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## SURVEY SHOWS OVERWHELMING ACCEPTANCE OF 'TYPE II'

AUSTIN -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Type II Wildlife Management Area system of public hunting found high acceptance among the state's hunters during its first year, survey results indicate.

The Type II system, which went into effect last Sept. 1, offered purchasers of \$35 permits access to some 450,000 acres of hunting land leased by the department for the open seasons.

Survey forms were sent to 5,000 of the 24,875 persons who purchased Type II permits. Slightly more than half responded to the survey, which was designed to assess overall hunter opinion of the Type II program, satisfaction levels of the hunting experience, problems encountered and the amount of nonconsumptive utilization of the areas.

A survey of the actual harvest on Type II lands will be completed later, according to Glenn Boydston, coordinator of technical programs for the Wildlife Division.

Boydston said the most significant finding of the survey was the overwhelming acceptance of the Type II concept. "A total of 56 percent of the respondents thought it was a "great idea", and another 30 percent thought it was a "good idea," for an overall acceptance rate of 86 percent," Boydston said. Only three percent thought it was either a bad or very bad idea, he said.

Regarding the satisfaction level of hunting experiences, 13 percent said they were "highly satisfied" while 38 percent indicated they were "satisfied." On the negative side, 13 percent were "dissatisfied" and six percent "highly dissatisfied."

Asked about problems encountered on the areas, 49 percent indicated "not enough game" was a problem. The next most common problem was "too many hunters," at 35 percent.

Boydston said many of the Type II areas had historically been subjected to unregulated hunting pressure and had fairly low game populations, especially deer. He added that with stocking programs, habitat enhancement and increased law enforcement efforts, game populations should increase in the future.

Perhaps surprisingly, 72 percent of the respondents indicated also hunting on lands other than Type II, and of these, 38 percent paid for a lease. "This would indicate that the majority of Type II permittees had access to other places to hunt and therefore complemented their hunting experience by taking advantage of the Type II program," Boydston said. On the other hand, 28 percent said they only hunted Type II lands.

Boydston said appreciative use of the Type II areas is difficult to gauge, but more than half of respondents to the survey indicated they participated in such activities as hiking, camping and nature observation

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'MADE IN TEXAS' SHOWN  
WEEKLY IN HOUSTON

HOUSTON -- "Made In Texas," the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's television series, will be shown at 5 p.m. every Tuesday beginning May 17 on KUHT, Channel 8 in Houston

The first program on May 17 will feature Lost Maples State Natural Area, flyfishing and the department's toll-free information line. The May 24 program will be on nature photography, and the May 31 program is on the Battleship "Texas."

The Houston series will continue through Aug. 9 on the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) outlet.

For information on when "Made In Texas" will be aired in your area, check with your local PBS outlet.

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RE-ENACTMENT PROGRAM SET  
FOR FT LANCASTER

OZONA -- A living history program featuring military re-enactment groups from the West Texas area will be staged on May 21 at Ft Lancaster State Historic Site in Crockett County

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said about 500 elementary school children are expected to observe the activities which will include parade practice, rifle and sabre drills and displays of military equipment of the type used in frontier days

Frontier soldiers of the 1870s will be portrayed by volunteers from Fort Concho's 16th U S Infantry and the 4th Memorial Cavalry of Lubbock Sabers, guns, horse bridles, tents and uniforms are authentic to the last detail

No admission will be charged for the event which will begin with a flag raising ceremony at 8 a.m. The fort site is located 33 miles west of Ozona on U.S. 290

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SMALLMOUTH BASS STOCKED IN  
FIVE RESERVOIRS

AUSTIN -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department crews this week stocked almost 750,000 smallmouth bass fry in five reservoirs

The production of smallmouths at the department's Eagle Mountain Fish Hatchery near Fort Worth was some 200,000 fry over the expected production for the year, according to Pat Hutson, smallmouth bass program leader

All five lakes had been stocked with smallmouths before, Hutson said. The lakes and number of bass stocked are Medina, 75,000; Canyon, 412,000; Hawkins, 150,000; Moss, 51,250; and Marble Falls, 39,000

Smallmouth bass are not native to Texas waters, but have proved to be a valuable sport fish in many clear, rocky reservoirs in the state's western half

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GULF SHRIMP SEASON CLOSURE  
SET FOR JUNE 1

AUSTIN -- The annual closure of Gulf of Mexico waters to shrimping will occur from June 1-July 15, both days inclusive, officials said

