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TYPE II PERMITS NOW
AVAILABLE FROM TPWD
OFFICES

AUSTIN -- Hunting permits for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Type II public hunting lands program have gone on sale across the state, offering holders of the \$35 permits access to 670,000 acres of land.

The Type II program is entering its second year with a number of new regulations aimed at improving the quality of the outdoor experience on the areas. This includes for the first time a \$10 Limited Use Permit for those who want to visit one or more of the 84 units but do not hunt or fish. A survey of Type II permit purchasers indicated that approximately 53 percent utilized the areas for nonconsumptive uses.

Type II units are scattered across Texas, with most of the acreage in the East Texas, Trans-Pecos and Panhandle regions.

The new acreage includes 17,000 acres in the Panhandle that is available for pheasant hunting along with some waterfowl areas. New forest product corporation lands opened for hunting this year are Temple-Eastex (64,980 acres), Kirby Forest Products (22,030 acres), and Champion International

(3,564 acres)

Other additions to the Type II system include U S Forest Service areas Caddo (Fannin Co), Alabama Creek (Trinity Co), Bannister (San Augustine Co), and Moore Plantation (Jasper and Sabine Co) Public use of these areas previously was administered under the Type I public hunting program

The Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted several new regulations that should increase public participation and provide for better hunting These include restriction of all motor vehicles to designated roads; restriction of camping to designated campsites, prohibition of buckshot on all Type II areas; delaying opening date of the general deer season on four National Forest Areas (Alabama Creek, Bannister, Caddo and Moore Plantation) until Dec 1, and requiring all persons on Type II areas to wear hunter orange during the times when taking of deer is permitted

Restrictions on vehicle use and camping will permit hunters to range further afield without encountering disturbing influences Some areas will permit waterfowl hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to avoid constant hunting pressure from displacing the migratory species

Persons who purchase the Type II Wildlife Management Area-Public Lands Permit are permitted to enter and hunt, fish, camp and hike on all 84 units of the system A 61-page map booklet is issued to each permit purchaser It includes detailed maps of each unit and legal game available

Children under 13 may enter and participate in all activities free as

long as they are accompanied by a permitted parent or guardian. Holders of the \$35 Type II permit are eligible to enter in drawings to select participants in limited hunts for mule deer, pronghorn antelope and one mature desert bighorn sheep ram.

Type II permits are issued on the basis of one permit per 15 acres of land, which this year adds up to approximately 40,000 permits. The limitation is designed to help prevent overcrowding in most instances, although opening day of deer season is the one event that attracts most hunters.

Additional information and applications for the Type II permits are available at 28 department field offices throughout the state and by mail from the Austin headquarters. Write for Type II Information, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, or call (512) 389-4505 or toll-free 1-800-792-1112, ext 4505.

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SUMMER THUNDERSTORMS CAN
POSE BOATING HAZARD

AUSTIN -- Boaters caught in unexpected summer thunderstorms sometimes make a tragic error by trying to outrun the storm back to the boat ramp.

"If you're caught in a storm you should head for the nearest sheltered shoreline," said Capt Larry Williford, water safety director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Law Enforcement Division. "Many lives have been lost when boat operators for some reason feel they have to get back to

where they put their boat in "

Afternoon thunderstorms that form quickly in Texas can be turbulent and dangerous, but they generally subside within a half-hour or so, Williford noted. "Most landowners will be understanding about boaters' taking temporary shelter at their boat docks or shorelines when the weather gets rough," he said.

Fishermen and other boat operators should make a check of weather forecasts a standard procedure before launching, and then keep a sharp eye for threatening clouds. Areas with dead standing timber in the water also should be avoided when high winds threaten.

All safety equipment, including U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices for all passengers, should be on board. To learn more about required equipment and boat operating procedures, obtain a free Texas Water Safety Act leaflet by writing the TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, or call toll-free 1-800-792-1112.

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SUMMER IS PRIME TIME FOR
HUNTER EDUCATION

AUSTIN -- Now is the best time to enroll in hunter education courses throughout the state, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials.

"There's always a last-minute rush to enroll in classes, so prospective

hunters should locate a course in their areas well before hunting seasons begin," said Steve Hall, hunter education coordinator

During June, the department initiated a mandatory program which will be phased in over a five-year period. The first enforcement date is Sept 1, 1989, and it applies to those hunters born during the period Sept 2, 1971 through Aug 31, 1973. While hunting, these persons will be required to show proof of certification.

