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NOVEMBER CONSERVATION PASSPORT EVENTS

AUSTIN--The Heart of the Hills Research Station in Ingram will host two of many new guided tours offered statewide for holders of the Texas Conservation Passport this November.

The first is a tour of the state-of-the-art fisheries research station. It will provide an opportunity to see the facilities and equipment researchers use while learning about a wide array of applied research studies. Topics range from bass genetics to restoration of endangered species like the paddlefish, a prehistoric relic that's been around since before the dinosaurs, and the Guadalupe bass, the Texas state fish.

The second tour will allow visitors to see the largest springs in Kerr County. These springs support a unique variety of plant and animal species while providing a continuous supply of crystal clear, high quality water for the research station.

"I look forward to showing visitors both the research station and the springs," said Dick Luebke, research station director. "It will allow us to show how water and modern science work hand-in-hand to provide important answers for our fisheries managers."

The tours are scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon and noon to 2 p.m. on Nov. 7. For more information contact Luebke at (512) 866-3356.

A schedule of other Texas Conservation Passport events in November is listed below. All tours require reservations unless otherwise noted.

- * Lake Arrowhead State Park; Nov. 4; sampling for crappie; 9-11 a.m.; call (817) 766-2383.
- * Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park; Nov. 11; bird watching and nature study tour; 10 a.m. to noon; call (512) 585-1107.
- * Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area; Nov. 7 and 21; bus tour with chuckwagon lunch; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; additional fee; call (915) 229-3613.
- * Brazos Bend State Park; Nov. 14; slide show and tour of fishes and aquatic ecology of Brazos Bend; 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.; call (409) 553-3243.
- * Cedar Hill State Park; Nov. 14; Penn Farm walking tour; 9-11:15 a.m.; reservations available but not required; additional fee; call (214) 291-3900.
- * Choke Canyon State Park-South Shore Unit; Nov. 7; aquatic ecology of Choke Canyon Reservoir; 1-4 p.m.; call (512) 786-3538.
- * Davis Mountains State Park; Nov. 4; bird banding observation; 8-11 a.m.; reservations available but not required; call (915) 426-3337. Also Nov. 7 (8-11 a.m.), Nov. 11 (9-11 a.m.) and Nov. 14 (9-11 a.m.).
- * Hill Country SNA and Running R Ranch; Nov. 8; interpretive horseback riding tour with mount and lunch provided; 9 a.m. to noon; additional fee; call (512) 796-4413.
- * Honey Creek SNA; every Saturday; Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour; 9-11 a.m.; no reservations; call (512) 438-2656.
- * Las Palomas Wildlife Management Area and Lower Rio Grande National Wildlife Refuge; Nov. 4; wildlife corridor slide show and tour; 8 a.m. to noon; call (512) 383-8982.
- * Las Palomas WMA and other sites; Nov. 18; birding tour of the Lower Rio Grande; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; call (512) 383-8982.
- * J.D. Murphree WMA; Nov. 7; canvasback duck viewing tour to Lost Lake; 6-10 a.m.; call (409) 736-2551.
- * Pedernales Falls State Park; every Saturday; Twin Falls nature trail walk; 9:30-10:30 a.m.; no reservations; call (512) 868-7304.

A Texas Conservation Passport is required to attend these events for each person 17 years old and older. In addition to the guided tours, the \$25 passport provides a waiver of park entry fees, discounts for camping and a way for everyone to contribute directly to the conservation of Texas' natural resources. Other benefits 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.

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FALL BRINGS MIGRATING WATERFOWL, CRANES

AUSTIN--Cooler fall temperatures and the thought of winter brings along with it the arrival of waterfowl and sandhill cranes, and their first Texas stops from the northern nesting areas are the Panhandle and South Plains.

Migrating waterfowl and cranes have plenty of water for now, but playa lakes are drying quickly, said Jim Ray, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department waterfowl biologist in Amarillo. August breeding duck surveys suggested that one of every three of the 19,000 playas in the Panhandle and South Plains held water. However, drying conditions over the past two months have reduced the number considerably.

There is still a fair amount of water, especially in the central and eastern sections south of the Canadian River, he said. "Normally we're much drier than we are right now and our ducks, geese and cranes tend to concentrate on limited water areas. If we keep drying out, that's what will happen this year. Preferably, we would like to see the waterfowl distributed across the region, which would minimize losses to disease and conflicts with local agriculture."

Blue-winged and cinnamon teal have been coming through the Panhandle and South Plains since mid-August, joining resident breeding ducks, mostly mallards and blue-winged teal, but including smaller numbers of green-winged and cinnamon teal, northern shovelers, wood ducks, redheads, ruddy ducks and large Canada geese.

High Plains breeding duck surveys indicate a breeding population of 17,000 pairs, Ray said. "It appears that a substantial number of ducklings were produced in the region, aided by abundant rainfall, a delayed mowing of roadsides until mid-July, a delay in the winter wheat harvest and the grassy nesting cover provided by the Conservation Reserve Program."

By mid-September northern pintails, green-winged teal, mallards and American wigeon have joined the flock from up north. The first flock of sandhill cranes were

spotted the end of September. Geese normally begin arriving by mid-October with peak numbers arriving in November and December.

"The arrival of teal, pintails and sandhill cranes seems closely tied to the calendar year, with these species arriving about the same time each year," Ray said. "Most of the other waterfowl species are pushed into the region by wintry weather to our north."

The Panhandle and South Plains are important areas for migrating and wintering waterfowl in the Central Flyway. The 19,000 playas serve as migrational stopovers and wintering areas for many species of shorebirds, waterfowl, sandhill cranes and other migratory birds, he said. "Ducks are fond of seeds and invertebrates that are found in aquatic and moist soil vegetated playas. Ducks, geese and cranes find plenty of waste grains and peanuts as well as winter wheat in surrounding fields.

Depending on weather conditions, water availability and other factors, such as production on the nesting grounds, the Panhandle and South Plains winters up to two million ducks, up to 500,000 sandhill cranes - 90 percent of the mid-continent population - and 500,000 to 750,000 geese.

"Our goose population probably has never done better than it has the past few years. We should expect similar numbers to what came through last year," Ray said. For example, last year two roosts, Cactus Lake near Etter and Lake Rita Blanca in Dalhart, had 163,000 and 71,000 geese, respectively.

There are signs that the current drought cycle in the Northern Great Plains is breaking and ducks are responding to improving habitat conditions.

"We need to do our part here and hopefully Mother Nature and our counterparts to the north will do the same," he said. "That's the way we're going to see abundant and healthy waterfowl populations now and in the future."

For more information on how to help waterfowl, wetlands or sandhill cranes in the Panhandle and South Plains contact Ray at TPWD, 3409 S. Georgia, Amarillo, Texas 79109, or call (806) 353-0486.

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KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR WHOOPING CRANES

AUSTIN--Sandhill crane and waterfowl hunters should be aware that whooping cranes sometimes are observed in the company of sandhill cranes and waterfowl. Some of these species already have migrated into the state and will continue to do so for several more weeks.

Whooping cranes are an endangered species that normally leave their nesting grounds at Wood Buffalo National Park in the Northwest Territories of Canada in September for the long trek to the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Gulf Coast of Texas.

The penalties for shooting a whooping crane involve \$4,200 to \$11,000 in civil restitution per bird, and up to \$500 in state criminal penalties for a first offense.

Hunters should be aware of the whooping cranes' possible presence and know how to identify the bird. Adult whoopers are white with black wing tips and a red forehead. In flight, the bird's long neck is held straight forward, and its long black legs extend beyond the tail. The adult's wingspan may be more than seven feet and when standing they are as tall as five feet. Juveniles have white and rusty-brown body feathers and black wing tips.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and federal wildlife officials ask that anyone seeing a whooping crane report the time, place and other details of the sighting to local wildlife officials. To report a sighting call local TPWD offices or TPWD headquarters in Austin at 1-800-792-1112.

