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## RECORD DONATION MADE FOR RIGS TO REEFS PROGRAM

AUSTIN--Global Marine Inc. of Houston has donated \$385,000 to the Texas Artificial Reef Fund, the largest donation in the history of the Rigs to Reefs program.

The donation represents half of the company's realized savings from converting the offshore natural gas production platform into an artificial reef versus salvaging it on shore. The platform is scheduled for toppling in mid-August.

The mammoth structure - its height is about the length of a football field - will be toppled to the soft floor of the Gulf of Mexico, which typically lacks any hard structures upon which natural marine reefs might form. There it will attract and support hundreds of reef fish species, such as red snapper, as well as other marine life.

"This is a landmark day for the Texas Artificial Reef Program," said Andrew Sansom, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which coordinates the artificial reef program. "One of the dominant themes in our work today is partnerships between government and private business and this is an excellent example of a highly beneficial marine conservation project that would be difficult, if not impossible, for us to undertake without private support.

"Donations of all sizes to the program are equally appreciated but this unprecedented level of support is undeniably exciting. It shows that the Rigs to Reefs concept is working. With proper oversight and management, the program is emerging as a win-win for anglers, divers, oil and gas companies and the marine environment."

Rigs to Reefs, the centerpiece of the 1990 Texas Artificial Reef Plan, promotes the conversion of oil and gas production platforms into permanent artificial reefs to enhance and conserve fisheries off the Texas coast. To date, the program has established artificial reefs involving 17 former oil and gas platforms and raised \$2.5 million dollars toward future artificial reef endeavors.

The enabling legislation that made the program possible was authored by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown of Lake Jackson. The Texas Artificial Reef Act of 1989 was sponsored by Rep. John Willy of Angleton, co-authored by senators Chet Brooks of Pasadena, Carl Parker of Port Arthur, Hector Uribe of Brownsville and Ken Armbrister of Victoria and cosponsored by Sen. Eddie Lucio of Brownsville.

"The donation today is a huge boost for preserving and enriching Texas fisheries," Brown said. "I could not be more pleased with the outstanding success of this important program, which will benefit generations of Texans."

Offshore drilling rigs and production platforms are virtual living reefs, covered with barnacles, algae and coral. Their network of metal legs and crossbars, complete with plenty of nooks and crannies, provides important food and shelter for a great diversity of marine life.

Sport and commercial fishermen have long profited from marine life's affinity for the structures. A sampling of the catch abundant around a platform includes king and Spanish mackerel, red snapper, sand seatrout, grouper, spadefish, dolphin, sharpnose shark and amberjack.

Scuba divers also enjoy the benefits of "platform reefs. On any given day near an oil or gas drilling platform, divers may find sea anemones, sponges, bivalves, sea squirts, sea urchins, a variety of corals, angelfish, tangs, wrasses, spotfin butterflies, sea bass and barracuda.

More than 4,000 production platforms are located in the Gulf of Mexico, about 40 percent of which are estimated to become unprofitable by the year 2000.

The production platform from this donation was owned by Challenger Minerals, a subsidiary of Global Marine. It produced gas from a field about 100 miles southeast of Galveston for seven years. The option to transform the used platform into an artificial reef was seen as less expensive and better for the marine environment by company executives.

"I know business and the environment can coexist to the benefit of both," said C. Russell Luigs, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Global Marine. "It's satisfying to know that when our platform ceased production, we had a more attractive choice than simply towing it ashore to sell for scrap."

Global Marine is one of the oil and gas industry's largest international offshore drilling contractors with 23 mobile rigs deployed worldwide. The company employs about 1,700 people around the world.

For more information on Rigs to Reefs, contact Hal Osburn, TPWD Artificial Reef Program director, at 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4863, or (512) 389-4863.

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## **PUBLIC ALLIGATOR HUNTS SET FOR FOUR AREAS**

AUSTIN--The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will conduct public hunts for alligators on four departmental areas during September.

Officials said completed applications from prospective alligator hunters must be received in the Austin headquarters by 5 p.m. Aug. 3. Applicants selected by drawing will be required to pay a \$50 permit fee. A \$35 alligator hunter's license (\$300 for nonresidents) also is required for each permitted hunter. An additional \$120 tagging fee will be assessed only to those successful hunters who choose to have their alligator tagged for commercial sale.

Last year, 1,719 people applied for the hunts and the 268 participating hunters harvested 128 surplus alligators. This year, officials expect to issue about 316 permits.

Hunts will be held on the Guadalupe Delta Wildlife Management Area in Calhoun County, J.D. Murphree WMA in Jefferson County, Mad Island WMA in Matagorda County and Sea Rim State Park in Jefferson County.

Applications are automatically mailed to anyone who applied for last year's alligator hunts. Those who did not apply in last year's drawings can obtain an application for this year's hunts at the J.D. Murphree WMA in Port Arthur or by contacting TPWD headquarters in Austin at 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4972, or (512) 389-4972.

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## **WHITE-WINGED DOVE BREEDING POPULATIONS UP**

AUSTIN--Population trend surveys by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists in South Texas indicate white-winged dove breeding populations are up.

"Recently completed call-count surveys in the lower Rio Grande Valley indicate that whitewing numbers are up about 20 percent," said Gary Waggerman, TPWD white-winged dove project leader. "However, fall huntable populations will depend on production which so far this summer is significantly below average due to heavy rainfall during the peak of nesting."

In 1992, total whitewings taken during the special white-winged dove season increased by 250 percent. Total whitewings taken during the regular mourning dove season statewide increased 178 percent. The freeze of 1989 severely damaged nesting habitat in the Rio Grande Valley and the dramatic increase in whitewings over the past two years is a reflection of recovering habitat and improving nesting success.

Some hunters in north central Texas were surprised last year to find white-winged doves showing up for the first time in the areas they hunt for mourning doves. Whitewings have been expanding their breeding range northward in recent years. They have been identified as far north as Waco, Abilene and along the coast as far east as Port Arthur.

Hunters should remember that a \$7 white-winged dove stamp is required to hunt whitewings even if only one whitewing is taken while mourning dove hunting.

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## **TPWD NOTEBOOK**

AUSTIN--A seminar and field day for landowners, land managers, hunters and others has been scheduled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for 7-10 p.m. on July 15 at the M.O. Neasloney Wildlife Management Area.

The area is located about two miles north of the intersection of highways 80 and 90A in Gonzales County.

The program will include a tour of native and supplemental deer foods, a short presentation on the new antlerless deer permitting system and an optional demonstration of the spotlight deer census technique.

The informal seminar is free and participants will be encouraged to discuss topics and ask questions. For more information, contact Gary Homerstad, TPWD technical guidance biologist, at (512) 576-0022 or Don Bujnoch at (210) 424-3407

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AUSTIN--Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens earned 14 medals, including seven gold, five silver and two bronze medals, during the recent 1993 Texas Police Olympics.