On Sept 1, 1990, those born during the period of Sept 2, 1971 through Aug 31, 1974 must have completed the minimum 10-hour course. By 1993 all hunters born on or after Sept 2, 1971 will have to complete the training.

Hall noted that the course is intended for youngsters, but adults also are encouraged to enroll. Also, hunters planning to hunt in other states such as Colorado where completion of a course is required can be certified by taking the Texas course, which is accepted in all other states and Canadian provinces.

Fee for the course is \$5, and successful completion is good for life. To locate a course, call a local Parks and Wildlife Department office or game warden, or Austin headquarters at (512) 389-4999. Hall also advised checking local newspaper columns or sports sections, sporting goods retail outlets and community events calendars. Locations of TPWD field offices are listed on the back of the Texas Hunting Guide hunting regulations booklets.

MAD ISLAND PURCHASED WITH
WATERFOWL STAMP FUNDS

AUSTIN -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently completed acquisition of the 5,700-acre Mad Island Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Matagorda County

The department paid the Texas Nature Conservancy for the remaining 50 percent undivided interest in the tract, at a price of \$325 per acre

Funds for the purchase were derived from sales of Texas Waterfowl Stamps

The department has entered into a 50-50 cost-sharing agreement with the Ducks Unlimited (DU) organization under the DU M*A*R*S*H program, to develop waterfowl habitat on the area.

Dr Dan Moulton, program leader for waterfowl habitat acquisition and development, said the area will be open to the public for waterfowl hunting this fall. Waterfowl hunts will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and daily hunting permits (\$5) will be issued at the WMA check station beginning two hours before sunrise until 30 minutes before legal shooting time.

Rails and gallinules may be taken in season during concurrent hunts for waterfowl. A special permit is required to hunt alligators on the WMA. More information, including a map, on this Type I WMA is contained in the

department's Hunting Opportunities bulletin that can be obtained at TPWD regional and district law enforcement offices or by calling toll-free 1-800-792-1112

Moulton reminds hunters and conservationists they can support TPWD's wetland preservation and development program by purchasing Texas Waterfowl Stamps. Also, print reproductions of the stamp art are available from art dealers or Collectors Covey, P O Box 57306, Dallas, TX 75207, (214) 630-4981

Tax-deductible donations to the fund also may be sent to Waterfowl Habitat Fund, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Rd , Austin, TX 78744

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BLACK DRUM RECORD MAY LAST
A LONG TIME

AUSTIN -- A Bay City man's recent catch of an 81-pound black drum broke a state record that had stood for a quarter-century. Wally L. Escobar Jr. caught the big drum near the mouth of the Colorado River on June 19. It was 51 1/2 inches long. The former state record black drum was a 78-pounder caught near Sabine Pass in 1964.

The state fish records committee of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department also certified state records for a 57.6-pound smooth puffer caught by Tim Miller of Brazoria off Freeport during May, and a 14-pound, nine-ounce almaco jack caught by Steven W. Puckitt of Pearland off Galveston, also during May.

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ANSON JONES HOUSE FEATURED
AT STATE PARK

WASHINGTON, Tx -- On Feb 19, 1846, the Republic of Texas forfeited its independence and joined other states to become the 28th member of the Union

With the end of the independent nation came the end of the career of Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic. Unfortunately, Jones' presidency ended on a sour note. Delays in joining the Union during his administration sparked animosity among Texans and made Jones unpopular.

The final blow to Jones' career came in 1857 when he failed to win a seat in the U S. Senate. In a fit of depression, he shot himself on Jan 9, 1858 at the Capitol Hotel in Houston.

Barrington, Anson Jones' plantation home, is now a featured landmark at the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Park near Navasota.

The park is the site where the founders of the Republic of Texas signed the Declaration of Independence from Mexico and wrote the Constitution of the Republic in 1836.

In addition to the house, the park features exhibits and a film in the interpretive center, Independence Hall and the Star of the Republic Museum.

