several limits of fish in 10-16 pounds on white slabs during the day; at night, fish good in the 6-10 pound range on minnows. crappie fair to 15 fish per day on minnows; white bass spotty. a few good catches to 75 fish per boat day and night; catfish fairly good in the 1-4 pound range on shad baited trotlines, doughbait good on rod and reel

RAYBURN: Water muddy up river 74 degrees, 3 1/2 feet below pool level black bass fair to 8 1/2 pounds on worms, some on topwaters in 15 feet of water. striper slow. crappie fairly good in 25 feet of water on minnows. white bass spotty. catfish fair to 10 pounds on trotline with live bait. weather hot, few fishermen out.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear 84 degrees, 4 1/2 feet low; black bass slow to 3 pounds on worms. striper schooling to 18 pounds on jigs and Redfins. catfish fair

SOUTH

AMISTAD Water clear. 78 degrees normal level black bass good to 8 pounds, most in the 2 1/2-6 pound range on topwaters early fish in 15-25 feet of water during the day; striper good to 25 pounds in 50-60 feet of water on 2-ounce white jigs with a white trailer; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish good in 50 feet of water on cheese and stinkbait.

BRAUNIG: Water murky. 90 degrees, normal level black bass slow; striper slow; crappie slow; catfish fairly slow; redfish good to 15 pounds on tilapia; corvina slow.

CALAVERAS: Water murky 92 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass fair to 6 pounds, 3 ounces on plastic worms; striper fair to 4 pounds average on spoons crappie slow; catfish poor; redfish fair to 8 pounds on shrimp and chicken livers corvina excellent to 7 pounds from the bank on tilapia and shad also downrigging green grubs, some strings to 49 pounds.

CHOKE: Water clear, lake full black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fair with some limits on minnows; white bass slow; catfish excellent to 5 pounds on rod and reel baited with cheesebait and Bob's Blood Bait.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear. 87 degrees, 18 inches low black bass fair to 5 pounds on dark worms in 12 feet of water; crappie fair at night and early under the bridge and from the pier on crappie jigs; catfish good to 2 pounds on shrimp and bloodbait.

FALCON Water clear 10 feet low; black bass very good to 8 pounds most in the 3-6 pound range on dark worms. Knocker Spoons striper picking up some with some limits to 10 pounds per fish on Knocker Spoons; white bass good with most from the Tigers River down to the dam; crappie fairly good, most fish small catfish good on frozen shrimp with most in the 1 1/2 to 2 pound range

MEDINA: Water clear. 84 degrees, 5 1/2 feet low; black bass good to 18 inches, many undersized, on dark worms; striper slow to 6 pounds jigging; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish excellent to 7 pounds on trotline and rod and reel on minnows and shrimp.

TEXANA Water clear, 87 degrees, normal level black bass excellent to 4 1/2 pounds on spinners and buzz baits many undersized fish caught; striper and white bass slow; crappie excellent with a few limits on minnows up the Sandies Creek; catfish good to 12 pounds on trotlines and cutbait. Rains to 3 inches fell late Tuesday.

WEST

ARROWHEAD Water murky, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass slow; striper good to 5 pounds with limits on silver baits; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish good to 2 1/2 pounds drifting shrimp with good strings. Some light showers falling midweek.

BAYLOR: Water clear. 80 degrees, normal level. black bass good to 6 3/4 pounds on topwaters, purple firetailed worms black worms with chartreuse tails and spinners in shallow water; crappie very slow; catfish very good to 18 pounds on water dogs, stinkbait and large nightcrawlers

GRANBURY: Water clear. 87 degrees 10 inches low black bass fair to 4 1/2 pounds on Tequila Sunrise worms, striper slow; crappie good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows in 20 feet of water white bass slow; catfish very good to 6 1/2 pounds on trotlines baited with chicken liver and shrimp.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear 74 degrees, 5 1/2 feet low; black bass excellent to 7 pounds on green and chartreuse buzz baits. hybrid striper very good to 7 1/2 pounds on slabs; crappie good to 15 fish per string on minnows in 12-14 feet of water white bass good but mixed with hybrid stripers; catfish slow.

MCKENZIE: Water clear. 79 degrees, normal level black bass slow; to 5 1/2 pounds on minnows channel catfish fair to near 3 pounds on liver and minnows.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 78 degrees. 5 feet above normal level. black bass slow; crappie fair to 2 3/4 pounds in 30-40 feet of water walleye good in 55-60 feet of water on minnows or nightcrawlers; catfish very good to 45 pounds on trotline and rod and reel baited with live minnows or perch.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 78 degrees. 2 feet low; black bass good to 8 pounds on pig and jig; crappie slow; white bass fairly good at night in deeper water; catfish good to 15 pounds on trotline

baited with shrimp.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear. 75 degrees 12 feet low; black bass good in the 3-5 pound range on topwaters and worms; striper slow in the 3-6 pound range trolling Hellbenders with trailers; crappie good on minnows to 15 fish per string; white bass fair to 2 pounds on jigs and slabs; catfish slow.