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STATEWIDE BOATER SURVEY UNDERWAY

AUSTIN--The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Boating Trades Association of Texas have teamed with Texas A&M University to conduct a statewide survey this fall of Texas boaters.

A random sample of 3,000 registered boaters have been mailed questionnaires. Information gathered from respondents will be used to improve the boater education program.

"We've never done a statewide mail survey of boaters so the information we get should be very useful to us," said Steve Hall, TPWD conservation education director. "We hope to learn a great deal about Texas boaters and how they feel about

current aquatic recreational issues as well as some important information about the Texas boating fleet."

Kurt Kalkomey of BTAT said the group has different needs for the survey. "The Boating Trades Association wants to look at the feasibility of a membership organization for Texas boaters and part of this survey is designed to help us form the best possible organization to meet boater needs."

BTAT is a 35-year-old organization of more than 600 Texas dealers and manufacturers. They donated \$17,500 from their organization that will be added to Wallop-Breaux federal matching funds to initiate the survey.

"We have done many studies of Texas anglers in the past, but this is something of a new direction for us," said Dr Robert B. Ditton, who leads the research team in Texas A&M's wildlife and fisheries sciences department. "Texas anglers are a very diverse group of people and we expect to see an even higher level of diversity among the boaters of Texas. This survey has presented us with some unique problems that we have not had to deal with in the past, but I think our research team has done well in overcoming these problems and put together a survey that should prove beneficial to us all."

The survey should answer many questions about Texas boat owners, such as the extent of their boating knowledge and experience, their activities and degree of participation in aquatic recreation and their future plans regarding boat ownership. Another section on the questionnaire asks boaters to speak their minds on several boating issues and the status of boating in Texas. All of this information will be used by TPWD and the Boating Trades Association in future policy making decisions.

Early respondents to the survey will earn a chance to win one of several prizes provided by BTAT, including an in-dash digital depth finder, a plug-in spotlight, a ski tube, a ski vest and a trailer lock.

For more information about the survey, contact Ditton at (409) 845-4283.

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TPWD REQUESTS MOUNTAIN LION INFORMATION

AUSTIN--With the onset of the fall and winter hunting season, many Texas hunters may come face to face with a mountain lion. If so, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wants to know about it.

The department is asking that anyone who sees or kills a mountain lion or who sees mountain lion sign to contact any of the department's offices across the state as soon as possible.

Mountain lions are classified as unprotected nongame animals in Texas. An ongoing survey of mountain lion mortalities and sightings compiled by the department indicates that lion numbers are slowly increasing statewide.

"We have received several valid mountain lion reports," said Bill Russ, TPWD wildlife biologist in Sanderson. "Now that hunting season has begun, I believe sightings will increase. It is very important that anyone who sees or kills a lion call any of our offices at once."

Sightings and kills can be reported to any TPWD office in the state, to TPWD headquarters in Austin by calling 1-800-792-1112, extension 4789 or writing TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or by writing Russ at Box 112, Sanderson, Texas 79848, or calling him at (915) 345-2954.

Most people live a lifetime without a glimpse of a mountain lion, but for those who do, whether it's in a hunting or hiking situation, the department has several recommended responses to minimize the possibility of attack.

- * When you walk or hike in lion habitats, go in groups and make enough noise so as not to surprise lions. A sturdy walking stick can be used to ward off a lion. Keep children close and within your sight and control at all times.

- * Never approach a lion. Lions are unpredictable, but normally avoid a confrontation if given a way out.

If you encounter a mountain lion:

- * Stay calm. Talk to the lion in a confident yet calm voice.

- * Pick all children up off the ground immediately. Children tend to frighten easily and their rapid movements may provoke an attack.

- * Do not run. Move slowly. Try to back away from the lion slowly. Sudden movement or fleeing behavior often triggers instinctive predatory attacks by lions.

- * Do not turn your back on the lion. Face the lion and remain upright.

- * Do all you can to enlarge your image. Do not crouch down or try to hide.

If a mountain lion behaves aggressively:

- * Arm yourself. Grab a large stick, throw rocks, speak louder and more firmly. Do not turn your back or stay crouched down. The object is to convince the lion that you are not prey but in fact are a danger to it.

- * Fight back, but remain standing up. Use anything from rocks and sticks to bare fists and fishing poles, etc.

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Private Water State Record Fish Rod & Reel

Species	Weight (lbs)	Length (Inches)	Caught	Angler	Angler's Hometown	Pvt Lk Name/ County
Bass, Largemouth	14.24	26.50	01/10/81	John W. Alexander, Jr	Richardson	Echo Lake
Bluegill	3.25	14.00	04/25/66	Winfred Hoka	North Zulch	Madison
Buffalo, Bigmouth	58.00	41.00	04/06/69	Bobby Thompson	Arlington	Titus
Carp	41.00	37.00	05/14/72	Scott Haisley	Richardson	Pure Oil Lake
Catfish, Black Bullhead	4.53	18.50	11/15/86	Charles E Gulnn	Graham	Young
Crappie, White	2.65	16.00	04/14/91	Misty D. Howard	Wichita Fall	Belivue City
Mullet, Striped	13.80	30.50	12/28/83	Bill Fritch	La Marque	Waste Disp/Galveston
Sunfish, Green	2.40	13.00	05/15/92	Richard Johnson, Jr.	Ft Hood	Ft. Hood Lake #38
Sunfish, Readear	3.25	14.25	04/23/78	Vernon Roberts	Seguin	Guadalupe

