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HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

AUSTIN--Are you passing on proper hunting values to others? Are you introducing others to the rewards and experiences of hunting? Are you teaching others about safety and responsibility?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may be in the "give back" stage as a sportsman, that is to share as an instructor of hunter education that which you have enjoyed.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is looking for volunteers to help the state's hunters become safe, responsible, knowledgeable and involved. A hunter education instructor course is being offered in Brownsville, Fort Worth and Austin for anyone interested in becoming an instructor.

The Brownsville and Fort Worth courses will be Aug. 3. For more information on the Brownsville course contact Skip Massey at (512) 541-4155. The Fort Worth course contact is Dave Higgins (817) 338-4632. The Austin course is scheduled for Aug. 24 at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road. For more information call toll-free 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4999, or (512)389-4999.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old, be a graduate of a state-certified hunter education student course, complete the instructor's course and submit to an interview by a game warden, said Terry Erwin, conservation recreation coordinator.

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NOW IS THE TIME FOR
HUNTER EDUCATION

AUSTIN--Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials remind hunters that effective Sept. 1, persons born during the period Sept. 2, 1971, through Aug. 31, 1975, must have completed a certified hunter education course to hunt legally in Texas.

Terry Erwin, conservation recreation coordinator, said the course is accepted by all states and Canadian provinces. All other states' hunter education courses are reciprocal with Texas.

Volunteer instructors, teachers and Parks and Wildlife employees across the state conduct the department's hunter education course, Erwin said. The course was made mandatory beginning June 1, 1988, and by Sept. 1, 1993, all hunters born after Sept. 2, 1971, and who are at least 12 years old, must take the course to hunt in Texas.

The 10-hour course, which must be scheduled over a minimum of two days, focuses primarily on hunting safety, responsibility, ethics and a number of other topics. "We want to focus on the prevention of accidents as well as the enhancement of hunting and outdoor values," he said. The course costs \$5. Those hunters affected by the law are required to carry proof of certification while hunting. Proof is not needed prior to purchase of a hunting license.

"Time is running out for folks who need the course to complete one before hunting seasons begin," Erwin said. Prospective students should write the TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas, 78744, or call toll-free 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4999, or (512) 389-4999.

Below is a list -- with the starting date -- of upcoming student hunter education courses in several counties (listed by city, date, instructor and telephone number). For information regarding a particular course call the instructor or the department.

TARRANT COUNTY

Crowley, July 22, Kenneth M. Henry, 817-297-2251 Richland Hills, Aug. 1, Lee Roy Stinson, 817-838-8950; Forth Worth, Aug. 3, David E. Arnold (817-478-1449 or 273-2390), Hugh C. Card Jr (817-292-0272 or 763-3946) or Monty W. Stallcop (817-731-2337); Crowley, Aug. 5, Henry (see above); Fort Worth, Aug. 7, David A. Higgins Sr., 817-338-4632; Crowley, Aug. 12, Henry (see above); Grand Prairie, Aug. 12, Ronald B. Bobo, 214-641-9940.

HARRIS COUNTY

Houston, July 24, John E. Burchell, 713-558-0322 or 579-9100; Houston, July 27, Kenneth W. Grau, 713-443-3749; Houston, Aug. 7, Harold Bryan, 713-946-7128; Pasadena, Aug. 9, John R. Thacker, 713-764-4840; Houston, Robert L. Sheppard, 713-864-5682.

DALLAS COUNTY

Dallas, July 22, Don E. Grogan, 214-239-8181, Garland, July 26, Thomas D. Clark VIII, 214-343-4545; Irving, July 27 Larry C. Clark, 214-258-1494; Garland, Aug. 2, Clark VIII (see above); DeSoto, Aug. 6, Seth Wilson, 214-223-7137 or 224-2212; Duncanville, Aug. 15, Steven D. Crawford, 214-780-5070.

BEXAR COUNTY

San Antonio, July 23, Donna B. Hernandez, 512-694-4779 or 736-8125.