C. E. Bryan, director of fisheries resource programs for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said shrimping will cease at 12 01 a m June 1 and

reopen at 12 01 a m July 16

The state closure extends nine nautical miles offshore The National Marine Fisheries Service is expected to close U S waters out to 15 nautical miles during the same period

The annual cooperative closure is designed to protect immature brown shrimp during their emigration from the bays to the Gulf Bryan said the department has the authority to close the season earlier than the June 1 statutory closing date, based on biological evidence, but this year there was no indication of early emigration of shrimp from the bays

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1988-89 DOVE BAG LIMIT  
CHANGES PROPOSED BY TPWD

AUSTIN -- An increased mourning dove bag limit during the special white-winged dove hunting season in the Rio Grande Valley is the most important change in the Early Season Migratory Game Bird Proclamation being recommended by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the upcoming 1988-89 seasons Early season species include doves, rails, gallinules and teal

Most other seasons, bag limits, zone boundaries and whitewing sanctuaries are proposed to remain basically unchanged from the past hunting season, according to Ron George, dove program leader

The proposed regulations will be published in the Texas Register for public comment and considered for adoption by the Parks and during the July

21 public hearing in Austin

Under the bag limit proposal, hunters participating in the special two-weekend September whitewing season would be allowed to take 12 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including only two white-tipped doves. During the 1987 whitewing season, only two mourning doves were allowed in the daily bag.

George said recent studies have indicated this proposed change would not adversely affect the mourning dove breeding population in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

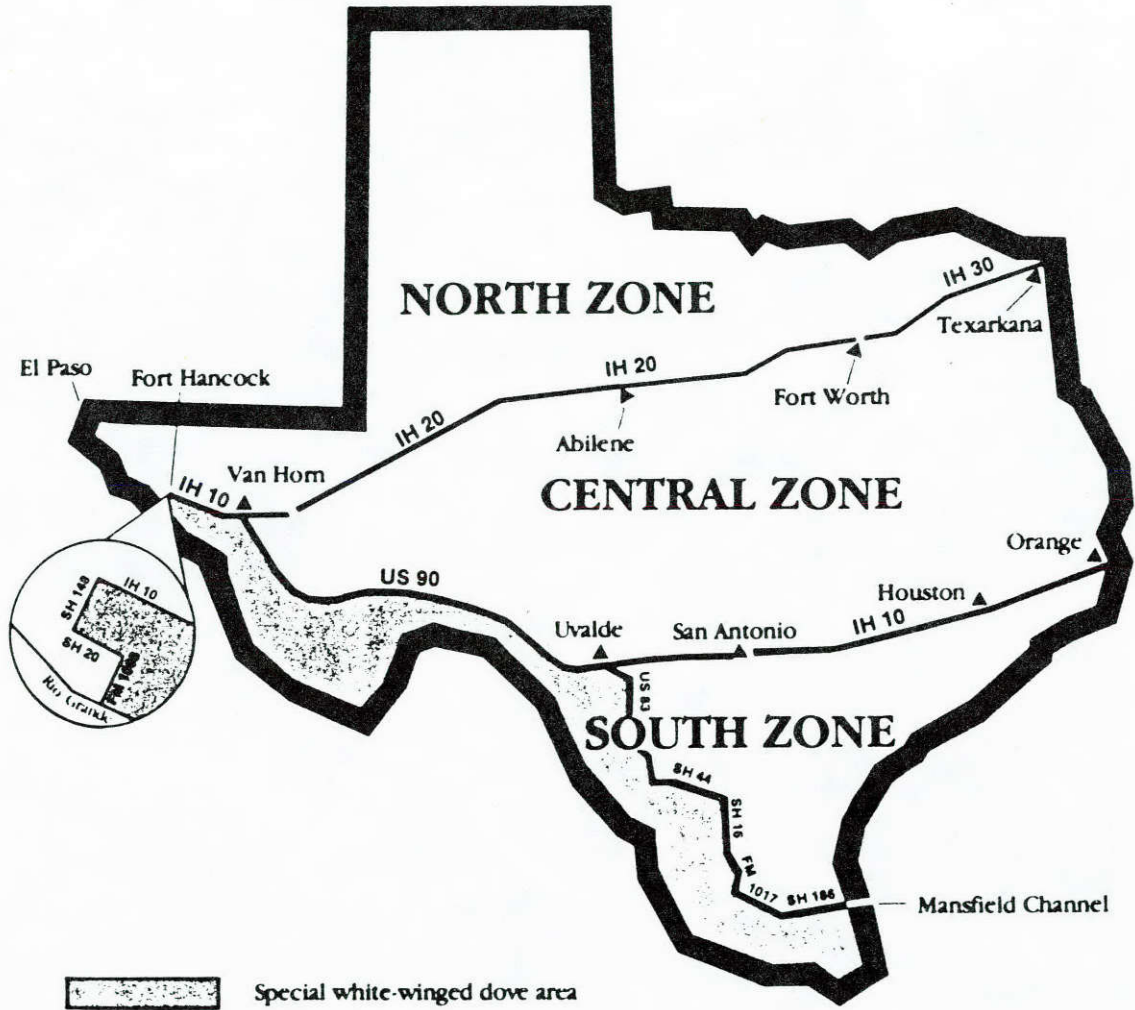
The possession limit would be 24 whitewing, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including no more than four whitetips. These proposed changes are contingent on U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service approval, George added.

