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## MONTANA FISHING, HUNTING ACTIVITY HALTED

AUSTIN -- The Governor of Montana on Tuesday (Sept. 6) ordered public lands in the state closed to all outdoor recreation because of fires that continue to rage out of control.

Gov. Ted Schwinden took the action in response to the danger posed by widespread fires and continued hot, windy weather, according to a spokesman for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The ban includes hunting, fishing, camping and all other recreational pursuits, until further notice.

The wildlife agency already had delayed the opening dates of several hunting seasons that were to have opened on Sept. 3. Those seasons were tentatively expected to reopen on Sept. 16.

Hunting seasons affected by the delayed opening include all bowhunting for deer, elk, black bear and antelope, as well as the general hunting seasons for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat and the general seasons for hunting upland birds, wild turkeys in the eastern portion of the state and mourning doves.

A news release sent by the Montana agency to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said that during the first week of September almost 5,000 fire fighters were battling blazes on approximately 208,000 acres in Montana. An additional 173,000 acres already had been burned during the summer.

In Yellowstone National Park, the northernmost portion of which lies in Montana, more than 400,000 acres have been burned, the release said.

Texas hunters wishing to obtain further information can call the Montana agency at (406) 542-5500.

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GRANDMOTHER CATCHES  
WHOPPER BASS AT LAKE FORK

EMORY -- Berneice Rose struck a blow for grandmothers everywhere last week by catching a 13-pound, seven-ounce largemouth bass at Lake Fork.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said the big bass is the largest ever caught in Texas by a woman, and it capped a two-week period during which she caught four bass over 10 pounds from the same East Texas reservoir. The TPWD does not maintain separate fish records for women.

Rose, a 56-year-old retired convenience store manager from Gilmer, said she had planned to release the big fish alive but later decided to loan it to the department's Tyler Fish Hatchery for study. The Tyler facility is headquarters for the agency's "Operation Share A Lone Star Lunker" program.

that uses loaned lunkers for spawning experiments Rose's fish is not an official entry in the program which starts each year on Jan 1

Rose said she has no secrets for her fishing success, except for taking her son James' advice to fish slowly and thoroughly "I just don't get in a hurry when I'm fishing," she said "I may park the boat and fish in one spot for two hours if I think it's a good spot " Her big catch last Wednesday hit a red and black colored plastic craw-worm, she said The fish was 25 1/2 inches long and 21 inches in girth

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NEW NIMITZ EXHIBIT HONORS  
W W II WOMEN

FREDERICKSBURG -- "Quiet Shadows -- Women in the Pacific War" is the title of a new exhibit set to open at the Admiral Nimitz State Historical Park in Fredericksburg on Sept 24

The exhibit will open at 2 p m in the ballroom of the Nimitz Museum The historical park, located in downtown Fredericksburg, commemorates the life and career of the late Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander of Allied forces in the Pacific during World War II Nimitz was born in Fredericksburg

Museum curator Helen Springall said the program has exceeded the expectations of the museum staff "In doing research for this exhibit, we discovered a great many important stories that had never been publicly told before," Springall said "It covers all branches of military service, non-military service such as the Red Cross and USO and civilians who were

captured and interned by the Japanese in the Philippines and elsewhere at the beginning of the war. We also plan to relate the story of Japanese women in the combat areas."

Women from across the nation have loaned and donated many items from their service in the Pacific. These include diaries of American military nurses captured on Bataan and Corregidor, the medals of Navy Nurse Ann Bernatitus who was rescued by submarine from Bataan and later won the Legion of Merit medal, uniforms from flight nurses, WACs, WAVEs, Women Marines and others, Springall said.

Also featured will be a Japanese nurse's uniform, a very rare artifact since almost all Japanese nurses were reported lost on a transport ship returning to the homeland late in the war.

Military and combat art from the period also will be on display, as well as audio presentations of Tokyo Rose and her American counterpart, Red Cross Southern Belle, Susan Tate King.

Making the opening address will be former World War II WAVE Lila Cockrell, former mayor of San Antonio.

The Women's Overseas Service League will dedicate a plaque honoring American women who lost their lives in the Pacific.

