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FREE WASTE DISPOSAL SAVES TPWD, TAXPAYER FUNDS

AUSTIN--Dow Chemical U.S.A., Texas Operations, has provided the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with free waste disposal service.

Dow recently incinerated old chemicals from department sites across the state in their rotary kiln. Dow was allowed to receive these chemicals through a special permit procedure offered by the Texas Water Commission.

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"Dow is set up to dispose of these wastes safely and they agreed to do it at no cost to the taxpayer," said Andy Jones, TPWD administrative assistant. "We have been working on this project for the past year and are glad to see it come to closure."

The materials involved included old paints, pesticides and herbicides which the department had accumulated or no longer uses due to new policies. These materials were collected from 38 sites across the state.

"It is a great relief to me and especially for our field staff to have these materials disposed of safely," Jones said. "We can't thank Dow enough for their help on this project."

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TEXAS BIG GAME AWARDS ENTERS SECOND YEAR

AUSTIN--The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Texas Big Game Awards program began its second season with the beginning of archery only deer season Oct. 1 in an effort to recognize the importance of habitat and wildlife population management as essential to the welfare of wildlife resources and the habitats upon which they depend.

Last year's initial contest drew more than 800 entries, including 552 white-tailed deer, 94 mule deer and 25 pronghorn antelope in the scored entry categories and another 165 entries in the first animal category. Eight regional banquets honored the top five typical and non-typical white-tailed and mule deer as well as antelope and first animal entries. The top three entries statewide in each category were honored during the annual Texas Wildlife Association convention. Top hunters and landowners also were honored during Texas Wildlife Expo '92 on Oct. 2-3 at TPWD headquarters.

"I was very pleased with the number and quality of entries received this first year," said Mike Reagan, Texas Big Game Awards coordinator.

The top 50 typical and all the non-typical whitetails in each region will make up the Texas 400. Hunters with deer in this group will receive an originally-designed lapel pin and a special certificate showing the animal's score and its regional standing.

The program recognizes that the quality of animals is reflective of management efforts by land managers; the importance of hunting as a population management tool; and encourages participation by young and new hunters.

Entry into the program is open to wild-reared native white-tailed deer mule deer and pronghorn antelope that are legally harvested in Texas during the current year's hunting season. The program will recognize the quality of the animal, the hunter the land manager or owner upon whose property the animal was taken (optional) and hunters harvesting their first animal.

Hunters harvesting their first deer or antelope will be recognized in an alphabetical listing. Certificates will be awarded for first deer in youth and older hunter categories.

All scoring will be based upon Boone & Crockett Club guidelines utilizing net green scores. Entries must be scored by a Texas Big Game Awards certified scorer. More than 250 certified scorers are available statewide. Entry into the ranked listing requires hunters to complete and sign an entry form and certified score sheet. Entries must meet minimum scores for the region of harvest.

Eight regions have been established for white-tailed deer, two for mule deer and three for pronghorn antelope. Minimum entry scores for white-tailed deer will vary with each region and ranges from 125-140 (typical) and 140-155 (non-typical). Mule deer minimum scores are 145 (typical) and 160 (non-typical). Pronghorn antelope must score at least 70.

"Today's ever-changing land use, and wildlife population responses to these influences, have created a need for management of both habitat and wildlife populations, Reagan said. 'Proper habitat and population management can result in an increased diversity of habitat and wildlife resources and healthier populations of wildlife within these habitats. In deer and antelope, antler development may be used as an indicator of herd health. Recognition of the importance of proper habitat and population management is essential to the welfare of wildlife resources.

In addition, the TPWD will be able to gather valuable data on the status of regional management within the state.

'Land managers have the option through this program to be recognized for their management efforts, Reagan said. 'This is extremely important to the goal of promoting the wise use of wildlife and habitat resources within the state. The sponsors encourage participation in this program as a means of meeting this objective that is so critical to the welfare of habitat and wildlife resources in Texas.

The program is sponsored by TPWD and Texas Wildlife Association. For more information contact TPWD headquarters at 1-800-792-1112 or at TPWD offices across the state.

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TURKEY SEASON LOOKS PROMISING

AUSTIN--Plenty of rainfall during the year and two consecutive years of good reproduction has Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife biologists excited about the possibilities of the fall Rio Grande turkey season.

Biologists recently completed summer and fall turkey hen-poult surveys to determine the annual production of turkeys. All the figures have not been compiled but preliminary results in the top regions of the state are encouraging.

Larry Holland of Brownwood, TPWD biologist for the Possum Kingdom district, said the region's 2.71 poult per hen is the best reproduction since 1987. In 1987 area surveys produced more than three poult per hen.

"With two years of good reproduction I feel like turkeys are making a comeback after three bad years, he said. 'I think there are a lot of birds out there. I think it's going to be hard for the hunters to see the birds because of the abundant vegetation. Holland also said the area has "the best acorn crop in my memory, which may make hunting even more difficult.

"It's possible reproduction was even higher. We probably couldn't see them all, he said. 'The turkeys ought to be in excellent shape. It's kind of dry now but the birds are in good shape.

Turkey hunters in the Hill Country also should have plenty of action. Max Traweek, TPWD biologist in Kerrville, said 1992 is the third consecutive year the survey has shown more than two poult per hen. This year's survey showed 2.2 and was preceded in 1991 and 1990 with counts of 2.2 and 2.1 respectively.

"The survey has been higher than average for three years in a row. That's the only three year stretch that's been that high since at least 1980, Traweek said. "There should be a good supply of turkeys.

He said the turkeys are in good physical shape and should remain that way with a good mast crop. "The turkeys might be less susceptible to bait until the acorns are gone, but we've got a lot of birds available.

The eastern portion of the Panhandle also has seen good reproduction. "All ground nesting game birds in the Panhandle have had really good production compared to the past four or five years because of our above average rainfall situation, said Gene Miller, TPWD biologist from Amarillo. "The hens that we've seen have had fairly large broods with them. We had good poult production.

Lush green wheat fields could draw many of the birds out into the open, but there also is a lot of native food production, he said. Berry and fruit production on drainages has been good.

