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## TPWD ANNOUNCES LIST OF ENDANGERED AND THREATENED PLANTS

AUSTIN -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has listed 14 species of plants found in Texas as "endangered" and three species as "threatened."

Susan Rieff, director of the department's Resource Protection Division, said the plants on the state list are also designated on the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's federal list.

State and federal regulations prohibit the collection, transport or sale of endangered, threatened or protected plants without a permit issued by the TPWD.

Texas' endangered plants are Texas wild rice, Navasota ladies'-tresses, Texas poppy-mallow, Tobusch fishhook cactus, Nellie cory cactus, Sneed pincushion cactus, Lloyd's hedgehog cactus, black lace cactus, Davis' green pitaya, ashy dogweed, Johnston's frankenia, Texas snowbells, slender rush-pea and Texas bitterweed.

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Plants classified as threatened are bunched cory cactus, Lloyd's Mariposa cactus and McKittrick pennyroyal

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CHAMBERS TO SPONSOR  
MATAGORDA ISLAND VISITS

PORT O'CONNOR -- Matagorda Island State Park is located on one of the most fascinating areas in Texas, but many potential visitors are deterred by the lack of public transportation to the narrow barrier island

The Port Lavaca-Calhoun County and Port O'Connor Chambers of Commerce are sponsoring a two-day "Matagorda Adventure" package on April 4-5 to help more people get acquainted with the environmentally-rich area

For a \$20-per-person fee, visitors will be provided boat transportation from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department docks at Port O'Connor to the island, with departure times at two-hour intervals both days

Activities made possible by the shuttle service include hiking, beachcombing, fishing, birding and history tours

For complete information and application forms, write the Port Lavaca-Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 528, Port Lavaca, TX 77979

The Parks and Wildlife Department assumed control of the portion of Matagorda Island formerly owned by the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1983. The five-year master plan for development called for a 7,325-acre state park and a 36,568-acre wildlife management area

The development plan, approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission after extensive consultations with environmental organizations and other interested citizens, emphasizes protection of the island's habitat rather than intensive development. The island is visited by or is home to a number of endangered and threatened species.

The master plan specifies that no causeway or other permanent link to the mainland would be constructed, as a means of protecting the island's fragile ecosystem.

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FUTURE BRIGHT FOR LAKE  
PROCTOR HYBRID STRIPERS

PROCTOR -- Hybrid striped bass stocked at 4,600-acre Lake Proctor in Comanche County have progressed to the point that professional fishing guides are concentrating on the hard-fighting fish.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist Roy Bamberg reported that Proctor is the best hybrid fishery in his region, and one of the best of the state. Hybrid stripers are a cross between white bass and striped bass.

"The department first stocked hybrids at Proctor in 1978 and 1980, and those fish had excellent survival and growth," Bamberg said. "In fact, so many fishermen were catching large numbers of them it was fortunate that the five-per-day limit went into effect in 1985."

Bamberg said additional stockings were required in 1983 and 1984 to maintain the fishery, and now the lake is slated to receive annual stockings if sufficient numbers are available

Fishing guide David Davis, who participated in a voluntary creel survey during April 1986, caught 47 hybrids that weighed 155 pounds. His catch rate was 1.21 fish per hour, considerably higher than the statewide rate of 15 fish per hour. Bamberg also said the fish caught by Davis averaged 3.5 pounds, and the largest was 11 pounds. He said 15-pounders have been reliably reported.

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TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION  
'JOINS LONE STAR LUNKER'

AUSTIN -- The Texas Taxidermy Association has joined the "Operation Share A Lone Star Lunker" program in an advisory role, and selected members of the association will volunteer their time for producing fiberglass replicas of big fish in the program.

Lone Star Lunker gives anglers catching 13-pound-plus largemouth bass the opportunity to donate their fish to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) fish hatcheries, and in turn rewards them with free mounts or fiberglass replicas after spawning work is completed.

The program is supported by three corporate sponsors -- Lone Star Brewery, Cajun Boats and Jungle Labs, Inc. Together they formed a nonprofit foundation called Lone Star Lunker Inc. (LSL) to provide

financial support for the program's operations

Bill Roth of San Antonio, LSL president, said he is pleased with the taxidermy agreement. "Promotion of the catch and release concept is the main thrust of this program, so I feel it is appropriate that the taxidermy association has agreed to work with us," Roth said, adding that several of the fishermen donating bass have indicated they intend to release the fish back into their lakes of origin.

