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FERAL HOG ARCHERY HUNT SET AT DAUGHTREY W.M.A.

TILDEN -- Archery hunters are reminded by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department that public archery hunts for feral hogs will be held Sept.

19-20 and 26-27 at the James Daughtrey Wildlife Management Area.

The hunts will be held on a regular permit basis, with hunters required only to register at the check station and pay a \$20 fee for each weekend hunt.

The check station can be reached by going three miles north of Tilden on State Highway 16, then turning east on FM 3445. The management area is located on the shores of Choke Canyon Reservoir in McMullen and Live Oak Counties, about halfway between San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

Herb Kothmann, public hunt coordinator, said hunters will be allowed to register and utilize the primitive campground after 3 p.m. on the Friday preceding each weekend hunt. No facilities are provided, but hunters may camp overnight, he said.

The filling of Choke Canyon Reservoir reduced the huntable land at the Daughtrey area from 25,000 acres to about 6,000, Kothmann said. "This may

actually help hunting success, since the animals are more concentrated," he said

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TIPS OFFERED FOR PUBLIC HUNT APPLICANTS

AUSTIN -- "The luck of the draw" is the name of the game for hunters hoping to hunt deer on Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife management areas But it's not all luck, TPWD officials say

Each year thousands of hunters send applications to hunt various species, but only a percentage of them are selected. For example, only about 23 percent of the 29,200 hunters who applied for firearms hunts for deer last season were drawn

Hunters can, however, enhance their chances, said Herb Kothmann, public hunt coordinator "There are several things they can do to improve their chances," Kothmann said "Probably the best thing is to thoroughly understand the application procedures"

For the first time this year, all Type I wildlife management area hunts are listed in one publication. Called "Hunting Opportunities on TPWD Type I WMA's 1987-88," the booklet may be obtained from any department office or by calling toll-free 1-800-792-1112. Application for drawing hunts are found on the back cover of the booklet

The next step the prospective hunter should take is study the booklet to

determine which area to apply for "You should keep in mind that your chances of getting drawn on certain hunts are better than others," Kothmann said For instance, either-sex deer hunts on the Chaparral WMA traditionally attract thousands of applicants, and the chances of getting drawn are proportionally small compared to some of the other areas. The booklet tells how many applications were received for hunts on each area the previous year, and the number of permits issued

Once you select an area, Kothmann said you should keep in mind that if you are interested in hunting deer, you may apply for an archery deer hunt, an either-sex firearms hunt and an antlerless firearms hunt "In the past, either-sex and antlerless-only gun hunts were in the same category, but this year we placed the antlerless hunts in a separate category in an effort to increase participation by hunters," Kothmann said A separate application card is required for applying in each category. If an applicant's name appears more than once in any category, all his cards will be removed from the drawing pool

"Last year, one individual's name and Social Security number showed up on 26 separate application cards," Kothmann said "This effort to cheat probably was unfair to some of his companions whose names might have appeared on only one card " Applicants for deer hunts may list up to three additional persons on their card to make up a hunting party

Another way to increase chances of being drawn is to be sure to enter the proper hunt category and area codes on the application card "Any mistake on the codes will cause the computer to reject the application,"

Kothmann said

Applicants also should be sure to fill out the portion of the card indicating acceptable hunt dates. "It's to the hunter's advantage to go ahead and indicate the days he or she would prefer," said Kothmann Specific dates should be placed in the first and second choice slots, and Kothmann recommends that applicants having enough flexibility in their schedule indicate the appropriate coding for "any available vacancy" as their third choice

Finally, the most vital "tip" for being drawn is to return your completed application card to the department's Austin headquarters by the posted deadline. The deadline for archery deer hunts is 5 pm. Sept. 14; the deadline for both categories of firearms deer hunts is 5 pm. Sept. 21. The applications must be at headquarters by the deadline; postmarks are not considered.