The Nimitz Museum, open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., relates the story of Chester Nimitz and the Pacific War. Also included in the museum complex is the Japanese Garden of Peace and a four-acre History Walk of the Pacific War featuring aircraft, tanks and other large relics of the war.

HUNTERS WARNED OF NEW  
HUNTING RULE IN MEXICO

AUSTIN -- Texas hunters planning to cross the border into Mexico to hunt should be aware of a new Mexican regulation requiring that all nonresident hunters be accompanied by hunting guides

The regulation change was announced recently by Mexico's Section of Ecology and Urban Development (SEDUE), according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Violation of these regulations could result in fines up to \$35,000 in U S currency, the announcement said

The department advises Texas hunters planning to hunt in Mexico to contact the SEDUE office in the Mexican state in which they plan to hunt

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NEWLY-OPENED RESERVOIR HAS  
VETERAN BROODFISH

AUSTIN -- A new reservoir in North Central Texas recently opened to bank fishermen has been stocked with 78 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's largemouth bass veteran brooders

U S. Army Corps of Engineers officials are now allowing anglers to fish the new Ray Roberts Reservoir in Denton, Cooke and Grayson Counties

However, only bank fishing and fishing from float tubes is allowed. Boats, canoes and other water craft are prohibited, officials said.

TPWD officials said the Veteran Broodfish program involves tagging surplus hatchery brooders and releasing them in selected lakes. Anglers catching and releasing these fish can receive documentation of the fish's history by calling toll-free 1-800-792-1112 and reporting the tag number. This number was incorrect on the streamer of the fish stocked at Ray Roberts.

Bill Rutledge, hatchery chief, said the program is intended to give the new lake's bass population a spawning headstart, call attention to the department's hatchery program and promote the catch and release concept. The broodfish averaged one and a half pounds in weight when stocked 11 months ago, Rutledge said.

Bag and size limits for largemouth bass at Ray Roberts are the statewide five per day, 14-inch minimum length. However, the lake has a special 10-inch minimum length limit on crappie, with a daily bag limit of 25.

Also open to anglers on a bank-fishing-only format is the new Richland-Chambers Reservoir in Navarro County, but the new lake has impounded only a small amount of water and contains few if any fish of catchable size, officials said. Statewide limits on all sport fish are in effect at Richland-Chambers.

Surrounding shorelines on both Ray Roberts and Richland-Chambers are included in the TPWD's Type II public hunting program. However, fishermen are not required to purchase a Type II hunting permit to fish either lake.

AUSTIN Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for September 7

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 84 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 4 1/2 pounds on Skipjacks and live minnows; crappie fair at night with strings from 15 to 25 fish on live minnows under crappie lights; catfish slow.

BELTON: Water clear 86 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass good to 4 pounds on black goldflaked Ringworms in 10 feet of water; hybrid striper good to 8 pounds drifting shrimp in 30-40 feet of water; crappie excellent to 20 fish per string on minnows in 12 feet of water white bass good to 19 fish per string on small topwaters; channel catfish good to 12 pounds on bloodbait.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 86 degrees, 6 foot low; black bass good to 6 pounds on topwaters early and black jigs later in the day; striper fair to 8 pounds on topwaters early, live shad productive later in the day; crappie fair, some at night with minnows, white bass good to 40 fish per boat on topwaters early; catfish good to 1 1/4 pounds on shad and live perch baited trotlines.

CANYON Water clear 79 degrees, normal level black bass improving to 5 pounds on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps, worms and buzz baits striper slow; crappie good to 25 fish per string at night under lights on minnows, white bass fair with some schooling around 7 p.m., best baits are Man-O-Lures catfish are good to 52 pounds, 5 ounces on trotline baited with goldfish.