The park is located between Navasota and Brenham on FM 1155. Admission

to the Anson Jones home is \$1, with children 6-12 admitted for 50 cents
Entrance to the park is free For further information call (409) 878-2214

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TRANS-PECOS PRONGHORN
POPULATIONS DECLINE

ALPINE -- Dry range conditions have reduced numbers of pronghorn antelope in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, but carryovers of mature antelope from previous years will make a good fall hunting season possible, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said

Ted Clark, antelope program leader, said he expects about 1,750 permits for buck antelope to be issued for the Oct 1-9 season, compared to 1,809 permits issued in 1987

Clark noted that the 1988 drought follows three years of good range conditions that set the stage for expanding populations The dry spring and summer of 1988 reduced fawn numbers by 71.6 percent and does by 10.3 percent "The doe segment of the population declined substantially in Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Reeves Counties," Clark said "Although the poor fawn crop will not affect permit issuance rates much this year, landowners can expect a change in the future if fawn recruitment remains low " Qualifying landowners will receive their hunt permits in the mail during August, he added

About half the antelope permits issued each year go unused, Clark said, and some landowners are seeking additional hunters Antelope lease

information may be obtained by writing the TPWD at 4200 Smith School Road,
Austin, TX 78744; 3407 S Chadbourne, San Angelo, TX 76904, or 1805 N 6th
St , Alpine, TX 79830

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AUSTIN Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Aug. 10

CENTRAL

BASTROP Water clear. 88 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 5 pounds on topwaters and worms; crappie fair to 20 fish per string on minnows at night under crappie lights. catfish fair to 6 1/2 pounds on live perch around fresh water inlet.

BELTON: Water clear. 86 degrees 2 feet low; black bass good to 5 pounds on black gold flaked Ringworms in 10-30 feet of water; hybrid striper fair to 8 pounds on deep diving cranks crappie fair to 20 fish per string on minnows in 15 feet of water. white bass good to 12 fish per string on small chrome Jiggin Spoons; yellow catfish good to 18 pounds on trotline with live bait; channel catfish good to 19 fish per string on doughbaited rod and reel

BROWNWOOD Water slightly murky, normal level. black bass slow; striper fair on live bait, fish easy to find but hard to catch; crappie fairly good in numbers but fish not large on minnows in the brushpiles in the lake, dock fishing slow; white bass slow; catfish good in numbers but small in size on trotline and drifting shrimp.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 86 degrees. 1 foot low; black bass good to 4 pounds on black Torpedoes early, purple worms with yellow tails good midday; striper good to 14 pounds on Pencil Poppers early and late; crappie slow; white bass good on topwaters early south of Blacktop Park and apple orchard until 9 30 a.m. catfish good to 8 pounds on frozen shad and Chunky dog food.

CANYON: Water clear 78 degrees 3 feet above normal level; black bass fair to 4 pounds on plastic worms striper slow crappie fair to 2 pounds each with full strings on minnows at night; white bass very slow; catfish good in the 5-8 pound range on rod and reel baited with shrimp or nightcrawlers.

COLORADO BEND: Water fairly clear normal level black bass and all fishing fairly slow

FAYETTE: Water clear. 93 degrees. normal level; black bass spotty and unpredictable to 8 pounds early and late on Fat Getzits and DB#3s in 20 feet of water; crappie slow catfish good to 30 pounds near the dam on perch and goldfish on juglines. The lake averages between 15 and 25 boats per day

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear. 90 degrees, 3 inches low; black bass slow, mostly within the slot, best baits are black; crappie very good to 2 pounds with some limits on minnows in the creeks. catfish fairly good to 3 pounds on shrimp, stinkbait and chicken livers. Lake averages 25 boats per day during the week but around 90 on Saturday and 60 on Sunday

LBJ Water murky, 86 degrees normal level. black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on black and white spinners, crawfish and Crazy Shad later striper good to 10 pounds on Pencil Poppers; crappie slow; white bass good with strings to 50 fish on Crazy Shad and topwaters. catfish good to 16 pounds on cut bait and shrimp.

LIMESTONE: Water clear, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie good to 28 fish per boat on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fairly good to 32 pounds on rod and reel baited with minnows while crappie fishing.

TRAVIS Water clear, 88 degrees, 10 feet low; black bass fair early on topwaters, most in 12-13 inch range, good fishing from 2-6 a.m. on plastic worms and Pig and Jig; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish good on juglines baited with live crawfish to 4 pounds

WHITNEY Water clear 73 degrees, 9 1/2 feet low; black bass fairly slow to 4 pounds at night on plastic worms striper fairly good to 15 pounds late on shad in 32 feet of water white bass schooling some in the lower lake, mostly on little jigs and Poppin Corks crappie fair on barges; catfish good on trotline with shrimp to 6 pounds on bologna; lake area had a record 107 degrees Tuesday