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TYPE II ANTELOPE HUNT DEADLINE APPROACHING

AUSTIN -- The deadline is 5 p m Sept 21 for hunters to apply for a restricted pronghorn antelope public hunt to be held on the Rita Blanca National Grasslands near Dalhart

Only persons holding Type II Wildlife Management Area hunting permits are eligible to apply for the antelope hunt, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) officials The \$35 annual permit may be

purchased at any TPWD office, and it entitles the holder to hunt on approximately 400,000 acres of land currently enrolled in the Type II program Application cards for the antelope hunt are contained in the Type II map booklet issued when the permit is purchased

Approximately 15 buck-only permits will be issued for three-day hunt periods during Oct 3-11

The Rita Blanca National Grasslands, located north of Dalhart in the Panhandle, are administered by the U.S. Forest Service

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TYPE II HUNTING PERMIT SALES REPORTED BRISK

AUSTIN -- About 9,000 persons have purchased Type II Wildlife Management Area hunting permits from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, officials said

The Type II system, which went into effect Sept 1, allows holders of \$35 annual permits to use some 400,000 acres of land for hunting in season, fishing and other recreation

"I'm pleased with the response so far," said Charles Allen, director of the department's Wildlife Division "I think the Type II system addresses a real need for affordable hunting recreation in Texas "

Allen said there have been a few problems associated with starting the Type II concept, but most have been solved "As with any new program, it's

difficult to get the word out to everyone," he said, "but if the hunters will bear with us I think the Type II program will succeed in providing a lot of low-cost hunting opportunity "

The department entered into lease agreements with forest products companies and the State General Land Office to conduct public hunting on their lands. Revenue from sales of permits will be used to reimburse the department for expenses incurred by the program, and any funds remaining will be disbursed to the landowners based on visitation by permit holders

Allen said the department may sell 23,000 permits, which is the maximum allowed under the formula of one hunter per 15 acres, if sales continue strong

The permits are available at most department offices across the state Purchasers will receive a booklet containing Type II rules and regulations as well as location maps of the areas. Also, holders of Type II permits are eligible to apply for special drawing hunts for mule deer, pronghorn antelope and desert bighorn sheep

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AUSTIN Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 9 1987 CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 90 degrees normal level black bass good to 4 pounds on Skipjacks, Getzits early and late; hybrid striper slow; crappie slow; catfish good to 5 pounds with stinkbait.

Water clear, 83 degrees, normal level black bass fair in number but undersized on minnows and lures in shallow water: hybrid striper fairly slow; crappie fairly good early land just before dark to 10 fish per string on minnows; white bass poor: catfish fair at night to 4 pounds on summer sausage and stinkbait

to 5 fish per string.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear, 1 foot low; black bass fair to 4 pounds on black and chartreuse Sensations striper slow crappie excellent with stringer limits to 2 pounds on minnows white bass fair schooling to 2 1/2 pounds to 25 fish per string on slabs and Little Cleo spoons; catfish good to 3 pounds drifting shrimp.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 84 degrees, lake full black bass good to 5 pounds on black and orange Rattlin Rogues in 4-6 feet of water striper good to 12 pounds on yellow Hellbenders with white trailers; crappie good to 20 fish per string on minnows in 10-15 feet of water in brush; white bass good with some schooling with strings to 75 fish on Supershad; catfish good to 5 pounds on grasshoppers.

Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level largemouth bass CANYON: good to 4 1/2 pounds on motoroil worms, perch or crawdad-colored cranks shallow running cranks in 2-10 feet of water: smallmouth good to 4 pounds on 4-inch motoroil worms or firecracker worms; striper slow crappie good on minnows with some limits; white bass slow catfish good to 4 1/2 pounds on shrimp and

nightcrawlers in 25 feet of water.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear, 6 inches low; black bass good to 6 pounds, 14 ounces on Rebel Wee R; crappie fairly good in the normal crappie holes on minnows catfish good to 3 pounds on stinkbait and juglines.