A falconry proposal would extend the period during which migratory birds may be taken by means of falconry. The proposed season of Sept 1-Nov 20, 1988 and Jan 1-26 would be in effect for hunting rails, mourning doves, white-winged doves and gallinules.

Comments on the proposed changes may be directed to Ron George at the TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, 1-800-792-1112, ext 4778, or (512) 389-4778.

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# DOVE HUNTING ZONES





AUSTIN Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for May 11

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear 75 degrees; black bass good to 5 pounds on chrome Rat-L-Traps; striper slow; crappie good at night at the dam on live bait; catfish good to 8 pounds on juglines baited with perch and stink bait.

BELTON Water clear; 72 degrees; level just above normal. black bass good to 6 pounds on purple or grape worms in 12-25 feet of water in treetops and around rock banks. striper action good in main lake trolling live shad in 5-25 feet of water to 9 1/2 pounds. crappie good around Highway 36 bridge, Cedar Creek and Morgan's Point to 25 per string on minnows. white bass spotty all over lake. best areas are Bull Creek and Cowhouse Creek, some surfacing in sand flats and Temple Lake Park early and late with strings to 35. catfish good to 7 pounds on trotlines using bloodbait or liver up the Leon River and Cowhouse Creek.

BROWNWOOD water clear 72 degrees water level 18 inches below spillway; black bass fair to 4 1/2 pounds on black and chartreuse worms and Rat-L-Traps; striper good on topwaters early and late to 6 pounds; crappie are slow; white bass good to 2 pounds to 50 per string; catfish is good on minnows and shad on trotlines.

BUCHANAN Water clear 69 degrees normal level black bass good in the 4-6 pound range on spinners and Rogues in shallow water; striper good in the 5-14 pound range on silver and black Rapalas; crappie good to 25 fish per string on minnows; white bass good to 100 fish per string on Crazy Shad; catfish good in the 2-5 pound range on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

CANYON Water clear. 82 degrees, normal level black bass good to 8 pounds on Rat-L-Traps and worms in the brush and off the points; striper slow; crappie good to 25 fish per string on minnows in shallow water over brush; white bass schooling on top and around Comal Island and Tom's Point on Critter Getters, ManOLures and trolling Phantoms; catfish good to 30 pounds on trotlines baited with soap.

FAYETTE Water clear 72 degrees normal level black bass fair to 8 1/2 pounds with several over the slot limit lake had high winds and few boaters midweek, fish caught in shallow water and off points on Rat-L-Traps, worms and Zara Spooks; crappie slow; catfish fairly good to 20 pounds on jugline and rod and reel with live bait.

GIBBONS CREEK Water clear 82 degrees, spillway level black bass fairly good to 10 pounds with good numbers of slot sized bass on black lures, salamanders, Redfins; crappie fairly slow generally but dedicated fisherman can catch half strings on minnows; catfish excellent in the 2-10 pound range on stinkbait, liver and shrimp on trotline as well as rod and reel; catfish mostly in shallow water.

LBJ Water murky 70 degrees, normal level, black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds on Rat-L-Traps and spinners; striper good in the 4-19 pounds range on black and silver Rapalas; crappie good to 25 fish per string on minnows and blue Flea Flies; white bass good to 50 fish per string on PopR and Crazy Shad or any topwater silver lure; catfish good in the 3-7 pound range on trotline with cutbait and shrimp.