Roth said LSL will provide fiberglass molds and other equipment, and eight taxidermists selected by the association on a merit basis will donate their labor.

The Texas Taxidermy Association worked closely with the Lone Star Brewery in setting up their famous Hall of Horns and Hall of Fins displays at their San Antonio facility, Roth said.

Bill Rutledge, TPWD hatchery chief, said fiberglass replicas are gaining widespread acceptance among the bass-fishing public, since they offer tangible evidence of the angler's catch while allowing the fish to go free. "Fiberglass replicas can look as good or better than a traditional mount, and all the fisherman needs is the length and girth measurement, weight and a color photograph of the fish," Rutledge said.

The TPWD has collected seven bass for the program so far, and biologists are hoping these excellent brood fish will pass their genetic tendencies for growth to their offspring which will be stocked in the state's public waters.

Fishermen have until April 30 to catch and donate Lone Star Lunkers To determine if a fish might qualify, anglers should call the Tyler Hatchery at (214) 592-7570, or the Austin toll-free number, 1-800-792-1112 during office hours, or (512) 389-4848 after hours

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SABINE LAKE PRODUCES  
ANOTHER STATE RECORD

SABINE PASS -- Sabine Lake is one of Texas' most unusual saltwater bays, and it also produces some unusually good fishing at times

In spite of its name, Sabine Lake is a bay whose waters range from fresh to salty Its lake appellation probably is a result of its being almost surrounded by land -- Texas on the west and Louisiana on the east

The lake produced three state record fish through the years, and recently added another in a two-pound, 6 8-ounce skipjack herring caught by Paul H Jorgensen of Groves on Jan 20 The fish is a new species entry in the record book

Biologist Jerry Mambretti said Sabine Lake's previous state record fish, which still are unbeaten, are black drum, 78 pounds; southern flounder, 13 pounds, and Spanish mackerel, eight pounds, 11 ounces

The department's fish records committee also recently certified two other new saltwater state records They are a three-pound, 10-ounce vermillion snapper caught by Jerome M. Kocurek of Clute and a one-pound, 16-ounce pinfish caught by Reginald A Jeffers of Brazoria Both fish were

caught off Freeport on Feb 3

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RAINBOW TROUT STATE RECORD  
EQUALED BY HOUSTONITE

AUSTIN -- Two new freshwater state records have been certified by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

A five-pound, 12-ounce rainbow trout caught from the Guadalupe River below Canyon Reservoir Dam by Mark S. Hamilton of Houston has earned a tie with the existing record Hamilton caught the rainbow in May 1986 on spinning tackle and crankbait

The fish ties the record trout caught from Meridian State Park Lake in January 1985

The committee also certified a 10-pound, one-ounce hybrid corvina caught by Norma E. Cleary of Utopia Jan 27 in Calaveras Lake near San Antonio. The angler said she was trolling with a 1/4-ounce crankbait when the fish struck

Hybrid corvinas are a cross between the orangemouth corvina from California's Salton Sea and Texas native spotted seatrout (speckled trout). The fish were produced in department facilities and stocked experimentally in Calaveras Lake

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AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by Parks and Wildlife for 3/11/87.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear 65 degrees, normal level black bass fair in 3-4 pound range on Rat-L-Traps and jigs; hybrid striper slow; crappie fair to 15 fish per string on minnows; catfish good on juglines baited with stinkbait to 10 pounds.

BELTON: Water murky, 58 degrees, one foot high; black bass fairly good to six pounds on cranks, minnows; striper slow to 11 pounds on live bait trolling in 40 feet of water; crappie excellent to 1 1/2 pounds each to 20 fish per string average in 12 feet of water on minnows; white bass fair early mostly on slabs, shad active, birds plentiful but whites only fairly active; catfish fair to five pounds at night on shrimp baited trotlines.

BROWNWOOD: Water murky, lake overflowing; black bass good to 6 pounds, 13 ounces on jig and pig; striper slow; crappie fair to 20 fish per string on minnows and jigs; white bass slow; channel catfish fair to 3 1/2 pounds on earthworms; yellow catfish good to 10 pounds on live bait.