"The birds are in good shape with a good carry-over of adult birds from the previous year, which sets the stage for a very promising fall season.

In addition to a valid Texas hunting license, turkey hunters must possess a \$5 turkey stamp. The statewide bag limit on Rio Grande turkeys is no more than three, one each for fall and spring and another tag for fall or spring. Beards must remain on the turkey until it reaches its final destination and is finally processed.

Archery only turkey and deer season closes Nov. 1. The north general season will be Nov. 7-Jan. 3 and the south season is scheduled for Nov. 14-Jan. 10.

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TPWD, TEXAS A&M CONDUCTING SPOTTED SEATROUT SURVEY

AUSTIN--Texas A&M University, in cooperation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, is conducting a survey of spotted seatrout anglers in Texas to find out more about anglers for one of the most preferred saltwater species in Texas.

In a 1990 statewide survey of anglers, more than 1,500 respondents reported spotted seatrout as one of their preferred saltwater fish to catch. These anglers are being asked to complete and return a questionnaire dealing with their spotted seatrout fishing activity.

The survey's objectives are to describe the characteristics, fishing habits, motivations and attitudes of spotted seatrout anglers in Texas. Anglers' opinions on current spotted seatrout management regulations as well as options under consideration will be requested. Data also will be collected on angler expenditures and the economic value of the spotted seatrout fishery.

Management of the spotted seatrout fishery requires knowing not only the biological and ecological factors affecting seatrout, but also an understanding of the social and economic factors affecting seatrout anglers, said Gene McCarty, TPWD coastal fisheries branch chief. 'For our management activities to be successful, we must have information on the public's reaction to current and proposed regulations as well as the status of the fish population.

Opinions gathered in the study will be used to improve spotted seatrout management by monitoring the public's response to regulations and will aid the department in understanding what anglers want from their spotted seatrout fishing experience.

By predicting the economic impacts from proposed management plans, spotted seatrout management also will be improved. With the information gathered, the department can design management plans that will increase angler satisfaction and, at the same time, maintain a healthy spotted seatrout population.

For more information about the survey contact Dr. Bob Ditton, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843, or call (409) 845-4283.

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TEXANS PARTICIPATE IN DREAM HUNT

AUSTIN--A 14-year-old Katy youth and a hunter education instructor were among the four students and four instructors that participated in a recent quail hunt that will air on ESPN in December.

The two were drawn from thousands of postcard entries to participate in the Oct. 15-18 hunt that was taped for 'Ultimate Outdoors' with Wayne Pearson, a weekly show on ESPN, in the second annual Winchester Hunter Education Dream Hunt Contest. The show is scheduled to air at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 19. The hunt was hosted by and taped at the Live Oak Plantation in Adel, Ga.

Chad Moles of Katy was chosen as one of four youths to go on the hunt. He joined teenagers from St. John, New Brunswick, Birdboro, Penn., and Bowman, N.D. Chad's father David accompanied him on the trip. Texas is in the south region, which includes 13 other states.

Carl Marmion of San Antonio was chosen as one of four instructors. Two were from Rebecca, Ga., and the other was from Shinglehouse, Penn. Marmion, who is retired from civil service, has been teaching hunter education through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for more than a year.

Event sponsors provided the youths with a 20-gauge Winchester shotgun from U.S. Repeating Arms, a Crosman airgun, a Bear-Jennings bow, 12 Easton arrows, a gun cleaning kit, turkey calls, a custom made knife and a complete set of hunting apparel, including shirts, pants, vest, cap and boots among other items. Marmion received hunting apparel.

Anyone under 18 years old who has successfully completed a hunter education course is eligible for the all-expense paid trip for the youth and a parent or guardian. Terry Erwin, TPWD recreation coordinator and national coordinator of the Dream Hunt, said youths under 18 taking the course now will receive an entry card to enter next year's drawing. If a youth under 18 has already taken the course but has not received the entry card they can enter next year's drawing.

"This is a prime opportunity to get our youth involved in the educational aspects of learning outdoor skills," Erwin said. "It is important to promote and recognize hunter education efforts and, in doing so, reach youth at an early age and encourage their participation. It's also paramount that we help youngsters learn more about wildlife stewardship and outdoor values and instill in them a sense of outdoor responsibility, ethics, safety and involvement."

To receive a card call Erwin at 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4999, or (512) 389-4999 or contact your local hunter education instructor. Contact the department at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

The hunt is co-sponsored by Hunter Education Association, Winchester Division of Olin Corp. Bear Archery. Sunshine Mills, Trebark Camo, Easton, Crosman and U.S. Repeating Arms.

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SOUTH LLANO RIVER STATE PARK PROTECTS TURKEYS

JUNCTION--A portion of South Llano River State Park is off limits to the public from Oct. 1 through March 31 to protect the area's wild turkeys.

Wayne Haley, park superintendent, said the river bottom area in the park will be closed to public access. The river bottom has served as a winter roost for Rio Grande turkeys for more than 70 years. The roost area is closed each year to protect and preserve the park's natural resources.

The park, four miles south of Junction off U.S. 377, is home to many species of game and nongame animals, but the wild turkey is predominant. The 507-acre park has provided a stable roosting site for wild turkeys since at least 1910. An estimated 300-600 birds roost at the site each winter.

Turkeys are extremely susceptible to disturbance while going to the roost in the evenings and while on the roost at night. It doesn't take much human activity for them to decide to move somewhere else where they feel less threatened.

Even with the day-use area closed, the park has much to offer, Haley said. Campsites still are open to the public and some designated roads are open to hiking for those wanting to observe wildlife and get in some exercise.

In addition to the roosting sites being off limits, hiking trails into the adjoining Walter Buck Wildlife Management Area will close to park visitors for public hunts from Wednesday through Friday at noon in October, from Nov. 12-24 and from Dec. 2-8.

For more information on South Llano River State Park contact the park at HC 15, Box 224, Junction, Texas 76849, or call (915) 446-3994.

