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## QUAIL, TURKEY APPARENTLY UNHURT BY FLOODING

AUSTIN -- Wildlife biologists of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said record rainfall and flooding during May and June probably had no major effect on quail and turkey nesting, and prospects remain excellent for the fall hunting seasons.

Record-setting rainfall during the month caused streams to overflow in much of the traditional quail and turkey range in West, Central and South Texas. Wildlife officials feared that newly-hatched quail and turkeys were lost to drowning, exposure or starvation.

However, observations in the field indicate turkey populations will be above average and the possibility exists for an excellent production year for quail.

"Range conditions are unbelievable for this time of year," said biologist Randy Fugate of Falfurrias, whose area of eastern South Texas is acclaimed by experts as being some of the nation's best quail habitat. "There may have been some minor losses in isolated areas, but it looks like we are in for a real explosion of quail this year."

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Fugate said he has seen large numbers of turkey poults and quail chicks "We have seen young quail of varying sizes, so it appears that they had several peaks in hatching this year "

Larry Holland of Brownwood, whose region covers a large portion of west-central Texas, likewise feels the heavy rains failed to hurt ground-nesting birds "I never predict a bumper year for quail, because anything can happen through the rest of the summer," Holland said, "but if we ever are going to have a bumper year, this could be it "

Holland said quail and turkey entered 1987 with plenty of mature birds, and nesting apparently has been good for both species "Range conditions are so good it's a little difficult to get out and see very many young birds But I'm really not concerned about losses from flooding, because the rains were spaced out enough to negate high water problems in most areas "

Max Traweek of Kerrville has observed the progress of turkeys in the popular Edwards Plateau region this spring, and he believes prospects are excellent "Even though May was one of the wettest months ever recorded, turkeys apparently have been able to nest successfully," he said Nesting success during 1985 produced large numbers of mature birds for broodstock this year, he added

Even the usually-dry Trans-Pecos is green, according to Jack Kilpatric, manager of the department's Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area near Marfa "There's so much vegetation right now we can't see many young quail, but plenty of mature pairs," Kilpatric said "I think it will be an

excellent nesting year for blue quail in this area "

If the May and early-June rains damaged quail and turkey nesting anywhere in the state, it may be in the Oak Prairie and Coastal Prairie Region roughly bounded by Austin, Houston and Corpus Christi. Biologist Bob Carroll of LaGrange said rising waters from rivers flowing through the region could have hit in the midst of the nesting effort.

"If the rain hit while the birds were still in the incubation stage, chances are good they are re-nesting," Carroll said. "But at this point it's just a guessing game."

Carroll said in view of the good range conditions he expects at least an average to above average production year for quail and turkeys.

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ALLIGATOR PUBLIC HUNT  
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

AUSTIN -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have announced that prospective alligator hunters may now obtain application forms for a public alligator hunt to be held on the J. D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area near Port Arthur during September.

Applications and instruction sheets may be obtained in person at the Murphree area or the department's Austin headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road. The forms also may be obtained by calling the department's toll-free number, 1-800-792-1112.

Deadline for submitting completed applications to the Austin office is 5 p.m. July 27. Participants will be selected by computer drawing, and a \$40 fee will be charged for each permit issued.

Herb Kothmann, public hunt coordinator, said hunters will be offered a selection of hunt dates this year. During 1986 hunters were assigned hunt dates according to the order their names were drawn.

The 13,250-acre Murphree WMA is located adjacent to Port Arthur in Jefferson County. Last year, 111 hunters took 104 surplus alligators which averaged over eight feet in length during public hunts. There were 387 applicants.

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ANTELOPE STOCKING IN STATE  
PARK WAS SUCCESSFUL

QUITAUQUE -- A pronghorn antelope restoration program at Caprock Canyons State Park has been successful in its early stages, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Park Superintendent Charles Gray said the four bucks and six does released at the Panhandle area park during December survived the winter and produced two fawns this spring.

The animals were trapped at a West Texas ranch by the department's Wildlife Division and transported to the park by trailer.