BUCHANAN: Water clear 53 degrees, lake full black bass good to 8 1/2 pounds on black jig and eel in 6-10 feet of water; striper fair in 3-6 pound range on live perch and white four inch grubs; crappie slow; white bass good with strings to 75 fish up past the falls near Lemmons Camp and near Garrett's Island on silver slabs and Tom's Minners; catfish good to two pounds on rod and reel on earthworms in 4-6 feet of water.

CANYON: Water clear, 60 degrees, two feet high; smallmouth bass fair to 4 pounds, 9 ounces on four inch worms and cranks; largemouth good to 9 pounds, 15 ounces, a new lake record on motoroil worms and chartreuse spinners; striper fair to 17 pounds on Redfins cast around points; crappie good on minnows in the mouth of the river to 35 fish per boat; white bass very good at the rapids on small jigs and minnows to 125 fish per string, also trolling the river between rapids and lake with Hot N Tots and Phantoms; catfish good on night crawlers and shrimp to 5 1/2 pounds.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 58 degrees, normal level black bass good to 10 1/2 pounds on black lizards, worms, Rat-L-Traps and live bait in five to seven feet of water; crappie good at night with limits, fair during day to 12 fish per string on live minnows and a few jigs; catfish fairly good at night to 30 pounds on live bait.

GIBBONS CREEK Water fairly clear, 67 degrees, one inch high; black bass fairly good overall with good numbers of slot fish, a few keepers to 9 pounds, 2 ounces on black lizards with chartreuse tails; crappie fairly good overall to 25 fish per boat on minnows; catfish excellent to 16 pounds on juglines baited with small perch. Lake is fairly crowded on weekends, light during week--no standby lines so far.

LEJ Water clear to murky, 53 degrees, normal level black bass good to 2 1/2 pounds on yellow spinners in 3-6 feet of water; striper fair to five pounds near the dam and power plant on chrome Deep Hawg; crappie slow; white bass fair to 45 fish per string up the Colorado arm shoals on silver cranks; catfish good to four pounds on worms and stinkbait.

LIMESTONE: Water muddy, normal level black bass fair; striper slow; crappie fair to 25 fish per string on minnows and jigs; white bass fair but no big numbers; catfish slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water slightly murky, 57 degrees, three feet high; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fair to 12 fish per string on minnows and jigs in 12 feet of water; white bass fairly good with some schooling along shorelines; catfish fair to two pounds on stinkbait.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 51 degrees, 2 1/2 feet high; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fair around marina and Cedar Gap bridge on minnows to 25 fish per string; hybrid striper fair around Dana Peak Park to seven pounds from the bank; white bass slow; channel catfish slow.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 56 degrees, two feet high; black bass



excellent to 40 fish per boat to 5 1/2 pounds in shallow water around steep banks on shad colored cranks, four inch smoke and strawberry worms, three inch smoke glitter worms; striper fair to 14 1/2 pounds near Lakeway on smoke glitter grubs while feeding shallow; crappie slowing; white bass slow in main lake, good to fair early and late near Reimers on jigs and live minnows; catfish slow.

WHITNEY: Water murky in some areas, 52 degrees. one foot above normal level black bass improving to 6 1/2 pounds on spinners in the Towash area; striper good in the 9-20 pound range in upper end of lake trolling Redfins, cranks, Long As, jigs; crappie fairly good from barges on minnows; white bass good in the upper lake on slabs and jigs, cold front slowed fishing just a little but numbers still good; catfish picking up fairly good on snails, chicken liver, worms and minnows.

#### NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water clear 55 degrees, two inches high; black bass fair to good to 8 pounds, 6 ounces with limits of five fish on black and black and blue lizards fishing shallow, big bladed spinners with chartreuse skirts; crappie very good with lots of limits to 25 feet on minnows and jigs in si. feet of water; hybrids striper good to 71 fish per boat to five pounds each suspended at 15 feet in 35 feet of water near the dam on chrome Rat-L-Traps and small chrome Hellbenders; bream fairly slow; catfish slow.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, some stains in coves, 56 degrees, eight inches high; black bass good to 7 1/2 pounds on spinners and lizards; crappie fair to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass fair to 2 1/2 pounds to si. fish per string; catfish slow.

BRIDGEFORT: Water clear in lake, river murky 61 degrees, lake full black bass fair to 14 inches, a few to seven pounds on cranks; striper fair to 6 1/2 pounds on slabs; crappie fair to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow.