**Texas Record Fish
Freshwater - Rod & Reel
Public Waters Only**

Species	Weight (lbs)	Length (Inches)	Caught	Angler	Angler's Hometown	Waterbody
Bass, Guadalupe	3.69	18.25	09/25/83	Allen M Christenson Jr	Austin	Travis
Bass, Hybrid Striped	19.66	35.16	06/20/84	John Haney	Dallas	Ray Hubbard
Bass, Largemouth	18.18	25.50	01/24/92	Barry StClair	Klondike	Fork
Bass, Smallmouth	7.72	22.00	11/20/88	Ronald Gardner	Whitney	Whitney
Bass, Spotted	5.56	21.00	03/13/86	Turner Keith	Austin	Lake O' The Pines
Bass, Striped	45.00	44.00	05/14/90	Tom J. Reavis	Del Rio	Amistad Reservoir
Bass, White	5.56	20.75	03/31/77	David S Cordill	Spicewood	Colorado River
Bass, Yellow Hybrid	3.50	18.00	07/15/89	Lucky Turner	Mesquite	Tawakoni
Bluegill	0.73	9.75	03/31/89	James Morris	Humble	Moss Lake
Bowfin	17.19	32.00	08/15/72	R M Speir	Ft Worth	Toledo Bend Reservoir
Buffalo, Blgmouth	41.50	37.00	06/30/90	Walter M. Cole	Sherman	Taxoma
Buffalo, Smallmouth	78.00	46.00	06/23/92	Travis Thornton	Pineland	Toledo Bend Reservoir
Carp	22.22	0.00	03/10/91	David W. Cick	Harleton	Lake O' The Pines
Carp, Grass	12.50	31.00	06/16/91	PaPa Earl	Pinehurst	Trinity River
Catfish, Black Bullhead	4.02	18.00	06/10/84	Roy Calame	Wortham	Navarro Mills Lake
Catfish, Blue	76.00	45.00	04/14/91	Richard C. Jordan	Cleveland	Trinity River
Catfish, Channel	36.50	38.00	03/07/85	Mrs Joe L. Cockrell	Austin	Pedernales River
Catfish, Flathead	98.00	54.00	06/02/86	William O. Stephens	Lewisville	Lewisville Lake
Catfish, Yellow Bullhead	1.60	12.83	05/18/91	James W. Stone	Tyler	Palestine
Corvina, Hybrid	20.80	35.00	04/25/92	Phillip Mann	San Antonio	Braunig Lake
Corvina, Orangemouth	16.31	36.00	11/16/91	Earl L. Tenpenny	Converse	Calaveras Lake
Crappie, Black	3.69	17.75	01/17/85	Fritz Gowan	Poplar Bluff	Toledo Bend Reservoir
Crappie, White	4.56	0.00	02/14/88	G G Wooderson	Corcscana	Navarro Mills Lake
Drum, Freshwater	31.00	35.50	05/06/78	Larry King	Wichita Falls	Arrowhead
Drum, Red	30.25	35.00	10/14/89	Jack Talbert	San Antonio	Braunig Lake
Eel, American	4.00	41.00	02/22/86	Louis Kusey III	Schertz	Medina Lake
Flounder	11.35	26.00	10/16/87	Glenn Comiskey	Angleton	Brazoria Reservoir
Gar, Alligator	279.00	0.00	01/01/51	Bill Valverde	Mission	Rio Grande River
Gar, Longnose	50.31	0.00	01/01/54	Townsend Miller	Austin	Trinity River
Gar, Spotted	0.98	20.50	09/02/92	John Hardin	Farmers Branch	Shawnee Creek
Goideye	0.81	14.00	06/06/92	Don Squier	Pottsboro	Taxoma
Goldfish	4.26	15.94	05/12/91	PaPa Earl	Pinehurst	Conroe
Muskie, Tiger	9.06	32.00	05/27/79	Mike Gaines	Wichita Falls	Nocona
Pacu	1.13	12.25	08/01/92	Sam Hubbert	San Angelo	Nasworthy
Perch, Nile	12.06	30.50	02/01/80	Mike Saidiver	San Antonio	Braunig Lake
Pickereel, Chain	4.63	25.00	06/12/86	Deborah T Morris	Woodlawn	Caddo Lake
Pike, Northern	18.28	41.00	08/29/81	Mike Sharpe	Austin	Town Lake
Shiner, Blacktail	0.01	2.75	09/02/92	John Hardin	Farmers Branch	Shawnee Creek
Shiner, Golden	0.23	8.50	02/09/91	John Michael Zapata	Plano	Ratcliff
Sunfish, Green	0.65	10.00	05/12/90	Richard A. Collins		Joe Pool Lake
Sunfish, Longear	0.13	5.00	08/23/92	John Hardin	Farmers Branch	Jacksonville
Sunfish, Redbreast	1.25	12.75	05/02/87	Rock Layne Hamilton	Dallas	Guadalupe River
Sunfish, Spotted	0.07	4.00	08/26/92	John Hardin	Farmers Branch	Tyler State Park
Tarpon	10.12	37.00	08/06/86	Paul Willette	San Antonio	Braunig Lake
Tilapia, Blue	4.16	17.50	12/08/91	Robert J. Haynes	Austin	Fayette County Lake
Topminnow, Blackstripe	0.01	2.00	08/25/92	John Hardin	Farmers Branch	Purtis Creek State Park
Trout, Brook	0.67	12.00	02/19/84	J Bryan Hendricks	Lake Jackson	Guadalupe River
Trout, Brown	7.12	24.00	02/07/86	Jeff DeLong	San Marcos	Guadalupe River
Trout, Rainbow	6.22	24.00	11/24/90	David Lewis Carpenter	Marble Falls	Canyon Tailrace
Walleye	11.88	31.75	02/26/90	Hank Lee McWilliams, J	Borger	Meredith
Warmouth	1.30	10.50	07/19/91	Ralph E. Manna, Jr.	Austin	Town Lake

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**Texas Record Fish
Freshwater - Unrestricted
Public Waters Only**

Species	Weight (lbs)	Length (Inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Waterbody	Method
Bowfin	19.00	32.50	01/03/75	George E Lord Memphill	Toledo Bend Reservoir	TROTLINE
Buffalo, Bigmouth	75.00	42.00	08/07/85	Joe R Walker Brookeland	Toledo Bend Reservoir	TROTLINE
Buffalo, Smallmouth	97.00	48.00	02/01/89	R.Priestly/F.Saladino Longview	Lake O' The Pines	Trotline
Carp	41.75	36.00	04/21/70	David E Smith Austin	Town Lake	BOW
Carp, Grass	37.00	39.00	05/10/85	Raymond Sutton Copperas Cove	Colorado River	TROTLINE
Catfish, Blue	116.00	59.00	04/21/85	C D Martindale Era	Texoma	TROTLINE
Drum, Freshwater	55.00	0.00	01/01/24	Asa Short Fort Worth	White Rock Lake	TROTLINE
Eel, American	4.22	38.00	04/10/89	Robert Horrigan Austin	San Marcos River	Hawianslin
Gar, Alligator	302.00	90.00	01/01/53	T C Pierce, Jr * San Antonio	Nueces River	TROTLINE
Gar, Longnose	82.00	77.00	05/13/90	Rance E. Allen Bryan	Trinity River	bow & arr.
Gar, Spotted	15.00	49.75	08/03/83	David E Smith Buda	Travis	BOW
Shad, Gizzard	2.97	18.25	04/27/85	John H Dix, Jr Conroe	Lewis Creek	SPEARGUN