LIMESTONE: Water clear. 68 degrees, lake level down 1 foot; black bass slow; striper excellent on minnows in the 9-12 pound range at night; crappie excellent on minnows; white bass excellent on minnows to 30 per string; catfish very good on goldfish baited trotlines.

SOMERVILLE: Water clear 70 degrees, normal level, black bass fair on purple worms; striper slow; white bass fair on slabs to 15 fish per string; catfish slow.

TRAVIS Water clear 71 degrees, 9 feet below normal largemouth bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on chrome topwaters early; strawberry glitter worms and smoke colored Tom's Minners during the day; Guadalupe bass excellent to 50 fish per day per boat with about 40 percent over 10 inches on same lures and in same location as largemouths; striper slow; crappie fair in 20 feet of water.

around baited brush on minnows, white bass fair at night under lights on minnows and white jigs, catfish good on trotline several during the week on bass lures

WHITNEY: Water clear, 66 degrees, lake level 9 1/2 feet low, largemouth good to 6 1/2 pounds on white spinners and worms in 10 feet of water; smallmouth slow; striper good on live bait to 18 pounds in the creeks; crappie good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows and jigs with strings to 15 fish in 10-12 feet of water in Nolan River, Cedar Creek, Steele Creek and around White Bluffs; white bass good in the creeks on slabs and jigs with strings to 50 pounds, catfish good on trotlines with live bait to 30 pounds, most catfish smaller, around Bee Bluff

#### NORTHEAST

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ATHENS: water clear, 74 degrees; normal level, black bass fair to 5 1/2 pounds on strawberry and electric blue worms in deep water; crappie very good to 25 per string on minnows and jigs at 20 foot depths, white bass good trolling about 15 foot in the creek area; catfish slow.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, 72 degrees, water level normal, black bass very good onacky Crawl worms, crappie slow; white bass fair on minnows to 15 fish per string; catfish improving up to 6-7 pounds on shrimp and worms

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, 66 degrees, 6 1/2 feet low, black bass good with many in the 3-4 pound range on spinners and worms, striper slow; crappie good with limits to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows, white bass good with unlimited numbers on white or silver slabs; catfish slow.

CADDO: Water clear, 70 degrees; normal level, black bass slow, stripers slow; crappie good to about 12 per string; catfish very good on worms and bloodbait.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 71 degrees; water level 8 inches low; black bass fair on black chartreuse worms in 12 feet of water, striper fair trolling Hellbenders with large chartreuse jig trailers, crappie good in 4-12 feet of water in coves and shallow brush piles on minnows, white bass excellent early and late to 100 per boat on Lil Georges and chartreuse rooster tails, yellow and channel catfish very good on north end of lake on cut bait and shrimp.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 74 degrees, 8 inches above spillway; black bass fairly good in 10-12 feet of water on chrome cranks; crappie good in shallow water on minnows and white jigs with limits of 25 fish; catfish good on nightcrawlers and worms in 4-6 feet of water.

FORK: Water clear, 75 degrees, 2 inches low, black bass good to 7 1/2 pounds on Devil's Horses, crappie picking up some in shallow water on minnows to 20 fish per string, catfish picking up on trotline to 7 pounds on shrimp and bream; bream fishing improving with good numbers of big redears to 1 pound each.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 78 degrees, water level normal, black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds on Redfins, buzz baits and worms; crappie good in 10-15 feet of water on minnows to 15 fish per string, white bass schooling, best bait seems to be white jigs and small cranks to about 25 per string; yellow catfish good to 64 pounds on bream in the Sunrise Cove area, and channel catfish good to 12 pounds, also on bream. Bream good to 50 fish per boat on worms and crickets

LAVON: Water clear, 64 degrees, normal level, black bass good to 6 1/2 pounds on chartreuse spinners in shallow water, crappie excellent to 25 fish per string in 12-14 feet of water on minnows and jigs, white bass excellent with surfacing off the points and at the power plant, to 60 fish per boat; catfish good to 16 pounds on shad, crawfish and shrimp.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 72 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass fair to 4 pounds on spinners, striper good to 7 pounds on live ghost minnows, white bass excellent early and late on chrome cranks; crappie good with strings to 20 fish on minnows and jigs, catfish excellent on trotline to 43 pounds on stinkbait and bloodbait.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 82 degrees, water level normal, black bass good to 8 pounds on white spinners; crappie fair to 8 per string on minnows, catfish excellent to 15 pounds on Canadian Crawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear. 70 degrees, normal level, black bass good to 6 pounds on plastic worms and Rat-L-Traps crappie good to 5 1/2 pounds to 12 fish per string on minnows, white bass good to 15 per string on slabs trolling in 20 feet of water; catfish fair to 3 pounds on shrimp and cheese bait.