The top winners from the department were Stacy Bishop of Austin and Darla Barr of Dallas. Bishop won gold medals in racquetball doubles and racquetball mixed doubles and a silver medal in racquetball singles. Barr won a gold medal in the discuss and silver medals in the shot put and javelin.

Cinda Davis of Austin won a gold medal in the 5k road race and a silver medal in pistols. Matt Robinson of Kingsville won a silver in the high jump and a bronze in cycling.

Other winners included Mario Guevara of Dallas, who won a gold medal in the shot put; Karen Downey of Fort Worth, gold medal in tennis singles, Jim Patterson of Mount Vernon, gold medal in skeet shooting and Jim Lindeman of Sarita, bronze medal in golf.

The National Police Olympics will take place in April in Florida.

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**Largemouth Bass**

Waterbody	Weight (lbs)	Length (inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Method
Fork	18.18	25.50	01/24/92	Barry St. Clair Klondike	Rod & Reel
Fork	17.67	27.50	11/26/86	Mark Stevenson	Rod & Reel
Fork	17.64	28.00	04/01/89	Stan Moss	
Fork	17.63	26.25	08/29/90	Jerry L. New Marshall	Rod & Reel
Fork	17.29	0.00	02/14/88	Larry Barnes	Rod & Reel
Fork	17.08	25.50	02/26/91	Troy Coates Emory	Rod & Reel
Pinkston Lake	16.90	27.66	02/16/86	Earl H Crawford	Rod & Reel
Fork	16.86	25.50	02/08/93	Bryan Turner Carrollton	Rod & Reel
Mill Creek	16.77	0.00	03/01/90	Herchel Brickey	
Fork	16.75	25.50	03/08/90	Stephen R. Trepkus Plano	Rod & Reel
Fork	16.59	26.00	05/15/87	Guy Weatherspoon	Rod & Reel
Fork	16.54	25.00	02/27/91	Bill Reed	
Gibbons Creek Lake	16.17	26.00	01/15/88	Troy Johnson	Rod & Reel
Fork	16.06	25.50	03/09/88	Tom Hallum	Rod & Reel
Fork	16.04	25.75	02/29/92	Gasper J. Cardinale Emory	Rod & Reel
Possum Kingdom Lake	16.02	26.75	10/13/89	Scott Tongate Bedford	Rod & Reel
Caddo Lake	16.01	25.50	04/13/92	Bobby Shaver Waskom	Rod & Reel
Fork	16.00	27.50	07/03/89	John Stanley	
Fork	15.95	25.50	03/27/91	Wendall R. Atkinson Balch Springs	Rod & Reel
Fork	15.88	25.50	02/17/90	Jim Taylor	
Fork	15.65	27.50	05/28/91	Rex Thompson Gilmer	Rod & Reel
Fork	15.61	26.13	05/08/91	Jim Gore	Rod & Reel

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**Smallmouth Bass**

Waterbody	Weight (lbs)	Length (inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Method
Whitney	7.72	22.00	11/20/88	Ronald Gardner Whitney	Rod & Reel
Greenbelt Reservoir	7.00	21.00	08/03/91	Jim Braswell Amarillo	Rod & Reel
Whitney	6.89	24.25	04/10/92	Ron Gardner Whitney	Rod & Reel
Stillhouse Hollow Lake	6.75	22.00	01/31/93	Arnold Bragewitz Temple	Rod & Reel
Stillhouse Hollow Lake	6.65	22.63	11/28/92	Chris Hadash Harker Heights	Rod & Reel
Texoma	6.63	22.00	02/22/92	George F. Chrisman Allen	Rod & Reel
Whitney	6.63	22.50	10/17/91	Chris J. Shafer Laguna Park	Rod & Reel
Brazos River	6.62	22.00	04/18/92	Klifford Bohne Laguna Park	Rod & Reel
Texoma	6.59	21.75	12/13/91	Greg R. Scott Grapevine	Rod & Reel
Texoma	6.53	22.00	01/07/89	Mark J. Schmitt Farmers Branch	Rod & Reel
Whitney	6.50	21.50	11/21/87	Floyd Teat	Rod & Reel
Meredith	6.47	23.00	03/28/93	Craig Stewart Fritch	Rod & Reel
Lyndon B. Johnson	6.46	17.00	03/02/85	Donald J. Edgar	Rod & Reel
Texoma	6.41	21.00	03/03/91	Ted R. Baca Sherman	Rod & Reel
Possum Kingdom Lake	6.40	23.00	03/08/87	Steve Andrua	Rod & Reel
Blanco River	6.37	20.87	03/22/92	Billy Cockrell Ft Worth	Rod & Reel
Whitney	6.35	23.25	11/05/87	Don Wooten	Rod & Reel
Meredith	6.29	22.25	12/24/89	David B. Conditt	Rod & Reel
Meredith	6.20	22.25	03/28/89	Henry McWilliams Berger	Rod & Reel
Canyon Lake	6.13	21.00	12/02/82	David Vorwerk	Rod & Reel

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**Spotted Bass**

Waterbody	Weight (lbs)	Length (inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Method
Lake O' The Pines	5.56	21.00	03/13/66	Turner Keith Austria	Rod & Reel
Sam Rayburn Reservoir	5.50	27.25	02/14/87	Curt E Smith Houston	Rod & Reel
Georgetown City	4.60	21.00	01/27/89	Kenneth Hall	Rod & Reel
Georgetown	4.38	21.00	01/27/89	Kenneth Hall Georgetown	Rod & Reel
Texoma	4.38	20.50	11/25/88	Chuck Bishop Denton	Rod & Reel
Ray Roberts	3.40	18.00	08/21/92	Ricky Prince Sanger	Rod & Reel
Grapevine Lake	3.36	17.25	03/18/90	Richard Keith Trimble Irving	Rod & Reel
Belton Lake	3.13	18.00	08/16/92	Roger Green Temple	Rod & Reel
Lone Star	2.14	16.40	07/01/90	Jerry R. Bennett Dangerfield	Rod & Reel



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**Guadalupe Bass**

Waterbody	Weight (lbs)	Length (inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Method
Travis	3.69	18.25	09/25/83	Allen M Christenson Jr Austin	Rod & Reel
Austin	3.06	17.50	05/21/92	Brent Watts Austin	Rod & Reel
Town Lake	3.01	18.00	08/23/92	Terry Hall Austin	Rod & Reel
Town Lake	3.00	16.75	02/20/89	Jim Cox Austin	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	2.81	17.00	07/17/83	Albert Boch Jr	Rod & Reel
Inks Lake	2.75	17.00	11/10/82	Gordon Whittington	Rod & Reel
Travis	2.75	17.50	03/20/83	Junior Henson	Rod & Reel
Bastrop	2.71	17.00	03/13/91	Richard O. Anderson San Marcos	Rod & Reel
Buchanan	2.25	14.88	02/20/82	Tim D Hurta	Rod & Reel
Town Lake	1.94	16.25	03/04/93	Ralph Manns Austin	Rod & Reel