Texas Record Fish Saltwater - Rod & Reel

Species	Weight (lbs)	Length (Inches)	Caught	Angler	Angler's Hometown	Waterbody
Amberjack	107.50	66.50	08/06/87	Fred Carter	Streetman	Gulf of Mexico
Angeifish, French	6.48	17.00	08/30/88	Penelope Aury	Austin	Gulf of Mexico
Barbier, Red	1.81	16.50	07/08/88	Cpt Ricky Preddy	Port Mansfield	Gulf of Mexico
Barracuda, Great	50.25	58.00	09/02/89	Capt. David R. Lindsay	Austin	Gulf of Mexico
Bass, Hybrid Striped	6.02	22.09	02/20/92	Raymond J. Gutierrez	Baytown	Galveston Bay
Bass, Striped	28.00	33.50	01/26/91	Calvin E. Hinderman Jr	Houston	Galveston Bay
Bigeye	2.40	17.25	03/20/89	Suzannah Creech	Halotus	Gulf of Mexico
Bigeye, Short	1.00	11.00	10/16/91	Luis A. Gomez	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Bluefish	16.82	38.83	01/11/87	Alex Koumondouros	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Bonefish	3.75	23.25	11/19/77	C W Morris	Dallas	Gulf of Mexico
Bonito	27.00	0.00	07/01/89	Eddie Groth	Lake Jackson	Gulf of Mexico
Bonito, Atlantic	4.85	24.75	03/28/86	Patrick Measa	Katy	Gulf of Mexico
Bonnethead	22.81	48.00	07/13/91	Bill M. Kirchner	Pflugerville	Gulf of Mexico
Brotula, Bearded	8.03	27.00	08/19/82	Bryan Gullay	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Burrfish, Striped	0.69	8.78	08/10/91	Vivian B. Butler	Columbus	Matagorda Bay
Catfish, Blue	7.56	25.50	11/10/86	Charles Evans	Pasadena	Galveston Bay
Catfish, Gafftopsail	13.33	34.00	12/13/81	Herman Koehne, Jr	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Catfish, Hardhead	3.17	19.25	10/01/87	Mike Lombardi	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Chub, Bermuda	4.53	20.00	03/28/82	Frank Ramirez	San Antonio	Gulf of Mexico
Chub, Yellow	8.45	23.25	08/07/90	Floyd V. Pansano Jr.	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Cobia	105.00	71.00	05/28/89	John W. Lodge, III	Houston	Galveston Bay
Coney	3.43	17.50	08/17/86	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Cottonwick	1.34	13.75	07/25/88	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Creole-Fish	0.81	12.50	06/22/87	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Croaker, Atlantic	5.13	20.25	07/10/71	Earl Merendino	Port Arthur	Galveston Bay
Cubbyu	1.00	11.13	04/16/87	Steve Qualla	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	2.64	40.13	01/01/87	H J Smith	Houston	Galveston Bay
Dogfish	21.00	50.75	10/26/86	Vicki Kusey	Schertz	Gulf of Mexico
Dolphin	65.60	67.25	07/04/89	Robby DeLeon	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Dolphin, Pompano	4.10	25.88	08/03/90	Tommy Gueidner	Port Aransas	Gulf of Mexico
Drum, Black	81.00	51.18	06/19/88	Wally Escobar, Jr.	Bay City	Gulf of Mexico
Drum, Red	51.50	0.00	01/01/67	Johnny Cizmar		Gulf of Mexico
Durgon, Black	2.38	14.00	06/20/86	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Eel, King Snake	32.38	71.50	03/24/88	Cy Bennett	Ingleade	Gulf of Mexico
Eel, Shrimp	11.13	24.50	08/03/90	Megan Gower	McAllen	Gulf of Mexico
Filefish, Scrawled	2.62	22.50	08/07/92	J. Christopher Kolstad	Palestine	Gulf of Mexico
Filefish, Unicorn	5.00	21.83	08/25/87	Eugene Foreman, Jr	Groves	Gulf of Mexico
Flounder	13.00	28.00	02/18/76	Herbert Endicott	Groves	Sabine Lake
Flyingfish, Margined	0.79	14.50	06/21/86	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Gag	20.19	34.00	05/26/91	Troy D. Shewmaker	Raymondville	Gulf of Mexico
Gar, Alligator	50.00	64.00	04/12/92	Sidney Montgomery	Woodlands	Galveston Bay
Graysby	1.34	13.50	07/22/87	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Grouper, Black	83.25	52.00	09/11/83	T L Gleason	Muleshoe	Gulf of Mexico
Grouper, Marbled	4.54	20.00	10/01/79	Charles Grossman	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Grouper, Warsaw	277.00	72.50	10/26/89	Aubrey Eastwood	Matagorda	Gulf of Mexico
Grouper, Yellowfin	32.00	37.38	08/27/82	Larry Williams	Pasadena	Gulf of Mexico
Grunt, Barred	1.06	12.50	07/14/84	Harry Hoffman	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Guaguanche	1.70	20.75	11/10/91	Louis Alexander Kusey	Port Aransas	Gulf of Mexico
Hake, Spotted	0.89	14.00	03/03/80	Kenneth R Colura	Lake Jackson	Gulf of Mexico
Hammerhead, Great	871.00	163.75	07/04/80	Mark Johnson	La Marque	Gulf of Mexico
Hammerhead, Scalloped	215.00	100.00	06/23/92	Mark A. Duncan	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Hammerhead, Scalloped	215.00	108.60	05/21/92	Pat Sconci, Jr.	Austin	Gulf of Mexico
Hammerhead, Smalleys	151.00	95.00	10/26/86	Louis Kusey III	Schertz	Gulf of Mexico
Herring, Skipjack	2.43	15.67	01/20/87	Paul Jorganson	Groves	Sabine Lake
Hind, Red	8.98	24.25	07/22/87	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Hind, Rock	3.70	16.50	08/10/91	Juan DeLeon IV	Port O'Connor	Gulf of Mexico
Jack, Almaco	21.26	35.00	12/08/91	Robert Shane Steber	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Jack, Black	17.25	34.00	08/05/78	Dedra Sheldon	McAllen	Gulf of Mexico
Jack, Cottonmouth	1.25	12.50	07/14/84	Frank Fuller	Hitchcock	Gulf of Mexico
Jack, Crevalle	50.25	52.25	08/28/76	Francis Lyon	Leander	Gulf of Mexico
Jack, Horse-Eye	18.98	34.00	07/17/86	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Jewfish	551.00	0.00	06/29/37	Gus Pangarakis	Magnolia	Gulf of Mexico
Killifish	0.13	6.13	05/20/85	Wesley Lynn Hoke	Texas City	Galveston Bay
Kingfish, Gulf	2.13	18.00	11/18/91	Alan G. Butt	South Padre Isl	Gulf of Mexico
Kingfish, Southern	3.62	22.00	03/07/92	Gilbert Perez	Alice	Gulf of Mexico
Ladyfish	4.50	25.00	07/22/78	Neely Johnson, Jr	McAllen	Lower Laguna Madre
Lizardfish	1.85	20.00	10/20/91	Winnie Poff	San Antonio	Gulf of Mexico
Lookdown	3.69	20.75	05/12/87	Donald J Combs	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Mackerel, King	71.50	66.50	05/27/77	L F Higdon	Spring	Gulf of Mexico
Mackerel, Snake	0.63	26.88	08/08/86	Mike Mathis	Harlingen	Gulf of Mexico
Mackerel, Spanish	8.74	34.50	08/15/76	Bobby Tarter	Bridge City	Gulf of Mexico
Mako, Longfin	664.00	128.50	05/04/86	Donald Ewing	Richardson	Gulf of Mexico
Margate, Black	12.76	27.00	07/14/88	Horacio A. Deleon	Laredo	Gulf of Mexico
Marlin, Blue	876.50	158.00	08/20/88	James H Farrow	Dallas	Gulf of Mexico
Marlin, White	111.50	83.00	08/05/79	Geo Taggart	Rockport	Gulf of Mexico