NORTHEAST

ATHENS Water clear. 89 degrees, 7 inches low; black bass slow; crappie fair, no limits on minnows in 25-30 feet of water; white

bass fair to 15 fish per boat mostly trolling at 15-foot depths in 40 feet of water; catfish slow. Bluegill and redear sunfish excellent on gray crickets and red worms in 8-12 feet of water.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear 85 degrees, 26 inches low; black bass fair to 6 pounds on spinners and buzz baits late, dark colored worms good at night; crappie fair at night around bridges on minnows white bass fairly good while schooling during the day on Rat-L-Traps; catfish fairly good to 20 pounds on trotline baited with live perch and big worms

CADDO: Water clear 3 feet low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish slow.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 6 pounds, 2 ounces on Fire and Ice worms, white buzz baits good early; crappie good in 25 feet of water around 9 a.m. on minnows; catfish fair in 15-18 feet of water on shrimp and nightcrawlers

FAIRFIELD Water clear, 104 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass slow; catfish slow; redbass slow. Few fishermen.

FORK Water clear, 96 degrees, 7 inches low; black bass fair early and late to 8 pounds, 9 ounces on jigs and worms; crappie fair early and after dark on minnows and jigs with some limits; catfish good to 8 1/2 pounds on trotline with live bream or shiners

JACKSONVILLE: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level. black bass were good with good numbers of small fish, no keepers, on topwaters, spinners and dark Ringworms; crappie slow catfish slow; bream slow.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 86 degrees, 6 feet low. black bass fair to 3 pounds off deep points on deep diving cranks striper good in deep water to 6 pounds on slabs; crappie slow; catfish good to 7 pounds drifting shrimp.

MONTICELLO: Water clear 90 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 6 pounds on 8 inch black plastic worms in 10 feet of water. crappie good to 10 fish per string on minnows catfish good on rod and reel to 30 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE Water clear, 88 degrees 1 foot low; black bass slow; crappie slow; white bass fair to 10 fish per string on Sassy Shad and Ghost Minners; catfish fair to 4 pounds on shrimp, chicken liver and cheese.

MURVAUL Water clear 85 degrees, 30 inches low; black bass fair to 8 pounds on black worms, buzzbaits and gold Redfins crappie slow, some in deep water near the dam; catfish good to 5 pounds on trotline with minnows Few fishermen out midweek.

NACOGDOCHES Water clear, 87 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass excellent to 10 1/2 pounds on Tequila Sunrise worms, plum worms and black and blue jigs in 12-25 feet of water; crappie good in 15-25 feet of water at night on live minnows. catfish slow.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 18 inches low; black bass slow; striper fair to 8 1/2 pounds on chrome cranks. crappie slow; white bass fair on cranks; catfish fairly good to 6 1/2 pounds on shrimp and nightcrawlers.

TAWAKONI: Water clear, 81 degrees normal level black bass fair to 6 pounds on dark worms. striper very good to 12 pounds, 7 ounces on live bait and slabs; crappie good with several limits on minnows in 32 feet of water fishing at 28-foot white bass surfacing early with strings to 23 fish per person; catfish good to 12 pounds on rod and reel with bloodbait and worms.

TEXOMA: Water clear, degrees, 3 1/2 feet low; black bass good to 4 pounds on purple worms in 15 feet of water; striper fair to 18 pounds downrigging at 35 feet with slabs and live bait; crappie fair to 10 fish per string on minnows; white bass fair to good to 15 fish per string on Pico Pops; catfish good to 7 pounds on stinkbait and liver.

WELSH Water clear, 102 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 6 3/4 pounds on 8-12 inch dark worms in 15 feet of water early and late; crappie slow on minnows and jigs in 30 feet of water fished at 12-14 feet depths. catfish good in the dam area on worms cut shad and shrimp. Bream excellent on worms, shrimp all over the lake.

SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear 87 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass slow to fair to 8 14 pounds on smoke bluetailed worms, DB#3s and purple

metal flake worms in 12-35 feet of water; striper slow white bass slow; crappie slow; catfish excellent to 2 pounds average on stinkbait and prepared catfish bait, stinkbait, crawlers with best fishing around baited holes. White amur seem to be loosing weight and looking bad when caught. Bream fishing excellent on nightcrawlers and shrimp.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear 85 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 11 1/4 pounds on 8 inch black worm; crappie slow; white bass fair around spillway on minnows; catfish slow.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear, 86 degrees, 38 inches low; black bass spotty, a few on worms early in the creek channels; striper good with limits to 12 pounds at night on shiners, striper good to 10 pounds around daylight, some schooling on Vortex KlipR and white Charlie Slabs crappie slow on minnows white bass good to 70 fish per boat in 4 hours of fishing from deep water ledges near the ledges, some to 3 pounds on Vortex KlipR and Charlie Slabs; blue catfish good to 35 pounds on live bream and cut shad. Channel catfish spotty to 3 pounds on shad, yellow catfish good to 62 pounds on live bream with trotline.