COLORADO BEND Water clear, normal level black bass slow; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass fair with short strings; catfish fair to 4 pounds with strings to 8 fish on worms

FAYETTE COUNTY: Water clear 83 degrees, normal level black bass fairly slow but improving with a few slot fish, an occasional bass over 21 inches in the 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 pound range on Fat Getzis and grubs in deep water, live bait crappie slow; catfish fairly slow with a few small fish; bream very good on live worms and nightcrawlers

GIBBONS CREEK: Water fairly clear 83 degrees, 5 inches low; black bass slow; crappie fairly slow catfish slow since the front

LBJ Water dingy, 85 degrees, normal level black bass good to 3 pounds on strawberry worms; striper good to 8 pounds on Peanut Poppers crappie slow white bass fairly good to 15 fish per string on clear Crazy Shad; catfish good to 1 pound on shrimp and cutbait.

LIMESTONE: Water clear, 3 feet low; black bass slow; striper fair on minnows, crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish picking up to 10 pounds to 12 fish per string drifting shad

SOMERVILLE: Water clear, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 2 pounds on plastic worms; striper slow; crappie fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows and jigs; white bass fair on minnows catfish fair to 2 pounds on catfish bait and shrimp.

TRAVIS Water clear, 83 degrees, 12 1/4 feet low; black bass good to 4 1/4 pounds on topwaters chrome Crazy Shad and chartreuse spinners until 11 30 a.m., many bass caught around 25 feet on firecracker grubs and crawfish; striper slow crappie slow; white bass very good until the front hit, no schooling since catfish good drifting shrimp and bloodbait in 30-40 feet of water.

WHITNEY Water clear 73 degrees 10 feet low; black bass slow; striper good to 18 pounds on live bait in the lower third of the lake on live bait; crappie fair in deep water on minnows; white bass good with schooling all over the lake on jigs, catfish fair on trotlines in the Cedar Creek area.

NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water clear, 75 degrees, 13 inches below overflow; black bass improving to 7 pounds on Lunker Lure spinners and buzz baits in 7-8 feet of water crappie good to 25 fish per string to 1 pound each on minnows in 20-25 feet of water in brush white bass fair, catfish slow. Redear and bluegill excellent in 6-8 feet of water on top of the bottom moss on crickets and red worms

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, normal level, black bass good but mostly small to 6 3/4 pounds, crappie good in 2-12 feet of water with full strings on minnows, white bass fair, catfish good drifting shrimp and worms.

CADDO: Water clear, 3 feet low; black bass slow; all fishing slow.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 80 degrees, 42 inches low; black bass fairly good to 7 pounds in 3-8 feet of water on Bloodline worms and Rat-L-Traps; hybrid striper good to 9 pounds on silver slabs in 16-18 feet of water; crappie good with strings to 20 fish in 18-20 feet of water on minnows, white bass fair with late afternoon surfacing on chartreuse Rooster Tails and L'il Georges; catfish good to 5 1/2 pounds on shrimp and nightcrawlers.

FORK: Water clear, 92 degrees, 10 inches low; black bass good to 12 pounds, 15 ounces on Fire and Ice worms in 20 feet of water; crappie fair to 20 fish per string on minnows, catfish fair to 5 1/2 pounds on shrimp; bream fairly good on worms and crickets.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 78 degrees, 2 feet low, black bass fair to 5 pounds on blue worms and green frogs as well as white spinners; crappie fair on jigs and minnows in 15 feet of water at night; white bass fair and spotty; catfish slow.

LAVON: Water murky, 4 1/2 feet low; black bass slow, crappie good in deep water on minnows; white bass fair to 1 1/4 pounds to 15 fish per string; catfish excellent to 4 1/2 pounds on shrimp and big worms.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, normal level, black bass fair to 5 1/4 pounds, white bass very good; catfish fairly good to 30 pounds on rod and reel.

MARTIN CREEK: Water clear, 5 feet low; black bass good on plastic worms, striper slow; crappie slow; catfish good on liver and spinners.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 100 degrees, normal level, black bass good to 6 pounds, 13 ounces on 8 inch black worms, crappie slow; catfish good to 9 pounds with several limits of 25 fish per string on Canadian Crawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 83 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass slow; crappie fair to 20 fish per string on minnows, white bass slow; catfish fair to 6 pounds on shrimp and homemade cheese baits. Four inches of rain fell over the last weekend.