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**Striped Bass**

Waterbody	Weight (lbs)	Length (inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Method
Rio Grande River	46.50	43.50	05/12/93	Johnny Freeman Del Rio	Rod & Reel
Town Lake	45.50	44.25	03/02/93	Morris Boyd Austin	Rod & Reel
Amistad Reservoir	45.00	44.00	05/14/90	Tom J. Reavis Del Rio	Rod & Reel
Austin	43.55	43.00	04/16/86	Wayne V. Savoie	Rod & Reel
Sabine River	43.31	44.00	01/27/90	Ronald G. Kirkland Fort Polk	Rod & Reel
Red River	40.88	43.00	04/23/89	Douglas Norwine Hurst	Rod & Reel
Rio Grande River	40.00	44.00	04/20/86	Dennis Charlton	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	39.90	45.15	02/02/88	Tod Fulcher	Rod & Reel
Whitney	39.69	43.25	05/14/89	Mark Turkali Laguna Park	Rod & Reel
Austin	38.25	41.00	03/21/81	Harry Lamb	Rod & Reel
Lyndon B. Johnson	38.14	42.00	04/13/91	Donald Hunziker Burnet	Rod & Reel
Amistad Reservoir	38.00	41.50	04/14/88	David O'Keeffe Del Rio	Rod & Reel
Inks Lake	37.05	42.00	02/27/92	Ronald Neusch Panhandle	Rod & Reel
McQueeney	36.15	45.00	07/02/92	Gonzalo Ramos Jr. San Antonio	Rod & Reel
Marble Falls	36.00	42.00	07/13/90	Frank Cruz IV Austin	pole
Red River	36.00	41.00	05/03/82	W. Lowe, Jr.	Rod & Reel
E. V. Spence Reservoir	35.13	41.75	04/21/88	R L Flanagan Robert Lee	Rod & Reel
Texoma	35.12	39.00	04/25/84	Terry Harber	Rod & Reel
Colorado River	35.00	42.00	06/24/88	Robin Whalon Austin	Rod & Reel
Kern	35.00	39.12	05/07/89	Danny Foir	Rod & Reel

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**Hybrid Striped Bass**

Waterbody	Weight (lbs)	Length (inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Method
Ray Hubbard	19.66	35.16	06/20/84	John Haney Dallas	Rod & Reel
Ray Hubbard	19.62	33.54	01/27/84	Billy Cansler	Rod & Reel
Lyndon B. Johnson	18.50	32.00	02/04/91	Steve L. Walker Marble Falls	Rod & Reel
Nasworthy	17.90	35.50	03/25/91	Eric Smith San Angelo	Rod & Reel
Town Lake	17.78	34.00	01/18/93	Morris Boyd Austin	Rod & Reel
Austin	17.69	30.50	06/21/89	Jerry Coddington Austin	Rod & Reel
Miller Creek	17.61	0.00	04/25/92	Bud Howell Post	Rod & Reel
Nasworthy	17.50	29.50	03/31/79	Curtis Kasner	Rod & Reel
Navarro Mills Lake	17.50	29.00	05/02/83	David McGraw	Rod & Reel
Brazos River	17.12	30.51	04/07/92	Homer Spence Laguna Park	Rod & Reel
Brazos River	16.75	31.60	04/20/90	Keith E. Lambert Mansfield	Rod & Reel
Ray Hubbard	16.60	33.00	01/14/88	Jeff Achenbach	Rod & Reel
Choke Canyon Lake	16.56	25.50	04/09/87	William J. Norris	Rod & Reel
Nasworthy	16.56	29.00	12/22/83	Matt Bailey	Rod & Reel
Proctor Lake	16.31	27.50	03/29/85	Arthur Queisner	Rod & Reel
Nasworthy	16.25	32.50	12/28/80	Dennis Stewart	Rod & Reel
Lavon	16.12	30.00	06/08/83	Bob Dewitt	Rod & Reel
Miller's Creek Reservoir	16.01	31.00	04/08/91	Tom T. Yates Weinert	Rod & Reel
Toledo Bend Reservoir	15.81	32.50	05/25/87	Johany Pritchett	Rod & Reel
Granbury	15.75	31.00	05/01/92	Alan Purcell Granbury	Trotline
Tawakoni	15.25	28.00	05/16/88	Franklin H Smith Dallas	Rod & Reel
Wichita	15.25	26.50	04/10/93	Jimmie Taylor Wichita Falls	Rod & Reel

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**White Crappie**

Waterbody	Weight (lbs)	Length (inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Method
Navarro Mills Lake	4.56	0.00	02/14/68	G G Wooderson Corsicana	Rod & Reel
Hunt County	4.12	16.75	04/11/86	Jerry Gammill	Rod & Reel
Palestine	3.94	16.00	02/01/84	Clifford Price	Rod & Reel
Richland Chambers	3.77	16.50	02/20/93	Tony Ingargiola Ennis	Rod & Reel
Lewisville Lake	3.50	17.00	04/19/87	Tim A. Huffman	Rod & Reel
Lake O' The Pines	3.40	17.00	02/23/92	Ricky Greer Marshall	Rod & Reel
Fork	3.19	17.00	02/05/93	Emil Schwitzer Heath	Rod & Reel
McQueeney	3.16	15.63	04/24/92	Barry Siltmann McQueeney	Rod & Reel
Ray Roberts	3.09	15.25	03/10/90	Michael D. Loyd Valley View	Rod & Reel
W. Carolina Creek	3.02	15.50	02/07/87	Jo Nance	Rod & Reel
Neches River	3.00	17.00	07/18/86	Tony Martin	Rod & Reel
Fork	2.94	16.25	02/15/92	Randy Wickliff Roanoke	Rod & Reel
Abilene	2.90	16.50	03/16/92	Don W. Warren Abilene	Rod & Reel
Lake O' The Pines	2.90	17.00	12/31/91	Jeff E. Turlington Marshall	Rod & Reel
Fork	2.81	16.00	01/23/90	Buster Worrell Mesquite	Rod & Reel
Livingston	2.81	15.87	04/12/92	Marilyn Richards Trinity	Rod & Reel
Kickapoo Reservoir	2.78	15.90	03/23/93	Clifford Hitchcock Holliday	Rod & Reel
Livingston	2.75	16.00	03/05/93	Frank Rendon Livingston	Rod & Reel
Lavon	2.73	17.00	03/17/90	William M. Wagoner Garland	Rod & Reel
Livingston	2.71	14.75	03/01/92	Roger D. Wilde Livingston	Rod & Reel
Kickapoo Reservoir	2.70	17.75	05/04/93	Vanita McNeel	Rod & Reel