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SADDLETRAMPS TO REENACT 1880s AT FORT MCKAVETT

MENARD--Life in the late 1800s will become reality on Nov. 14 as Fort McKavett State Historical Park hosts the 1880 Saddletramps, a group who performs various living history demonstrations interpreting life of a frontier town in November 1883.

Fort McKavett SHP is an 1850s-1880s military post on the western edge of Menard County. The 1880 Saddletramps, a group of about 20 civilian reenactors from San Antonio, will portray 1880s businessmen, ranchers, cowboys, Texas Rangers and frontier women and children.

Featured will be businesses or occupations that portray a mercantile store, a non-alcoholic saloon, representative gamblers, a representative post office, a medicine show and other activities that portray life at a frontier town, said David Bischofhausen, park superintendent.

When the soldiers left Fort McKavett in June 1883, civilians moved into the old fort structures and formed the nucleus of the Fort McKavett community, he said. This event will represent some of the civilian life at Fort McKavett and give visitors a taste of what life was like in the 1880s.

'The Saddletramps strive for authenticity and public enjoyment when performing their activities, so the event should be a lot of fun for adults and children, Bischofhausen said.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved into Fort McKavett's restored structures - about half of the 18 structures are open. The event is free. Adult tours of Fort McKavett cost \$2, children six to 12 years old cost \$1 and tours are free for children under six.

The park is located 17 miles west of Menard on Highway 190, then south six miles on Ranch Road 864. For more information contact Phillip Friddell, event coordinator, at (512) 633-0658 or 377-3494 or Bischofhausen at (915) 396-2358.

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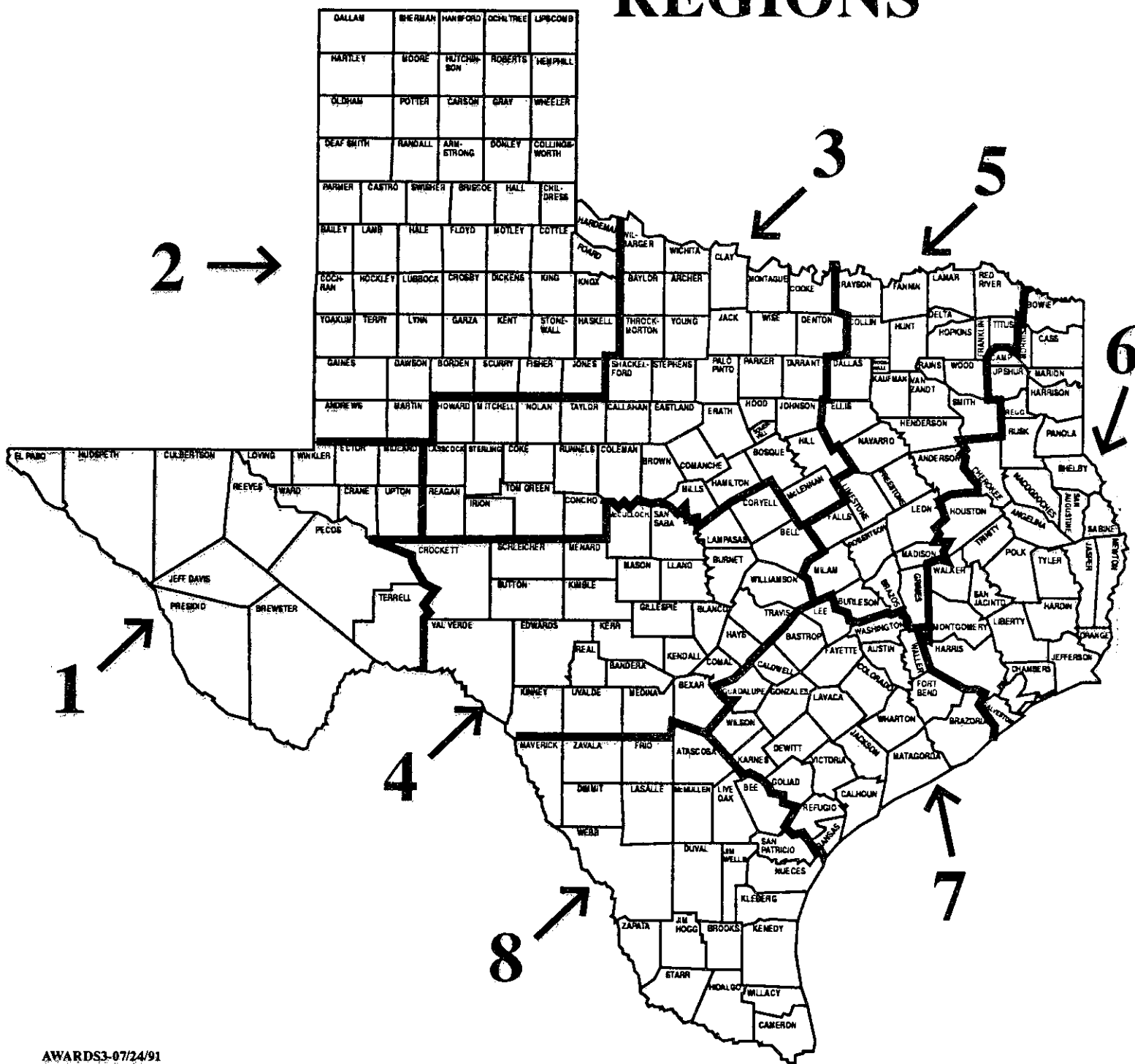
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Albany	Johnnie Hudman	915/762-2974	Brownwood	J. Y. Timmins	915/646-0244
Albany	Dan Walker	915/762-3683	Burnet	Dr. Dan E. McBride	512/756-6014
Alpine	Tim Bone	915/837-2051	Burton	Robert Lehmann	409/289-3416
Alpine	Malcolm Callaway	915/364-2464	Canadian	Tom Hinkle	806/323-8508
Alpine	Robert Culpepper	915/364-2429	Canadian	Robert Rogers	806/323-8642
Alpine	Mike Hobson	915/837-2051	Carrizo Springs	Daniel E. Boone	512/876-5945
Alpine	John Kuenstler	915/837-3040	Carrizo Springs	Gerald W. Merz	512/876-2312
Alpine	Rick McEntire	915/837-5542	Carrizo Springs	Donny Worthington	512/374-3500
Alpine	Billy McKinney	915/376-2216	Castroville	Gary Holzhaus	512/538-2688
Amarillo	Dana Dalchau	806/353-0486	Center	Terry Anderson	409/598-3053
Amarillo	Gene Miller	806/353-3141	Center	Mike Walker	409/598-3053
Amarillo	Jim Ray	806/353-0486	Cherokee	R. L. Lehrer	915/622-4569
Amarillo	Danny Swepton	806/353-0486	Cherokee	Glen Schneider	915/622-4249
Arlington	Claude Hicks	817/472-0332	Clarksville	Jerry D. Gordon	903/427-3702
Arlington	E. R. Rinehart	817/275-8783	Clarksville	Lee Lindeman	903/427-2244
Arlington	Joe Schaefer	817/460-1102	Clarksville	Terry Martin	903/427-5869
Artesia Wells	James Alexander	512/676-3413	Cleburne	Ben Haden	817/645-9841
Artesia Wells	Bill Brummel	512/676-3413	Clifton	Jose Cano	817/675-8729
Artesia Wells	Alberto Castilleja	512/999-3306	College Station	David Rideout	409/845-7471
Artesia Wells	Jimmy Rutledge	512/676-3413	Columbus	Gary Braun	409/732-8266
Artesia Wells	David Synatzske	512/676-3413	Columbus	Royce Jurries	409/732-3611
Athens	Kay Fleming	903/677-2069	Columbus	Edgar Stancik	409/732-3611
Austin	Glenn Boydston	512/389-4766	Commerce	Emerson Adams	903/885-4804
Austin	Kirby Brown	512/389-4395	Como	Randy Caddell	903/488-3005
Austin	Ron Collier	512/452-8234	Comstock	Alfonso J. Vielma	915/292-4417
Austin	Terry Erwin	512/268-0110	Conroe	Carl Williams	713/367-2745
Austin	Phil Evans	512/892-0832	Cotulla	Darwin Avant	512/879-3041
Austin	Horace Gore	512/389-4776	Cotulla	Ernie Davis	512/879-3395
Austin	Kathy Kirwin	512/389-4409	Cotulla	James Hillje	512/725-3667
Austin	Herb Kothmann	512/389-4770	Cotulla	Melisa Montemayor	512/879-2247
Austin	Mike Reagan	512/389-4777	Crockett	Steve Best	409/544-2046
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Bay City	David Reid	409/244-7634	Cypress	David Saye	713/893-5376
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Belton	Cecil E. Smith	817/939-5894	Dallas	David Lott	214/528-9962
Brady	Chuck Dalchau	915/597-3906	Dallas	Larry Rigsby	214/239-8181
Breckenridge	Tommy Hailey	817/362-4463	DeBerry	Jeff Wyatt	903/509-1604
Bronson	Jasper L. Marcantel	409/586-4400	Del Rio	J. K. Finegan	512/775-3179
Bronte	Garland Richards	915/743-6132	Del Rio	Juan C. Flores	512/775-2699
Brownwood	Kyle Cutbirth	915/646-3356	Del Rio	Gary Humphreys	512/775-1983
Brownwood	Treldon Cutbirth	915/646-3356	Del Rio	Alan D. Masloff	512/774-5021
Brownwood	Danny Davis	915/643-5977	Del Rio	Michael Morris	512/775-0387
Brownwood	David Davis	915/643-4182	Del Rio	Sylvestre Sorola	512/774-7406
Brownwood	Larry Holland	915/643-5977	Devine	Martin Binnion	512/663-4958
Brownwood	Steve Lancaster	915/646-8534	Devine	George Hundley	512/663-4225
Brownwood	Mike Thomas	915/643-3264	Dilley	Joyce Moore	512/965-1844