Texas Record Fish Saltwater - Rod & Reel

Species	Weight (lbs)	Length (Inches)	Caught	Angler	Angler's Hometown	Waterbody
Mojarra	0.88	12.25	08/01/81	Natalie Woods	Los Fresnos	Lower Laguna Madre
Needlefish, Atlantic	9.00	28.75	08/03/90	Koy L. Kelley	Richmond	Gulf of Mexico
Needlefish, Flat	0.81	29.88	07/20/90	Charlie Parkhill	Edinburg	Gulf of Mexico
Palometa	0.50	10.50	10/16/82	Justo Avila	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Perch, Silver	0.25	8.50	07/02/87	Mary Bailey	Hitchcock	Galveston Bay
Pigfish	0.88	11.25	07/05/87	Ronald Mache	Houston	Galveston Bay
Pinfish	2.46	15.91	01/04/92	Mark Duncan	Houston	Galveston Bay
Pompano, African	37.00	45.00	08/20/88	Steven W Smith	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Pompano, Florida	6.25	23.25	01/01/89	Wilbert Hettlinger	Winamac	Gulf of Mexico
Porgy, Knobbed	4.13	19.00	06/20/86	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Porgy, Whitebone	2.63	18.13	07/15/89	G.A. Landry	Rio Hondo,	Gulf of Mexico
Puddingwife	3.04	16.50	06/20/86	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Puffer, Least	0.14	6.00	01/30/90	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Galveston Bay
Puffer, Smooth	10.46	30.00	05/25/88	Kenneth Frazer	Port Isabel	Gulf of Mexico
Ray, Cow-Nosed	50.50	52.00	05/27/86	Freeman Gage, Jr.	Jasper	Gulf of Mexico
Ray, Smooth Butterfly	9.00	21.88	08/02/86	Cameron V Wells	Port Isabel	Lower Laguna Madre
Runner, Rainbow	20.35	45.50	07/20/91	Sergio A. Flores	San Antonio	Gulf of Mexico
Salifish	95.00	97.50	07/12/72	Morton Cohn	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Sardine, Scaled	0.10	6.50	07/12/90	John M. Zapata	Plano	Gulf of Mexico
Sawfish	736.00	0.00	01/01/39	Gus Pangarakis	Magnolia	Gulf of Mexico
Scamp	23.00	39.00	12/31/80	Rudy Luna	Port Aransas	Gulf of Mexico
Searobin, Bighead	1.14	13.25	08/05/87	Wade Kilpatrick	Houston	Corpus Christi Bay
Seatrout, Sand	6.25	23.50	02/26/72	Dennis Herrick	Houston	Galveston Bay
Seatrout, Silver	6.91	24.00	02/28/92	Gerry L. Tompkins	San Antonio	Gulf of Mexico
Seatrout, Spotted	13.56	33.75	03/16/75	P M Blackwood	Corpus Christi	Upper Laguna Madre
Shark, Blacknose	28.44	48.50	12/27/86	Loula Kusey III	Schertz	Gulf of Mexico
Shark, Blacktip	179.00	81.00	05/20/89	Gary Rooth	Bay City	Gulf of Mexico
Shark, Bull	497.00	110.00	07/01/71	Dale Harper	Pasadena	Gulf of Mexico
Shark, Dusky	530.00	129.00	03/01/75	Raymond E. Hein	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Shark, Finetoothed	100.50	80.25	06/03/79	Richard S. Hensley	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Shark, Lemon	470.00	122.00	08/28/87	Jim Blackburn	Harlingen	Gulf of Mexico
Shark, Nurse	22.00	47.00	10/25/86	Charles Whitney	Marble Falls	Gulf of Mexico
Shark, Oceanic Whitetip	106.00	84.00	04/24/80	Joe T. Surovik	Port Lavaca	Gulf of Mexico
Shark, Sandbar	226.00	92.00	03/21/75	James S. Wilson	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Shark, Silky	556.00	140.00	07/23/73	Wolfgang Bushang	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Shark, Spinner	184.00	86.37	05/21/89	David Lee Anderson	Hitchcock	Galveston Bay
Shark, Thresher	133.00	104.00	04/16/81	Bruce Hansen	Grand Island,NB	Gulf of Mexico
Shark, Tiger	****.**	162.00	05/24/92	Chap Caln III	Liberty	Gulf of Mexico
Sheepshead	12.92	25.25	12/04/83	Gary R. Davis	Galveston	Galveston Bay
Snapper, Black	11.10	26.50	07/27/87	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Snapper, Cubera	131.00	56.00	08/08/83	Ricky H. Preddy	Port Mansfield	Gulf of Mexico
Snapper, Dog	128.00	0.00	01/01/82	Chris Page	Port Aransas	Gulf of Mexico
Snapper, Gray	14.00	26.89	06/21/92	Jerry W. Sims	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Snapper, Lane	5.81	22.00	07/14/90	Timothy L. Walden	Lake Jackson	Gulf of Mexico
Snapper, Red	35.00	38.40	03/13/85	Randy G. Bellamy	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Snapper, Vermillion	4.31	21.75	09/04/91	Stanley J. Cernik III	DeSoto	Gulf of Mexico
Snapper, Yellowtail	7.58	30.00	07/25/86	Adolf Schulz	Galveston	Gulf of Mexico
Snook	57.50	0.00	01/01/37	Louie Rawalt		Gulf of Mexico
Spadefish, Atlantic	10.00	22.00	11/24/90	Laramie Winczewski	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Spearfish, Longbill	60.00	86.50	08/10/90	Karl Ann Alberthal	Dallas	Gulf of Mexico
Squirrelfish	0.95	13.25	12/31/85	Nancy Horton	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Stargazer, Southern	1.02	10.88	07/14/89	Vere Cameron Wells	Port Isabel,	Gulf of Mexico
Stingray, Atlantic	5.25	36.25	08/10/91	Justin Patterson	Hitchcock	Galveston Bay
Stingray, Roughtail	241.00	84.00	09/02/91	Rick A. Jansky	Wharton	Gulf of Mexico
Stingray, Southern	238.00	106.00	05/15/92	Don Flanagan	Texas City	Galveston Bay
Swordfish	317.00	142.00	07/21/79	J.P. Bryan, Jr.	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Tarpon	210.00	86.25	11/13/73	Thomas F. Gibson, Jr.	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Threadfin, Atlantic	0.16	7.75	09/10/92	John Zapata	Frisco	Gulf of Mexico
Tiger, Sand	520.00	119.00	04/04/76	Joey Vermueleem	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Tilefish, Sand	2.00	22.25	05/27/85	Irby W Basco	Port Neches	Gulf of Mexico
Toadfish, Gulf	3.00	15.88	06/17/89	Gay Landry	Rio Hondo,	Gulf of Mexico
Toadfish, Leopard	3.13	16.31	07/16/91	Tanya Page Fain	Austin	Aransas Bay
Tomtate	2.03	15.75	03/03/90	Donald K. McCarty	Muskegon,MI	Gulf of Mexico
Triggerfish, Gray	11.12	26.90	04/25/92	Steven K. Griffith	Pasadena	Gulf of Mexico
Triggerfish, Ocean	6.55	19.88	08/21/89	Robert W. Pratt	Lake Jackson	Gulf of Mexico
Triggerfish, Queen	10.49	24.50	07/15/89	Bruce F. Goates	Groves,	Gulf of Mexico
Tripletail	33.50	34.00	06/29/84	Mrs. Eddie Porter	Spring	Matagorda Bay
Tuna, Blackfin	38.89	41.75	06/23/88	John Alvarez, Jr	Port Mansfield	Gulf of Mexico
Tuna, Bluefin	808.00	103.00	05/04/85	Trina Isaacs	Port Isabel	Gulf of Mexico
Tuna, Skipjack	28.25	33.88	06/20/81	Jimmy Welder	Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico
Tuna, Yellowfin	210.00	72.00	05/07/89	Alex Koumonduros	Houston	Gulf of Mexico
Wahoo	124.00	73.50	07/05/87	Terry Crider	Denton	Gulf of Mexico

Texas Record Fish Saltwater - Unrestricted

Species	Weight (lbs)	Length (Inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Waterbody	Method
Barracuda, Great	54.00	57.00	05/29/77	Kenneth Richards Pasadena	Gulf of Mexico	SPEARGUN
Bass, Longtail	1.75	17.00	09/10/90	Stephen D. Murphy Loguna Vista	Gulf of Mexico	Elec. Reel
Dogfish, Cuban	1.07	21.00	09/06/88	Howard Horton Galveston	Gulf of Mexico	ROD& MOTOR
Gag	20.41	32.50	03/14/87	Rusty Schwartz Houston	Gulf of Mexico	SPEARGUN
Grouper, Comb	2.19	18.83	07/20/90	"Butch" Norman L. Long Houston	Gulf of Mexico	Elect. R&R
Grouper, Warsaw	258.00	74.00	05/20/89	Thomas Howard Port Comfort	Gulf of Mexico	Elec R&R
Jack, Almaco	31.00	40.50	03/06/88	Rusty Schwartz Houston	Gulf of Mexico	SPEARGUN
Jewfish	660.00	96.00	07/04/75	Jim A Frith Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico	SPEARGUN
Porgy, Red	5.38	22.00	09/10/90	Stephen D. Murphy LaGuna Vista	Gulf of Mexico	Elect R&R
Scamp	78.00	51.00	10/19/88	James Appel Rockport	Gulf of Mexico	1-Arm Band
Snapper, Cubera	151.00	60.38	06/23/84	David Fotorny Houston	Gulf of Mexico	HANDLINE
Snapper, Dog	134.00	61.00	08/05/78	Bryan Gulley Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico	SPEARGUN
Snapper, Red	37.00	38.82	05/08/92	Stuart Morrison Conroe	Gulf of Mexico	Handline
Snapper, Silk	3.56	20.00	06/11/92	Pat C. Lynch Matagorda	Gulf of Mexico	Elec R&R
Snapper, Vermillion	6.29	23.00	03/01/89	Mark Bamburg Matagorda	Lower Laguna Madre	Elec/R&R
Spadefish, Atlantic	11.31	21.50	05/04/74	Bryan Gulley Corpus Christi	Gulf of Mexico	SPEARGUN
Tilfish	20.78	36.00	07/28/83	Joe Richard Beaumont	Gulf of Mexico	BIKE RIG

Paul Hope, Fishing Report No.558
Oct. 28, 1992

AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Oct. 28:

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass are good in the 16 to 17 1/2-inch range but no keepers on spinners and topwaters; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on Bill's Sponge Baits.