NUECES COUNTY

Corpus Christi, Aug. 6, Riley McDaniel, 512-991-9072 or 3336.

HARDIN COUNTY

Silsbee, July 22, Claude Ratcliff, 409-385-7862 or 276-3336; July 29 and Aug. 12, Lumberton, Ratcliff (see above).

TAYLOR COUNTY

Abilene, July 25, Aug. 1, Aug. 8 and Aug. 15, Elmer R. Leasure Jr., 915-692-1880.

TRAVIS COUNTY

Austin, July 23, Terry Erwin, 512-389-4999; Austin, Aug. 12, Steve Hall, 512-389-4999.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Outdoor writers, this is a very important time of the year for youngsters who will be hunting this year and for out of state hunters needing a course. Please help us get this information out to the public and keep it there.)

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WALLEYE NETTED
AT LAKE AMISTAD

DEL RIO--Spring gill netting samples turned up a surprise in the net of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists at Lake Amistad. Biologists were surprised to find nine walleye because it had been believed that water temperatures in the lake were too warm for reproduction.

Biologists collected walleye ranging from 14.6 inches and weighing 1.13 pounds to 18.3 inches and 2.10 pounds.

From 1975-78 more than 17 million fry were stocked into Amistad and no natural reproduction had been documented, said Bob Zerr, fisheries biologist from San Antonio. Since 1978 the department has concentrated its walleye stocking efforts to the northern portions of Texas where colder water temperatures increase the potential for natural reproduction and recruitment to sustain walleye fisheries.

'Spring water temperatures before, during and after spawning, as well as egg and larval survival, are important in governing reproductive success," he said. 'Northern stocks of walleye, which provided broodfish and egg sources for stocking efforts in the '70s, require about 90 days of water temperatures in the low 50s to ensure good spring production.'

As far south as Amistad is, Zerr said, it seems unlikely that the water temperature requirements were being met. Apparently the walleye have made do. Preliminary age assessments indicated the walleye represent four age groups. All nine fish were males and probably were preparing for the spawn since they were collected on rock rip rap near deep water. Water temperature at the time of the survey was 59 degrees.

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HOLIDAY ANGLER HOOKS
TWO STATE RECORDS

AUSTIN--Earl M. "PaPa" Jones of Pinehurst spent Mother's Day and Father's Day fishing. He also is the owner of two new state records in the freshwater category with the certification of his 4-pound, 4.16-ounce goldfish and a 12.5-pound grass carp.

A 20-pound, 12-ounce bonnethead shark also has been certified as a new state record.

Jones caught the goldfish, just shy of 16 inches long, on Mother's Day at Lake Conroe. Jones submitted papers to have the fish certified as an International Game Fish Association world record. The previous state and world record came from Kenneth R. Kinsey of Houston. He caught a goldfish weighing 3 pounds, .25-ounce May 8, 1988, from Southland Park in Livingston.

The second state record for Jones is a 12.5-pound, 31-inch-long grass carp caught on Father's Day from the Trinity River. There was no previous freshwater category record for this species; however, in the unrestricted category, the state record is 37 pounds, caught by Raymond Sutton of Copperas Cove in 1985 from the Colorado River on a trotline.

Both of Jones' fish were caught on "PaPa Earl's Cathum," a doughbait produced by Jones.

Lora J. Neans of Georgetown caught the bonnethead shark July 5 about eight miles southeast of Port O'Connor. The fish was 47 inches long. The previous record of 20 pounds, 9.60 ounces was caught Sept. 16, 1990, in the Gulf of Mexico by Elbert "Butch" Hiatt of Stillwater, Okla.

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T.P.W.D. NOTEBOOK

AUSTIN--There is some good news for the endangered southern bald eagle in Texas. Two pairs of the eagles successfully raised a pair of eaglets in June from nests near Gibbons Creek Lake in Grimes County and at Twin Oak Reservoir in Robertson County.

