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## MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SEASONS ADOPTED BY TPWD

AUSTIN -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has adopted waterfowl hunting dates and bag limits for the 1987-88 seasons.

Meeting in Austin Thursday (Aug. 27), the commission approved seasons that are basically unchanged from 1986-87.

All of the late-season waterfowl hunting regulations will be published in the department's Late Season Migratory Hunting Guide which will be available from department offices and hunting license outlets during September.

The season for ducks and coots in the eastern portion of the state is Oct. 31-Nov. 4, Nov. 21-29, and Dec. 12, 1987-Jan. 17, 1988. In the High Plains Mallard Management Unit of West Texas, the season is Oct. 31-Nov. 8 and Nov. 21, 1987-Jan. 17, 1988.

The 100-point system of duck bag limits will remain unchanged from last

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year Under the point system, 100-point ducks are mallard hens, mottled ducks and black ducks; 70-point ducks are redheads, wood ducks, hooded mergansers, and fulvous and black-bellied whistling ducks; 20-point ducks are all teal species, gadwalls, scaup, wigeon, shovelers, and mergansers except hooded mergansers; 35-point ducks are all other ducks not listed, except the season is closed on masked ducks and canvasbacks The daily bag limit on coots is 15, with a possession limit of 30.

The season for light geese in the eastern portion of the state is Oct 31, 1987-Jan 24, 1988; the dark goose season is Oct 31-Dec 4 and Dec 12, 1987-Jan 17, 1988. The bag limit in that portion of the state is five light geese and one Canada or black brant and one white-fronted goose Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit

In the western portion of the state, the season for all goose species is Oct 17, 1987-Jan 17, 1988. The daily bag limit is five geese, not to include more than two dark geese (Canada or white-fronted) Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit

Sandhill crane seasons again are based on a three-zone arrangement The season in the western Zone A is Nov 14, 1987-Feb 14, 1988; the northeastern Zone B, Nov 28, 1987-Feb 7, 1988; and the southern Zone C, Jan 2-Feb 7, 1988.

Bag limits are three per day and six in possession. A special permit, issued free by the TPWD, is required of sandhill crane hunters Permits are issued upon written request to the TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

The woodcock season is set for Nov 21, 1987-Jan 24, 1988. The bag limit is five woodcock per day and 10 in possession. The common snipe (jacksnipe) season is Oct 31, 1987- Feb 14, 1988. The bag limit is eight per day, 16 in possession

Shooting hours for all late-season migratory species is one-half hour before sunrise to sunset

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PUBLIC TO GET CHANCE FOR  
BIGHORN SHEEP HUNT

AUSTIN -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have announced that holders of \$35 Type II hunting permits are eligible to apply for a special desert bighorn sheep hunt to be held in late January.

A drawing will be held to select a hunter who will be allowed to take one surplus bighorn ram from the Sierra Diablo Wildlife Management Area in West Texas

The Parks and Wildlife Commission authorized the special hunt during its Aug 27 meeting in Austin. Charles Allen, director of the TPWD's Wildlife Division, told the commission there are four surplus rams in the herd which now numbers 80 animals in enclosures and 49 free-ranging sheep.

Holders of Type II permits should write the TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744 for application forms for the bighorn hunt

A second ram permit will be issued to a hunter who was successful bidder at a recent convention of the North American Foundation For Wild Sheep. The foundation and the Texas Bighorn Society have been instrumental in construction of bighorn brood facilities at the Sierra Diablo, Allen said

The high bidder will pay \$54,900 for his hunt tag fee, while the hunter drawn for the public hunt will pay a \$300 tag fee

All tag fee monies will be spent on the department's ongoing bighorn sheep restoration program, and the funds will be eligible for federal matching funds

Allen told the commission the removal of two rams will have no adverse impact on the reproductive potential of the herd "We believe these two older rams will be lost fairly soon, and by harvesting them we will be helping the restoration program to move forward," said Allen

He added that negotiations are underway that may allow Texas to obtain additional bighorns from other states, including a possible arrangement that could bring as many as 50 animals during the next two years

Persons who already have purchased the Type II permit will receive the bighorn sheep permit application in the mail in about three weeks Future Type II permit purchasers will receive a bighorn application inserted into their map booklet

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DRAWINGS NO LONGER NEEDED  
FOR WHITEWING HUNTS

AUSTIN -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said white-winged dove public hunts on three wildlife management areas are no longer conducted on a drawing basis.