BELTON: Water clear, 75 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 4 1/2 pounds on spinners, buzz baits, Ring Rascals, black bass have slowed down from last week; striper are poor; crappie are good on flea flies and minnows; white bass are slow, but fair numbers were caught on jigging spoons down to 30 feet of water; catfish are good to 6 pounds on shrimp.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear, normal level; black bass are fair in number; striper are slow; crappie are fairly good to 3 pounds on minnows, no limits caught; white bass are fair at night on the docks with jigs; catfish are fairly good at night on docks with jigs.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 76 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass are fair through 4 pounds, 3 ounces on chartreuse DB#3s; striper are fair to 6 pounds drifting live bait in 25 to 30 feet of water; crappie are good on minnows in 10-12 feet of water; white bass are fair around Garrett Island early and late under the birds; catfish are good to 8 pounds on trotlines baited with fresh shad.

CANYON: Water clear, 61 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly slow, some in the 10-12 inch range and a few keepers caught on topwaters and large minnows; striper are slow; crappie are fair on minnows in 15 to 30 feet of water; white bass are fairly slow on minnows while fishing for crappie; catfish are fair to 1 1/2 to 4-pound range on rod and reel baited with rabbit liver and shrimp.

COLORADO BEND: Water murky, 3 feet low; all fishing has been slow, no fishermen out.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are spotty, one party had 57 bass with 5 keepers caught on slabs, topwaters, tequila sunrise Ringworms, Bass Assassins and Rattle Traps in 18 to 20 feet of water; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 7 pounds on water dogs.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water stained, 70 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are good to 7 pounds in the hydrilla area on buzz baits and in the grass early in the morning, many slot bass in the 14-21 inch range; crappie are fair in the brush piles in 11-12 feet of water on minnows; catfish are fairly good in number on shad and shrimp.

INKS LAKE: Water clear, 74 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 6 1/4 pounds on topwaters; striper are fair to 11 pounds on live bait; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; channel catfish are good to 6 pounds; yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water clear, 78 degrees, lake full; black bass are good to 3 pounds, 12 ounces on chartreuse Ringworms in 5 to 8 feet of water at the points; striper are slow due to lack of fishermen; crappie are good on structure with

minnows, limits daily; white bass are fair around main lake under birds early and late; catfish are good in baited holes in 15 to 20 feet of water on stinkbait.

LIMESTONE: Water murky, 74 degrees, 3 1/2 feet low; black bass are very slow, some caught on Jawtec Wacky Craws and Bulldog spinners; all other fishing has been slow, including trotlining with live bait.

SOMERVILLE: Water clear, 70-75 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 2 pounds on minnows, worms; striper are fair in number; crappie are fair on minnows in fairly shallow water; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 2 pounds.

SQUAW CREEK: Water clear, 75-77 degrees, below normal level; black bass are good on topwaters to 3 pounds on cranks, spinners and Rattle Traps; smallmouth bass are good to 4 pounds on topwaters and spinners; striper are slow; walleye are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are slow, some to 3 pounds caught in 25 feet of water on stinkbait.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 79 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 15 inches on artificials; striper are slow; crappie are excellent to 25 fish per string in 14 to 20 feet of water on minnows; white bass are fair to good on minnows, worms and artificials; catfish are good to 2 1/2 pounds on dough bait and worms. Fishing was slow early this week, but turned on midweek.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 76 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass are good to 4 pounds on chartreuse spinners, silver Jerkin' Sams and salt and pepper Ringworms; Guadalupe bass are good to 15 inches on the same baits; bass fishermen catch up to 51 fish per day with some limits; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 1 pound on cut bait.

WACO: Water off color, 76 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on spinners and worms; striper are slow; crappie are fair on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 12 pounds on stinkbait.

WHITNEY: Water clear, 76 degrees, 45 inches low; black bass are fair to good to 6 pounds on spinners and cranks in shallow water; smallmouth bass are fair to good to 3 pounds on spinners and cranks; striper are good to 11 pounds on shad in shallow water near deep water; crappie are good on minnows and jigs in the afternoon in shallow water; white bass are good on spoons and slabs while schooling with some movement up the river; catfish are slow.

NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water clear, 73 degrees, 9 inches low; black bass are spotty to 4 1/2 pounds on topwaters; crappie are very good with strings to 25 fish on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

CADDO: Water clear, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 1/4 pounds on Rattle Traps in 3-4 feet of water; crappie are fair to 1 1/4 pounds in Government Ditch and the Oxbow on minnows and Beetle Spins; catfish are fair to 1 pound on minnows.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 70 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 10 pounds on Bloodline worms; crappie are good to 2 pounds on minnows in 30 feet of water; catfish are good to 25 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp.

FAIRFIELD: Water clear, 75-90 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are slow; catfish are fair to 18 pounds on live perch; redfish are fair to 15 pounds on shrimp.

FORK: Water clear, 70 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass are fair to 10.6 pounds on spinners and jigs; crappie are good to 2 pounds on minnows in 18-20 feet of water; catfish are slow; good numbers of ducks on the lake and good many geese flying overhead at night.

GRAPEVINE: Water stained, 72 degrees, 2.21 feet low; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds on black and blue Craw Worms and black and blue pigs and jigs in 10 to 15 feet of water and also on medium running cranks; crappie are fair around boat stalls and marinas on minnows and chartreuse jigs in 10-20 feet of water; white bass are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on 1-ounce white bucktailed Critter Gitter slabs in 20-25 feet of water; catfish are fair with several in 5-6 pound range on shrimp and minnows in 10-12 feet of water on rods and reels, most fish are 1 1/2 to 2 pounds in size.

JOE POOL: Water murky, 65 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on cranks, spinners and minnows; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 10 pounds on crawfish, shad gizzards, bloodbait and others.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 69 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 7 pounds, 7 ounces on Zara Spooks, Ring Rascal Worms and Rattle Traps; crappie are fairly good along the river channels in 10-15 feet of water and also above 259 bridge; white bass are slow; catfish are fair in the 5 to 7 1/2 pound range on nightcrawlers.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 74-76 degrees, normal level; black bass are good through 6 pounds on spinners and Berkley Power Worms; striper are good to 11 1/2 pounds on live bait in the gravel pits; crappie are fair; white bass are good early on live slabs and spoons; catfish are good to 18 pounds on live shad, cut shad and shrimp.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 1/2 pounds on 8-inch worms and 6-inch purple lizards; crappie are slow; catfish are excellent in number to 6 pounds on shrimp and Canadian crawlers.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 70 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are fair to 12 fish per string on minnows in 16 feet of water; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on shrimp and cheese baits.

MURVAUL: Water clear, 70 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on spinners, buzz baits and worms, many in the 2-3 pound range; crappie are fair in 20 feet of water, some in the 14-inch range, many undersized on minnows; catfish are picking up to 3 1/2 pounds on cut shad, Canadian crawlers and small perch.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 2 feet below spillway; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on topwaters, buzz baits, cranks and worms; striper are slow; white bass are good to 2 1/2 pounds on topwaters, spinners and L'il Georges; crappie are fairly good on minnows to 2 pounds, 11 ounces; catfish are good to 15 1/2 pounds on trotlines with live bait and on rod and reel with cranks.