Pronghorns, which once were native to the area, now are a part of the park's 740-acre interpretive prairie. The prairie restoration gives park visitors an impression of how some of the region's natural grassland communities looked hundreds of years ago, Gray said.

Caprock Canyons State Park is located four miles north of Quitaque, Briscoe County, on FM 1065. For further information, call the park at (806) 455-1492.

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ANTLERLESS DEER PERMITS  
UNNECESSARY IN 80 COUNTIES

AUSTIN -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said many Texas deer hunters apparently are unsure about which counties will be included in the either sex white-tailed deer bag limit for the 1987-88 hunting season.

The either sex system eliminates the requirement for hunters to obtain antlerless deer tags or permits from landowners. In those counties, a hunter who has permission to hunt is required only to attach a tag from his hunting license to the carcass of any antlerless deer taken.

This hunting season, 80 counties will be under the either sex system. The remainder of counties with an open deer season will continue with an antlerless permit system, as will the mule deer season.

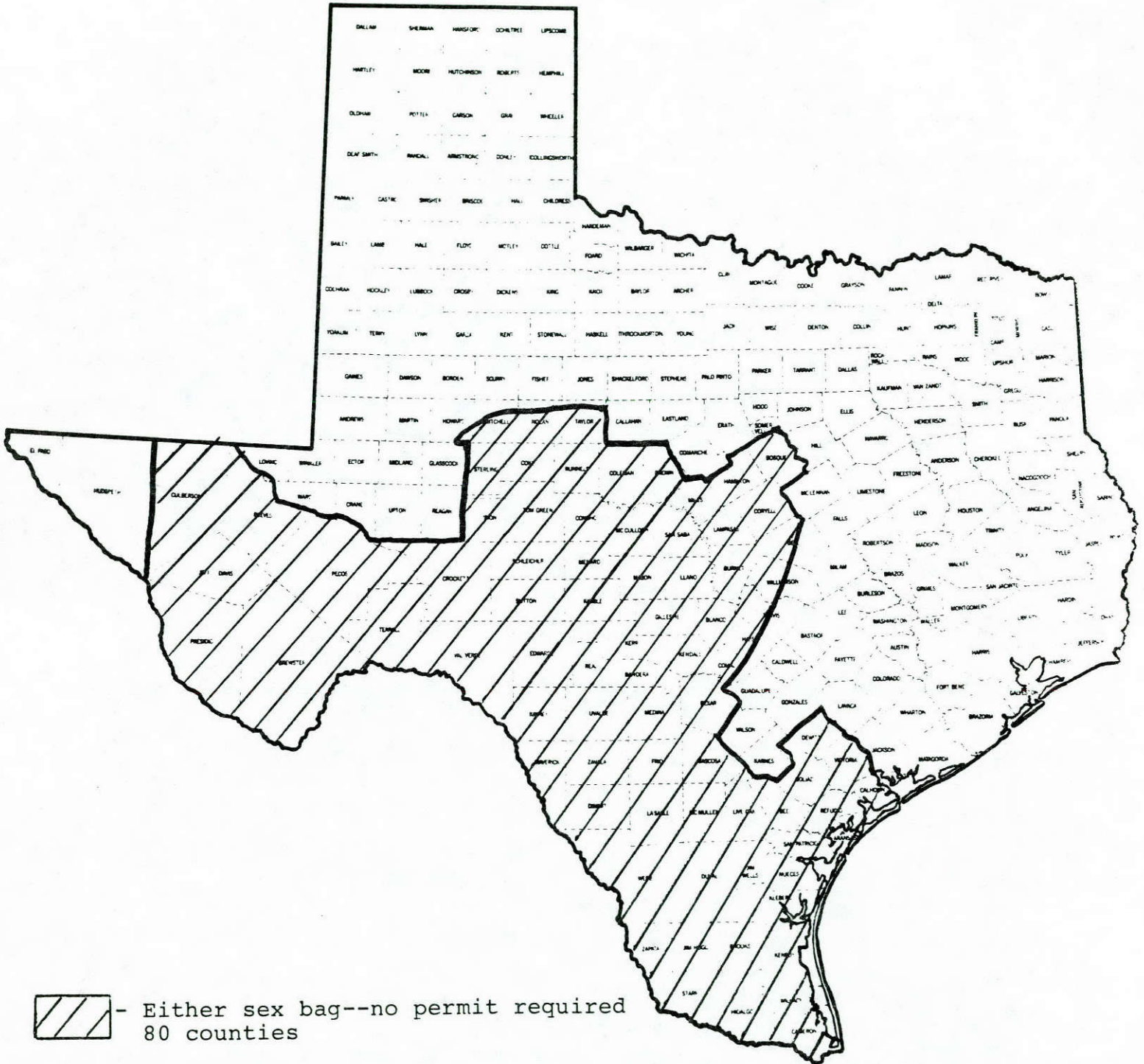
Counties under the either-sex system, listed alphabetically, are