LBJ Water murky, 85 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 4 pounds on Rattlin' Widow Spin; striper fair with fish from 4-9 pounds on silver Hotspots; crappie good to 15 plus on minnows around docks with brushpiles white bass good to 45 fish per string on white Beetle Spins catfish good to 6 pounds on grasshoppers.

LIMESTONE: Water fairly clear. 3 inches low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie good to 20 fish per string on minnows near the bridge; white bass good on minnows and slabs to 8 fish

per string; catfish good to 4 pounds on stinkbait, liver.

SOMERVILLE: Water clear, normal level black bass fairly good to 5 pounds, striper slow; crappie fairly good to 15 fish per string on minnows and jigs; white bass slow; catfish fair to 3 pounds on stinkbait.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 87 degrees, normal lake level black bass good on jig and pig with limits to 3 1/2 pounds. hybrid striper good to 4 1/2 pounds at night on shrimp and white slabs near the dam; crappie good at night around marina to 10 fish per string on white jig and minnows; white bass very slow; catfish good on trotline to 4 1/2 pounds on liver, shrimp, cutbait and perch.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 85 degrees, 5 1/2 feet low; black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds, several 3s on chrome topwaters even during midday to 30 fish per boat per half day with up to 20 keepers. striper slow; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish fair.

WHITNEY Water clear, creeks murky, 83 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass excellent to 4 3/4 pounds on topwaters, buzz baits worms, Hellbenders striper good to 18 pounds in 30 feet of water on live bait; crappie good on minnows with 20 fish per string on minnows; white bass good on spoons to 30 fish per string catfish good to 6 pounds on nightcrawlers.

NORTHEAST

Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level, black bass good to 10 pounds plus on black worms in 12-14 feet at the edge of the bottom moss; crappie good with limits in 16 feet of water on brush at 20 feet on minnows hybrid striper and white bass slow catfish good to 14 pounds on shrimp and small bream alternating on trotline Sunfish excellent to 100 fish per string on gray crickets, worms and EuroLarvae in 6-8 feet of water

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BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, 85 degrees, 30 inches low; black bass fair to 3 pounds on topwaters, spinners and dark worms crappie fairly good at night with some limits on minnows in 12-15 feet of water: white bass slow; catfish fairly good on trotline. No teal spotted around lake so far.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, 79 degrees, 4 feet low: black bass slow: striper slow; crappie good with limits on minnows white bass slow: catfish good to 3 pounds on shrimp.

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CADDO: Water murky, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass fairly slow; hybrid striper slow; crappie fairly slow white bass slow catfish slow.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 82 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 6 pounds on purple metal flake worms and shad colored cranks in 10 feet of water hybrid striper slow trolling Magnum Hellbenders; crappie good to 20 fish per string in 18-22 feet of water around stump fields, brushpiles and bridge pilings, morning best; white bass good with some surfacing in late morning in the open water around points on Hot Spots and chartreuse Rooster Tails catfish good to 3 1/2 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp. No teal spotted around lake.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 3 feet low; black bass fairly good on strawberry worms and spinners to 4 1/2 pounds, no limits; crappie good to 25 fish per string on minnows in 15-20 feet of water: catfish good on trotline to 12 pounds on shrimp and goldfish.

FAIRFIELD: Water clear, 94 degrees, 3 1/2 feet low; black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds schooling on the surface on Rat-L-Traps and L'il Georges; catfish fair to 9 pounds on trotline; redfish fair to 11 1/4 pounds DB#3 crank in 15-18 feet of water.

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FORK: Water slightly murky, 78 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass good to 10 pounds on black blue tailed worms, spinners frogs crappie good to 3 1/4 pounds with fairly easy limits on minnows; catfish good to 9 1/2 pounds on shrimp and cheese baits Some teal spotted in area.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 81 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass good to 5 pounds on dark worms, buzz baits, Rat L Traps with good numbers of fish but many undersized along the edge of the river channel crappie fairly good in 8-10 feet of water on minnows and jigs; white bass good on Roadrunner jigs and other small cranks to 3 1/2 pounds while schooling.