"These two pairs of eagles are the latest of the 29 pair of nesting southern bald eagles we have been monitoring in East and Southeast Texas since 1985 to fledge young," said Jim Yantis, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist from Hearne. "Most of the other Texas bald eagles rear their young by April.

"Last year the pair at Twin Oak Reservoir raised two eaglets to fledgling size only to have them blown out of the tree nest during a storm and killed," he said. "This pair usually successfully raises one to two young each year. The pair on Gibbons Creek have been producing one to two eaglets per year since about 1985."

The eagles feed primarily on fish and wintering waterfowl they catch in and around the lakes. After nesting season they normally will migrate to northern states and Canada to spend the summer and fall.

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AUSTIN--The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department built a levee designed to catch water and provide wetland habitat for wintering waterfowl and nongame animals the week of July 10 at Hoover Pond on the 3,180-acre Somerville Wildlife Management Area.

This is the third levee built on the area in Lee County, said Jim Yantis, wildlife biologist from Hearne. The levee, three feet high and 300 feet long, is expected to provide 16 acres of wetland habitat.

"The levee should enable us to flood about 16 acres with about one to two feet of water during the winter months, providing an additional feeding and resting area for wintering migratory waterfowl and nongame birds," he said. "This site is designed to provide a high protein diet of invertebrates produced here for ducks on their way to breeding grounds in northern states and Canada. This will help put them on the breeding ground in good condition."

Yantis said they would like to have as many as 15 wetlands areas eventually. Seven are planned for the summer of 1992. 'We've had up to 500 mallards and pintails on each of the two wetlands areas we now have during the winter period. We will normally fill this in mid-October, but we may flood some of these areas only in the spring and summer to provide nesting and feeding areas for resident wood ducks."

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AMARILLO--Panhandle conservation groups provided cooperative funding to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to plant cover crops on the Dimmitt Unit of the Playa Lakes Wildlife Management Area, alleviating concerns over wind erosion and weed encroachment.

Funding by the Texas Panhandle Chapter of Quail Unlimited, Texas Waterfowlers Association and a number of individuals belonging to Ducks Unlimited chapters in Amarillo, Dalhart, Borger and Pampa, enabled the department to seed 100 acres of the 422-acre tract of land to annual food and cover plots for wildlife.

"We were concerned about letting it sit idle without a cover crop," said Jim Ray waterfowl biologist and area manager from Lubbock. "One of our objectives is to demonstrate conservation practices and leaving it without a cover crop was not accomplishing that objective." The department needed assistance in planting a cover crop because of budgetary and time constraints.

The land, which includes a large playa, was seeded in yellow milo, red-top cane and sunflower. "The cane and milo was seeded in 200-foot-wide strips on upland contours with a 60-foot-strip around the perimeter in the same field with similar seeding in the smaller field on the east side of the playa," said Gene Miller, technical guidance biologist from Amarillo. "Sunflower strips were seeded in a horseshoe fashion around the playa bottom, adjacent to cover areas.

The land, about five miles west of Dimmitt in Castro County, was purchased by the department in August 1990. Ray said the Dimmitt Unit is being developed as an area upon which state-of-the-art soil, water and wildlife conservation practices may be demonstrated. Development is being funded by the department, Ducks Unlimited and Phillips Petroleum Co. as partners in the Playa Lakes Joint Venture, which is designed to enhance waterfowl numbers and wetland habitats in the playa lakes region of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma. The joint venture is included under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

"As a result of the contributions of seed and the contract of farming services by these groups and people, the Dimmitt Unit now has at least a partial cover crop, and is providing some valuable wildlife food and cover " Ray said.