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**Black Crappie**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Weight (lbs)</b>	<b>Length (inches)</b>	<b>Caught</b>	<b>Angler's Name and Hometown</b>	<b>Method</b>
Ray Hubbard	4.38	18.25	02/29/76	William L. Carter, Jr.	Rod & Reel
Choke Canyon Lake	3.80	16.50	01/15/89	James Plotts	Rod & Reel
Toledo Bend Reservoir	3.69	17.75	01/17/85	Fritz Gowan Poplar Bluff	Rod & Reel
Fork	3.27	17.00	10/28/90	Brady R. Dillard	Rod & Reel
Winnshoro	3.19	19.25	03/18/90	Judy A. Staton	Rod & Reel
Toledo Bend	2.98	18.50	04/18/93	Teatsie Barrilleaux Independence	Rod & Reel
Lake O' The Pines	2.68	16.00	03/23/92	Ima Clark Marshall	Rod & Reel
Palestine	2.31	15.75	04/22/90	Fred J. Griggs	Rod & Reel
Richland Chambers	2.15	15.00	04/07/91	Jimmy M Bonner	Rod & Reel
Big Cypress Bayou	2.06	14.75	02/22/92	Michael C. Myers	Rod & Reel
Livingston	1.85	14.00	03/18/92	Liz A. Leatherwood Livingston	Rod & Reel
Sam Rayburn Reservoir	1.55	13.82	05/01/93	Geraldine Rebert Nederland	Rod & Reel
McCarty	1.48	13.75	03/09/91	Lee Buchanan Clyde	Rod & Reel
Livingston	1.46	13.25	03/15/92	Glynn Johnson	Cane pole
Livingston	1.31	13.00	03/09/92	Richard L. Bohnert Onalaska	Rod & Reel
Brandy Branch	1.20	12.17	04/02/93	David Haston Longview	Rod & Reel
Corpus Christi	0.98	12.37	03/07/93	Danny Branch Berclair	Rod & Reel
Corpus Christi	0.77	11.38	02/26/93	Brian Mitchell Robstown	Rod & Reel
Livingston	0.66	10.25	02/21/92	Sam L. Wall Rye	Rod & Reel
Mackenzie	0.50	10.50	07/04/91	Dedra Lynn Johnston Silverton	Rod & Reel

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**Flathead Catfish**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Weight (lbs)</b>	<b>Length (Inches)</b>	<b>Caught</b>	<b>Angler's Name and Hometown</b>	<b>Method</b>
Buffalo Creek	122.00	59.00	04/23/91	Toby Whitaker Iowa Park	Trotline
Livingston	114.00	56.50	10/15/76	Charles J Booth	TROTLINE
Livingston	105.00	66.00	09/06/86	Bill Cummings	TROTLINE
Madisonville	104.00	54.00	04/11/91	John A Wilkinson Madisonville	Trotline
McQueency Tawakoni	104.00 104.00	0.00 52.00	03/01/56 05/05/90	C B Boyett * Rex E. Reagan Greenville	TROTLINE Trotline
Palestine	99.50	51.00	04/30/93	Chad Beddingfield Tyler	Trotline
Lewisville Lake	98.00	54.00	06/02/86	William O. Stephens Lewisville	Rod & Reel
Toledo Bend Reservoir	97.50	48.00	05/24/91	Otis L. Pleasant Shelbyville	Trotline
Lewisville Lake	91.25	52.00	03/28/82	Mike Rogers	Rod & Reel
Tawakoni	91.06	54.00	10/09/78	Joe Nolen	TROTLINE
Houston	88.10	52.00	04/28/92	Jesse Slaughter Humble	Trotline
Canyon Lake Conroe	86.00 86.00	50.00 55.00	04/26/75 01/14/90	James H. Mayer Jimmie Lee Johnson Willis,	TROTLINE Rod & Reel
Toledo Bend Reservoir	84.00	45.00	04/08/91	Kenneth E. McGough Kilgore	throw line
Livingston	82.00	60.00	02/25/87	Ray Warren	Rod & Reel
Murvaul	76.00	48.50	05/15/79	Jack Bishop	Rod & Reel
Livingston Toledo Bend Reservoir	75.00 75.00	54.00 60.00	01/05/88 08/09/88	Jo Nance Herman Hudson Longview	Rod & Reel TROTLINE
Grapevine Lake	73.50	54.50	05/24/80	Jerry Jordan	Rod & Reel
Palestine	72.50	50.00	04/11/92	Stacey McClanahan Van	Rod & Reel
Tyler	72.00	49.00	05/16/90	Tommy D. Campbell	Rod & Reel

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**Blue Catfish**

Waterbody	Weight (lbs)	Length (inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Method
Texoma	116.00	59.00	04/21/85	C D Martindale Era	TROTLINE
Conroe	99.00	55.50	03/03/85	Joe Lynch *	TROTLINE
Conroe	89.50	52.00	02/08/84	Noble Condra *	TROTLINE
Conroe	86.00	55.00	02/17/83	Joe Diehl	TROTLINE
Conroe	86.00	52.00	10/29/82	J H Vick	TROTLINE
Conroe	82.50	51.50	04/09/82	Billy Free *	TROTLINE
Texoma	82.50	49.00	02/20/93	Jason Holbrook Howe	Rod & Reel
Conroe	78.00	54.00	02/10/83	Joe Diehl	TROTLINE
Livingston	78.00	54.00	01/14/81	Doyle Chaney *	TROTLINE
Conroe	76.00	52.00	08/12/83	P. J. Diehl	TROTLINE
Trinity River	76.00	45.00	04/14/91	Richard C. Jordan Cleveland	Rod & Reel
Conroe	74.50	49.50	03/10/81	W. D. Smith	TROTLINE
Conroe	72.00	51.00	02/28/83	Joe Diehl	TROTLINE
Livingston	71.00	48.00	03/15/86	Sammie Roberson	Rod & Reel
Choke Canyon Lake	70.50	49.00	12/14/89	John Calvin Moose	Trotline
Texoma	70.25	50.00	01/09/86	Becky Curtis	Rod & Reel
Marsh Lake	70.00	0.00	01/01/65	Tolbert Crowder, Jr *	TROTLINE
Somerville Lake	69.00	49.50	05/05/78	Darlan Ray Storm Jr	Rod & Reel
Texoma	67.88	46.75	11/12/85	Naomi Ledbetter	Rod & Reel
Texoma	66.00	50.25	03/27/78	George Dempsey	Rod & Reel
Conroe	65.00	51.00	05/24/83	P. J. Diehl	TROTLINE
Fayette County Lake	65.00	48.00	03/13/90	Rodney K. Wenzel	jug line
Gibbons Creek Lake	62.05	47.00	12/15/92	Joseph Muzny Bryan	Rod & Reel
Conroe	61.00	50.00	02/22/83	Joe Diehl	TROTLINE
Conroe	60.00	49.00	05/23/83	P. J. Diehl	TROTLINE
Fayette County Lake	58.00	47.75	02/09/88	David Ray Parchman	Rod & Reel
Conroe	57.00	45.00	02/24/83	Joe Diehl	TROTLINE