LAVON Water clear, 80 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass slow; hybrid striper fair to 5 pounds on slab; crappie good to 1 3/4 pounds with limits on minnows white bass good on slabs and Roadrunners to 25 fish per string catfish very good to 35 pounds on trotline; catfish good from bank on shrimp and bloodbait to 12 pounds. No teal spotted on lower end of lake this week.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 82 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass good early to 3 1/2 pounds on grape worms hybrid striper slow; crappie very good to 25 fish per string on minnows in 15 feet of water around the brush; white bass schooling early and late catfish good to 7 pounds shrimp with trotlines and juglines. No teal spotted in area.

MARTIN CREEK: Water clear, 80 degrees,3 feet low; black bass good to 3 pounds on motoroil worms and spinners striper slow; crappie fair to 10 fish per string on minnows white bass slow; catfish slow. No teal spotted in area.

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MONTICELLO: Water clear 98 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 7 1/2 pounds on dark worms in deep water and cranks in shallow water crappie slow; catfish good to 8 pounds on rod and reek, drifting on Canadian crawlers and shrimp No teal spotted.

MURVAUL: Water clear, 85 degrees, 8 inches low; black bass good to 8 pounds, 11 ounces on 8-inch grape worms, many in 3-5 pounds in shallow and around lily pads; crappie slow; catfish good on trotline to 5 pounds on catalpa worms and cut shad. Some big

ducks spotted but no teal so far. Bream fishing good on worms and crickets.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 82 degrees, 14 inches low; black bass good to 6 pounds on dark worms, topwaters; striper good to 9 1/4 pounds on cranks; crappie slow; white bass fair to 10 fish per string catfish good on catalpa worms with rod and reel to 8 pounds, trotline producing catfish to 22 pounds on shrimp, bloodbait.

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear, 84 degrees, 26 inches low; black bass good to 7 pounds on worms and spinners; striper slow; crappie picking up to 20 fish per string on minnows white bass fair to 15 fish per string on slabs; catfish good to 8 pounds on shrimp with trotline.

TAWAKONI Water clear, 84 degrees, 3 feet low: black bass scattered to 7 pounds on black worms; striper good to 5 pounds on L il Georges crappie fair in deep water on minnows; white bass fairly good; catfish fairly good to 2 1/2 pounds.

Water clear, 83 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass fair TEXOMA: off rocky points on worms, spinners, jigs and pigs, striper fairly good on slabs, topwaters and live bait to 15 1/2 pounds; crappie fair on minnows in 8 feet of water; white bass good on topwaters, Bayou Boogies and Rooster Tails; catfish good to 5 pounds on minnows in 10 feet of water

# SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 80 degrees, 20 inches low; black bass improving, new limit on lake is 5 bass per day 16 inches or better, most caught on worms and cranks, trolling slow; hybrid striper good on deep running lures around 1097 bridge; crappie slow; white bass slow catfish good to 3 pounds on night crawlers and stinkbait and shrimp. White amur improving with cooler weather. No teal ducks reported.

HOUSTON COUNTY Water clear, 90 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass good to 10 pounds, 10 ounces on fire and ice worms; striper slow; crappie fairly good with limits on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fair and small bream good. No teal spotted.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear, 80 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass picking up to 5 3/4 pounds on dark worms in fairly shallow water in the creeks or right at the edge of the drop offs striper slow; crappie picking up some, no great number yet on minnows; white bass fairly slow on slabs to 30 fish per string; catfish improving with several limits on trotline baited with shad and chicken heart. A few teal spotted in the upper end of the lake.