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AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for July 18:

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 90 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds on topwaters and white spinners; crappie are fair at night on live minnows; catfish are fair to good to 3 pounds on Bill's Sponge Baits and red wigglers.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair in the 3-4 pound range on buzz baits; striper are fair at night under lights; crappie are slow; white bass are good on spoons while schooling; yellow catfish are slow; channel catfish are good on worms and shrimp from dock; water too hot for trotlining.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 91 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass are fair through 3 pounds, 9 ounces on dark worms; striper are good through 12 pounds on live shad, some topwater fish caught but most of these were throwbacks; crappie are slow; white bass are good around Garrett Island and Paradise Point area on slabs and jigs with limits daily; catfish are good in baited holes in 10-15 feet of water on stinkbait, bloodbait; yellow catfish are good to 36 pounds on live baited trotlines.

COLORADO BEND: Water clearing, 78 degrees; normal level; black bass are fair to 16 inches on topwaters and blue plastic worms; striper are poor; crappie are fair on minnows to 6 fish per string; white bass are fair and improving as the waters clear to 14 fish per string on small blue and chartreuse jigs; catfish are good to 14 pounds on trotlines with live bait; channel catfish are good to 4 pounds on worms and cut bait.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 93 degrees, 5 inches above normal level; black bass are fairly good but spotty, some to 7 pounds over the weekend, bass are holding up well for July, on soft plastic worms, Boy Howdies; mid day bass fishing has been fairly good; crappie are slow; catfish are slow; bream fishing has been good on nightcrawlers around the trees during the day.

INKS LAKE: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are fair in the 18 inch range on shad and spoons; crappie are slow; white bass are good with schooling daily, topwater lures are best; catfish are good in the 15 inch range on nightcrawlers.

LBJ: Water clear, 89 degrees, Lake full; black bass are good through 4 pounds, 9 ounces on chartreuse spinners; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are good in mid lake on points and at dropoffs in 15 to 30 feet of water on slabs and jigs, limits caught daily; catfish are good in baited holes with stinkbait.

LIMESTONE: Water clear to murky, 82 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on Poe's Ace-in-the-Hole topwaters, buzz baits and Jawtec Salty Sensations; crappie are good and improving with some limits caught in the mouth of Running Branch Creek; white bass are good early and late on Rattle Traps; catfish are fair to 7 pounds on perch baited trotlines.

SQUAW CREEK: Water very clear with

12-15 foot visibility, 88 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow in 18 feet of water on cranks, worms and Rattle Traps; smallmouth bass are improving in 90 feet of water on cranks and Rattle Traps; hybrid striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are fair in 10-12 feet of water; catfish are good in 15-16 feet of water on worms, shrimp and minnows, some caught from the bank; walleye are slow; good numbers of sunfish caught on worms in the grassy areas.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 84 degrees, 3 feet low and dropping about 3 inches per day; largemouth bass are fair to 25 fish per day per boat to 4 1/4 pounds on chrome topwaters, smoke grubs and live crawfish; Guadalupe bass are fair to 15 inches on same lures; striper are slow; white bass are slow with little or no schooling; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 5 pounds on blood bait.

WACO: Water clear, 87 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 5 1/2 pounds on spinners and Craw Worms; striper are slow; crappie are good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; white bass are good to 1 1/2 pounds on spoons and small topwaters; catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water clear, 87 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are slow to 4 1/2 pounds on Rattle Traps in shallow water; smallmouth bass are fair in number; striper are good to 18 pounds on shad; crappie are good on jigs and minnows; white bass are good but most are small, some to 2 pounds on jigs and spoons; catfish are good to cut bait with channels to 5 and blues to 10 pounds.

NORTHEAST

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are fair in 18-22 feet of water; white bass are fair in shallow water in the middle of the day on spoons and slabs; catfish are slow.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, 85 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds on worms in the north end of the lake around Bee Creek, good numbers of smaller bass also caught; striper and white bass are good with limits caught up the river around Steel Island to 6 pounds; striper fishing is best while trolling a Rattle Trap; crappie are very good on minnows and jigs up the river off points around brush piles and rocky banks in 6-8 feet of water; white bass are good with limits on spoons and slabs; catfish are fair on shrimp and shad, most fish caught early and late.