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**Channel Catfish**

Waterbody	Weight (lbs)	Length (inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Method
Pedernales River	36.50	38.00	03/07/65	Mrs Joe L. Cockrell Austin	Rod & Reel
Whitney	23.75	36.00	04/24/88	Burl Carr Whitney	TROTLINE
Granbury	23.50	36.00	12/09/76	Tony Culpepper	Rod & Reel
Meredith	22.75	33.25	05/29/78	John Switzer	Rod & Reel
Aquila Lake	21.47	35.00	04/02/92	Tommy Sheffield Hillsboro	Trotline
E. V. Spence Reservoir	20.50	32.50	02/26/92	D.R. Overby Odessa	Jug line
Tyler	20.44	34.38	03/18/89	Fred Garrett Tyler	trotline
Cedar Creek Lake	19.76	32.05	02/02/90	Thomas T. King Mabank	trotline
Lewisville Lake	18.87	34.50	01/25/92	Tommy Squyres Lake Dallas	Rod & Reel
Purtis Creek State Park	18.01	32.50	11/10/92	A.E. Douthitt Grand Saline	Rod & Reel
Lewisville Lake	17.05	33.88	11/17/91	Olan Ray Ransom Carrollton	Trotline
Richland Chambers	16.69	30.50	02/20/93	Alvin Ezell Dallas	Trotline
Ray Roberts	16.30	31.00	03/28/92	Eric Sauls Denton	Trotline
Brazos River	15.53	30.50	09/29/91	Ashley Green Whitney	Rod & Reel
Conroe	15.50	32.00	12/19/76	Clay Dockvay	Rod & Reel
Pat Mayse Lake	15.50	31.50	05/08/93	James Cornwell Wills Point	Trotline
Fork	15.32	34.50	06/24/90	Larry C. Bateman Lindale	trotline
Whitney	15.25	32.25	10/10/77	R. T. Crawford	Rod & Reel
Lewisville Lake	15.19	32.00	02/08/91	Marty L. Rogers Krum	trotline
Lewisville Lake	14.83	31.81	01/24/91	Marty L. Rogers Krum	TROT LINE



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**Rainbow Trout**

Waterbody	Weight (lbs)	Length (Inches)	Caught	Angler's Name and Hometown	Method
Guadalupe River	7.25	25.50	02/04/93	Ronald Weigle Canyon Lake	Rod & Reel
Canyon Tailrace	6.22	24.00	11/24/90	David Lewis Carpenter Marble Falls	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	5.95	23.00	11/24/89	Richard Ponce New Braunfels	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	5.88	22.00	12/10/92	Jack Fortenberry San Antonio	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	5.75	25.00	05/03/86	Mark S Hamilton	Rod & Reel
Mansfield Pond	5.75	22.50	02/13/83	Kyle Williams	Rod & Reel
Meridian State Park Lake	5.75	23.00	01/05/85	Patrick Barrill	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	5.25	24.00	12/01/86	Jeff Shindle	Rod & Reel
Trinity River	5.00	22.50	02/27/85	John Leisher	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	4.81	20.00	04/17/82	Virginia A Ransleben	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	4.75	21.50	06/22/68	Ron Sharp	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	3.50	20.00	05/02/87	Toby Bostic	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	3.00	16.99	01/01/68	Alvin Benke	Rod & Reel
Irving Street	2.88	18.20	03/06/93	Ed Cheatle San Angelo	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	2.69	20.00	11/26/85	Ron Strait	Rod & Reel
Trinity River	2.69	20.50	12/08/86	Al Nelson	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	2.50	16.00	08/25/85	Wayne Jones	Rod & Reel
Benbrook Lake	1.25	10.00	03/16/93	Stan Matsinger Alvarado	Rod & Reel
Bethany Park Lake	0.48	10.81	12/19/92	Justin Hardin Farmers Branch	Rod & Reel
Carrollton Sports Complex	0.30	9.00	02/11/93	John Hardin Farmers Branch	Rod & Reel
Cleburne State Park Lake	0.00	16.00	01/23/89	Richard Gordon	Rod & Reel
Guadalupe River	0.00	19.00	02/14/88	William V Driscoll	Rod & Reel
Trinity River	0.00	17.25	01/08/90	Steven E. Hoover Palestine,	Rod & Reel

#### POLLUTION ADVISORY

As a service to readers of the weekly fishing report, the following pollution report is published to help fishermen with their selection of fishing sites. This material is provided by the Texas Department of Health.

**DONNA RESERVOIR, THE NORTH FLOODWAY, ARROYO COLORADO AND ALL IRRIGATION CANALS IN HIDALGO COUNTY.** (Freshwater only) Persons should not consume fish from these waters until further notice because of PCB contamination of all fish species.

**LAVACA BAY** near Point Comfort, fishermen may only catch and release fish and crabs from this area because of mercury contaminants.

**TRINITY RIVER,** between Dallas and Fort Worth, fishermen may only catch and release all fish species in this area because of chlordane contaminants.

**ARROYO COLORADO,** above Port of Harlingen, regular consumption of all fish species taken from this area should be avoided because of chlordane, toxaphene and DDT contaminants.

**TOWN LAKE,** Austin, consumption of all fish species taken from this body of water should be avoided because of chlordane contamination.

**NECHES RIVER,** south of US 96 near Evadale to the I 10 bridge, no more than 1 meal of all species of fish per month per person should be consumed. Women of child bearing age and children should not consume fish caught in this area because of dioxin contaminants.

**BRAZOS RIVER,** south of FM 521 to the mouth of the Brazos in Brazoria County, no more than 1 meal of all fish species per month per person should be consumed. Women of child bearing age

and children should not consume fish caught in this area because of dioxin contaminants.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL and UPPER GALVESTON BAY** north of a line drawn from Red Bluff Point to Five Mile Cut Marker to Houston Point, no more than 1 meal per person per person of catfish and blue crabs caught in this area. Women of child rearing age and children should not consume any catfish or blue crab caught in this area because of dioxin contaminants.

**MARTIN CREEK RESERVOIR, BRANDY BRANCH RESERVOIR and WELSH RESERVOIR,** all in northeast Texas:

Due to elevated levels of selenium in these three lakes: adults should eat no more than 8 ounces of fish per week; children 7 years of age or older should eat no more than a 4-ounce serving per week; children younger than 7, pregnant women or women who may soon become pregnant should not eat any fish from these three reservoirs; and anyone who eats fish from these lakes should not take dietary supplements containing more than 50 micrograms of selenium per day.