MURVAUL: Water clear. 68 degrees; normal level, black bass fair to 9 pounds 9 ounces on dark worms a couple of 6 1/2 pound bass on chartreuse buzz baits; crappie fair under 1971 bridge, some at night and over the weekend to 1 1/4 pounds on minnows, channel catfish fair to 5 pounds on small bream, night crawlers and shad; a good number of yellow catfish over 40 pounds on live bait with trotlines

NACOGDOCHES Water clear: 73 degrees, normal level, black bass good to 6 pounds on dark worms; crappie slow; catfish fair in number to 6 pounds on trotline baited with perch.

PALESTINE: Water clear normal level, black bass good to 8 1/2 pounds on topwaters and worms in shallow water; striper fairly good to 9 pounds on cranks chrome L'il Georges; crappie fair on jigs and minnows in 12-15 feet of water to 12 fish per string; white bass good to 70 fish per string on chrome baits, catfish good to 20 pounds on shrimp and nightcrawlers

RAY HUBBARD Water clear. 68 degrees, normal level, black bass very slow; striper good to 16 pounds on live bait trolling; crappie slowing on minnows to 15 fish per string to 2 1/2 pounds; white bass fairly good drifting in shallow areas to 25 fish per string; catfish good to 52 pounds on trotline baited with live bait.

TAWAKONI: Water clear. 62 degrees 4 inches below spillway level, black bass fair only due to high winds, some to 3 1/2 pounds on spinners and dark worms striper fair to 8 pounds crappie moving away from docks fair numbers only; white bass good to 35 fish per string at night and during the day on minnows and jigging rigs; catfish good to 12 pounds on shrimp.

TEXOMA: Water clear. 65 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds on cranks and worms in very shallow water, striper good to 19 pounds on live shad, shiners, Sassy Shad and trolling deep diving Redfins, crappie good on live bait to 2 1/2 pounds to 20 fish per string, white bass good to 10 fish per string on Bayou Boogies; in shallow water; blue catfish excellent to 118 1/2 pounds on trotline baited with shad.

WELSH: Water clear 87 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass fair to 8 pounds on topwaters early worms later; crappie slow; catfish good on nightcrawlers to 7 pounds bream excellent on worms and shrimp bits in 4-12 feet of water

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear. 70 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass good to 10 pounds in 5-15 feet of water on 4 inch smoke bluetailed worms; stripers good on both sides of the 1097 bridge trolling chrome Rat-L-Traps crappie very slow white bass good at night on minnows, channel catfish excellent to 3 pounds on both rod and reel and trotline on earthworms and bloodbait, yellow catfish good to 20 pounds on live bait on north end of the lake

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear. 80 degrees, water level normal, black bass good to 8 pounds on water dogs and spinner baits; crappie good to 18 per string on minnows white bass slow; catfish good to 36 pounds on perch around islands

LIVINGSTON: Water clear 78 degrees water level normal, black bass slow; striper fair to 8 pounds on trotlines baited with shad, crappie good up in the creek in 2-3 foot of water on minnows and jigs; blue catfish good to 3 pounds on trotlines.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear. 58 degrees water level 2 foot below normal, black bass very slow; striper slow; crappie good to about 70 fish per boat on jigs white bass still slow; catfish good to 39 1/2 pounds on trotlines on live bait.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear. 1 foot above normal, black bass fairly good to 4 pounds on red worms with white tails and some topwaters, several limits, striper good on topwaters between Marker 15 and Marker 18, crappie slow, some up the Pecos; white bass fair, also up the Pecos; catfish picking up in 6-10 feet of water under cork with shrimp.