Those wishing to participate in the afternoon-only hunts need only to register at check stations and pay a \$10 daily fee per hunter. The hunts are offered on the Anacua, Ocotillo and Resaca de la Palma Units of the Las Palomas WMA. Hunt dates are Sept 5-6 and 12-13.

The Anacua Unit is located off Highway 281 just east of Santa Maria in Cameron County; the Resaca de la Palma Unit also is off Highway 281 in Cameron County west of Brownsville; and the Ocotillo Unit is off Highway 170 west of Presidio in Presidio County.

For information on all the department's Type I WMA hunts, contact a department office for the booklet entitled "Hunting Opportunities on TPWD Type I WMA's "

COOPERATIVE VENTURE TO  
BENEFIT WOOD DUCKS

AUSTIN -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is teaming up with a private waterfowl organization to place up to 6,000 wood duck nest boxes in suitable habitat during the next three years

Department officials said the Waterfowl Habitat Alliance of Texas (WHAT DUCKS) organization has agreed to provide construction materials and tools for the boxes which will be assembled by inmates at the Texas Department of Corrections. Each nest unit consists of a nest box, mounting pole and predator guard. The Texas Forestry Association has joined the program by supplying lumber for 3,000 of the boxes.

The TPWD will provide designs for the structures and recommendations for placement in suitable habitat, and will coordinate distribution. Surveys of utilization of the boxes by wood ducks and whistling ducks will be done to assess their effectiveness.

"Wood ducks that breed in Texas have difficulty finding suitable nesting cavities in hollow trees," said Dale Witt, migratory bird program director for the TPWD. "This probably has limited the birds' abundance and distribution." He added that nest box placements at the Engeling Wildlife Management Area and some other locations have had good utilization by wood ducks.

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LAKEVIEW PARK CONTRACT  
AWARDED, NAME CHANGED

AUSTIN -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission accepted a bid for construction of Lakeview State Park in Dallas County, and authorized re-naming the park Cedar Hill State Park

Meeting in Austin on Aug 27, the commission accepted the bid of Bryan Construction Co for approximately \$12.4 million. Construction of park facilities will take about two years, officials said. Half the construction costs of recreation facilities will be paid for by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

Cedar Hill State Park occupies most of the eastern shoreline of the new Joe Pool Reservoir which remains closed to the public during impoundment. The 1,826-acre park will have the second-highest number of overnight rental units (campsites and screened shelters) in the state park system, second only to Garner State Park at Uvalde.

Planned are 362 multi-use campsites, 217 day-use picnic sites, two primitive camping areas, two group pavilions, five playgrounds, two fishing jetties, 10 boat launching lanes, a swimming beach area and support facilities

The park site is about 10 miles southwest of Dallas and four miles southeast of Grand Prairie. The department leases the land from the Corps of Engineers. The lake when filled will have approximately 7,400 surface

acres.

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QUAIL BAG LIMIT INCREASED  
FOR 1987-88 SEASON

AUSTIN -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has authorized a daily bag limit of 16 quail per day for the Nov. 7-Feb. 28 quail hunting season in Texas.

Last season's limit was 12 per day. The department staff recommended the increased bag limit because August quail surveys indicated improved quail populations in most areas of the state. The possession limit is 48 quail.

Don Wilson, upland game program leader for the department, said weather conditions have been better than average for quail production during the past two years, allowing the birds to rebound from low populations caused by the freeze in the winter of 1983-84.

The 1987 median counts, completed during August, showed that quail populations are at record highs in South Texas and the Cross Timbers of West Texas.

The median count in South Texas was 39 birds per route, the highest on record and considerably better than last year's 29 median count.

In the Cross Timbers, the survey found 34 birds, also an all-time high. The previous record was 22 birds in 1983. Last year the median count was

only 13 quail per route

The Rolling Plains, which produces fairly consistent quail numbers from year to year, showed a count of 28.5, or about the same as last year. A median of 23 or over is considered good. To put this year's Rolling Plains median in perspective, it was about seven times better than the 1984 count of four birds per route.

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REUNION DANCE SCHEDULED AT  
GARNER STATE PARK

UVALDE -- A 1960s reunion dance will be held on Sept. 12 at Garner State Park near Uvalde.

The dance was the idea of Houston disc jockey Bob Edwards, who said call-in responses to his broadcast recollections of Garner Park prompted him to organize the event.