SPENCE: Water clear 79 degrees. 22 feet low: black bass good to 6 pounds on spinners and plastic worms; striper very good to 20 pounds drifting live bait and trolling Hellbenders with jig trailers with some limits; crappie good on south end of lake, crappie holes hard to find on minnows with some limits white bass slow, some small fish on topwaters early; catfish very good up the river and along the dam and on trotline to 6 pounds on shrimp, nightcrawlers

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear. 73 degrees, normal level. black bass good to 10 pounds on silver spoons and 11 inch plastic worms; striper slow; crappie good to 2 pounds with limits on minnows; white bass slow; catfish good in the 3-5 pound range on frozen shrimp and goldfish on trotlines.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear. 80 degrees, 4 feet low. black bass slow. crappie slow; catfish good to 4 1/2 pounds average on stinkbait; walleye fair to 4 1/2 pounds on nightcrawlers with occasional limits.

COASTAL

UPPER SABINE LAKE: Great numbers of small redfish in the 8-15 inch range, some smaller; a few keeper sized reds to 6 pounds on shrimp and gold spoons; good numbers of undersized specks, not many big specks. Keith Lake producing good numbers of specks. good numbers of sandtrout between the rivers mouths; live bait available. Croaker and drum fishing fairly good. Some redfish to 30 inches in the marsh.

SOUTH SABINE: Redfish small on shrimp in the 10-14 inch range; a few redfish to 6 pounds in the ship channel around Mesquite Point and over the shell reefs; flounder excellent to 4 1/4 pounds in good numbers from 4 to 7 p.m. on mud minnows; specks good on live shrimp to 6 1/4 pounds, most are caught from cuts on Louisiana side, in the mouth of Willow Bayou; water clear, white and pink touts good only on specks. drum good to 65 pounds at night near causeway bridge on crabs. Mud minnows plentiful at \$2 per dozen and live shrimp available on weekends at \$8 per quart.

GALVESTON: Steady rains fell all day Tuesday; southwest winds continue Wednesday; some scattered trout in the bays on live shrimp, but requires hard work to catch them, very few limits. croaker fairly good. an occasional redfish to 23 inches on shrimp; a few flounder along marsh line beachfront producing croaker, whiting, gafftop and a stray speck; beachfront has sandy water; large specks to 6 pounds caught at the jetties but no great numbers offshore slow because of weather live bait shrimp available.

PORT OCONNOR: Heavy rains falling early Wednesday; a mixture of reds, trout, small drum, many small shark caught near the jetties over the weekend good numbers of trout but few keepers; wade fishermen catching good sized redfish; a few flounder to 1 1/2 pounds in the bays; offshore producing snapper, kingfish and a lot of wind. Live bait not plentiful

ROCKPORT: Redfish spotted near Morris Cummins Cut; some trout around the wells; redfish good on pin perch north of Hog Island; live bait shrimp available at \$7.50 per quart.

PORT ARANSAS Trout plentiful in the 2-4 pound range on live bait shrimp up and down the channel and around grass beds in South Bay; redfish good in the 5-7 pound range in the same area; live bait shrimp available; some kingfish and shark offshore. Horace Caldwell pier producing specks to 22 inches and a few small shark.

CORPUS CHRISTI Mid summer fishing doldrums have arrived; redfish and trout very slow all over the Laguna Madre system; average boat has one or two fish. very little live bait shrimp available. Landcut and Baffin Bay fishing also slow. Oso Pier fishermen catching a few small trout, a few gafftops and sand trout. Bob Hall Pier fishing slow; a few trout and whiting, a pompano; a few tarpon spotted but none caught. Heavy rains fell early Wednesday.

PORT MANSFIELD: Redfish fairly slow; trout fairly slow; winds fairly high midweek; live bait shrimp available. A single 34-pound sailfish caught offshore last weekend.

PORT ISABEL: Good numbers of redfish to 9 1/4 pounds on double hooked red worms and gold spoons east of Three Islands and north of the spoil banks; trout fair to 6 1/4 pounds on live bait and pink Chubbies in the Intracoastal from Marker 67 to Marker 33; some flounder showing up in the same area on the same baits offshore good when fishermen can get out live bait shrimp plentiful.

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