BRAUNIG: Water murky. 75 degrees normal level black bass good

in number to about 20 inches, no keepers, on black and chartreuse plastic worms. Striper excellent to 6 pounds on chicken livers; crappie slow; catfish slow to 5 pounds on chicken livers; redfish slow, 2 redfish of 21 pounds each this week. Tony Accetta spoons; Corvina slow.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 75 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass very good to 8 pounds on plastic worms in fairly shallow water, many from the bank; striper good to 3 pounds on chicken livers, crappie fair, a few caught from the pier on minnows; catfish good to 15 pounds on shrimp and shad on rod and reel, redfish slow; corvina good to 8 pounds on Tony Accetta Spoons and shad.

CHOKO: Water clear, normal level, black bass very good to 7 1/2 pounds on Fire and Ice Worms in 18 feet of water; striper slow; crappie fair to 12 fish per string, limits of 25 fish per string at night on minnows, white bass fair in the river channel early on chrome Rat-L Traps and minnows, catfish excellent to 5 pounds on Roger's Cheese Bait and bloodbait on rod and reel, limits fairly easy to catch.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 79 degrees, normal level, black bass fair with most fish under 16 inches, some keepers to 6 pounds on dark worms and spinners, striper slow; crappie fair to 20 fish per boat, mostly under 1 pound each on minnows; catfish fair on bloodbait to around 2 pounds on trotline.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 2 feet low; black bass fair from 14 inches to about 7 pounds on dark worms and spinners in shallow water; striper fairly slow; white bass fairly slow; crappie slow; catfish fair to 3 pounds on rod and reel drifting.

FALCON: Water clear, 4 feet low, black bass fairly good to 7 pounds on worms; striper beginning to show up on lower end along with white bass, crappie slow, some small fish off dock; white bass good to 100 fish per string, catfish good to 5 pounds on frozen shrimp.

MEDINA: Water clear, 74 degrees, 7 feet low; black bass good to 15 inches on dark worms; striper slow, crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish slow.

TEXANA: Water clearing up the Sandies and Navidad, normal level, black bass good to 6 1/2 pounds on plastic worms and jigs up Sandies Creek; striper and white bass slow; crappie fairly good on minnows up the Navidad River, blue catfish fairly good to 15 pounds on trotline with live bait.

#### WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water stained, 63 degrees, normal level, black bass fair to 2 1/2 pounds on large minnows, striper slow; crappie good on large minnows and jigs in the brush and on the rocks, white bass good late at night on medium minnows, catfish good on trotline in deep water to 10 pounds on goldfish.

BAYLOR: Water clear, 64 degrees, normal level, black bass fairly good to 4 pounds on white cranks; crappie good with some limits on minnows; catfish good to 13 3/4 pounds on rod and reel.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear, 67 degrees, normal level, black bass fair to 16 inches on artificials, crappie excellent to 2 pounds to 14 fish per string on minnows, white bass good but small to 20 fish per string on artificials, catfish good to 16 pounds on trotline baited with shad, perch.

GRANBURY: Water clear, 71 degrees, 8 inches low, black bass slow to 4 pounds on worms and jigs, striper slow; crappie slow on minnows and jigs in 15 feet of water, channel catfish good on 7 pounds on trotline baited with shrimp and chicken livers; yellow catfish slow; white bass good at night around lighted boat docks on white grubs.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 59 degrees, normal level, black bass good to 8 1/2 pounds on chartreuse spinners; crappie very good to 1 1/2 pounds to 25 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow but improving to about 6 fish per string trolling, catfish fair in the 3-12 pound range on trotline.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 9 feet low; black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds on spinners, chartreuse worms, Rat-L-Traps, hybrid striper fairly slow on silver slabs; crappie spotty on minnows, white bass fair on silver spoons, yellow catfish good to 30 pounds on live bait with trotline.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 58 degrees, normal level, black bass fair to 4 pounds on spinners, minnows and nightcrawlers, crappie

excellent with good numbers of 1 1/2 pound fish; white bass good with all you want on minnows and chartreuse jigs, catfish slow; walleye good to 8 1/2 pounds on minnows, nightcrawlers and chartreuse jigs

OAK CREEK Water clear 72 degrees, normal level black bass are good to 4 pounds, 13 ounces on purple worms, crappie slow, a few around baited docks on minnows white bass good trolling topwaters; catfish good on trotline to 10 pounds on big minnows and fresh shad.

PROCTOR: Water clear, 71 degrees 2 feet low; black bass good to 6 pounds on silver and white cranks striper fair to poor in lake much better below dam in river; crappie good but slowing some, a few limits; catfish fair on trotlines baited with shad.