The dance will be a fundraiser for the Battleship 'Texas' restoration program. Dance admission will be 10 aluminum cans per person. The cans will be donated to the statewide aluminum can drive. The standard \$2 per vehicle park entry fee also is in effect.

Garner State Park is located on U.S. Highway 83 about 80 miles west of San Antonio. For overnight camping reservations, call the park at (512) 232-6132.

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DOVE HUNTERS SHOULD AVOID  
OTHER BIRD SPECIES

AUSTIN -- With the mourning dove season now underway in the North and Central Zones, hunters need to be sure of their targets and avoid shooting at protected species.

"Almost all birds not classified as game birds are protected by state and federal law," said Ron George, dove program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, "so hunters should familiarize themselves with bird identification well enough to avoid a problem "

The only species of birds not protected by state or federal law are feral pigeons, starlings, and English (house) sparrows

Dove hunters also are reminded that state regulations allow hunters to take two white-winged doves in their daily bag limit of 12 doves, but a \$6 White-winged Dove Stamp is required to take whitewings anywhere in the state

The mourning dove season opened Sept 1 in the North and Central Zones. It will close in the North Zone on Nov 9. The Central Zone season will close on Oct 30, and reopen for a winter segment Jan 2-11. The South Zone season will open Sept 20 and continue through Nov 18, except in the Special White-winged Dove Hunting Area, where it closes Nov 14. The South Zone also has a Jan 2-11 winter segment

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DUCK HUNTERS ADVISED OF  
TRANSPORT NEEDS

ROCKPORT -- Hunters planning to participate in public waterfowl hunting on two of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's wildlife management areas along the coast should be aware of transportation requirements for hunting

The Peach Point WMA in Brazoria County and Guadalupe Delta WMA in Calhoun County will be open for public waterfowl hunting during the special early teal duck season, Sept 19-27 and on selected days during the regular duck season afterward

"The department will not be providing transportation to hunt areas by marsh buggy this season," said Don Frels, wildlife regional director "Hunters will be allowed to use four-wheel-drive vehicles or all-terrain vehicles on existing roads only "

The decision to require hunters to provide their own transportation to the hunting area is based on economics and fiscal responsibility with state funds," said Charle Allen, Wildlife Division director "The cost/benefits ratio of purchasing marsh buggies, manning them with TPWD employees and ferrying hunters to and from a hunting area for a \$5 permit just doesn't work out," he said

Frels said the Peach Point area has no surfaced roads except to the department check station. Guadalupe Delta has some surfaced roads, but

some hunt areas cannot be reached even by four-wheel-drive vehicles, Frels said

During the regular duck season, both areas will be open for hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. When these holidays occur on a scheduled hunt day, the areas will be hunted on the following Wednesday, Friday or Monday, Frels said. Hunting will be mornings only.

Hunters are required to obtain a \$5 permit from the check station each day. Hunters also must have a valid hunting license as well as state and federal duck stamps, for both the teal and regular duck season hunts.

For further information, contact a department office for a free booklet entitled "Hunting Opportunities on TPWD Type I Wildlife Management Areas "

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HUNTING & FISHING DAY SET  
FOR SEPT. 26

AUSTIN -- The role played by hunters and fishermen in wildlife conservation will be saluted across the nation on National Hunting and Fishing Day Sept. 26.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department encourages individuals and organizations to plan special events for that day to familiarize non-sportsmen with the sportsman's important place in the overall conservation picture, and especially to introduce youngsters to healthful recreation.

offered by the outdoor sports.

The theme for this year's special day is "We're Shooting For the Future," emphasizing the sportsman's role in conserving wildlife resources for future generations.

To obtain an information kit describing how to make NHF Day a successful event, send \$2 to NHF Headquarters, P.O. Box 1075, Riverside CT 06878.

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AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for September 2, 1987.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 90 degrees, normal level. black bass good to 5 pounds on Getzits early and late. hybrid striper slow; crappie slow; catfish fair on juglines to 8 pounds.