Aransas, Atascosa, Bandera, Bee, Bell (west of I-35), Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Brewster, Brooks, Brown, Burnet, Calhoun, Cameron, Coke, Coleman,

Comal (west of I-35), Concho, Coryell, Crockett, Culberson, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Hamilton, Hays (west of I-35), Hidalgo, Howard (south of I-20), Irion, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kendall, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, Lampasas, LaSalle, Live Oak, Llano, McCulloch, McMullen, Mason, Maverick, Medina, Menard, Mills, Mitchell (south of I-20), Nolan (south of I-20), Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Refugio, Runnels, San Patricio, San Saba, Schleicher, Starr, Sterling, Sutton, Taylor (south of I-20), Terrell, Tom Green, Travis (west of I-35), Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Willacy, Williamson (west of I-35), Zapata and Zavala

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WHITE-TAILED DEER  
 Either-sex Counties  
 Regular Season  
 1987-88





AUSTIN Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by Parks and Wildlife for 6/27/87.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass fair to 2 1/2 pounds in 15 feet of water around edges of moss beds; hybrid striper slow; crappie slow; catfish fair on juglines to 4 pounds on stinkbait.

BELTON: Water murky, 80 degrees, 16 feet high; black bass slow on minnows and night crawlers; crappie slow; white bass fair to 5 fish per string to 2 pounds during shad run; catfish good to 2 pounds on chicken liver and nightcrawlers.

BROWNWOOD: Water muddy, 4 inches over spillway; black bass fair on blue whitetail worms to 5 pounds in deep water; striper spotty to 8 pounds on blue-nosed Bomber Long As; crappie fair but small, no limits, on minnows and redheaded, yellow-bodied, chartreuse-tailed jigs; white bass fair schooling and under lights to 20 fish per string on jigs, Bomber slabs and Roy's handcrafted lures; channel catfish fair to 3 pounds on worms and shrimp; blue and yellow catfish slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 6 pounds on orange and black worms in shallow water; striper good to 11 pounds on topwaters early in shallow water, good while fishing for black bass, striper good later in day fishing with live perch; crappie fair on minnows in 10 to 15 feet of water around docks; white bass good to 60 fish per string on Texas Shad, schools plentiful; catfish good on trotline to 12 pounds on using live perch and cutbait; striper good on cutbait baited trotline.

CANYON Water clear, 80 degrees, 32 feet high; black bass good but small with few keepers on topwaters and buzz baits; striper fair to 12 pounds on live perch in 35 feet of water; crappie slow, no crappie fisherman; white bass slow; channel catfish good in 1-3 pound range on nightcrawlers and shrimp. Corps of Engineers parks all closed, some boat ramps available. Lake fairly clear of debris.

FAYETTE Water clear, 82 degrees, 8 inches high; black bass slow early, fairly good late to 8 1/2 pounds on dark worms; crappie slow; catfish real good in 3-7 pounds range for rod and reel, juglines producing catfish to 40 pounds on live perch and frozen shrimp. Number of boats on lake increasing daily.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear, 79 degrees, normal level; black bass fairly good within the slot on red worms and Bagley DB#3 in 6 feet of water; crappie excellent to 25 fish per string to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; catfish good to 7 pounds on rod and reel.