PURTIS CREEK: Water clear, 1 foot low; black bass and all fishing has been slow; fair numbers of fishermen out.

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear, 67 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are excellent to 5 1/2 pounds on minnow spoons; striper are slow; crappie are good to 2 pounds on minnows and jigs in shallow water; white bass are slow to 4 fish per string on slabs and spoons; catfish are good to 65 pounds, a possible lake record caught by Mike O'Neil and Weldon Bonner on chicken bloodbait and squid.

RAY ROBERTS: Water clear, 70 degree, 1 foot above normal level; black bass are fair to 5 1/2 pounds on spinners; crappie are fairly good on minnows in 15 feet of water; white bass are good on the surface near the dam on PopRs, slabs; catfish are fairly good to 7 pounds on trotlines baited with live perch.

RICHLAND-CHAMBERS: Water clear, 74 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass are good to 10 pounds near the creek channels on worms and jigs; crappie are good just off the bottom in 28-35 feet of water on minnows; white bass are fair with some schooling from 4 p.m. til dark; catfish are good to 10 pounds on jug lines and trotlines baited with perch and shad; channel catfish are good to 5 pounds on cheese bait.

TAWAKONI: Water clear, 74 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are good to 5 pounds on worms and spinners; striper are slow; crappie are good from docks on minnows and jigs; white bass are good; catfish are good to 8 pounds on bloodbait and shrimp.

TEXOMA: Water clear, 69 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds on worms, cranks and plgs and jigs; striper are good to 12 pounds on live bait, Sassy Shad and slabs; crappie are fair on minnows; white bass are good on Sassy Shad and slabs or spoons; catfish are good in the 10- to 30-pound range on live bait while fishing for striper.

WRIGHT PATMAN: Water clear, 73 degrees, 2 feet below seasonal normal; black bass are fair to 5 1/2 pounds on worms, jigs spinners and Rattle Traps; crappie are fair but small on jigs and minnows; white bass are fair on main lake good below the dam on L'il Georges and Rattle Traps; catfish are fair to 30 pounds on live shad, stinkbait, catalpa worms and nightcrawlers; bream are fair on the main lake and good below the dam on crickets and red wigglers.

SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 2 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds or less around 12 feet of water due to high pressure; crappie are good in number on minnows mostly under the bridges and over brush tops in 12 feet of water; catfish are small and slow, few catfishermen out.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 74 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good to 4 1/2 pounds on spinners and Rattle Traps; crappie are good in the 14 to 15-inch range around the islands and in the creeks on minnows; catfish are good to 7 1/2 pounds around the islands on perch baited trotlines.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear, 70 degrees, normal pool level; black bass are picking up with limits to 8 3/4 pounds on spinners, cranks early and worms or pigs and jigs during the middle of the day, many bass in the creeks; striper are slow; crappie are improving, several limits caught in the creeks in 4-6 feet of water on minnows; white bass are spotty

late afternoon just before dark for just a few minutes; catfish are fairly good with blue catfish to 18 pounds, some 40 pound yellow catfish on trotlines with live bait, some 8 pound channel catfish caught on shad, fish moving from river channels to shallow water. Bream fishing has been good on red wigglers.

RAYBURN: Water clear, 75 degrees, 7 1/2 feet below normal level; black bass are good to 8 pounds, 12 ounces on PopRs with black top and silver belly and bass colored PopRs; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on worms from the docks.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 74 degrees, 4 1/2 feet low; black bass are slow; striper are fair early and late to 10 pounds on the flats near the river on topwaters; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 50 pounds with trotlines and live bait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, 70 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 9 1/2 pounds on spinners early and worms later in the day; striper are scattered to 12 pounds on live bait and jigs with trailers; crappie are slow; white bass are good up the Pecos near the bridge on minnows; catfish are "jumping in the boat" to 5 pounds on cheese baits and stink baits in 10-50 feet of water.

BRAUNIG: Water clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good but most are too small to keep on shad, shrimp, worms, catfish bait; striper are fairly slow to 6 pounds on Rattle Traps; channel catfish are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on shrimp, shad and chicken livers; blue catfish are fair to 5 pounds on chicken livers; yellow catfish are slow; redfish are good to 17 pounds on tilapia, perch, spoons, cranks and chicken livers. CALAVERAS: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good to 6 pounds on topwaters, plastic worms and live bait; striper are slow trolling spoons; catfish are good in the 2 to 5-pound range on cut bait and liver; redfish are slowing down, a few to 12 pounds trolling Tony Accetta Spoons; corvina are fair to 10 pounds on Tony Accetta spoons.

CHOKE: Water clear, 76 degrees, 1.19 feet down; black bass are good to 10 pounds, 11 ounces on PopRs, topwaters and spinners in 2-8 feet of water around the grass beds, Rattle Traps, Slug-Gos and plastic worms are good in the middle of the day around the outer edge of the grass beds; striper are slow; crappie are fair to 4 pounds, the large fish was caught by Manuel Lozano on minnows in 75 feet of water; white bass are fair in number in the river above 99 bridge on Rattle Traps, minnows and Roadrunners; blue catfish are good to 51 pounds on trotlines with cut bait caught by Catfish Smitty; good numbers of channel catfish limits caught on rod and reel with cheese bait.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 80 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 16 inches on Slug-Gos and Tiny Torpedoes; striper are slow; crappie are fair to 12 inches on minnows in 10 feet of water; catfish are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on worms and bloodbait. CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 79 degrees 3 feet low; black bass are slow to fair to 3 pounds on white willow leaf spinners in 3-5 feet of water; striper are slow;

crappie are good in 10-12 feet of water around trees around mouth of coves and off state park piers on minnows and jigs; white bass are good early under the birds from midlake to the dam on L'il Georges and slabs; blue catfish are good to 17 pounds on trotlines set in 3 feet of water in KOA Cove on shad and soap; yellow catfish are good to 32 pounds on trotlines baited with Tender Chunk dog food. Fairly good numbers of ducks on the upper end of the lake; a few geese. Most geese arrive at the lake from mid to late November.

FALCON: Water clear, 76 degrees, 1 foot below normal level; black bass are picking up with several 7s caught early this week on worms, cranks and spinners; striper are fairly good in the river in the 4-6 pound range and at the state park on spoons; crappie are slow, some caught off the docks on minnows; catfish are fairly good to 4 pounds on shrimp mostly; white bass are plentiful, plenty of schooling in the river.

MEDINA: Water clear, 2 feet low; black bass are good to 4 pounds on PopRs early and Power Worms later in the day, the same pattern has held for the last month; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are fair on L'il Georges, chrome slabs but no limits caught; catfish are slow to 6 pounds on nightcrawlers.

TEXANA: Water fairly clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow, a few undersized fish caught on worms; crappie are fair on minnows in the Navidad River; catfish are fair to 10 pounds on trotlines baited with perch.

WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water murky, 2 1/23 feet low; black bass are fair to 3 pounds on worms in 5 feet of water; crappie are good to 14 inches off piers at state park on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 2 1/2 pounds on punch baits.

FRYER: Water murky, 63 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 4 1/2 pounds on shad baited rod and reel.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 67 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fair to 9 1/2 pounds on minnows; smallmouth bass are good in the 16-18 inches on minnows and small cranks; crappie are good in number on minnows, largest crappie weighed 2 1/2 pounds; white bass are schooling and are caught on minnows, spinners and topwaters; channel and blue catfish are good to 9 1/4 pounds on minnows and shrimp; walleye are slow to 4 pounds, 3 ounces on minnows in 6 feet of water. A flight of 50 snow geese spent Monday night at Greenbelt; since last Friday, several small flights of sandhill cranes have passed over the area heading south.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 6 inches below normal level; black bass are good to 6.7 pounds on artificials; striper are slow; crappie are good with limits caught on minnows up the creeks in 15 feet of water; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 57 pounds with several in the 30 pound range on live bait with trotline.