BELTON: Water murky, 86 degrees, normal level. black bass good but mostly undersized on minnows. striper slow; crappie good early to 8 fish per string on minnows. white bass poor; catfish fair on stinkbait to 4 pounds around marina.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained, 80 degrees, spillway level. black bass slow to 4 pounds, 6 ounces on black Sensations; striper good in the 5-7 pound range with limits trolling jigs and Bomber Model As. crappie fairly good in numbers but fish generally small, a fisherman may have to catch 75 fish before keeping a limit of 25, on minnows; white bass fair at night in deep water around baited docks on minnows; catfish good in rivers to 6 pounds in the Jim Ned, Colorado River a little better.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 85 degrees, normal level. black bass fair to 4 pounds early on topwaters and later on purple worms; striper fair to 10 pounds on 4 inch white grubs; crappie fair late and at night on minnows; white bass good with strings to 45 fish on pearl L'il Georges. catfish good to 2 1/2 pounds on crickets and grasshoppers. Catfish, perch and bass feeding on crickets under the lights near the dam.

CANYON: Water clear, 85 degrees, one foot high; black bass very good to 4 1/2 pounds on Rat-L-Traps and motoroil worms in 2-8 feet of water; striper slow; crappie good on minnows with some limits; white bass slow; channel catfish very good to 5 pounds on shrimp and nightcrawlers in 25-30 feet of water.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 84 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass good to 9 pounds on Boy Howdies, Tiny Torpedoes and dark worms. crappie good to 20 fish per string at night on minnows. catfish fairly slow.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear, 87 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass fairly good to 6 pounds, 6 ounces on chrome Rat-L-Trap; crappie fairly good in 13 feet of water on minnows to 25 fish per boat; catfish fair to 20 pounds on juglines at night on small shad.

LBJ: Water murky, 85 degrees, normal level; black bass fair to 4 pounds on topwaters early and motoroil worms later in the day; striper fair in 3-8 pound range on black and silver cranks; crappie fair late afternoon and late at night on minnows; white bass good with strings to 50 fish on white Gay Blades; catfish good to 4 pounds on shrimp and cutbait on trotline.

LIMESTONE: Water slightly muddy, 6 inches low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie good at night on minnows, not many throwbacks. white bass slow; catfish good to 5 pounds on minnows, worms, liver on trotline and rod and reel.

SOMERVILLE: Water clear, normal level; black bass fair to 3 pounds on dark worms. striper fair near the dam to in 3-4 pound range on minnows; crappie fair on minnows and jigs to 15 fish per string. white bass slow; catfish fair to 3 pounds on stinkbait.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 87 degrees, 3 1/2 feet low; black bass good to 4 1/4 pounds, several over 3 pounds including Guadalupe and largemouth on chrome topwaters, white spinners in shallow water and shad colored deep diving cranks in deeper water; since front bass can be found in shallow water all day, some fish in water 42 feet deep at the same time; striper slow, crappie slow; white bass slow; blue catfish fair to 4 pounds and channel catfish fair to 3 pounds.

WHITNEY: Water murky, 84 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass excellent on topwaters, buzz baits, worms; striper fair to 16 pounds on Hellbenders and jigs; crappie good to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; white bass good all over the lake, fish generally small on jigs and spoons late in the afternoon; channel catfish fairly good to 12 fish per string to 6 pounds each on nightcrawlers.

NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water clear, 84 degrees, 13 inches below overflow; black

bass good to 8 1/4 pounds mostly on light colored 6-inch Twister type worms in 8-14 feet of water, Redfins, Tiny Torpedoes and perch colored Rat-L-Traps good early and late; white bass and hybrid striper very slow; crappie good with limits of 25 fish to 1 1/2 pounds in 20 feet of water on brushpiles; catfish slow. Bluegill and redear sunfish very good on crickets, worms and EuroLarvae in 6-8 feet of water.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, 89 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass good but small, keeper size fish slow on dark colored plastic worms and some topwaters; crappie fair at night on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fair on trotline to 30 pounds on beef liver.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, 86 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie good to 25 fish per string on minnows in 7 feet of water; white bass slow; catfish good to 2 1/2 pounds on shrimp and worms.

CADDO: Water clear, 10 inches low; black bass fair to 2 3/4 pounds on Beetle Spins and purple worms, striper slow; crappie good to 1 3/4 pounds on live minnows; white bass slow; catfish fair to 1 3/4 pounds on shrimp and trotline with live bait

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 85 degrees, 20 inches low; black bass fair on purple metal flake worms in 10 feet of water around boat houses and around dropoffs; striper fair trolling chrome Magnum Hellbenders with chartreuse trailers in 20 feet of water; crappie good with limits during the day in 18-20 feet of water on brushpiles, around bridge pilings and artificial reefs on minnows; white bass fair to 20 fish per string trolling, surfacing unpredictable late; catfish good on north end of lake on goldfish and stinkbait.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 86 degrees, 8 inches low; black bass good to 6 pounds early and late on black worms; crappie good with limits on minnows; catfish good to near 9 pounds on live perch and shad.