LBJ: Water murky, 79 degrees, lake full; black bass fair to 3 pounds on motor oil metal flake worms in shallow water; striper good in 5-9 pound range on white Hellbenders; crappie fair in 10-15 feet of water on minnows to 20 fish per string; white bass good to 45 fish per string on silver and black Hot Spots; catfish good to 12 pounds on cutbait baited trotline; rod and reel still good with cutbait, nightcrawlers and shrimp.

LIMESTONE Water slightly murky and clearing, lake level normal; black bass slow; hybrid striper slow in 30 feet of water; crappie good with limits of 25 fish on minnows; white bass fairly slow; catfish slow.

TRAVIS Water clear, 80 degrees, 5 feet above normal level; black bass good to 40 fish per day per boat to 3 pounds on chrome topwaters early, best fishing from mid morning to late afternoon in 25 feet of water on 4-inch smoke worms, grubs and crawfish; striper slow; crappie; white bass slow; catfish fair to 5 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp; carp fishing fairly slow to around 5 pounds.

WHITNEY: Water clear, 79 degrees, 4 feet high; black bass good to 4 pounds on spinners, plastic worms around the big island; striper good to 15 pounds on live bait; crappie poor; white bass fair with some schooling in Bear Creek; catfish excellent in 5-6 pound range on worms, shrimp; blue catfish good to 14 pounds on live perch. Fishing pressure fairly low midweek, all boat ramps



open.

#### NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass good on black worms, cranks to 6 1/4 pounds 5-20 feet of water; hybrid striper slow; crappie good on minnows to 25 fish per string to 1 pound each; catfish slow.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass fairly good on dark worms and topwaters; crappie fairly good with limits on minnows; white bass fairly slow; catfish slow.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, 80 degrees, lake full; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fair to 20 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish picking up, with yellow catfish to 30 pounds on trotline with live bait.

CADDO: Water clear, normal level; black bass fairly good to 2 1/2 pounds on plastic worms and Beetle Spins; hybrid striper good to 8 pounds to 12 fish per boat; crappie good to 1 1/4 pounds on minnows in the river bed; white bass slow; catfish fair to 2 1/2 pounds at night with cutbait on trotline in Big Lake.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 81 degrees at 10 feet, normal level; black bass fair to 7 pounds, 2 ounces with a lot of small fish on dark worms and chartreuse spinners; hybrid striper good trolling with limits of 5 fish to 11 pounds on Magnum Hellbenders with Rooster Tail trailers at dropoffs in open water; white bass good early and late afternoon on chartreuse Rooster Tails and chrome Castmasters; crappie fair 14 feet down in 25 feet of water on minnows around bridge pilings; channel catfish slow on south end of lake.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass fair to 5 pounds on worms in 15-25 feet of water and buzz baits early and late; crappie good in 18-25 feet of water on minnows; catfish fair to 3 pounds on cutbait and shrimp Very light fishing pressure midweek.

FAIRFIELD: Water clear, 91 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 8 1/4 pounds on silver Rat-L-Traps; striper slow; catfish fair on Catfish Charlie, chicken liver and shrimp; redfish good to 12 1/2 pounds on chrome Big O. Fishing pressure moderately light midweek.

FORK: Water clear, 82 degrees, 10 inches high; black bass good to 8 1/2 pounds on topwaters early and lake, Pop R, Chuggers, Zara Spook; crappie excellent on minnows in 25 feet of water and moving into deeper water; catfish good from bank to 10 1/2 pounds on earth worms, nightcrawlers. Bream excellent on crickets and worms, fish moving to 10 feet of water.

GRAPEVINE: Water clear, 80 degrees, 5 feet high; black bass fair on topwaters and plastic worms; striper slow; crappie fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows and jigs; white bass fair with some schooling late with strings to 10-15 per string on spinners and slabs; catfish fairly slow.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass fairly good to 5 pounds on frogs, lizards and Tiny Torpedoes; hybrid striper fair with some schools to about 3 pounds on small cranks; crappie good with some limits in 15 feet of water on minnows and white jigs, some on Beetle Spins; catfish slow. Bream fishing excellent on crickets and worms in 10-12 feet of water.