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

#### CENTRAL

**BASTROP:** Water clear, 90 degree, normal level; black bass are good to 9 1/2 pounds on Power Worms; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to good to 4 1/2 pounds on Lewis King's Punch Bait.

**BELTON:** Water clear, 88 degrees, normal level; black bass are good through 6 pounds on spinners, worms and buzz baits, a three fish tournament required 12 pounds to win over the weekend; striped are slow; crappie are spotty on minnows in 12 feet of water; white bass are fair on topwaters and some on slabs, no limits caught; catfish are good to 20 pounds on the Cowhouse with live perch.

**BROWNWOOD:** Water clear, normal level; winds high midweek; black bass are fair in number; striped are good in number and size; catfish are slow; crappie are good in number but no limits caught; white bass are fairly good on TUCXAN Trainers in the sand fields.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear, 83 degrees, 2 feet flow; black bass are fair to 3 1/2 pounds on worms; striped are excellent to 9 pounds on live bait; crappie are slow; white bass are fair around Garrett and Shaw Islands early, fishermen should watch for fish on top, small slabs are best; catfish are fair to 8 pounds with stinkbait in baited holes.

**CANYON:** Water clear, 74 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair in number but small in size on minnows; striped are fair in the deep water trolling minnows; crappie are fair on minnows, no limits caught; white bass are fair in deep water on minnows; channel catfish are fair in number on worms, no limits.

**COLORADO BEND:** Water semi clear, normal level; black bass are spotty; striped are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 2 pounds with live perch.

**FAYETTE:** Water clear, 87 degrees, 2 feet high; black bass are good to 6 1/2 pounds early and late in shallow water with Bass Assassins, topwaters and live bait; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 32 pounds on live carp with rod and reel.

**GIBBONS CREEK:** Water clear, 90 degrees, normal level; black bass are good through 8 1/2 pounds on Crawworms; crappie are good on minnows on the brush piles and off deep points in 12-15 feet of water; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on prepared baits with rod and reel and jug lines.

**LB&J:** Water clear, 82 degrees, lake full; black bass are good to 6 pounds, 11 ounces on spinners; striped are slow; crappie are fair on minnows around docks with structure; white bass are excellent on lower end of lake, fishermen should watch for large schools on top; catfish are good to 10 pounds in baited holes with stinkbait.

**NAVARRO MILLS:** Water clear, 87 degrees, normal level; black bass and all fishing is slow due to high winds.

**SOMERVILLE:** Water clear, 4 feet above normal level; black bass are slow; striped are slow; crappie are fair around marina on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 2 pounds on liver, minnows, shad and prepared baits.

**SQUAW CREEK:** Water clear, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 3 pounds on Slug-Gos, plastic worms and earth worms; striped are slow; crappie are good on minnows in 15 to 25 feet of water with limits; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 10

pounds on trotlines baited with minnows, stinkbait and tuna.

**STILLHOUSE:** Water very clear, 88 degrees, 1 foot high; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on Zara Spooks early and late; striped are slow; crappie are fair to 10 fish per string on minnows; white bass are very slow; catfish are good to 15 pounds on prepared bait mid lake.

**TRAVIS:** Water clear, 82 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair to 3 pounds on white spinners and chrome topwaters; Guadalupe bass are fair in number to 14 inches on the same baits; striped are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are fair with scattered early morning schooling; catfish are fair to 6 pounds on bait shrimp.

**WACO:** Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are good through 5 pounds on spinners; striped are slow; crappie are good in 15 feet of water on minnows; white bass are fair to 2 pounds on slabs; catfish are slow.

**WHITNEY:** Water clear, 81 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are slow; striped are slow; crappie are fair to good but scattered, and caught on minnows in shallow water; white bass are slow; channel catfish are fair around boat stalls with rod and reel on bloodbait, trotlines are also productive; yellow catfish to 36 pounds on trotline with live baits; winds high midweek.

#### NORTHEAST

**ATHENS:** Water clear, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 8.42 pounds on Crawworms; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

**BOB SANDLIN:** Water clear, 73 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are slow; few fishermen out because of high winds.

**BRIDGEPORT:** Water clear, 85 degrees, lake full; black bass are good to 4.71 pounds on pumpkin seed colored Power Worms; crappie are good around 12-17 feet of water on minnows and jigs; striped are good along points and in the flats; catfish are good to 38 pounds on trotlines baited with cut bait, liver and live perch in the creeks.

**CADDO:** Water a little muddy, normal level; black bass are fair to good to 5 pounds on frogs and Rattlin' Rats; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 5 pounds on goldfish and minnows.

**CEDAR CREEK:** Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 7 pounds on Pink Ladies while trolling for hybrid striped and worms; hybrid striped are good to 10 pounds on Pink Ladies; crappie are fair in 10-18 feet of water on minnows; white bass are good on Rattle Traps, slabs and L'il Georges over the humps; catfish are good to 16 pounds on jug lines baited with bloodbait.

**CYPRESS SPRINGS:** Water clear, 75 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 8 pounds on pumpkin seed colored worms; crappie are good with limits on minnows in 15 to 20 feet of water; catfish are good to 14 pounds on nightcrawlers.

**FAIRFIELD:** Water clear, 85 degrees, 10 inches above normal level; black bass are good to 8 pounds on Slug-Gos; hybrid striped are fair to 10 pounds on Rattle Traps; catfish are good to 12 pounds on bloodbait; redfish are

good to 15 pounds on Zara Spooks; fisheries crews stocked 197,000 redfish fingerlings in the lake last week.

**FORK:** Water clear, 81 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 12.60 pounds in deep water; crappie are good on minnows; catfish are slow.

**GRAPEVINE:** Water clear, 81 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5 pounds on buzz baits and PopRs early and 6 inch electric grape worms during the day in 10-15 feet of water; crappie are fair to 2 pounds on minnows; white bass are good in numbers along the dam on minnows, small white marabou jigs; catfish are good in 3-6 pound range on shad, shrimp along the dam in 15 feet of water.

**JOE POOL:** Water murky, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow to 6 pounds on cranks; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows in 20 feet of water; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 8 pounds on shrimp and bloodbait.

**LAKE O THE PINES:** Water clear, 84 degrees, 4 inches above normal level; black bass are fair to 7 1/2 pounds on buzz baits, Slug-Gos, buzz baits and worms; white bass are fair on shallow water cranks; catfish are good to 4 pounds on nightcrawlers and minnows.

**LAVON:** Water clear, 81 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 3 pounds on worms and Power Worms in 12 feet of water; crappie are good in the timber in 18-20 feet of water on minnows; white bass are fair to 14 inches on slabs; catfish are good to 24 pounds on trotline with live bait.