Driftwood	Roy Welch	512/847-9619	Jasper	Paul Seidensticker	409/384-9572
Dumas	Brent Branham	806/935-3520	Jasper	Gary Spencer	409/384-6894
Eastland	Brett Arther	817/629-3303	Jefferson	Tommy Drake	903/665-2588
Edinburg	Greg Sheguit	512/383-8982	Junction	Jim Bannowsky	915/446-3690
Edinburg	Gary Waggerman	512/383-8982	Junction	Homer Mansfield	915/446-2514
El Campo	Hefner Appling	409/543-1021	Junction	Jim Perkins	915/446-3179
El Campo	Dan Kyle	409/543-6205	Karnack	Ross Brown	903/679-3677
Falfurrias	Randy Fugate	512/325-2785	Kerrville	Ray Aguirre	512/896-2500
Fort Davis	Mike Pittman	915/426-3960	Kerrville	Fielding Harwell	512/896-2500
Fort Hancock	Jim Alcorn	915/986-2417	Kerrville	Max Traweck	512/896-2500
Fort Stockton	Nolan B. Johnson	915/336-3209	Katy	Joe Carroll	713/391-8665
Fredericksburg	Betty Sagebiel	512/997-7961	Kilgore	Joe Parker	903/984-2640
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Ft. Davis	Rick McIvor	915/426-3138	La Grange	Mike Bertsch	409/968-5889
George West	Joe Herrera	512/358-2124	La Grange	Bob Carroll	409/968-6591
George West	Gene Riser	512/449-2500	Lampasas	Michael Krueger	512/556-4172
Gillett	Bruce A. Wiatrek	512/789-4239	Lampasas	James Loughmiller	512/556-6491
Goldthwaite	Pac Hamblen	915/648-2515	Linden	Delanne Pruitt	903/756-7220
Gonzales	Tim Lawyer	512/437-5103	Linden	Charles Snowden	903/756-7172
Gonzales	Wayne Spahn	512/672-3720	Livingston	Chris Gregory	409/566-5591
Graham	Raymond Sims	817/549-7638	Livingston	Danny Moye	409/327-4850
Granbury	Roy Holdridge	817/579-1789	Llano	Bart Gillan	915/247-4217
Grand Prairie	Rocky Calvert	214/647-2563	Llano	Donovan Hohmann	915/247-5889
Grapeland	Robin Coppedge	409/687-2945	Llano	Kelly Leifeste	915/247-4733
Grapeland	Bobby Shaw	409/687-2945	Lolita	Mark Mitchell	512/874-4401
Hamilton	Ron Dickson	817/386-8440	Longview	Riley Schochler	903/643-7501
Harker Heights	John MacIntyre	817/698-6753	Lubbock	Steve Demarais	806/742-2843
Harper	David Lively	512/864-5005	Lufkin	Ben Bartlett	409/632-4496
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Hebbronville	Leif Henderson	512/527-4927	Lufkin	Stan Cook	409/853-3539
Hillsboro	David C. Dickson	817/582-3710	Lufkin	Freddie Flournoy	409/639-1879
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Hondo	Tim Favor	512/426-5845	Lufkin	Frank McCarty	409/639-9595
Houston	Mike Baird	713/469-2920	Lufkin	Charles D. Muller	409/639-1879
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Houston	Rocky Cooper	713/895-0702	Lufkin	Scotty Parsons	409/831-2405
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Houston	Petey Smallwood	713/861-1796	Marfa	Gilbert Guzman	915/729-4438
Houston	Mark Sullivant	713/682-1826	Marshall	Kyle Fitch	903/938-3485
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Mt. Pleasant	G.R. (Dick) McCarver	903/572-5201	Spring	Jimmie Klenk	713/320-9354
Nacogdoches	David Whitehouse	409/564-8375	Spring	David Verrips	713/367-2745
Neches	Cary Green	903/584-3631	Springtown	James W. Hutcheson	817/523-4676
New Boston	John Reed	903/628-5505	Stephenville	John B. Collier	817/968-4885
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Nolan	Bill Del Monte	915/798-3152	Sterling City	Gary Foster	915/378-5891
Odessa	Dane Widner	915/337-0921	Sulphur Springs	Paul Aguillar	903/945-2688
Ozona	Chuck Cospers	915/392-5687	Sulphur Springs	David Sierra	903/885-3922
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Paris	Larry Tischler	903/785-1318	Terrell	Rick Salisbury	214/563-2598
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AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Oct. 21, 92