RAYBURN · Water clear, 75 degrees, 2 3/4 feet low; black bass good to 6 pounds on worms, spoons, topwaters striper slow: crappie improving with fishermen culling to limits on submerged brush; white bass in creeks and in the river channel channel catfish good sized but low in numbers; no teal spotted yet.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 89 degrees, 6 feet low: black bass fair to 4 1/2 pounds on Tequila Sunrise, black blue flake worms, shallow water good during day, deep water at night; striper slow, some schooling early near the dam; crappie fairly good in the evening in 8-10 feet of water on Twister Tail jigs; catfish slow. No teal spotted yet.

## SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, 81 degrees, conservation level black bass real good with many over 5 pounds in shallow water around salt cedar on red and purple metal flake worms striper fair, a few large fish; crappie slow; white bass slow catfish excellent around 45 feet with many limits to 5 pounds in baited areas early on shrimp, later on cheese bait. No teal spotted.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 85 degrees, normal level black bass slow; striper fair to 5 pounds, no limits on tilapia; crappie slow; catfish good to 8 pounds on shad; corvina slow; redfish good to 22 pounds from the bank, a 12, 13, and a 15 pounder caught just before the rains on Monday. No teal spotted.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 93 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass good to 6 1/4 pounds on dark worms; striper good with strings to 25 pounds on tilapia and silver spoons; catfish good to 10 pounds on cutbait and chicken liver; corvina good with strings to 20 pounds; redfish fair to 7 pounds on tilapia and silver spoons.

Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level black bass

improving to 7 1/2 pounds on worms; striper slow; crappie very good in 17 feet of water on live minnows; white bass fairly slow around the dam; catfish fantastic on trotlines to 35 pounds on cutbait and live bait; rod and reel good to 9 pounds average on stinkbait. Game wardens reporting teal in the area.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 87 degrees normal level black bass fair in number and small in size, no keepers striper slow: crappie good on minnows, fish generally small in 8-12 feet of water: white bass slow; catfish good to 2 1/2 pounds on shrimp and liver baited trotlines. No teal reported.

CORPUS CHRISTI Water clear 84 degrees, normal level black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on worms; striper good under the birds; crappie slow; white bass good under birds; catfish good on shrimp and worms.

Water clear, I foot high; black bass fair, but few FALCON. keepers on plastic worms; striper good to 5 pounds on knocker spoons and Bomber slabs; crappie slow; white bass good to 75 fish per string on slabs catfish good in numbers, few large fish. No teal so far.

TEXANA: Water clear, 84 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass good to 7 1/2 pounds on buzz baits early, smaller fish good on cranks in the afternoon; striper slow; white bass slow; crappie fairly good with a few limits on minnows in the Navidad River: catfish good to 28 pounds on live bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water clearing, 78 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 2 pounds on plastic worms; striper fair to 2 1/2 pounds on silver spoons and shallow running silver lures, crappie fair in 10 to 15 feet of water on minnows and jigs; white bass good trolling and brightly colored lures; catfish good drifting on shrimp, Ghost Minnows and cut shad. Some wild mallards but no teal so far.

Water clear, 82 degrees, normal level black bass good BAYLOR: to 7 pounds, 12 ounces, some 5s and 6s, on black and yellow lizards, Lucky 13s, topwaters, Pop Rs in bass color, black buzz baits; crappie fair to 15 fish per string minnows; catfish good with a 3 1/2 pound average, some to 5 pounds on waterdogs, stinkbait and large nightcrawlers.

GRANBURY: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level black bass good to 4 pounds on buzz baits; striper slow; crappie good to 15 fish per string on minnows in the brush; white bass good late on white bass rigs; catfish good to 8 pounds on shrimp.

GREENBELT Lake water clear, creeks murky, 78 degrees, normal level black bass slow; crappie good to 10 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 82 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass fairly good to 4 pounds on motoroil worms striper good to 4 pounds on silver slabs crappie good with easy limits on minnows; white bass fair: catfish improving to 38 pounds; no teal so far.