FAIRFIELD: Water clear, 97 degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass very slow, some schooling but won't strike; redfish fair to 12 pounds on cranks; catfish slow.

FORK: Water clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 10 pounds, 2 ounces on black bluetailed worms, topwaters and Rat-L-Traps; crappie good with limits on minnows, some jigs; catfish good to 9 pounds on shrimp baited trotlines. Bream good with one couple catching 800 fish in 2 days on worms and EuroLarvae.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 82 degrees, 6 inches below normal; black bass fairly good to 5 1/2 pounds on dark worms, buzzbaits and green plastic frogs; crappie fair to 15 fish per string on minnows in 10-15 feet of water; white bass with schooling around dam on small cranks and slabs; catfish slow. Blue wing teal beginning to show up in fairly good numbers with bunches ranging from 25-50 birds.

LAVON: Water clear, 85 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass slow; hybrid striper very good 9 pounds on slabs; crappie very good to 1 3/4 pounds with limits on minnows; white bass good with schools to 1 1/2 pounds to 44 fish per string on slabs; catfish excellent to 17 1/4 pounds on goldfish baited trotline. Rod and reel fishing good also.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 82 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass good early in the shallow on worms, Fire and Ice; striper slow; crappie very good to 20 fish per string on minnows, white bass schooling early and late on topwaters; catfish good on stinkbait, shrimp.

MARTIN CREEK: Water clear, 85 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass good to 6 pounds, 7 ounces and many in the 2-3 pound range in the moss on spinners; striper slow; crappie fair on minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow. Bream real good from piers on crickets and worms.

MONTICELLO: Water clear, 102 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 8 pounds, 6 ounces on Jitterbugs, dark worms; crappie poor; catfish good to 8 pounds on Canadian crawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 84 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass good numbers of fish but most too small to keep on wide variety of lures; crappie fair to 12 fish per string on minnows, fish good sized; white bass slow; catfish slow.

MURVAUL: Water clear, 87 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass fair

to 6 pounds on grape worms in 6 feet of water., good numbers of smaller bass on Chuggers, Redfins and buzz baits; crappie slow; channel catfish fairly good to 5 pounds on cut shad and stinkbait; bream fishing good on worms and crickets.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 86 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass fair to 6 pounds on dark worms, topwaters, striper fair to 10 pounds on some topwaters, cranks and slabs; crappie slow; white bass fair with strings to 8 fish on cranks; catfish good to 8 1/2 pounds on rod and reel and to 18 pounds on shrimp and catalpa worms.

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear, 89 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass fair to 4 1/2 pounds on dark worms in 6 feet of water; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass good to 30 fish per string on slabs; catfish excellent to 40 fish per string shrimp and liver.

TEXOMA: Water clear, 83 degrees, normal level; black bass fair to 15 inches on cranks, Pig and Jig, black and blue worms; striper fair to 12 pounds on topwaters and slabs; crappie fair; white bass very good on popping corks and small topwaters; catfish good to 4 pounds on cutbait and shrimp.

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 79 degrees, 16 inches low; black bass improving since the rains Sunday which cooled the water some, fish in 8-12 feet on worms, cranks, topwaters early; striper and white bass slow; crappie slow; catfish good to excellent to 3 pounds all over the lake on nightcrawlers, stink baits; white amur good to 30 pounds from bank and piers at Loch Ness and Shiloh Marinas on Papa Earls Catachem and treble hooks baited with range cubes. Bream excellent.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 90 degrees, normal level black bass fairly slow to 10 pounds on black lizards; striper slow to near 2 pounds; crappie good to 30 per boat on minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear, 80 degrees, 10 inches low; black bass good to 4 pounds on dark worms, Rat-L-Traps, cranks. striper slow at night on minnows; crappie fairly slow, some moving into creeks, a catch of 10 fish per string considered good; white bass good to 30 fish per string on slabs or trolling; catfish improving on trotline to 5 pounds.