**LEWISVILLE:** Water clear, 80 degrees, fluctuating between normal and 2 feet low; black bass are good early and late on topwaters and Fish Sticks, nighttime fishing good with Strike Kings, Midnight Specials and spinners with pork trailers, also small Power Worms in red shad, pumpkin seed and watermelon colors; crappie are found in 18-25 feet of water around the willows and boat houses and are caught on minnows; catfish are fair and are caught in the rocky areas to 8 pounds on nightcrawlers.

**MONTICELLO:** Water clear, 95 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 1/2 pounds on 8 inch black neon worms; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; catfish are good to 6 pounds on Canadian Crawlers and shrimp.

**MOSS LAKE:** Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; crappie are fair to 8 fish per string on minnows and jigs; white bass are slow; catfish are fair in the 2-3 pound range on cheese and shrimp.

**MURVAUL:** Water clear, 75 degrees, 8 inches above normal level; black bass are good to 7 1/2 pounds on buzz baits, topwaters and worms; crappie are good to 2 pounds around creek channels and under 1971 bridge on minnows; channel catfish are good to 11 pounds on trotlines baited with nightcrawlers and bait shrimp; sunfish are good on worms and crickets.

**PALESTINE:** Water clear, normal level; black bass are good to 6 pounds, 2 ounces on worms; crappie are good to 2 1/4 pounds on minnows in deep water; white bass are schooling, some caught on spinners and spoons with a few limits; catfish are good to 23 pounds on cut bait, nightcrawlers and shrimp.

**PURTIS CREEK:** Water clear, normal

level; black bass are good to 10 pounds on plastic worms; crappie are good late on minnows in 20 feet of water; catfish are fair in number on bloodbait.

**RAY HUBBARD:** Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow due to high winds and lack of fishermen; some bluegill caught near the marinas on worms; a few crappie also caught on minnows.

**RAY ROBERTS:** Water clear, 79 degrees, 3-4 feet low; black bass are good but wind is very strong and hard on fishermen; striper are slow; crappie are good under brush piles but boats have a hard time staying on them; white bass are poor; catfish are good to 50 pounds on trotlines with live shad below the dam.

**RICHLAND-CHAMBERS:** Water clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 10 pounds on worms; crappie are fair to 2.30 pounds on minnows with some limits; white bass are good to 1 pound on slabs and minnows 3-5 feet from the bottom; catfish are slow.

**TAWAKONI:** Water clear, 81 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are slow; striper are fair to 6 pounds on shad and artificials; crappie are slow; white bass are good through 3 pounds on Allison Tail Spinners; catfish are excellent to 6 pounds on catalpa worms and bloodbait.

**TEXOMA:** Water off color, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 3.88 pounds on spinners, pig and jig combinations and worms; striper are good to 15 pounds on live bait and some topwaters; crappie are fair on live bait and jigs around boat houses and structure; white bass are good on topwaters, live bait and Sassy Shad; catfish are fair with good strings in the 2-3 pound range on cut bait, shrimp, blood baits and worms.

**WRIGHT PATMAN:** Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow to 5 pounds on worms, cranks, spinners, buzz baits, and jig and pig combinations; crappie are slow to 1 1/4 pounds on minnows and jigs; white bass are good to 2 pounds on the main lake and below the dam; catfish are fair to good to 30 pounds on trotlines and drifting live perch catalpa worms nightcrawlers, crawfish and stinky stuff; sunfish are fair to good on red wigglers. Lake is very windy midweek.

#### SOUTHEAST

**CONROE:** Water clear, 78 degrees, 8 inches high; black bass are fair even with the bright moon to 9.52 pounds on secret baits in 8-12 feet of water; crappie are fair in number but most were small in 12-14 feet of water, mostly caught on minnows; white bass are schooling with the larger whites staying under the schools, schooling is erratic, and are caught on small chrome Rattle Traps and spoons; catfish are good in the 2-6 pound range from the banks, trotliners are catching catfish to 25 pounds at night under moon with nightcrawlers, shrimp pieces and small bream.

**HOUSTON COUNTY:** Water clear, 73 degrees, 1 foot high; black bass are good to 10.5 pounds on tequila sunrise worms, Slug-Gos, Carolina rigged worms and lizards and Bass Assassins; crappie are good to 15 fish per string on minnows near Golden Acres in 15 feet of water; blue catfish are good to 8 pounds, 10 ounces on rod and reel

with minnows.

**LIVINGSTON:** Water clear in sloughs, lake a little muddy, 8 inches high; black bass are good in number to 6 1/2 pounds on Berkley Power Worms; striper are slow; crappie are good in the sloughs with minnows; white bass are good; catfish are good in number.

**RAYBURN:** Water clear, 3 feet above normal level; black bass are slow to 3 pounds on topwaters early, worms and deep diving cranks are good during the middle of the day; crappie are good at night under full moon with minnows; white bass are slow; yellow catfish are good to 22 pounds on live bait.

**SHELDON:** Water murky, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass are poor; all fishing slow due to winds and heat. Best fishing is early and late.

**TOLEDO BEND:** Water clear, 86 degrees, lake full; black bass are fair to 5 1/2 pounds on worms and topwaters; striper are fair to 14 1/2 pounds on live bait and deep running Redfins; crappie are slow on live minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 40 pounds on trotline with live bait; bream have been good on worms and crickets.

#### SOUTH

**AMISTAD:** Water clear, 7 feet low and rising; black bass are slow due high winds, some fishermen going out; striper and white bass are beginning to run; crappie are slow; catfish are good in 4-12 feet of water on cheese baits.

**BRAUNIG:** Water murky, 82 degrees, 1 foot high; black bass are fair to 8 pounds on plastic worms; striper are fair to 4 pounds and larger on chicken livers; catfish are good to 7 pounds on cut bait; corvina are slow; redfish are fair to 16 pounds trolling spoons.

**CALAVERAS:** Water murky, 82 degrees, 1 foot high; black bass are slow; striper are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on chicken livers and shad; corvina are good to 14 pounds on live perch; redfish are good to 14 pounds on live perch and silver spoons.

**CHOKE:** Main lake clear, 85 degrees, lake full; black bass are fair to 9 pounds with limits averaging 2 pounds on topwaters, Slug-Gos, spinners and plastic worms; best fishing is early and late; deep diving cranks or Carolina rigged worms are best baits; striper are slow; crappie are slow in 15-35 feet of water early and late on minnows; white bass are fair in the lower part of the lake near the dam with early and late schooling, topwater and small chrome cranks are best; catfish are fair and scattered, most suspended in deep water and are caught around 10 feet; fishing also good along the river channel just above and below 99 bridge with cheese bait and liver fished under a cork; trotline and jug lines are good in 5-10 feet of water on live and cut bait; gaspergou are good to 14 pounds on or near the bottom with live nightcrawlers in 10-30 feet of water along the dam in the afternoon and night.