CADDO: Water clear, normal level; black bass are good to 4 pounds on blue and black Craw Worms; crappie are fair to 1 1/4 pounds on minnows in Buzzard Bay; white bass are slow; catfish are slow due to lack of fishermen. Catalpa worms are plentiful and catfishermen should be hitting the water soon.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 84 degrees, 9 inches low; black bass are fair to 8 1/4 pounds on Rattle Traps and Bloodline worms, fishing is best at night; hybrid striper are slow; crappie are fair to 15 fish per string on minnows around stump fields and bridge pilings; white bass are good at night on minnows; catfish are good to 9 pounds on catalpa worms and nightcrawlers.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass

are fair to 5 1/2 pounds early and late on Slug-Gos; crappie are fairly good around brush piles in 16 to 18 feet of water; catfish are good to 23 pounds in the 18-20-foot range on shrimp and large minnows.

FAIRFIELD: Water clear, 97 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 9 3/4 pounds on cranks and plastic worms; hybrid striper are good on Hellbenders and Rattle Traps; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on trotlines baited with cut bait; redfish are good to 15 1/2 pounds on Hellbenders and Rattle Traps; early and late are best times to fish.

FORK: Water clear, 88 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 10.68 pounds on dark worms in 20 feet of water; crappie are fair to 1 3/4 pounds on minnows; catfish are fairly slow to 30 pounds on live sunfish. Fairly good numbers of fishermen are on the water this week despite the heat.

JOE POOL: Water a little stained, near normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds on cranks and minnows; crappie are good to 2 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fairly good to 10 pounds on shad gizzards, bloodbait and minnows.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 86 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5 pounds on buzz baits and worms; crappie are fair on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 8 pounds on nightcrawlers along the river channel.

LAVON: Water clear, 90 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 4 pounds on green Bombers in 10-12 feet of water early and late; hybrid striper are slow; crappie are good in 18 feet of water on minnows, some limits to 2 pounds, night fishing is best; white bass are fair on slabs and buck tails around power plants; catfish are good to 6 pounds in 6-8 feet of water on shrimp and cheese stinkbait.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 87 degrees, 4 inches low; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are fair on minnows; white bass are excellent with limits to 10 inches on clear Tiny Torpedoes and slabs under schools; catfish are fair to 5 pounds on shrimp.

MARTIN CREEK: Water clear, 97 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fair in number; crappie are slow; catfish are fair.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 100 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds, 9 ounces on 8 inch black worms; crappie are fair to 10 fish per string to 1 1/2 pounds each on minnows; catfish are good to 8 pounds on Canadian Crawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 83 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 6 pounds on shrimp and stinkbait.

MURVAUL: Water clear, 90 degrees, 8 inches low; black bass are good to 5 pounds on worms and topwaters, buzz baits are good early in the day; crappie are slow with most fish undersized; catfish are fair to 3 1/2 pounds on trotlines due to lack of fishermen; bream are good.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 6 1/2 pounds on worms; striper are slow; crappie are fair around 155 bridge on minnows and jigs; white bass are good with some schooling, fish are caught on cranks and spoons; catfish are good to 18 pounds on rod and reel

and trotline baited with shrimp, blood bait and catalpa worms.

PURTIS CREEK: Water clear, 75 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 10 pounds on purple worms; crappie are fair only; catfish are good to 20 pounds from the pier on shad.

RAY HUBBARD: Water dingy, 86 degrees, 8 inches low; black bass are slow due to lack of fishermen, some to 2 pounds caught around marinas on minnows; striped are fair to 12 pounds on bream from 5 to 6:30 a.m. in the Rush Creek area; crappie are good in the 5-6 inch range on minnows in 18-20 feet of water, very few keepers; white bass are fantastic all over the lake, south of I30 bridge, schooling early and late, best bait is a 1 1/4-ounce Allison chartreuse slab; catfish are good to 50 pounds on shrimp and bloodbait, shrimp and bream.