LAVON: Water murky, 80 degrees, 2 feet above full; black bass slow; hybrid striper good to 17 pounds below dam on big jigs, Roadrunners, slabs; crappie good with limits of 25 fish on minnows; white bass very good in lake and below dam on slabs; catfish very good to 33 pounds, 12 ounces on trotline with goldfish.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 81 degrees, 3 1/2 feet high; black bass good to 4 3/4 pounds on red worms and buzz baits; hybrid striper good late to 11 pounds on white Roadrunner jigs; crappie slow; white bass good early and late on slabs, chrome and white; catfish good in shallows to 6 pounds on liver and heart.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 96 degrees, normal level; black bass good to near 9 pounds on 8-inch dark worms; crappie poor; catfish very good to 9 pounds on Canadian Crawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass plentiful but small, most undersized on Bomber Model As; crappie

fair to 1 pound on minnows; white bass fair to 12 fish per string on slabs; catfish good to 7 pounds on shrimp and worms, nightcrawlers Parks and Wildlife crews stocked 22,000 smallmouth bass earlier this month.

MURVAUL: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass fair to 7 pounds 12 ounces on grape worms around lily pads in the upper end, topwaters and worms also produce good numbers of smaller bass; crappie slow; channel catfish good on trotline to 6 pounds on bloodbait and cut shad. Bream slowing but still good numbers of fish on string.

NACOGDOCHES: Water clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass slow; crappie slow; catfish fairly slow.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 90 degrees, 5 inches high; black bass good to 6 1/2 pounds on plastic worms; striper good to 9 pounds on cranks, some schooling in open water, some caught in the woods on the upper end; crappie fair on minnows to 1 3/4 pounds; white bass slow; catfish good on rod and reel to 10 pounds, good to 28 pounds on trotline with live bait.

RAY HUBBARD Water clear, normal level; black bass good to 5 pounds on white and chartreuse spinners; striper fair but small on live bait; crappie slow around marina, fish have moved into deeper water; white bass good but small around barges at night; catfish good around rocks and power plant to 5 pounds on shrimp, bloodbait.

TAWAKONI Water clear, 71 degrees, normal level; black bass spotty to 4 pounds on Hellbender with trailing jig while trolling for striper; striper fair to 11 1/4 pounds on slabs and Magills in 22-27 feet of water; crappie fairly good at night in the woods in 40 feet of water fished at 20 feet with minnows; white bass good to 70 fish per string in same area on minnows, white bass mixed with crappie; good numbers of crappie from boat docks; catfish good on shrimp to 18 pounds on rod and reel drifting.

TEXOMA: Water muddy in channels, clear in lower lake, 79 degrees, 12 feet above normal level; black bass slow; striper good 11-20 pound range on live shad; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish good in 5-15 pound range on cutbait, worms. Most fish camps and boat ramps open around lake.

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 8 inches high; black bass fair to 10 pounds on motor oil, purple and smoke worms with a blue tails, mostly 4-inch worms in 3-12 feet of water on Carolina Rigs; hybrid striper slowing; crappie slow to 8 fish per string under 97 bridge on minnows during the day; white bass off and on trolling chrome Rat-L-Traps during day; catfish fairly good in baited holes on trotline with stinkbait and shrimp. Bream excellent.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 10 pounds plus with an 8, a 7 and some 5s on black worms mostly in 5 to 20 feet of water; striper fair; crappie good but hard to locate on minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow to 13 pounds, 7 ounces on trotline with live perch.

LIVINGSTON Water fairly clear, 80 degrees, 6 inches high; black bass fairly slow due to lack of fishing pressure; striper good to from 3-15 pounds at night on large minnows; crappie good in deeper water, fish hard to locate; white bass good at night on minnows; slow during day on spoons, slabs; channel catfish good with some limits on Catfish Charlie, blood baits, large minnows, shrimp.