CADDO: Water clear, 54 degrees, si. inches high; black bass good to seven pounds on black plastic worms with yellow tail in four feet of water; striper slow; crappie real good at night on yoyo baited with minnows with up to 200 fish per string; white bass slow; catfish fairly good on cutbait on trotlines.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear 56 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 10 pounds on shad colored cranks black metal flake worms; hybrid striper slow in open water crappie good in 3-6 feet on minnows with limits on minnows; white bass fair moving up creeks, off major points and bald banks; catfish fair on trotline and rod and reel with nightcrawlers and shrimp.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water fairly clear, murky in creeks, 56 degrees, normal level black bass real good to seven pounds, good numbers of three pound males being caught on black lizards and cranks; crappie good numbers to two pounds in 44 feet of water on minnows; catfish fair in 15 feet of water on minnows and shrimp.

FORK: Water clear 54 degrees, eight inches low; black bass good to nine pounds on moccasin lizards and black lizards with blue tails; crappie excellent in 40 feet of water on minnows, with limits; catfish scattered to five pounds on trotline and rod and reel fished at night with shrimp and water dogs.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 61 degrees, three feet high; black bass good to 8 1/2 pounds with a good number of five pounds on spinners, lizards and frogs; crappie fair in flooded brush to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass fair on white jigs in 10-15 feet of water in river channels; catfish fair to seven pounds on trotlines baited with minnows.

LAVON: Water clear 50 degrees, overflowing si. inches; black bass good to 6 1/4 pounds on spinners to four fish per string; hybrid striper good to seven pounds on Roadrunners below dam; crappie good to 20 fish per string on north end of lake in the creeks; white bass good at the power plant, fish surfacing in dam area on L il George and slabs; catfish slow.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 65 degrees, normal level black bass good to eight pounds on dark worms, live water dogs, Rat-L-Traps; crappie fair to eight fish per string on live minnows and jigs; catfish excellent with limits of channel catfish to 10 pounds on Canadian Crawlers, shrimp and Little Stinkers.

MOSS LAKE: Water murky 50 degrees, six inches high; black bass small and plentiful on spinners; crappie fair to 10 fish per

string minnows and jigs; white bass slow; catfish slow.  
MURVAUL: Water murky, 60 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 8.65 pounds on black worms, lizards; crappie good to 20 fish per string at 1971 bridge and at the spillway on shiners; catfish good to 3 1/2 pounds around Boy Scout Camp on nightcrawlers.  
NACOGDOCHES: Water off color, 59 degrees, lake full black bass good to 13 pounds, 15 ounces on black jig with black pork rind; crappie slow; catfish slow.  
PALESTINE: Water clear, six inches over spillway; black bass fairly good to seven pounds on topwaters; striper fair around 155 Bridge on long Sassy Shad and white jigs; crappie excellent to 25 fish per string on jigs and minnows around boat stalls; white bass fair; catfish slow.  
RAY HUBBARD: Water clear, normal level black bass fair around structure to four pounds on plastic worms and spinners; striper fairly good around dam and power plant on Sassy Shad and live bream; crappie fairly good around marina on blue and white and chartreuse jigs, minnows; white bass slow; catfish good to two pounds on shrimp and bloodbait.  
TEXOMA: Water clear in middle of lake, rest of lake muddy, 49 degrees, four feet high; black bass slow; striper good to 20 pounds on live bait, Sassy Shad, Blue Striper; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish good to five pounds on cutbait and shad.  
WELSH: Water stained 72 degrees, normal level black bass good to 7 pounds, 9 ounces on purple worms; crappie fair to 10 fish per string on minnows; catfish fair to 35 pounds on trotline baited with bream.