RAYBURN: Lake clear, slightly muddy upstream, 75 degrees 5 feet low; black bass good early and late in creek channels and edges of the hydrilla to 6 pounds on topwaters and plastic worms hybrid striper and striper good near dam in deep water white bass fairly good with some schooling off points; crappie good in 20 feet of water about 18 inches off the bottom on minnows; bream good in shallow water near deep channels, channel catfish and yellow catfish good on trotline in 20-25 feet of water.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear 94 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass fair to 5 pounds on dark worms striper slow crappie slow white bass slow catfish slow.

SOUTH

AMISTAD Water clear, normal level black bass good to 5 pounds on worms during the day, topwaters good early and late, striper fair to 20 pounds on white Banana Head jigs or 1 1/2 ounce Roadrunner jigs in 50 feet of water; crappie slow; white bass slow near the Pecos high bridge; catfish excellent to 6 pounds with good numbers of limits in 40-60 feet of water on cheese bait around baited holes

BRAUNIG Water clear, 100 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass slow; striper good to 3 pounds on tilapia and shrimp; crappie slow; catfish fairly good to 4 pounds on chicken liver and shrimp; redfish slow; corvina slow.

CALAVERAS Water clear, 93 degrees, normal level, black bass slow to 5 1/4 pounds on tilapia striper fair to 3 pounds 10 ounces on Tony Accetta spoons; crappie slow; catfish fair to 6 pounds 2 ounces on liver and shad, redfish fair to 12 pounds on tilapia corvina excellent to 9 pounds on spoons and tilapia.

CHOKI: Water clear, normal level black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fair to 2 pounds on minnows; white bass slow; catfish excellent to 3 pounds on rod and reel baited with Roger's Bait and Bob's Blood Bait. Sunfish excellent all over the lake.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear 85 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 5 pounds on dark plastic worms; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish fair to 6 pounds on trotline baited with live perch.

FALCON: Water clear, 9 1/2 feet low; black bass slowing, some in the 3-6 pound range on dark worms; striper good around state park in the 6-10 pound range on Knocker Spoons, Cannonball jigs with white worm trailers; crappie good around docks, mostly undersized on minnows; catfish good in the 1-3 pound range on frozen shrimp. White bass good around state park under gulls best baits are Knocker Spoons and Lil Georges

MEDINA: Water clear, 86 degrees, 4 1/2 feet low; black bass good on worms to in the 12-15 inch range, a few keepers; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish excellent to 28 pounds on chicken liver, most fish in the 2-4 pound range.

TEXANA: Water clear, 87 degrees, normal level black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on spinners and worms; striper and white bass slow; crappie fair with a few limits on minnows, average crappie about 3/4 pounds catfish good on trotline to 12 pounds on trotline with cutbait.

WEST

ARROWHEAD Water clear 3 feet low black bass slow to 4.44 pounds on artificials; striper slow; crappie good on jigs to 1 1/2 pounds with small strings; white bass good on any color jigs; catfish good to 2 1/2 pounds drifting shrimp and minnows

GRANBURY: Water clear, 91 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 6 1/4 pounds on Zara Spooks early; striper slow to 9 pounds, 12 ounces trolling Hellbenders with yellow jig trailers; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish slow.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 84 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass fairly good to 5 pounds on chartreuse worms, Rat-L-Traps and spinners; hybrid striper good on silver slabs or any silver bait; crappie good on minnows to 18 fish per string; white bass good and mixed with hybrid striper; catfish good to 6 1/2 pounds; yellow catfish good to 14 pounds on live bait.

MCKENZIE: Water clear 79 degrees normal level black bass slow; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish good to 7 1/2 pounds on trotline baited with live perch.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 81 degrees normal level black bass slow; crappie slow; white bass good to 25 fish per string on slabs, live bait; catfish good to 30 pounds live bait; walleye fair in 50-70 feet of water on live bait.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 80 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass good to 10 1/4 pounds on dark plastic worms in 8 feet of water; crappie improving some at night on minnows; white bass fair to 10 fish per string trolling; catfish good to 12 pounds, 2 ounces on minnow baited trotline.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 76 degrees, 12 feet low; black bass fair to 6 pounds on dark worms; striper slow; crappie fair to 10 fish per string on minnows; white bass fair to 10 fish per string on slabs; catfish slow.