**COLETO CREEK:** Water muddy, 72 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 8 pounds on plastic worms; striper are poor; crappie are fair to 10 inches on minnows and worms; catfish are good in numbers on trotlines and live perch.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Water muddy, 83 degrees, lake full; black bass

are slow; striper are slow; crappie are fairly good off both state park piers on minnows and white jigs early and late; white bass are fairly good in the main pool under the birds on chrome slabs and cranks; blue catfish are good to 24 pounds in the flats on trotlines baited with soap and shad; gaspergou and channel catfish are good below the dam on peeled shrimp and nightcrawlers; carp fishing is excellent to 32 pounds on Big Red Soda and bran flakes.

FALCON: Water clear, 83 degrees, 9 feet low; black bass are good to 8 pounds on Bass Assassins, worms, Rattle Traps and spinners; striper are good through 15 pounds on Knocker Spoons and 1-2 ounce white jigs with trailers; crappie are slow; white bass are fair in number on slabs and jigs; catfish are good through 5 pounds on shrimp and shad.

MEDINA: Water clear, 82 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are good to 8 pounds on topwaters early and Power Worms in the afternoon; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are fair but no limits caught on chrome slabs in 15 feet of water; catfish are slow.

TEXANA: Water murky in the main lake, clearing in the creeks and rivers; normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds in the Navidad River on Crawworms; crappie are fair on minnows; catfish are slow.

#### WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water murky, 84 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are fair on minnows in 6-8 feet of water; white bass are fair on slabs and spoons; catfish are good to 3 pounds on minnows and worms.

GRANBURY: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair in the shallows on small spinners; striper are fair at the warm water outlet, most fish are small; crappie are good in the brush around 25 feet on small minnows; white bass are fair to good drifting Rattle Traps; catfish are good in 25-30 feet of water near the rocks on Mr. Whiskers Cheese Baits.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 77 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are good to 7 pounds; crappie are slow; white bass are good on minnows and jigs; catfish are good to 8 pounds on liver, minnows and worms; walleye are slow to 7 pounds on minnows.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water rough and muddy, normal level; black bass are slow; no fishermen out midweek due to high winds and rough water.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 76 degrees, 81 feet; black bass are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are good on minnows and slabs; catfish are good on minnows, worms and liver; walleye are fair to 23 inches on minnows, worms and leeches.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 78 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass are slow due to lack of fisher because of high winds midweek.

O.H. IVIE: Main lake clear, upper end murky, 79 degrees; largemouth bass are good to excellent on plastic worms in 15-35 feet of water in river channels, around points and ledges; smallmouth bass are fair to good in number and are mixed in with largemouth; crappie are good on minnows in 20 feet of water; white bass are good slabbing or trolling in schools, best fishing is around sandy

points and ridges; channel catfish are good on trotlines in baited holes on all types of baits; yellow catfish are fair on trotlines using larges live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 82 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 1/2 pounds, very little fishing activity due to high winds; striper are fair to poor to 4 pounds, high winds have slowed the surfacing activity; crappie are fair off docks on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water clear, 70 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are fair to 7 pounds on minnows; crappie are good on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 42 pounds on trotlines with live baits.

SPENCE: Water clear, 79 degrees, 26 feet low; black bass are good to 11 pounds, 6 ounces on dark worms; striper are good to 14 pounds, 2 ounces trolling Hellbenders and jigs; crappie are slow; white bass are good early and late on Kastmasters and Rattle Traps; catfish are very good on trotline as well as rod and reel in shallow water on stinkbait and shrimp.

#### COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Fishing has been slow; only a few fishermen out. Plenty of fresh water coming down the Sabine.

SOUTH SABINE LAKE: Specks are beginning to move back into the south end reef from the ship channel; the flounder are good in the ship channel and around the causeway bridge and around Sabine Pass on mud minnows; redfish are hitting dead shrimp at the jetties, around the causeway bridge and along the Louisiana shoreline north of the causeway bridge; croaker are good sized and are hitting brown shrimp; live bait shrimp are scarce but some are available at \$11 per quart.

GALVESTON: Water is brown and dirty as far as you can see; weather is hot; winds have been high all week.

FREEPORT: Fishing has been good but weather keeps most fishermen away; good numbers of kingfish and snapper caught when boats can get offshore; live bait shrimp available at \$8-\$10 per quart.

PORT OCONNOR: Fishing is slow due to high winds and fresh water; the Intracoastal is about like the Guadalupe River; a few fish caught around the big jetties, and also around Greens and Cotton Bayous; some fish caught in the surf; winds high midweek.

MATAGORDA: West Bay has been producing good numbers of trout and redfish on Night Glow Hogies Swimming Shad; good numbers of flounder caught in both bays; good sized trout in East Bay caught by some fishermen on Jumping Minnows; surf fishing is slow due to muddy water; offshore fishing slow; winds range from 15 to 25 knots midweek; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

PALACIOS: Fishing has been fairly slow due to high winds which range to 25 knots from the southeast; some redfish caught in Coon Island Bay on live bait; redfish and trout caught along the south shore line from Cullen Cut to Green's Bayou; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart; salinity is improving and fishing should be excellent when fishermen can get out.

ROCKPORT: Winds are high midweek, but are beginning to abate;

redfish and trout are caught around the shell reefs, around grass and around schools of working mullet; good numbers of fish caught in dirty water with artificials; pier fishermen are doing well under lights at night; good numbers of flounder caught; live bait shrimp available.

PORT ARANSAS: Winds are high and boats have trouble getting offshore; but those who make it out are catching limits of snapper along with some wahoo, ling and a few shark.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Winds still blowing in the 20-25 knot range, few fishermen out, not much catching in Upper Laguna Madre. Back bay fishermen are catching redfish and trout in the channels; some flounder also caught; winds high in Corpus Christi Bay; live bait shrimp available at 15 cents each.

PORT MANSFIELD: Rains left and winds returned to the bay; fishing returning to pre Arlene levels although overall fishing is fair to poor; two snook caught on the south side of the East Cut of Port Mansfield; one caught Saturday caught by Jimmy Morrison on a tout while wading; the second was caught Sunday by his dad, Dick Morrison, using a soft topwater plug. Both fish were in the 3-4 pound range, fish were photographed and released. Some redfish caught on the 234 Bar north of Port Mansfield and fair action on flats from the Saucer to Green Island; trout fishing is slow, a few good sized fish caught in the Saucer area; live bait shrimp is spotty at best; offshore fishing was slow due to rough seas; the gulf shrimp season opened July 6 which means that king and ling will have a floating lunch wagon.

SOUTH PADRE: Good catches of trout and redfish with good numbers of oversized redfish off the Long Bar on the west side; a few 5 pound blacktip shark caught around spoil banks; black drum caught in the Gas Well Flats on the west side; live bait shrimp available. Winds have been strong all week which kept most offshore people at home.

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