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear 56 degrees, normal level black bass good to eight pounds on four inch smoke ringworms with a blue tail in 12 feet of water before the cool spell which hit late Monday slowed down since; hybrid striper fair to three pounds on Bomber slabs trolling; crappie spotty to 12 fish per boat some right on the bottom and some about eight feet depths, fish moving never located in the same place; white bass fair along with hybrid striper; catfish good in baited holes to three pounds on night crawlers and stinkbait.  
HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 62 degrees, normal level black bass good to 13 pounds and 5 ounces on black lizards, live water dogs, 10 fish over 10 pounds this week; striper slow; crappie good moving from dam; catfish slow.  
LIVINGSTON: Water clear, 55 degrees, one inch high; black bass good to 11 pounds on black worms, several limits in 2-8 pound range; striper fair, most caught on shad baited trotlines to 12 pounds; crappie picking up with limits on minnows; white bass still up the Trinity with fish to 3 1/2 pounds with up to 320 fish per boat on jigs; catfish fairly slow.  
RAYBURN: Main lake clearing, river discolored 58 degrees, four feet above pool black bass good to 7 94 pounds over weekend mostly on jigs; striper slow; crappie some from points, some above Highway 103 Bridge and above Angelina and Attoyac Rivers; white bass fair, some schooling, some caught while fishing for black bass in shallow water; catfish fair on trotline to five pounds on live perch.  
TOLEDO BEND: Water clear normal level black bass good to 51 pounds on spinners in shallow water, striper good near the dam in the 20 pound range; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish slow.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, 57 degrees, 6 1/2 feet low; black bass very good to 10 pounds, some limits, on pig and jig around Zuberbueler Bend, black spinners also good; striper good to 25 pounds on Ponyhead jigs, smaller striper not very good this week, crappie picking up in good numbers on minnows; white bass scattered up the river or back in the brushy draws in fair numbers on Old Reliable slabs; catfish scattered in 5 to 80 feet of water on shrimp and cheese bait.  
BRAUNIG: Water murky, 63 degrees, normal level black bass good to eight pounds on black worms and shad; striper excellent to five pounds on chicken liver and shad; catfish real good to eight pounds on liver and shad; corvina slow to four pounds on tilapia; redfish excellent to 16 pounds on shad and spoons trolling.

CALAVERAS: Water clear, 62 degrees, one foot high; black bass good to 8 pounds, 2 ounces on plastic worms; hybrid striper fair to five pounds on spoons; crappie slow; catfish slow to 15 pounds on shrimp; corvina slow to 9 pounds, 2 ounces on shad; redfish fair to 8 1/2 pounds on spoons.

CHOKE: Water clear, 50 degrees, normal level black bass real good to 5 1/2 pounds on chartreuse and white Wally Gopper with willow blades; striper slow; crappie good to three pounds in shallow water on minnows with limits; white bass with strings to 176 fish near dam in shallow water near the dam on minnows and jigs; catfish good on Bob's, cut shad to 35 pounds.

COLETO CREEK Water murky, 68 degrees, normal level black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on spinners; striper good to 6 pounds with good numbers of 1 1/2 pounds on minnows and jigs; crappie good to 1 1/2 pounds to 20 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish good to two pounds on trotlines.

CORPUS CHRISTI Water fairly clear rough midweek, normal level black bass good to seven pounds on artificials; striper slow; crappie good to two pounds on minnows; white bass fairly good; catfish good to seven pounds on minnows and shrimp, worms.

FALCON: Water clear, 5 3/4 feet low; black bass slow, some to 6 pounds, 5 ounces on plastic worms; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass good up river and around mouth of Veleno Arroyo; catfish fair to five pounds on shrimp.

MEDINA: Water clear, 60 degrees, lake full black bass good to four pounds, several three pounders, on spinners. Rat-L-Traps in shallow water; hybrid striper slow; crappie good at night to one pound, no full stringers yet; white bass, a few showing up; catfish real good to five pounds on trotline baited with stinkbait.

TEXANA: Water muddy in lake, clear in jungle and in Navidad, 65 degrees, normal level black bass good to excellent to 9 1/2 pounds on spinners in shallow water in the jungle area; striper and white bass slow; crappie slow; catfish very good on trotline to 20 pounds on crawfish and cutbait.

#### WEST

BAYLOR: Water clear, 47 degrees, normal level black bass fairly good to 6 pounds, 2 ounces on jig and eel, purple worms with firetail crappie slow; catfish slow. Front hit Monday night, 26 degrees Tuesday night.