MURVAUL: Water clear, 81 degrees, normal level, black bass fair to 7 pounds, 13 ounces on worms with several in the 3-5 pound range caught on buzz baits; crappie picking up under the bridge, a few limits on minnows and jigs; channel catfish good at times on trotline to 4 1/2 pounds on worms and shad.

NACOGDOCHES: Water clear, 84 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass excellent to 10 pounds on black and blue jigs, crabapple worms and white and chartreuse spinners, crappie good at night with limits on minnows, catfish good to 3 1/2 pounds on shrimp.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 2 feet low, black bass fair to 6 1/4 pounds on dark worms; striper fairly good on cranks in deep water around 155 bridge; crappie slow; white bass good on cranks between 155 bridge and Henderson Point; catfish good to 28 pounds on trotline baited with shrimp and nightcrawlers.

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear, 83 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass fairly good to 3 pounds on dark worms in deep water; striper fair to 8 pounds on jigs trolling; crappie fair, many small fish on minnows, white bass schooling and surfacing regularly with strings to 25 fish on slabs and topwaters, catfish good to 3 pounds on shrimp right on the bottom with strings to 15 fish.

TAWAKONI: Water clear, 81 degrees, normal level, black bass poor; striper good to 14 pounds, 2 ounces on live bait; hybrid striper good to 12 pounds on live bait and trolling slabs and Roadrunners; crappie good in 28 feet of water on minnows with full strings to 2 1/2 pounds each; white bass good with limits to 3 pounds on slabs; catfish excellent to 8 pounds on shrimp and chicken blood.

TEXOMA: Water clear, 80 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds on cranks and dark worms in 12 feet of water; striper fair to 6 pounds on topwaters, slabs and live bait; crappie fair to good to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass fair on topwaters to 10 fish per string on slabs; catfish good to



9 pounds on stinkbait and cutbait with limits  
WELSH: Water clear, some stained areas; 102 degrees 2 1/2 feet low; black bass good to 6 pounds on grape or black worms in 6-12 feet of water; crappie slow in 12-18 feet of water on minnows and jigs fish generally small; catfish good on shrimp, shad and worms to 12 pounds on trotline as well as rod and reel, bream excellent in 6-12 feet of shrimp and worms with good numbers of above average size fish.

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 84 degrees 2 1/2 feet low black bass improving to 3 pounds on deep running cranks and worms; striper and white bass slow; channel catfish 1 1/2 pounds on different catfish bait white amur good to 18 pounds in good numbers on Papa Earl's.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 79 degrees, 18 inches low black bass good to 8 3/4 pounds on black worms, rattling baits and buzz baits in shallow water, several 6s and 7s and good numbers of 5s in the slot; crappie good with strings near the pump station; catfish fair to 6 pounds on rod and reel baited with minnows; perch good on nightcrawlers and minnows.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear, 84 degrees, 4 feet, 9 inches low; black bass fairly good to 3 pounds on black and blue plastic worms in 8 feet of water; striper fair to 12 pounds early on surface plugs; crappie slow; white bass good to 50 fish per boat early and late on slabs; blue catfish fair to 4 pounds with limits on shad, channel catfish good to 2 pounds on nightcrawlers and cut shad; yellow catfish good to 35 pounds on live bream baited trotline.

RAYBURN: Water clear, 82 degrees, 6 1/2 feet below pool level bass are good to 8 3/4 pounds early and late on jigs, topwaters and spinners; striper slow crappie good in 22 feet of water fishing about 15 feet down with minnows; white bass fair with some schooling action around bridge; channel catfish good to 3 pounds on trotlines baited with shrimp, big worms and bream

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 4 feet low; black bass good to 6 1/2 pounds on Rat-L-Traps worms and jigs striper good to 15 pounds on a single day last week but nothing since; crappie fair on minnows to near 2 pounds white bass slow; catfish fair to 7 pounds near the dock, no trotlines working right now; sunfish fair off the dock on wide variety of baits.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD Water clear, 84 degrees, 3 feet above normal level; black bass excellent to 9 pounds on purple and motor oil worms and Rat-L-Traps in 15 to 20 feet of water striper fairly slow due to lack of fishermen in 60 feet of water; crappie slow; white bass improving in the Pecos and Devils River arms on 5/8 ounce slabs and 1/2 ounce Roadrunners; catfish fairly good to 6 pounds in 40-60 feet of water with full strings of 25 fish on cheese and stinkbait.