KEMP: Water clear, 72 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are good in the 3-4 pound range along the shallow points on plastic worms; striper are fairly good in the 4-8 pound range trolling live perch or jigs around the islands; crappie

are good around brush piles in 15 feet of water, limits caught on minnows; channel catfish are moving; yellow catfish are good to 54 pounds on trotline with live bait.

MCCLELLAN: Water clear, 62 degrees, 32 feet low; black bass are good in number on Power Worms but most are too small to keep; Stripper are good on nightcrawlers but most are undersized; crappie are good on cooler days to 3 1/2 pounds on worms and minnows; catfish are good to 14 inches on minnows.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 61 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are slow during the day, fairly good late at night on minnows in 20-30 feet of water; white bass are picking up on minnows in 30-40 feet of water, very little surface action; catfish are fairly good to 14 inches, many undersized fish caught on the bottom with chicken livers.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 71 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are fairly good to 6 pounds, some 5s on plastic worms in 7-8 feet of water off the rocky points, some smaller fish caught on Tiny Torpedoes; crappie are fairly good on minnows in the 10-12 inch range in 25 to 30 feet of water in the brush; white bass are fair in number while schooling but schools are beginning to break up; channel catfish are good to 7 1/2 pounds on shrimp, chicken livers and nightcrawler worms; yellow catfish are slow to 31 pounds on goldfish baited trotlines.

O.H. IVIE: Main lake clear, upper reaches murky, 69 degrees, 5 inches low; black bass are good to excellent to 21 inches or 6 pounds on spinners and buzz baits in 5-15 feet of water, dark worms and cranks are good early or late in the brushy areas; small mouth bass are good on cranks in 10 to 20 feet of water along rocky ridges; crappie are fair to good to 1 1/4 pounds on minnows in 10 to 20 feet of water along brushy bluffs and points; channel and blue catfish are good to 4 pounds in baited holes or up the river on various baits; yellow catfish are fair to good on trotlines with live bait in rivers and along rocky ledges.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 71 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on cranks, black and chartreuse worms; stripers are good to 15 pounds on topwaters, Pencil Poppers while schooling, and shad in 20-25 feet of water; crappie are fair under brushed out docks or baited holes on minnows; white bass are good while schooling, some caught on jigging spoons in 15 to 20 feet of water; catfish are good to 35 pounds on jug lines baited with live perch.

PROCTOR: Water clear, 80 degrees, 3 feet above normal level; black bass are slow; stripers are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on worms.

SPENCE: Water clear, 67 degrees, 24 feet low; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on dark worms in shallow water in the stickups and around salt cedars; stripers are good to 21 1/2 pounds on slabs and live bait; crappie are slow; white bass are fair on slabs in 25 feet of water; catfish are good through 33 1/4 pounds on trotline with live bait and nightcrawlers.

STAMFORD: Water clear, 70 degrees, normal level; black bass are good with limits in the 2 1/2 to 5 pound range on cranks, chartreuse

and black worms; stripers are slow; crappie are fair to good since the norther early and late; catfish are slow.

THEO: Water clear, 63 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass are slow; crappie are fair to 12 fish per string on minnows in 20 feet of water; catfish are good to 3 pounds in baited holes with cheese baits.

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Fishing has been good if you are not picky what you catch. Fishing has been good under the birds; good sized trout and redfish caught; good numbers of sheepshead and drum caught under popping cork with shrimp; some flounder to 4 pounds on mud minnows south of Stewts' Island; some croakers and sandtrout also caught; live bait shrimp available at 6 cents each.

SOUTH SABINE LAKE: Fishing has been good at the jetties with good numbers of specks and redfish; also good along the ship channel; good numbers of flounder to 11 pounds, most in the 2-3 pound range on shrimp and mud minnows; good numbers of flounder and a few specks caught around the causeway bridge; live bait shrimp available but scarce.

GALVESTON: Good numbers of bull redfish caught in the surf and at the jetties; good numbers of sandtrout and croaker caught in the bays and along the beach front; some flounder caught at passes, channels and jetties but fishing seems to be slowing some though water is in good shape; fair numbers of trout caught; good numbers of keeper redfish caught in the bays; live bait shrimp available in the \$10 to \$12 per quart. Good numbers of ducks have moved into the area, mostly pintails, teals and bluebills; no geese yet.

FREEPORT: Offshore fishermen are catching easy limits of snapper to 19 pounds, most are in the 3-4 pound range, on squid and ice fish from 30 to 85 miles offshore; good numbers of vermilion snapper in 2 pound range caught in the same area; several grouper, rock hinds, scamps and warsaw also caught; some pompano to 22 pounds, some amberjack to 25 pounds; a few kingfish to 15 pounds; a couple of blackfin tuna to 30 pounds were landed; good numbers of trigger fish caught; good numbers of blue fish and blue runners caught in the same area around the rocks; good numbers of fishermen out.

PORT OCONNOR: Good numbers of redfish, few trout, fairly good numbers of flounder averaging 1 1/2 to 5 pounds on live bait and dead bait; fairly good numbers of small drum on live bait; offshore fishing has been good with good numbers of snapper and blue fish; Pringle, Lighthouse Cove, Grass Island and Saluria Bayou are producing redfish and trout on live bait; live bait shrimp are \$8.50 per quart along with live mullet and pin perch.

MATAGORDA: Limits of redfish caught in West Bay and the Colorado River Channel; good numbers of flounder in both bays, the river channel and the Intracoastal Canal; trout undersized in both bays, only a few keepers caught; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart. PALACIOS: Fishing has been slow; good numbers of fishermen out; fairly good numbers of undersized trout caught under birds on artificials; a few redfish caught

in Turtle Bay on gold spoons; redfish and trout caught sporadically around shorelines with few keepers caught on artificials and live baits; some live bait shrimp available. Water and wind conditions are fairly good; some fog early.

ROCKPORT: Good numbers of flounder caught on the edges of the ship channel near Port Aransas; good numbers of flounder in Cedar Bayou Cut; redfish are good in the Hog Island area of Redfish Bay; reports of redfish and trout caught in Copano Bay under the birds; good sized trout caught in the north end of Aransas Bay around the reefs; live bait shrimp available but the best baits are still the soft plastic cacohoe minnows.

PORT ARANSAS: Good numbers of redfish caught around the flats of Hog Island; tide is down to normal; some trout to 18 inches in the flats behind the lighthouse, California Hole and in the East Flats; some drum caught off the east shoreline of Redfish Bay and in the ship channel; live bait shrimp available at \$7.50 per quart. Private charters hooked up with sailfish but did not land; some tuna to 50 pounds; amberjack in the 15 to 20 pound range have been caught; snapper fishing has been excellent to 20 pounds, most snapper are in the 4-5 pound range, around 30 miles off shore; not many boats out right now. Weather is very nice and fishing is good.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Good numbers of redfish caught between the first and second high line in the back bays; a few trout caught along the causeway but nothing special yet; fair numbers of flounder and trout caught at Indian Point; live bait shrimp available at 15 cents each. PORT MANSFIELD: Fishing has been slow due to water conditions; water is high and murky; some fishing south of Port Mansfield with redfish and trout on artificials and shrimp. Live bait shrimp are available at \$12 per quart.

SOUTH PADRE: Surf fishing good for big whiting, some croaker and small shark; jetty fishing is excellent for mangrove snapper; trout good in deep water around new causeway and in Laguna Vista Cove; redfish are good east of Three Islands and Gas Well Flats with some big drum and trout mixed in; a 13 1/2 pound flounder caught south of Black Pipe; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

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