GRANBURY: Water murky, 57 degrees, normal level black bass slow; striper real slow; crappie fair to 12 fish per string; white bass beginning to move up river with strings to 10 fish on minnows under popping corks; channel catfish good to 20 fish per string to three pounds each on trotline baited with chicken livers;

GREENBELT: Water clear, 49 degrees, normal level black bass slow to 7 1/2 pounds on plastic worms; crappie slow to three fish per string on minnows; white bass slow to five fish per string on slabs; catfish fairly good to 1 1/2 pounds to si. fish per string on night crawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK Water clear, 56 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass fairly slow; hybrid striper excellent with limits of five fish in 20 minutes to eight pounds each on silver slabs; crappie real slow in deep water on minnows; white bass slow; catfish good but small on trotline baited with perch or minnows.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 45 degrees, normal level black bass fair to three pounds on worms and jigs; crappie fair to 20 fish per string on minnows; white bass fair to 30 fish per string on slabs; catfish poor walleye fair to eight pounds on deep running Rapalas and slabs. Snow reported midweek, none sticking.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water murky, 50 degrees, two feet high; largemouth good to si. pounds on jig and pig; smallmouth bass excellent to 6 1/4 pounds, a possible lake record; striper good to 15 pounds on Lunker Lures; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish fair to 12 pounds on bass lures.

PROCTOR: Water murky, 54 degrees, three feet high; black bass fair numbers to si. pounds, mostly in 14-inch range, on Model A Bombers, black and blue jigs with black or white twin auger tail trailer; striper good to 12 pounds off points on Sassy Shad with limits of five fish easy for those who find the fish; crappie slow since lake came up, some early on minnows; catfish slow.

SPENCE: Water clear, 61 degrees, 13 feet low; black bass fair to six pounds on plastic worms; striper fair to 27 pounds on big shiners; crappie slow; white bass good to 20 fish per string on slabs; catfish fair to four pounds on trotline baited with minnows.

#### COASTAL

SABINE LAKE: Redfish improving to 23 inches in upper end of lake, some oversized fish in outfall canal fishing slow overall trout slow; flounder fair to 1 1/2 pounds in ditches, rumors of a single five pound flounder; some drum to three pounds on dead shrimp; no live bait shrimp available; a single delicious three pound sheepshead caught in cove.

GALVESTON: Fishing slow midweek due to cold rain and wind. Drum good at the jetties to 52 pounds, most in the 25-30 pound range on crab and dead shrimp, general feeling is that drum are not as numerous as last year; a few keeper redfish from 22 to 29 inches at the South Jetties; good numbers of sandtrout in the Ship Channel speck fishing scattered probably because of freshwater inflow; most specks are big schoolies; flounder good around edges of marshes on mud minnows; snapper real good from 75 to 100 miles offshore; live bait scarce.

PALACIOS: Fishing shot midweek because of north wind and low tides, probably will be much better by weekend; prior to the front which came through Tuesday night, redfish to 24 inches caught in Turtle and Carankahua Bays; speck catches scattered off piers and in turning basins; no limits reported but about half catches were keepers to three pounds; brown shrimp moving into bays; no live bait shrimp available.

ROCKPORT: Redfish scattered and slow due to fresh water and weather trout fairly good around Hog Island, South Bay, east side of California Hole, Redfish Bay outside of Dagger Island; drum beginning to show up to 30 pounds off Copano Causeway Pier on crab and sea lice; sheepshead good to four pounds around pilings and piers, around rocks on jetties; live bait available at \$7.50 per quart. Mild east winds, fairly cool midweek.

PORT ARANSAS: Horace Caldwell Pier beginning to produce trout all above keeper size, water warming. a small Spanish mackerel a few pompano. Bob Hall Pier producing whiting, a few small shark, stingrays. Live bait available.

CORPUS CHRISTI Redfish sporadic to 22 inches, a good number of undersized fish, widely scattered; good numbers of small specks, only about 10 percent keepers and these in the 18-19 inch range; a few drum to 40 pounds in the Landcut last week, slow since; a few small flounder live bait plentiful at 8 to 12 cents each. a Drum running to 60 pounds at Oso Pier. Water rough. Some trout but all below keeper size.

PORT MANSFIELD: Redfish very good to 30 inches in the north end of the bay and in the saucer area on gold spoons with red streamer with good numbers of limits; trout good in north end of bay around Marker 241 to five pounds on live shrimp, touts; good numbers of trout east of Intracoastal around Marker 243 with great numbers of limits live shrimp and strawberry touts; flounder slow; drum slow; some warsaw grouper from close rigs to 400 pounds, averaging around 90 pounds each; live bait available at \$10 per quart.

SOUTH PADRE: Nice limits of trout to five pounds, some 10 and 11 pound trout in the general vicinity of Unnecessary Island and in potholes on shrimp, red plastic worms; some redfish to eight or nine pounds in the flats; some black drum to 35 pounds off jetties; live bait shrimp available at \$8.50.