RAYBURN: Water clear, 78 degrees, 2 feet below pool; black bass excellent to 8 pounds, 5 ounces on jigs and worms, a weekend tournament on Rayburn required a 70 pound total string to win, most on jigs; striper slow; crappie fair to 15 fish per person on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fair on minnows and shrimp. Bream good on crickets and worms.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 91 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass fair to 6 1/4 pounds on Smokey Joe Rat-L-Traps, bone colored Chuggers and Tequila Sunrises; striper real slow; crappie beginning to bite again at 8-10 feet on Twistertail jigs strolling; white bass slow; catfish slow.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, 80 degrees, conservation level black bass good to 5 pounds on purple worms in the shallow water around salt cedars; striper good to 26 pounds from Marker 10-18 on 2 ounce Sassy Shad early and late; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish excellent with limits to 4 pounds on cheese, worms and stinkbait.

BRAUNIG: Water fairly clear, 83 degrees, normal level black bass slow; striper slow; crappie slow; channel catfish fair to 4 pounds on shad or liver; redfish fair to 16 pounds on tilapia; corvina slow.

CALAVERAS: Water clearing, normal level black bass slow to 4 3/4 pounds on worms; striper slow; crappie slow; catfish slow, a good number of small channel catfish around 12-13 inches; a single yellow catfish to 14 pounds on squid; redfish slow; the number of fishermen down considerably since the front hit late last week.

CHOKE: Water clear, normal level; black bass picking up slightly to 8 pounds on dark worms. striper slow; crappie fair with some limits on minnows, fish good sized; white bass slow; catfish excellent to 9 pounds on rod and reel with stinkbait and Roger's Cheese Bait over areas baited with soured grain.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 86 degrees, normal level; black bass

fair but no keepers above 16 inches dark plastic worms; striper slow; crappie good but mostly small in size on minnows along the brush lines. white bass slow; catfish good to 2 1/4 pounds average mostly on shrimp.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, normal level; black bass good to 3 pounds on worms and minnows; striper fairly good; crappie fairly good; white bass good on slabs; catfish good.

FALCON: Water clear, lake full black bass slow to 6 pounds on Blakemore Knocker spoon; striper excellent 4 1/2 pounds on Blakemore Knocker spoons in 18 feet of water with limits crappie poor; white bass real good around the state park, also around Marker 9; catfish good to excellent, will improve by weekend on shad and frozen shrimp in areas where fresh water coming in or in river where the water is running and muddy.

TEXANA: Water murky to clear, 85 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass very good to 5 1/4 pounds on worms and buzz baits; striper slow; crappie fair and scattered, few limits on minnows. white bass slow; catfish fairly good on live bait with trotline and dropline in the 2-6 pound range.

#### WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water stained from recent rains, 74 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 3 pounds in 5-10 feet of water on plastic worms and spinners; striper fair to 2 pounds on spoons and deep running lures. crappie fair but spotty in 15-18 feet of water on jigs and minnows; white bass fair trolling silver spoons and top running lures; catfish good to 2 1/2 pounds drifting, minnows and stinkbait shrimp in 12-20 feet of water.

BAYLOR: Water clear, 82 degrees, normal level black bass excellent to 8 pounds, 11 ounces on black lizards, blue worms, crawdad colored Rat-L-Traps, black topwaters crappie slow; catfish good to excellent to 10 1/2 pounds, average about 3 pounds, and a yellow catfish to 25 1/4 pounds on crank bait.

GREENBELT Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level black bass slow; crappie good to 12 fish per string to 2 pounds each on minnows in deep water. white bass fair on jigs; catfish fair; walleye slow.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 86 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass excellent in number but most around 13 inches on motoroil worms and white spinners hybrid striper excellent to 6 pounds on silver slabs crappie fairly good to 20 fish per string on minnows; white bass good on topwaters; catfish real good to 19 pounds on cutbait or live perch.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 87 degrees, normal level black bass poor; crappie good to 15 fish per string, many undersized on minnows; white bass fair to 20 fish per string on white Doll Flies and minnows; catfish good to 20 pounds on trotlines, catfish good to 4 pounds on rod and reel with chicken livers, shrimp, small perch, water dogs and crawdads.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 83 degrees, 13 1/2 feet low; black bass good to 4 pounds on topwaters. striper slow; crappie fair; white bass fairly good to 30 fish per string on slabs; catfish improving to 5 pounds on trotline with live perch, shrimp and stinkbait.