RAY ROBERTS: Water clear, 89 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are good to 8.6 pounds on plastic worms; crappie are good with limits caught on minnows; white bass are excellent in number on slabs, spoons and Rattle Traps; catfish are good to 6 pounds on shrimp.

TAWAKONI: Water clear, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on black lizards; striped are good to 22 pounds on live shad; crappie are fair to 12 fish per string on minnows; white bass are good to 2 pounds on slabs; catfish are good to 7 pounds on bloodbait.

TEXOMA: Water clear, 83 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5.21 pounds on grasshopper colored worms; striped are good to 14 pounds on slabs, topwaters and trolling; crappie are poor; white bass are good under Popping Corks, spoons and live baits; catfish are good to 30 pounds on cut bait, live bait, shrimp and bloodbait in 30-35 feet of water.

WRIGHT PATMAN: Water slightly stained in the river area, lake looks good, 88 degrees, summer normal level; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on Rattle Traps and buzz baits at creek intersections and near the deep water; crappie are poor; white bass are excellent; catfish are good to 25 pounds on trotline baited with cut shad, worms and stinkbait.

SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 88 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are fairly slow to 7.54 pounds due to lack of fishermen; white bass are good trolling spoons and jigging in 25 feet of water, a few black bass mixed in with the white bass; catfish are good and bream are excellent.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 76 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds, 15 ounces on topwater Long A Bombers early near the pump station in 15 feet of water; crappie are fairly good to 1 1/4 pounds on minnows; white bass are good in the afternoon with schools off points near the dam; catfish are good to 19 1/4 pounds on trotlines baited with perch in 16 feet of water.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 3 pounds early on purple or black worms around dropoffs in 6-8 feet of water; striped are slow; crappie are fairly good early on minnows; white bass are very good with limits when fishermen can find schools, fish are not as thick as they were, best baits are slabs

and spoons; catfish are fair in the 2-pound range on rod and reel baited with dough baits or shad.

RAYBURN: Water clear, 88 degrees, 2 feet above normal and falling 1 1/2 inches per day; black bass are fair early and late on topwaters around the outside edges of the grass or the flooded brush on PopRs and Zara Spooks; striped are slow; crappie are excellent in 15 feet of water on minnows in 30 feet of water; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 81 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are slow, some at night in the 3-6 pound range, on topwaters and June Bug worms; striped are spotty, some to 12 pounds near the generators on jigs and Redfins; crappie are slow with some caught in baited holes on shiners; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 12 pounds on cut bait. Fair numbers of fishermen on the lake with most at night.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear mostly, some muddy coming down the river, 82 degrees, 6 1/2 feet low; black bass are fairly good to 6 pounds on purple or red worms in 10-15 feet of water; striped are fair in 80-90 feet of water off ledges; crappie are fair up the Pecos; white bass are fair in the Rough Canyon area; catfish are good to 4 pounds in 3-9 feet of water on Burro and Zorro Canyons on cheese baits.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 94 degrees, normal level; black bass are poor; striped are fair to 4 pounds on chicken livers; catfish are excellent to 6 pounds on liver and shrimp; redfish are spotty to 15 pounds downrigging in very deep water, at least 30-60 feet in depth.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 90 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are slow; striped are slow; catfish are excellent to 15 pounds on Bob's cheese bait, shad and tilapia; redfish are good to 14 pounds on shad, tilapia and Tony Accetta Spoons; corvina are excellent off the banks to 14 pounds on shad, crawdads and tilapia.

CHOKE: Water clear, 87 degrees, 15 1/2 feet low; black bass are slow; striped are fair with some surface fishing early on topwaters; crappie are slow; white bass are fairly good early on topwaters; catfish are fairly good to 36 pounds.