RAYBURN: Water clear, 78 degrees, 6 inches below pool; black bass good to 8 3/4 pounds on worms, jigs, spinners and topwaters; striper fair in lower end of lake on Rat-L-Traps; crappie good with limits to 3 pounds on live minnows in 20 to 25 feet of water fished at 10-15 feet; catfish good to 49 pounds on trotline with live bait; channel catfish good in 25-30 feet of water on Catfish Charlie.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, lake level normal; bass slow; striper fairly good to 27 pounds on Redfins and jigs; crappie good to 200 fish per boat on minnows; catfish slow due to lack of fishermen.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, 78 degrees, lake full; black bass fair but mostly in the 2-3 pounds on purple metal flake worms; striper good but small in 10 feet of water on white Ponyhead jigs;

larger striper good in 50 feet of water with 2 ounce Banana Head jigs with Sassy Shad trailers; crappie fairly good up rivers; white bass schooling around the dam, San Pedro and Caballo areas on white or chartreuse slabs; catfish good but fairly small in 2-3 pound range up in the rivers which still have a little muddy water on shrimp and worms.

BRAUNIG Water murky, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass fairly good to 7 1/4 pounds on cranks; striper excellent to 5 pounds on spoons and tilapia; crappie slow; catfish excellent to 8 pounds on shad, chicken liver, shrimp and tilapia; redfish excellent to 20 pounds on tilapia and spoons in 15 feet of water; corvina slow.

CALAVERAS Water murky, 82 degrees, one foot high; black bass good to 7 pounds on purple and black plastic worms; striper excellent to 4 pounds trolling spoons in 15-20 feet of water; crappie slow; catfish fair to 43 pounds on live bait; redfish fair to slow to 5 pounds on spoons; corvina plentiful but mostly too small to keep, a few keepers around 4 pounds on spoons.

CHOKE Water clearing, 83 degrees, lake level 1 foot high; black bass good to 6 pounds, largest fish for week was 8 3/4 pounds on cranks, Rat-L-Traps and worms; striper slow due to winds; crappie good in 25 feet of water on live minnows; white bass slow; catfish excellent on rod and reel to 9 pounds on Rogers Cheese Bait. Bream fishing excellent on crickets and worms.

COLETO CREEK Water clear on the Sulphur and Perdido Creeks, Coletto Creek muddy, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass slow; catfish good on Bob's Blood Bait in the Upper Coletto Creek, Turkey Creek arm to 2 pounds.

CORPUS CHRISTI Water murky, normal level; black bass slow; catfish good to 4 pounds on rod and reel with dead shad in 15 feet of water.

FALCON Water clear, 4 feet low; black bass good to 3 pounds on plastic worms in 6-8 feet of water; striper good but small while fishing for whites around state park; catfish good but mostly small in 1-5 pound range on frozen shrimp and fresh shad.

TEXANA Water stained, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass fair to good to 3 pounds on spinners and buzz baits early, some cranks in afternoons; striper and white bass slow; crappie good on minnows up creeks; catfish slow to 16 pounds on trotline with live bait.

#### WEST

ARROWHEAD Water stained, 70 degrees, 6 inches high; black bass fair to 4 pounds in brush in 5 feet of water; striper fair trolling slabs and Shadraps in 15-20 feet of water; crappie good at night to 12 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish good in 6 feet of water on white shrimp and stinkbait.

BAYLOR Water clear, 74 degrees, one foot high; black bass good to 4 1/2 pounds on worms, spinners; crappie slow; catfish slow during day, good at night to 8 pounds on stinkbait, minnows and worms.

GRANBURY Water clear, 81 degrees, normal level; black bass slow to 3 1/2 pounds on buzz baits early, worms later in day; striper and white bass schooling late afternoon and just after dark, best baits are Little Cleos, popping corks, Flea Flies and live perch in the middle of the day; crappie slow; catfish slow.

HUBBARD CREEK Water clear, 74 degrees, lake full; black bass slow; striper fairly good to 4 pounds on silver slabs or live minnows; crappie picking up to 20 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish good to 35 pounds trotline with live bait; channel catfish good to 4 pounds.

MCKENZIE Water clear, 76 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 3 pounds on dark worms; striper good to 6 pounds on shad or shad type lures; crappie slow; catfish slow.