PROCTOR: Water clearing, normal level black bass fair on Mudbugs to 6 pounds; striper good to 10 pounds behind the dam on topwaters crappie good to 25 fish per string on minnows; catfish good on trotlines with shrimp and shad.

SPENCE: Water clear, 84 degrees, 18 feet low; black bass slow; striper good on slabs and trolling Hellbenders and jigs to 18 pounds; crappie good on minnows to 20 fish per string; white bass good on slabs to 10 fish per string; catfish slow.

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 78 degrees, 5 1/2 feet low; black bass fairly good to 7 1/2 pounds on dark worms in 8 feet of water; striper slow; crappie fair to 10 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fair in 2-4 pound range on live bait and worms.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 77 degrees, lake full black bass good to 6 pounds on white spinners; crappie real good in 15 feet of water on small minnows to 15 fish per string; white bass slow; catfish excellent in numbers from 2-3 pounds on rod and reel and drop lines baited with large minnows and stinkbait.

COASTAL

SABINE LAKE: Redfish spotty, one day good the next day terrible; some reds to 7 pounds in Bessie Heights Marsh, most fish are small. tides low this week; some fairly good catches south of Stewart's and Sydnes Islands specks about the same, many undersized fish with some limits of keepers; live bait shrimp available; flounder and drum fairly good, croaker good.

GALVESTON: Norther hit Monday night which made the bays sandy and slowed the fishing; until then, good numbers of trout caught around reefs and gas wells, a fair number of keeper redfish behind San Luis Pass and East Bay; some nice trout after the front on the Gulf side of the north jetty on live shrimp; good trout catches from the piers and from the beach front; offshore, some small snapper, fair on kingfish, bonito and dolphin; overall number of fishermen down.

PORT OCONNOR: A limit of redfish over the weekend to about 6 pounds live shrimp but fisherman wouldn't say where they were caught; good numbers of specks around Bill Day Reef, Big Pocket; snapper good at first rig 8 miles offshore; live bait shrimp at \$9.50 per quart. Bobbies will close on Sept. 8 and reopen on Sept. 23.

PALACIOS: Some good flights of greenwing teal two weeks ago but not spotted recently; redfish good to 27 inches on shrimp and artificials in bays bays and rivers after the front hit; some limits of specks from Matagorda Peninsula, the wells in Matagorda Bay; flounder plentiful in bays with many catches to 2 pounds on hook and line; gigging good Offshore fairly slow live bait available at \$8 per quart.

ROCKPORT: A norther hit Rockport late Monday and winds to 20 knots off and on slowed fishing to a crawl. Bays muddy, tides still fairly high. Fishing had been good before the wind change.

PORT ARANSAS: North winds picking up early Wednesday which should slow fishing; very little fishing on Tuesday; live bait shrimp available at \$7.50 per quart.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Fishing fair in Baffin Bay with redfish to 30 inches and beyond, trout to 7 pounds. some redfish in Shamrock Cove and Dead Man's Hole early in the week; flounder scattered around the Laguna Madre to 5 pounds a few golden croaker in Baffin Bay, no run yet, but anytime now; winds still from north midweek; few fishermen out since Sunday. Oso Pier producing fairly good numbers of trout most just above keeper size, no limits, on shrimp, some bait shrimp available early. At Bob Hall Pier, kingfish to 40 pounds, a couple of tarpon to 4 1/2 feet which were released, a good number hooked but not landed, good numbers of Spanish mackerel to about 5 pounds; trout to 3 pounds, a few redfish midweek from 22-29 inches; a few pompano, sandtrout and whiting; some small croaker, no golden yet; water clear and calm midweek.

PORT MANSFIELD: Norther hit early Tuesday with winds gusting to 35 knots, tides normal not many fishermen; bays flat midweek, weekend should be good. Fishermen catching good numbers of fish when wind is calm. Live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart.

SOUTH PADRE: Fair numbers of bluewing and greenwing teal spotted about 8 miles north of Brownsville; sunflower crops good in area, fairly good flight of feeding whitewing; some rains in the area, hunting will be better if rains hold off, great numbers of mourning dove; good catches of redfish to 11 pounds mostly on east side next to gas well flats nice catches of trout to 3 pounds, some larger trout moving into potholes flounder plentiful all over bays to 5 pounds; some croaker, no golden yet.

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