COLETO CREEK: Water murky, 87 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair with a few keeper sized fish on June Bug Worms and Rattle Traps; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; blue catfish are very good to 22 pounds on trotlines with live perch.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 84 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass are good to 4 pounds on Zara Spooks very early in 1-3 feet of water and Slug-Go soft jerk worms later in the day; striped are fair to 9 pounds near Hog Island trolling large chrome cranks behind 1-ounce trolling weights; white bass are fair near the dam along buoy markers on chrome slabs and white 1/8-ounce Roadrunners; a few birds working early; crappie are fair at night off the state park piers on minnows with good numbers of undersized fish; blue catfish are good to 18 pounds on trotlines set in 25 to 30 feet of water and baited with cut shad; blue and channel catfish good in baited holes with rod and reel

baited with prepared cheese bait.

FALCON: Water murky, 85 degrees, 16 1/2 feet low; black bass are fair to 9 pounds on worms; striped are fair with some keepers but nothing exceptional; crappie are slow; white bass are fair down the river, most are fairly small; catfish are good to 4 pounds on shrimp.

MEDINA: Water clear, 35 feet low; black bass are slow to 3 pounds on deep diving cranks; striped are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on nightcrawlers.

WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water murky, 84 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on worms; striped are slow; white bass are fair to 2 pounds on slabs; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 4 pounds on chicken livers and shrimp.

BAYLOR: Water clear, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass are excellent from 2 1/2 to 8 pounds, 15 ounces on topwaters, buzz baits, torpedoes, worms and Craw Worms; crappie are slow; catfish are excellent in the 3 1/2 to 16 1/2-pound range on worms, minnows and water dogs.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 79 degrees, 1 foot high; black bass are fair to 4 1/2 pounds on Rapalas; crappie are fair to 8 fish per string on minnows; white bass are good on minnows and Rapalas to 1 1/4 pounds in deep water; catfish are excellent to 15 pounds on live bait, cut bait and Canadian nightcrawlers; walleye are good in the 5-7 pound range.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 80 degrees, lake full; black bass are slow; a few hybrid striped landed on chartreuse lures; outside temperatures midweek reached 105 degrees; few fishermen out.

MCKENZIE: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level, some rain falling in the area; black bass are good to 5 pounds on brown and orange jigs; striped are good to 10 1/2 pounds on with Rattle Traps on the main lake; crappie are fair up the creeks on minnows and worms; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 3 pounds on water dogs and minnows; walleye are slow.

MILLER CREEK: Water clear, 82 degrees, lake full; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on spinners; striped are fair to 10 pounds on deep running lures; crappie are poor; white bass are fairly good on crappie jigs under lights at night; catfish are good 50 pounds on trotlines baited with live perch, catfish are not hitting shad; carp are excellent in number to 15 pounds, some caught on jigs.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 81 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass are slow; striped are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on chicken livers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 75 degrees, normal level; black bass are picking up some; striped are good around the dam, some caught on topwaters and some on Hellbenders with Texas Trailers; crappie are picking up around crappie houses at night on live minnows; white bass are good while schooling with clear Near Nothings, Crazy Shad are good under the schools for 2 pound fish; catfish are fairly good to 6 pounds on Charly dough bait; catfish are good to 15 pounds on trotlines with cut bait.

PROCTOR: Water murky, normal level; black bass are fair to 4

1/2 pounds on cranks; striped are fair to 5 pounds on jigs; crappie are good in deeper water, some keepers landed; catfish are slow due to hot weather.

SPENCE: Water clear, 35 feet low; black bass are slow; striped are fairly good on topwaters, most are small; crappie are slow; white bass are fair; catfish are fair on trotlines with live bait and cut shad.

STAMFORD: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striped are slow; crappie are fairly slow on minnows; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on liver baited rod and reels.

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 80 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are slow, some to 6 pounds caught on spinners and worms; hybrid striped are slow; crappie are slowing down, some in 20 feet of water on small silver Baitmaster spinners; white bass are good in 25-30 feet of water on small spinners; catfish are good to 25 pounds on trotlines baited with cut shad.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 78 degrees, 10 feet low; black bass are good to 4 pounds on minnows; crappie are fairly good to 2 pounds, 2 ounces on minnows; white bass are good to 3 pounds; walleye are fair to 3 3/4 pounds on nightcrawlers.