CENTRAL

BELTON: Water clear, 76 degrees, slightly under normal level; black bass are excellent to 6 pounds, 9 ounces on Ring Rascals, spinners and buzz baits; striper are slow; crappie are fairly good on yellow fleaflies and yellow tube baits in 8-10 feet of water; white bass are fair while fishing for black bass on black bass baits; catfish are good to 5 pounds on shrimp.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 1/2 pounds on artificials; striper are slow; crappie are fairly good on minnows in 18 feet of water; white bass are fair to nearly 4 pounds on slabs and spoons; catfish are fairly good on shrimp baited rod and reel as well as trotlines.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 78 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass are fair to 4 pounds, 6 ounces on chartreuse Ring Worms; striper are good to 6 pounds on live bait and topwaters; crappie are excellent to 2 1/2 pounds on live minnows around docks with structure; white bass are good early and late under the birds around Shaw and Garrett Islands; channel catfish are good to 6 pounds on fresh shad baited trotlines; yellow catfish are good to 30 pounds on trotlines with live bait.

CANYON: Water clear, 68 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 11 1/4 pounds on large minnows in 25 feet of water; striper are good in the 2-8 pound range on downriggers and goldfish; crappie are good at night on minnows in 15 to 25 feet of water; white bass are fairly slow along with crappie on minnows; catfish are good on rod and reel in the 2-6 pound range on worms, shrimp and rabbit livers; yellow catfish are good to 44 pounds on perch and goldfish.

COLORADO BEND: Water murky, 2 feet down; black bass are poor; striper are poor; crappie are poor; white bass are poor; catfish are good to 12 pounds on trotlines with live bait; yellow catfish are poor in number.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are excellent to 6 3/4 pounds on Bass Assassins, topwaters, worms and water dogs; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 7 pounds on water dogs, slabs and live carp.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear, 80 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fairly good within the slot, some keepers caught on topwaters early and late and plastic worms in the middle of the day; crappie are fair to 10 fish per string to 1 1/2 pounds each in 11 feet of water on minnows; catfish are good to 2 pounds on rod and reel from the bank in shallow water.

INKS LAKE: Water clear, 77 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to good to 4 pounds on chartreuse buzz baits and frog colored topwaters; striper are fair to 14 pounds on live bait; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 4 1/2 pounds in shallow water on shrimp and chicken livers with rod and reel and trotline.

LBJ: water clear, 79 degrees, lake full; black bass are good through 12 pounds, 2 ounces on chartreuse DB#3s; striper are slow; crappie

are good to 2 1/2 pounds with daily limits on minnows; white bass are good in main lake with topwaters under birds, good numbers of small stripers are caught in the same area; catfish are good to 5 pounds in baited holes on stinkbait.

LIMESTONE: Water murky, 77 degrees, 38 inches low; black bass are slow to 5 pounds on Bulldog spinners and June bug colored Jawtec Wacky Craws; crappie are slow, some caught in baited holes; white bass are slow, some schooling near the dam early and late on Rattle Traps; catfish are slow to 5 pounds on cut bait with trotlines in the creek channels.

SOMERVILLE: Water fairly clear, 75 degrees, 2 inches low; black bass are good to 5 pounds on black jigs and plgs, cranks and worms; striper are slow; crappie are good on minnows and jigs in 8 feet of water near marina and at 9 feet in 23 feet of water around brush piles; white bass are slow, no schooling; catfish are fairly good to 42 1/2 pounds on minnows, most are in the 3-4 pound range and are caught on liver, dough bait and minnows.

SQUAW CREEK: Water clear, 81 degrees, lake level still low; black bass are good in the 3 to 3 1/2 pound range in shallow to 30 feet of water on spinners and slabs; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 76 degrees, 6 feet low; largemouth bass are good to 7 1/2 pounds on chartreuse spinners, gold Rogues, strawberry worms and a wide range of other baits; Guadalupe bass are good to 16 inches on same lures with up to 64 bass per day per boat with frequent limits caught; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 8 pounds on cut bait.