SPENCE: Water clear, 70 degrees, 21 feet low; black bass fair to 3 pounds on spinners and worms striper fair to 14 pounds trolling Hellbender jigs crappie fair to 1 1/2 on minnows; white bass fair to 20 fish per string on slab; catfish fair to 3 pounds on nightcrawlers and minnows

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 62 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass good to 6 pounds on Rat-L-Traps and worms; hybrid striper slow, a few to 4 pounds trolling Kastmaster Spoons; crappie good with strings to 15 fish with fish moving to deeper water on minnows, white bass picking up; channel catfish fairly good to 4 pounds on live bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 70 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on topwaters spinners, crappie fair on small minnows to 10 fish per string; catfish fair to 8 pounds average on nightcrawlers; walleye slow, only 2 caught this year.

P&W crews have stocked 1 360 000 fingerling walleye in White River.

#### COASTAL

UPPER SABINE LAKE: Redfish scarce, a few scattered fish south of Stewart's Island; specks scattered with some fish caught south of Stewart's Island, around the old steel mill and along the roadsides and in the Barrel Channel, flounder and croaker plentiful; some sheepshead and drum; no live bait shrimp; some mud minnows and dead bait available.

SOUTH SABINE: Speck fishing slowing, birds have quit working; most trout are caught around the jetties in about 18 feet of water on live mud minnows and shrimp; redfish fairly good from 4 pounds to 30 inches and more all over the lake; some trout around Blue Buck Point in 6 feet of water on large mud minnows, a few redfish in the channel on incoming tides, flounder improving along the banks, boat fishing not that good; no live bait shrimp available; dead shrimp plentiful

GALVESTON Redfish slow, a few in the 22-28 inch range at the end of the jetties on large dead shrimp and cutbait; a few redfish in the bays in the 20-22 inch range on live shrimp and artificials, trout fishing improving with birds beginning to work early and late; mostly school trout under the birds; a few big trout caught around the edge of the marshes on high tides a few flounder around the grass flats good numbers of sheepshead and a few sharks, some gafftops, shark, sand trout and croaker along the beach front. Live bait shrimp available

PORT OCONNOR: Some redfish to 6 pounds but no limits; a couple of limits of trout caught in Boggy Slough by waders, otherwise fish spotty, good numbers of undersized fish; offshore activities slow; gafftop and flounder fairly plentiful live bait shrimp available.

ROCKPORT: Redfish slow and spotty due to high winds and muddy water; winds calming midweek, water should be clear by weekend; a few fish caught on live bait in the Klondike which is between California Hole and Hog Island Hole; specks fair around Traylor Island shoreline on live shrimp, Candy Apple ManOLures and live bait live bait shrimp plentiful at \$7.50 per quart.

PORT ARANSAS: Offshore producing kingfish to 15 pounds some to 35 pounds and bonito, blacktip, sharpnose water clear trout fishing excellent when the winds let up; average fish on guided trips to about 3 pounds; redfish spotty in the 23-25 inch range in the flats sheepshead fairly plentiful live bait plentiful Horace Caldwell Pier producing small whiting and gafftop; a few shark; no live bait; dead shrimp, squid and mullet.

CORPUS CHRISTI: King Ranch shore line producing redfish to 10 pounds and trout to 7 pounds on artificial and live baits. Upper Laguna Madre producing a few fish but mostly spotty; live bait shrimp available. Oso Pier fishing fairly slow; some trout late at night when wind lays; winds from the east on Tuesday which muddied the water some, some sandtrout live bait shrimp plentiful at \$1.50 per dozen; no shark from the pier. Bob Hall Pier producing whiting, drum to 5 pounds, a few redfish Tuesday to 5 pounds on dead shrimp; a few blacktip to 5 feet; some trout before the winds and muddy water hit; trout generally in the 3 1/2 to 5 pound range on live shrimp.

PORT MANSFIELD: Redfish slow, good numbers of fish in the area but fish are not biting; trout slow also; tides have been erratic winds shifting directions fairly often live bait plentiful mosquito population heavy this year. No offshore activity.

PORT ISABEL/SOUTH PADRE: Red fish fairly slow to 30 inches along the edge of the grass lines of the flats on shrimp and mullet under popping corks blacktip shark plentiful to 4 feet on a wide variety of lures, shark also hit hooked specks off the Long Bar on the west side and along the mainland to Stover Point. Live Bait plentiful

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