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Redfish are fair in the keeper ranges, some oversized fish south of Stewart's Island; specks are scattered; flounder are good sized and in fairly good numbers on dead shrimp; good numbers of croaker, drum and sheepshead; no live bait shrimp available.

GALVESTON: Record rains fell Tuesday with 2 inches downtown and 4 inches on the west end of the island; until the rains, trout and spanish mackerel and redfish at the jetties; good specks along the beach front with spanish mackerel; good numbers of blue crabs caught along the beach front; bays producing good numbers of trout and an occasional redfish and flounder; offshore boats are catching limits of snapper, king mackerel, dolphin and bonito; bait shrimp available from \$8.50 to \$10 per quart.

FREEPORT: Snapper are good to 20 pounds between 30 and 50 miles offshore, many snapper are in the 2-3 pound range on ice fish and squid; amberjack are good to 45 pounds on ice fish; a few grouper to 15 pounds on squid; dolphin are plentiful, mostly schoolies with some to 15 pounds; several sand shark to 3 feet long; kingfish have been good to 35 pounds on ice fish.

PORT OCONNOR: Surf fishermen have been catching shark, redfish and trout on live croaker; offshore fishermen are catching barracuda, ling, snapper, bluefish and tripletails; bait shrimp are not plentiful; Boggy Bayou is producing redfish and a few trout; Bill Day reef is producing trout; Pringle Lake fishermen have been catching redfish; frozen bait shrimp available.

PALACIOS: Good numbers of redfish coming from south shore line of Matagorda Peninsula with many limits on Hogies strawberry Super Jack with white tails; some catches of trout with a few limits along the south shore line on strawberry Super Jacks; good numbers of flounder day and night in all the bays; night giggers

have been getting limits; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

ROCKPORT: Water clear in some areas, murky in others; redfish have been very good within limits with some above limits; tides are low, redfish are in every gut, hole and drop off; trout are very slow; some keeper trout at night under lights; trout are also in deep water during the day around the wells in Corpus Christi Bay and some in East Flats of Corpus Christi Bay; a few keeper flounder caught on live bait; some giggers are getting limits; live bait shrimp plentiful at \$7.50 per quart, mullet and perch are \$3 per dozen.

PORT ARANSAS: Good numbers of trout under light at night; good numbers of redfish with limits by noon in the bays; specks have been good around Marker 6 and 4 and Lydia Ann Channel; live bait shrimp available early at \$7.50 per quart; offshore fishermen are catching good numbers of kingfish in the 18 pound range with some to 50 pounds from the end of the jetties to the Southern, Hospital and Aransas Rocks; quite a few ling in the 30 pound range, the largest for the week weighed 87 pounds; some dorado caught; jacks and bonito plentiful; good numbers of snapper and amberjack caught at Southern Rocks; a few billfish and sailfish landed.

CORPUS CHRISTI: From Indian Point to Corpus Christi Beach, fishing have been catching flounder to 23 inches, redfish in the 24-27 inch range and specks to 22 inches; live bait shrimp available at 12 cents or \$8.50 per quart or \$4.25 per pint.

PORT MANSFIELD: Redfish are plentiful south of Port Mansfield on the west side; redfish are in big schools; good numbers of redfish tailing in shallow water on the east side; good numbers of specks and flounder in the cut going to the Gulf; good numbers of red snapper offshore; live bait shrimp available at \$12 per quart.

SOUTH PADRE: Redfish are spotty, only a few landed; good numbers of specks and flounder around Three Islands on live shrimp; live bait plentiful at \$10 per quart; offshore fishermen have been catching bonito, jackfish and dolphin or dorado; a couple of king mackerel landed this week.

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