WACO: Water murky, 75 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on cranks; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on jigs; catfish are fair to 10 pounds on stinkbait.

WHITNEY: Water clear, 42 inches low; black bass are good to 9.31 pounds, a new lake record caught by Ron Gardner of Whitney on a Bulldog Grub, others caught on Berkeley Power Shad at 6 feet in 10 feet of water; small mouth bass are good on spinners to 6 pounds at night; striper are good to 8 pounds, most are smaller, and are caught on live bait or downrigging on large shad lures; crappie are good on minnows and jigs under the bridge and fair to good in the barges; white bass are good to 1 pound on topwaters early and Rattle Traps; channel catfish are slow to 2 pounds on cut bait.

NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water clear, 78 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are good in number to 5 pounds on topwaters, spinners and worms; crappie are good on minnows in 15 to 20 feet of water around structure; white bass are fairly good to 10 fish per string on minnows; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on shrimp on trotlines.

CADDO: Water clear, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to good to 1 on minnows.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 72 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 8 pounds on black and blue jigs with crawlers; crappie are good to 2 pounds on minnows;

catfish are good in number to 10 pounds on nightcrawlers and minnows.

FAIRFIELD: Water clear, 75-81 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are good in the 1 to 8 pound range on worms; striper are slow; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 7 pounds on jug lines baited with shrimp; yellow catfish are good to 29 pounds on live bait; redfish are good in the 14 inch range on sunfish.

FORK: Water clear, 70 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass are good to 10.6 pounds on spinners; crappie are excellent to 2.1 pounds on minnows and jigs; catfish are slow.

GRAPEVINE: Water stained, 71 degrees, 2.1 feet low; black bass are good to 7.7 pounds on black and blue jigs and pork combinations in 12-14 feet of water at dropoffs in creek channels; striper are slow; crappie are fair in brushy areas in 12-14 feet of water on minnows and 1/16 ounces white bucktail jigs; white bass are good to 2 pounds around the island and sandy points on 1/4 ounce chrome and blue Rattle Traps in 18-23 feet of water; catfish are good to 7 1/2 pounds on trotlines baited with minnows and catfish bait; in 2-3 pound range catfish are good on stinkbait around island and at the dam.

JOE POOL: Water clear, 70 degrees, a little low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on minnows and spinners; crappie are good to 1/4 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 8 pounds on shad and shad gizzards.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 69 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good to 5 1/2 pounds on Rattle Traps, spinners, buzz baits and dark worms; crappie are fairly good along the river channel in 8-10 feet of water on minnows; white bass are fair on small cranks along the river channels; catfish are fairly good to 13 pounds on nightcrawler baited trotlines.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 76-80 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good to 6 pounds on 10-inch Power Worms and Strike King Spinners; striper are fair to 8 pounds on live shad; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows in 8 feet of water; white bass are good early and late on slabs and Tiny Torpedoes; catfish are good to 10 pounds on shrimp and cut shad.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 76 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 10 1/2 pounds on black jigs; crappie are fair to 2 pounds on minnows; catfish are good to 7 pounds on Canadian crawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 72 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows and jigs; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 5 pounds on shrimp and cut shad.

MURVAUL: Water clear, 69 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are good to 6 pounds on buzz baits and topwaters; crappie are good but most are in the 7-8 inch range on minnows; catfish are good to 4 1/2 pounds drifting near the dam with nightcrawlers.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 2 feet below spillway; black bass are fairly good to 7 pounds on worms, spinners and topwaters early and late; striper are slow on worms; crappie are beginning to pick up to 2 pounds, 11 ounces on minnows; white bass are fair with some schooling; channel catfish are

fairly good in the 4-5 pound range on cut bait; yellow catfish are fairly good to 25 pounds on trotlines with live bait.

PORTIS CREEK: water clear, a little low; black bass are slow; crappie are fairly good at night off piers on minnows; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on dough bait.

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear, 66 degrees, 2 feet below normal level; black bass are excellent in the 2 1/2 to 3 pound range in the weeds near the shoreline late in the afternoon on plastic worms; hybrid striper are improving; crappie are good to very good on jigs and minnows at several depths; white bass are fair; catfish are excellent all over the lakes.

RAY ROBERTS: Water clear, 75 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 10 pounds on Carolina rigging with red shad French Fries or Carolina Twigs; crappie are slow; white bass are schooling around the dam with PopRs; catfish are good to 10 pounds on rod and reel baited with goldfish.

RICHLAND-CHAMBERS: Water clear, 71 degrees in coves, 69 degrees in main lake, 2 feet low; black bass are fairly good in the 4-6 pound range in the coves on worms; striper are slow; crappie are fairly good to 10 to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass are fair on slabs and spoons; catfish are fairly good to 8 pounds on jug lines.

TAWAKONI: Water clear, 74 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are good to 5 pounds on worms, spinners and topwaters; striper are slow; crappie are fairly good around the boat docks and in the brush on minnows and jigs; white bass are good on slabs and spoons; catfish are good to 4 pounds on shrimp, Bill's Catfish Bait, bloodbait and a wide range of other baits.

TEXOMA: Water clear, 70 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds on pigs and jigs, spinners and topwaters; small mouth bass are fair to 5 1/2 pounds on same baits; striper are very good to 12 pounds on live bait, Sassy Shad and slabs; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds on jigs and minnows; white bass are good to 2 pounds on slabs and topwaters; catfish are fairly good to 36 pounds with live bait, cut bait and shrimp.

WRIGHT PATMAN: Water clear in main lake, discolored above Highway 8 bridge; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on jigs and Carolina rigged Worms; crappie are fair to 1 1/4 pounds on minnows, jigs and small spinners, fish are working their way to deeper water along the river; white bass are fair to 1 1/4 pounds in the main lake and good below the dam on L'il Georges, Rattle Traps and Roostertails; catfish are poor to 8 pounds on live shad, perch, stinkbait, catalpa worms and nightcrawlers; sun fish are fair on the main lake and good below the dam on red wigglers and crickets.

SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 72 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on cranks and worms; crappie are excellent for the first time in years on minnows in 15 feet of water over brush; white bass are scattered; catfish are plentiful but most are too small to keep; sunfish have disappeared.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 74 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass

are good to 6 pounds, 6 ounce on shad Raps in 6 feet of water; crappie are good with full strings to 15 inches on minnows; white bass are fairly slow on minnows; catfish are fair to 7 1/2 pounds on trotlines baited with large perch near the islands.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear, 69 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good with several limits to 8 pounds on dark worms and spinners, bass are moving into shallower water; striper are fairly slow; crappie are good with several strings to 20 fish each on minnows in 4-6 feet of water; white bass are fairly good while schooling late in the afternoon; channel catfish are fairly slow to 7 pounds in deep water; yellow catfish are slow to 64 pounds on trotline with live bait, blue catfish are fair to 20 pounds.

RAYBURN: Water clear, 72-75 degrees, 7 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on spinners, Long As and Jerkin' Sams; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are slow; fishing pressure has been light.

SHELDON: Water clearing in the north end and cloudy on the south, 70 degrees, 14 inches low; black bass are poor and mostly undersized; crappie are poor; catfish are poor and undersized.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 73 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass are fair to 6 1/2 pounds on topwaters, spinners and worms; striper are slow to 8 pounds on live bait trolling near the generators; crappie are fair to 2 1/2 pounds on live bait in 16 to 23 feet of water; catfish are picking up to 50 pounds on trotline over baited holes.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, 75 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to good to 4 1/2 pounds early and late on buzz baits, spinners and worms are good during the middle of the day; striper are fair to 10 pounds on live bait and Bananahead Jigs; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; white bass are fair all over the lake at night on minnows and on slabs during the day; catfish are good but fish are scattered in 12 to 70 feet of water on cheesebait, nightcrawlers and shrimp.

BRAUNIG: Water clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow to 7 1/2 pounds on shad from the bank; striper are slow to 4 pounds on spoons; channel catfish are good in the 1 1/2 pound range on live shad and shrimp; blue catfish are good in the 5 to 6 pound range on shad; redfish are slow to 16 pounds on tilapia and some caught trolling spoons.

CALAVERAS: Water clear, normal level; black are good to 6 pounds on topwaters and plastic worms; striper are slow; catfish are fairly good with strings to 10 fish to 5 pounds; redfish are fair in the 14 pound range on topwaters on Tony Accetta Spoons, live perch and crawfish; corvina are fair to 10 pounds and above on plastic worms, topwaters and live perch.

CHOKO: Water clear, 77 degrees, 13 inches low; black bass were very good before the cold front to 10 pounds on plastic worms, spinners, topwaters and buzz baits around the grass beds in 6-10 feet of water; striper are slow; crappie are fair around 99 bridge on minnows in 5-10 feet of water; white bass are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on slabs and spoons; catfish are good through 5 pounds

on shrimp, liver and cheese bait. COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 80 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 16 inches on Slug-Gos and Torpedoes; crappie are fair to 1 pound on minnows; catfish are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on worms and bloodbait.

FALCON: Water clear, 75 degrees, falling 3 inches per day; black bass are good to 8 pounds on cranks, spinners and worms in 8-12 feet of water; striper are fairly good to 20 inches; white bass are very good on Knocker spoons; crappie are slow; catfish are good through 4 pounds on shrimp baited rods and reels.

MEDINA: Water clear, 18 inches low; black bass are good through 5 pounds on topwaters and jerk baits early, power worms are good later in the day; striper and all other fishing have been slow.

TEXANA: Water murky in main lake, clear in the jungle, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds on worms in the jungle area; crappie are fair on minnows; blue catfish are good to 10 pounds on trotlines baited with live perch.

WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly murky, 68 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are fair in deep water on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are slow to fair to in the 3 to 5 pound range on trotlines baited with blood bait, liver and shad.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, normal level; black bass are fair to 7 pounds on lures; striper are fair to 5 pounds on lures; crappie are good to 2 1/2 to 3 pounds on minnows; white bass are fair to 2 pounds on minnows; catfish are good to 14 pounds on live perch baited trotlines and to 10 pounds on rod and reel with stink bait.

KEMP: Water a little murky due to winds, 68 degrees, 2 feet below normal level; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on plastic worms in the brushy areas; striper are fairly good to 8 pounds in the upper end of the lake drifting and trolling; crappie are fairly good in 15 feet of water in the brush piles; white bass are fair trolling the west end of the lake; catfish are fairly good to 52 pounds on trotlines baited with minnows and perch; most catfish are in the 2-3 pound range and are caught in the shallow brushy areas.

MCCLELLAN: Water clear, 68 degrees, 20 feet low; black bass are slow; striper are good in number but most are too small to keep; channel catfish are good in number to 4 pounds in the shallow water on worms and liver; crappie are spotty on minnows.

MEREDITH: Water murky with 5-foot visibility, 61 degrees, normal level and dropping slowly; black bass are slow; crappie are fair to 13 inches on minnows; white bass are fairly good to about 13 inches on minnows and ghost minnows; catfish are fairly good to 11 1/4 pounds on large minnows and perch baited jug lines, fairly good catfish caught on chicken liver around the marina on rod and reel; walleye are fairly good to 5 pounds on ghost minnows in 30 feet of water.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 71 degrees, 18 inches low; largemouth bass are fairly good to 10 pounds on worms and spinners; small mouth are fairly good to 4 pounds, 7 ounces on worms; crappie are good

to 16 inches in good numbers on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 40 pounds on trotlines baited with goldfish.