MEREDITH Water clear, 76 degrees, 84 feet; black bass fair to 4 1/2 pounds on artificials; crappie fair to 14 inches on minnows to 20 fish per string; white bass fair to 40 fish per string on slabs; catfish real good to 18 pounds on trotline and rod and reel with chicken liver, large minnows, shrimp.

PROCTOR Water clearing, 80 degrees, 14 feet high and dropping slowly; black bass fair to 4 1/2 pounds on spinners; striper good on topwaters to 14 pounds; crappie fair on minnows to 10 fish per string; catfish good on shad and minnows on trotlines.

SPENCE: Water murky, 75 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass fair to 4 pounds on buzz baits, Rat-L-Traps; striper fair to 16 pounds trolling Redfins with downriggers; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish fair to 3 pounds on worms.

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 74 degrees, lake level 3 1/2 feet low; black bass fairly good to 6 pounds, 3 ounces on minnows in shallow water; striper fairly good to 8 1/4 pounds trolling slabs; crappie fairly good to 25 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow on rod and reel; trotline good to 19 pounds on goldfish.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 76 degrees, lake full; black bass good to in 5-8 pound range on topwaters and worms; crappie slow; catfish slow; walleye good to 6 pounds on nightcrawlers.

#### COASTAL

SABINE LAKE: Redfish and trout very slow in lake, a few redfish in Bessie Heights marsh; a few scattered flounder to 1 1/2 pounds; a few croakers and hardheads; some good trout at the south end of the lake; no live bait shrimp, no live mud minnows.

PORT OCONNOR: Limits of trout to 4 pounds each at the jetties, Pringle Lake on live shrimp; redfish slow; weather good midweek, winds to 7 knots from south; live bait available at \$9.50 per quart.

PALACIOS: A few big redfish in the 27-30 inch range, no limits, in Shicke Point on dead shrimp; some drum to in the 35-45 pound range caught from City Pier at night on live crab; bays clear, water good looking, trout have moved into the Palacios Bay; live bait shrimp available. Weather good, winds mild midweek.

ROCKPORT: Redfish good to 30 inches in Redfish Bay on Broken Back Cordells; trout and flounder good off Copano Causeway and Goose Island Pier on shrimp; some trout in Aransas Bay to 2 pounds on shrimp; live bait shrimp plentiful at \$7.50 per quart.

PORT ARANSAS: Redfish good with limits of 5 fish in 23-29 inches on piggy perch in the Estes Flats area; specks good with limits of fish in two hours on live shrimp in Corpus Christi Bay; offshore producing a few kingfish to 15 pounds, a few shark to 3 feet, mostly Atlantic sharp-nosed; live bait shrimp at \$7 per quart; crab fishing improving. Horace Caldwell Pier fishing fairly slow, a few shark landed.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Redfish and trout fair and good sized from Bird Island Basin through Baffin Bay and Landcut; quite a few undersized specks and no redfish north of Bird Island Basin; a few flounder; a few sandtrout to 10 inches in the bay. Live bait readily available at 8-12 cents each. Bob Hall Pier producing black tipped shark to 5 1/2 feet on blue runners; jackfish to 25 pounds; sandtrout and whiting in fairly good numbers; a couple of tarpon; a single redfish to 22 inches; bait plentiful in water; live bait shrimp scattered. Oso Pier producing trout just above keeper size, some flounder to 2 1/2 pounds on live shrimp.

PORT MANSFIELD: Redfish a little slow, some in the afternoon and at night north of the East Cut to the north Landcut to 30 inches, a few limits on shiners, cut and live mullet; trout plentiful in the north Landcut, also around the gas well northeast of Port Mansfield to the East Cut; several 8 pound trout brought in this past week; some kingfish to 58 pounds from the Gulf; some ling to 43 pounds midweek; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

SOUTH PADRE: Redfish good to 11 pounds on live bait, strawberry touts in the West Flats and south of Three Islands; trout good to 5 pounds with good catches and some limits on live shrimp in the same area and also along Intracoastal; some good trout along Holley Beach and the Longbar; live bait shrimp plentiful at \$10 per quart. Offshore producing good number of bonito, big jackfish; no billfish.

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