MCKENZIE: Water clear, 76 degrees, normal level black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on topwaters; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish good to 4 1/2 pounds on a perch baited drop line. MEREDITH: Water clear, 75 degrees, normal level, black bass fair to 4 pounds on topwaters crappie fairly good to 20 fish per string on minnows white bass fair catfish good to 18 pounds on small perch, water dogs, chicken liver and shrimp on rod and reel

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 84 degrees, 13 1/2 feet low; black bass excellent with fairly easy limits to 5 pounds on topwaters; striper picking up to 10 pounds on slabs; crappie picking up on minnows with fairly easy limits; white bass excellent on slabs and silver torpedoes catfish good with strings to 20 fish per string on live perch with trotlines.

Water clear, 80 degrees, 18 feet low; black bass slow; striper fair to 17 pounds on slabs and perch; crappie fair to good to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass fair to 15 fish per string on slabs and topwaters catfish fair to 2 pounds on trotline.

## COASTAL

SABINE LAKE: Redfish good on shrimp to 6 pounds in Bessie Heights Marsh and south of the islands, at the mouth of the

Neches River and along the roads; sandtrout plentiful on shrimp and cut lady fish or skipjack; some specks but mostly small fish; drum good to 6 pounds but average about 4 pounds croaker plentiful live bait shrimp available at \$6 per 100.

GALVESTON: Gulf Coast Pier producing specks averaging 2 pounds in fairly good numbers, some flounder, whiting, mackerel number of fishermen down since Labor Day: live bait shrimp spotty, some

available early.

Redfish good to 30 inches from grass lines along bay PALACIOS: shores on speck rigs, spoons, live mullet and shrimp good with limits from Matagorda Peninsula, the wells in Matagorda Bay, Keller Bay: small shrimp and other small natural food has brought good numbers of flounder in local bays, flounder good to 3 pounds in good numbers, on hook and line as well as gig: live bait shrimp are available; bay waters cooling no teal spotted. ROCKPORT: Redfish slow since Sunday trout about the same probably due to the front. Offshore producing good numbers of bill fish at 85 fathoms, particularly white marlin around 40-pound average. Live bait shrimp available at \$7.50 per quart. PORT ARANSAS: Redfish fairly good in the 18-20 inch range on

pin perch in the Redfish Bay area; trout fair in the bay, mostly in Corpus Christi Bay; live bait shrimp available at \$7 50 per quart: offshore, kingfish slowing within the 20 mile limit, some flounder to 2 pounds around Lydia Ann Channel Horace Caldwell Pier producing redfish to 29 1/2 inches on live bait, Ballyhoo; a kingfish weighing 30 pounds caught on Tuesday on cut mullet number of fishermen down since Labor Day.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Redfish good to 30 inches and above good in Pure Oil Channel to Baffin Bay along the King Ranch shoreline; trout fairly slow in the Corpus Christi area most trout undersized live bait scarce. Bob Hall Pier produced 5 kingfish to 45 pounds on Tuesday: a 20 pound barracuda landed a 4 1/2 foot tarpon landed last Thursday, a couple since then great numbers of Spanish mackerel some oversized bull redfish, some around 26-28 inches a few whiting, sandtrout, specks to 4 pounds under lights water clear

PORT MANSFIELD: Redfish plentiful to 30 inches south of the Port Mansfield Channel on the east side on topwater lures, Rebels, Broken Back minnows, Cordell Redfins, Heddon's River Runts: trout fishing fairly slow to 8 pounds on strawberry and root beer touts; night trout fishing without lights good around full moon; no bait shrimp available, a 685 pound blue marlin landed by Clyde Watson of McAllen, fish boated after a 20 hour tussle.

A few specks along channels and deep water to 5 PORT ISABEL: pounds on shrimp and artificials; some redfish to 7 pounds on touts, red worms in the Three Islands area: live bait shrimp plentiful at \$10 per quart; a few flounder croaker fairly slow. PH 9/9/87