O.H. IVIE: Water clear in main body, murky in upper end and in creeks, 6 inches low; largemouth bass are excellent to 20 inches in 8-15 feet of water on white spinners and dark colored worms, root beer or motor oil colors are best; small mouth bass are fair to 15 inches on crank baits in 10-20 feet of water along bluffs and ridges, best bass fishing is in the brushy areas around Yellow Bluff and in the Colorado River part of the lake from Spring Branch to Rocky Branch; crappie are fair to good to 1 1/2 pounds in 10-15 feet of water along brushy ridges or points on minnows; channel catfish are good to 4 pounds in baited holes or flats with shrimp; yellow catfish are fair on trotlines along rocky ledges.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 71-72 degrees, 4 feet low; largemouth bass are good to 8.9 pounds on jigs and pigs off brush piles, clear Rattle Traps are good in shallow water; striper are fair in the 18-22 inch range on jigs and slabs in 25 feet of water; crappie are fairly good around brush to 14 inches in 20 feet of water on minnows; white bass are fair on slabs while fishing for striper; catfish are slow to 34 pounds on trotlines with live perch.

PROCTOR: Water fairly clear, 3 feet above normal; black bass are fairly good to 14 inches and above on artificials; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

SPENCE: Water clear, 69 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5 pounds, 9 ounces on dark worms in shallow water around salt cedars; striper are good to 21 pounds on shad around 158 roadbed and Wildcat Creek, smaller striper are good in the 16 to 20 inch range on topwaters; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are good in the 4-6 pound range on shiners, shrimp and nightcrawlers.

STAMPFORD: Water muddy, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 6 pounds on chartreuse and black worms; crappie are fair to 2 1/2 pounds on minnows; catfish are fair on worms, trotline fishing is slow.

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Fishing has been good; winds have slowed fishing some days; fairly good numbers of redfish, trout, sheepshead, flounder, croaker and drum have been caught; few gafftops caught this year; live bait shrimp available at 6 cents each; water is in good shape.

SOUTH SABINE LAKE: Specks, reds and flounder fishing has been good near the causeway; water clear since Monday; not live bait shrimp available.

GALVESTON: Good numbers of sandtrout caught in the surf; bays are producing good numbers of keeper sized redfish and trout; flounder are still running in the 3 1/2 pounds; bull reds are fairly plentiful at the surf and at the jetties; snapper limits to 12 pounds caught offshore; kingfish in the 12-15 pound range are caught in the same area; some small ling also caught offshore; good numbers of sandtrout and croakers caught in the surf; live bait shrimp available in the \$10

to \$12 per quart range. Water is in good shape all over.

FREEPORT: Flounder and redfish have been good in the bays; live bait shrimp available at \$8 per quart. Limits of snapper have been caught between 35 and 50 miles offshore; a few amberjack and kingfish also caught in the same area; good numbers of triggerfish and a few grouper also caught; shark have been fairly slow.

PORT OCONNOR: Good offshore snapper fish 8-9 miles offshore; some shark to 3 feet; a few Spanish mackerel also caught; trout and redfish caught at the big jetties, Cattle Pens, Cedars, and Bird Island; good numbers of redfish caught around Steamboat Pass and South Pass; trout and redfish caught in Fish Pond and Mule Slough; Matagorda Bay well area has been producing good sized trout; trout and redfish have been caught in Oil Field Cut; some oversized redfish caught in Saluria Bayou; good trout and redfish caught in Boggy Bayou weather permitting; night fishing has been good; live bait shrimp are getting scarce.

MATAGORDA: Limits of trout caught under birds in East Bay on shrimp and Hogies Swimming Jacks; some birds are working in West Bay; flounder are running in the river and bays; some trout big enough to keep were caught in the river; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

PALACIOS: Some trout and redfish caught around Green's and Cotton's Bayou on Hogies Swimming Jacks; good numbers of birds caught in the back bays, most trout are undersized; some trout caught at the Baptist Encampment and at the turning basin with some keepers day and night; some redfish and trout caught in Coon Island Bay on Hogies Swimming Shad; Tres Palacios River is fresh; live bait shrimp are scarce.

ROCKPORT: Good numbers redfish and trout caught in Aransas Bay near Mud Island south of Rockport; good numbers of redfish and trout caught in Redfish Bay, Estes Flats and California Hole; good numbers of redfish caught in Dunham, north of Rockport; some trout caught under the lights, on the causeway and at Goose Island State Park Piers; fairly good numbers of golden croaker caught off the Port Aransas jetties.

PORT ARANSAS: Good numbers of redfish caught in the flats on live mullet; good sized trout caught near Markers 6 and 12 on live perch; good numbers of croaker to 14 inches caught in the channels on dead shrimp; a few flounder in the 1 1/2 pound range caught in the channels on live shrimp; fishing has been good around Hog Island, Mud Island, Lydia Ann Channel and at the wells; live bait shrimp available at \$7.50 per quart. Offshore fishermen are catching good numbers of snapper limits, good numbers of vermillion snapper and amberjack caught in deep water; some blackfin tuna caught about 25 miles offshore around shrimp boats; some barracuda caught near the rigs; some bonito and blackfin tuna showing up around the rigs also; few bill fishermen out; kingfish are scattered, some caught around rocks 40 miles out.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Nueces Bay fishermen are catching trout and redfish at the causeway and at Indian Point; back bay fishing is slow; some flounder caught but no run yet.

PORT MANSFIELD: Good numbers of

undersized trout caught in the East Cut on live shrimp; redfish are scattered on the flats south of Port Mansfield; a few redfish and trout caught north of Port Mansfield; offshore snapper and kingfish are still fairly good; live bait shrimp available at \$12 per quart.

SOUTH PADRE: Large numbers of redfish, many limits, caught south of Three Islands in Gas Well Flats; good numbers of drum and some trout to 8 pounds caught in the same area; good numbers of redfish to 35 inches caught in the same area; good numbers of trout caught north of the new causeway on both east and west sides; good numbers of flounder caught in the channels in South Bay on live shrimp; jetty fishermen are catching sandtrout and whiting, mangrove snapper and some kingfish in the 12-30 pound range; some talling redfish caught in the brown tide of the west side; pier fishermen are catching good numbers of golden croaker, excellent numbers of sandtrout caught with the average string between 30 and 50 fish; some redfish to 38 inches caught from the pier; little offshore activity; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

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