BRAUNIG: Water murky 84 degrees normal level black bass poor; striper fair to 7 pounds on chicken livers crappie very poor catfish excellent to 5 pounds on wide variety of natural baits; redbass poor; corvina poor.

CALAVERAS Water murky, 94 degrees 1 foot low; black bass slow; striper fair to 3 pound average on silver spoons and tilapia, crappie slow; channel catfish good to 19 pounds on shad and cutbait with rod and reel redbass fair to 9 pounds on tilapia, corvina good to 9 pounds on tilapia and Tony Accetta spoons.

CHOKE: Water clear normal level black bass fairly good in the 6 1/2 to 7 pound range on dark plastic worms most of the day, some on topwaters early; striper slow; crappie excellent to 1 3/4 pounds on minnows in 20 feet of water, white bass slow; catfish excellent in the 3-5 pound with limits with Roger's cheese bait.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 87 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 3 pounds on plastic worms striper slow; crappie fair to 20 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fair to 18 pounds on plastic worms with a rod and reel most all catfish caught on blood bait or stinkbait.

FALCON: Water clear 7 feet low and rising; black bass fair to 6 pounds on cranks, spinners and worms; striper fair around state park trolling and jigging Knocker spoons and

Hellbenders with a jig trailer; white bass plentiful under the birds; on Knocker spoons; catfish good on frozen shrimp with limits, but most fish are fairly small.

MEDINA: Water clear, 6 feet low; black bass good to 7 pounds on live minnows; striper slow; crappie good to 25 fish per string on minnows at night; white bass slow; catfish excellent to 25 pounds on trotline baited with shrimp and bloodbait.

TEXANA: Water slightly murky, 80 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass fair with good numbers of undersized bass caught on dark worms; striper and white bass slow; crappie fairly good up Sandies Creek on minnows with a few limits; catfish good on trotline to 12 pounds on trotline baited with cutbait.

#### WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear, 3 1/2 feet low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie picking up to 1 pound to 15 fish per string on minnows and jigs; white bass slow; channel catfish good on shrimp to 5 pounds as well as trolling and on juglines.

BAYLOR: Water clear, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass fairly good to 8 pounds, 3 ounces on black and chartreuse worms and spinners; crappie began biting again last week to 17 fish per string on minnows; catfish good to 6 1/2 pounds on rod and reel on water dogs. Fairly good rains fell over weekend, weather clear again midweek.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 80 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass good to 5 pounds on topwaters all day; hybrid striper good to 8 pounds on white slabs or silver slabs; crappie very good on minnows to 25 fish per string around trees and brush in 3-15 feet of water; white bass good along with hybrids, best early and late on slabs; catfish slow.

MCKENZIE: Water clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish slow. Cool rains and windy weather hit last Friday, weather fair again by weekend.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 80 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass good to 6 pounds, 5 ounces on dark worms in 15 feet of water; crappie good to 25 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish good to 6 pounds on rod and reel baited with worms.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 84 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass fairly good to 7 1/2 pounds on topwater buzz baits; striper good to 10 pounds on topwaters; crappie good in the crappie houses on minnows; white bass good along with striper with full strings; catfish slow.

SPENCE: Water clear, 62 degrees, 25 feet low; black bass good to 7 pounds on plastic worms and spinners; striper slow; crappie good with limits on minnows; white bass fair with short strings; catfish very good to 25 fish per string on minnows and stinkbait.

TWIN BUTES: Water clear, normal level; black bass good 8 3/8 pounds on a shad colored crank; striper slow; crappie good to 25 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish good to 10 pound with limits.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 77 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass good to 4 pounds on topwaters; crappie good at 17 feet on minnows; catfish excellent to 6 pounds on stinkbait and large minnows.

#### COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Fairly good rains fell Friday and Saturday which improved fishing over the weekend; crabs improving; redfish are good to 28 inches south of Stewart's; some good redfish caught in the ship anchorage; good numbers of specks to 4 pounds on shrimp between the mouths of the Neches and Sabine Rivers; sandtrout plentiful; good numbers of drum to 4 pounds; croaker plentiful; flounder fairly good sized; live bait shrimp available.

SOUTH SABINE LAKE: The front that hit Sunday morning turned on the redfish to 42 1/2 pounds, which was caught on the Louisiana side, others to 10 pounds along with several 4s; good numbers of brown drum in the 4 1/2 to 8 pound range on dead shrimp; trout fishing slow; flounder picking up again; croaker good in the 14-16 inch range by the bridge, over the shell reefs and sunken barges on the south end of the lake. Live bait shrimp not available; mud minnows available; water sandy colored.

GALVESTON Fishing over Labor Day weekend ruined because of 8-inch rains; by midweek, the wells in Trinity Bay producing to 18 inches on live shrimp; in the other bays trout to 18 inches; some trout to 6 pounds around San Luis Pass most caught around shoreline and in the coves on live shrimp; trout in East Bay good around south shore and Deep Reef beachfront producing sandtrout, croaker, whiting but water too sandy for specks; live bait shrimp available.

PALACIOS: Slow steady showers fell last Friday and Saturday which improved the fishing considerably; weather cleared Sunday and Monday. Limits of redfish caught in rivers and bays with both oversized and undersized fish, best baits are gold spoons and fresh dead shrimp; some good trout action at Peninsula and at the wells in Matagorda Bay, Oyster Lake, Coon Islands and piers along the shorelines, best baits are live shrimp and speck rigs; live bait shrimp plentiful at \$8 per quart. Good numbers of blue-winged teal in the crop fields, rice stubble and marshy areas; area still has a bumper crop of mourning doves but season does not open until Sept. 20.

ROCKPORT: Redfish good in Estes Flats and California Hole to 30-34 inch range with a keeper every once in a while redfish hitting gold spoons and Cordell's; live mullet and perch do not work well right now; speck fishing slow, most trout are being caught around the wells with most in the 14-15 inch range; water cooling and clear midweek; live bait available but not plentiful at \$7.50 per quart.

PORT ARANSAS: A few trout to 22 inches on live shrimp in Aransas Bay; fewer fishermen after Labor Day. Horace Caldwell Pier fishing fairly slow with a couple of 15 inch redfish midweek.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Redfish plentiful in Corpus Christi Bay the flats in Laguna Madre Baffin Bay and in the Landcut to 35 inches on artificials mostly and live perch; pier fishing good with many oversized redfish; speck plentiful with mostly small fish in the upper area of Laguna Madre on artificials; specks to 5 pounds in Baffin Bay on live perch; a few large golden croaker in Laguna Madre, fish prefer dead shrimp; no flounder; no live bait shrimp. Oso Pier producing gafftop and a few redfish to 23 inches Bob Hall Pier fishermen producing a few redfish on the end of the pier to 48 inches. some sharp nose and blacktip shark to 4 1/2 feet; trout to 5 pounds around the second gut; a 10 pound trout caught over the weekend on live shrimp and live whisker minnows; some whiting, sandtrout and pompano, no flounder yet an occasional tarpon to 4 feet; water a little off color; fairly good numbers of Spanish mackerel to 3 1/2 pounds

PORT MANSFIELD: Fishing fairly good until the norther hit Sunday; fishing slow early this week but improved by Tuesday; good numbers of redfish over 28 inches south of Port Mansfield on the east side; no live bait shrimp.

SOUTH PADRE: Redfish plentiful in the 23-24 inch range around Stover Point and east of Unnecessary Island on live bait and plastic worms; trout good along Intracoastal but winds in area slowing fishermen; live bait shrimp available. Redfish fairly good in the 24-26 inch range in the Three Islands area, trout fairly good around 16 inches in the Intracoastal a few tarpon and kingfish around the jetties.

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