SPENCE: Water clear, 78 degrees, 24 feet low; black bass good to 4 pounds on plastic worms and spinners; striper good to 14 pounds average trolling Hellbenders, jigs and topwaters in 24 feet of water; crappie fair to 2 pounds on minnows; white bass fair to 15 fish per string on topwaters; Rat-L-Traps; catfish fair to 4 ponds on minnows

WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 82 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass good early on topwaters in the 14-16 inch range; crappie good in 16 feet of water on small minnows; catfish excellent to 5 pounds on stinkbait; walleye slow.

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Despite high tides around 3 a.m., tides falling all day and west winds fishermen have been catching good numbers of redfish to 8 pounds on shrimp; trout good to 5 pounds, good numbers of limits and good numbers of throwbacks; flounder fishing off, but a few caught in the mouths of the Neches and Sabine Rivers, ditches producing a few flounder; good numbers of black drum to 6 pounds as well as croaker and sandtrout.

SOUTH SABINE LAKE: Specks fair in the 10-16 inch range on mud minnows and shrimp in the ship channel and around Blue Buck Point; redfish scattered with fair numbers in 10-12 feet of water on dead shrimp; croaker good on shrimp in the 12-16 inch range; good numbers of flounder on mud minnows; flounder best in ship channel at low tides; some flounder caught on chartreuse artificials; live bait shrimp available on weekends.

GALVESTON Strong winds all week making water rough and sandy; most fishermen complaining of heat; live bait shrimp available; scattered trout in West Bay with good numbers of throwbacks; specks and sandtrout in East Bay with good numbers of speck throwbacks; jetties turn loose an occasional redfish or trout but most redfish too big to keep; beach front producing sandtrout, croaker and some sheepshead; offshore fishing slow due to strong winds which produce sheepsized whitecaps; when fishermen can get offshore, fishermen say that the number of kingfish are better than before.

PALACIOS Redfish slow with scattered catches to 27 inches in rivers, bay waters choppy with southwest winds; showers imminent late Tuesday; trout fairly good at Matagorda Peninsula and in the bays with some limits to 3 pounds each on live shrimp and artificials; some flounder to 1 1/2 pounds off piers and along shorelines; boating poor due to winds; live bait shrimp available

at \$8 per quart.

PORT OCONNOR Southwest winds to 25 knots; few fishermen out midweek; some live bait shrimp available.

ROCKPORT: Redfish picking up in the afternoons; tides dropped late Monday because of tropical storm off Louisiana. fish congregating in dropoffs such as California Hole, South Bay and South Bay Cut as well as outside of Traylor Island; limits of redfish to 28 inches on croaker and piggy perch; trout scarce, some in San Antonio and Copano Bays to 2 pounds on live shrimp and worms; flounder activity slow; good numbers of kingfish out of Port Aransas in the 12-15 pound range. live bait shrimp available at \$7.50 per quart; live bait hard to keep alive due to heat.

PORT ARANSAS: Kingfish good to 12 pounds with steady fishing; redfish fair and scattered on shrimp and piggy perch; trout fair on shrimp; live bait shrimp available. Fishermen at Caldwell Pier caught fairly good numbers of trout to 24 inches on dead shrimp and small perch and croakers; shark plentiful to 2 feet long squid, shrimp and ribbonfish.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Fishing slacked off early this week redfish fair to 30 inches on artificials and live perch over most of Upper and Lower Laguna Madre. trout in fair numbers to 8 pounds in Baffin Bay; no live bait available; tides very low in Laguna Madre. Fishermen at Oso Pier catching flounder, sandtrout and specks, but not enough to go around, on dead and live shrimp. At Bob Hall Pier fishermen landing kingfish to 4 feet long, shark to 3 feet, specks to 5 pounds at night under lights with live shrimp or live whiskerfish, a few pompano, whiting bluefish, triple tails 10 to 15 tarpon hooked since Sunday but none landed most in the 3 1/2 foot range; water clear and in good shape. Bob Hall Pier averaging about 450 people per day; bait plentiful

PORT MANSFIELD Redfish slow, trout fairly good to 6 1/2 pounds on strawberry touts, offshore fishermen are catching good numbers of kingfish to 40 pounds, fair numbers of tarpon to 138 pounds; live bait shrimp available.

SOUTH PADRE: Redfish slow, a few to 26 inches mostly around Three Islands some off Stover Point trout fair off the Intracoastal on live shrimp under a popping cork; live bait shrimp plentiful

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