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TPW COMMISSION TO MEET IN
AUSTIN ON JULY 21

AUSTIN -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission will meet in a regular public hearing at 9 a.m. Thursday (July 21) at Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road

Items to be considered include proposed changes in bag and length limits for several saltwater game fish including red drum; a proposed prohibition on the use of nets in saltwater; the proposed early-season migratory game bird hunting regulations including doves and teal; and regulations for hunting on the department's Type I and Type II wildlife management areas during the 1988-89 seasons

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OSPREYS HAVE SECOND
SUCCESSFUL NESTING SEASON

JASPER -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said a pair of ospreys have nested successfully at Sam Rayburn Reservoir for the second year in a row

The two fledglings represent only the second set of ospreys known to have fledged from a nest in Texas in more than two decades, according to biologist Mike Krueger of Lufkin

Game Warden Jimmy Wood of Nacogdoches County observed active young ospreys near the nest on July 2, and Krueger saw them flying in the area on the following day

The ospreys' nesting efforts have been aided by establishment of a protective zone. The nest tree area was marked with signs asking fishermen and others not to disturb the birds, according to Gene Miller, a TPWD wildlife technician who followed the birds' progress

The protective action was made possible through cooperation by the department and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, which operates the reservoir

Ospreys are seen in Texas mostly in the winter on lakes and rivers where they feed on fish. Most osprey nesting occurs in the northern U. S. and Canada

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GULF SHRIMPING SEASON TO
REOPEN JULY 16

AUSTIN -- Shrimpers are reminded that shrimping season for Gulf of Mexico waters will reopen on July 16, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

The season will open at 12 01 a.m. The state closure affected waters extending nine nautical miles offshore. Federal waters, from nine nautical miles out to 15 miles from shore, also have been closed and will reopen concurrently with state waters, according to C. E. Bryan, director of fisheries resource programs for the TPWD.

The annual cooperative closure is done to protect immature brown shrimp during their migration from the bays to the Gulf.

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ALLIGATOR TAG ISSUANCE
LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

AUSTIN -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have announced schedules and locations for issuance of alligator tags, licenses and permits for the Sept 2-18 alligator hunting season.

Dr. Bruce Thompson, alligator program leader, said tag quotas will be announced in early August after July surveys are completed. Tags will be

issued during late August Last year, 1,532 tags were issued and 1,396 gators were harvested

Alligator tags are issued to landowners or their authorized agents Agents of landowners must present a notarized letter from the landowner(s) verifying their selection, and specifying the acreage represented

Alligator tags may be obtained at the J D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area (WMA), the TPWD office in the Matagorda County Courthouse, White Park Community Center in Chambers County and the TPWD office in Victoria

The Murphree WMA headquarters is south of Highway 73, three miles west of the Spur 214 intersection in Port Arthur, and one-half mile east of the Taylor's Bayou bridge Matagorda County Courthouse is in downtown Bay City at the intersection of Highways 35 and 60 White Park is on Highway 61, five miles north of Anahuac and one-half mile south of Interstate Highway 10. The Victoria TPWD office is located at 1502 Airline, Town Plaza Mall, third floor

Tag issuance schedules are as follows

-- Murphree WMA, Aug 18-19 and Sept 2, from 8 a.m to 5 p.m and Sept 3-8, from 2-3 p.m There also will be an evening issuance session on Aug 18 from 7-9 p.m

-- Chambers County (White Park), Aug 17, from 7-9 p.m

-- Matagorda County Courthouse, Aug 18-19 and Sept 2, 8 a.m to noon

Victoria TPWD Office, Aug 18, 8 a.m. to noon

Alligator hunters licensed in 1987 will receive a renewal notice during July, and may renew licenses by mail. Other prospective alligator hunters may obtain licenses starting Aug 15 at 11 department regional and field law enforcement offices in Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston (north and south offices), LaPorte, Rockport, San Antonio and Victoria. Any person accompanying an alligator hunter must also possess an alligator hunter's license and is required to complete the same licensing procedures.

Thompson said first-time alligator hunters will receive orientation materials at the time licenses are issued. The orientation materials have been prepared in packet form for easy reference by alligator hunters. All alligator hunters are reminded that alligators taken during the September season must be examined and verified by department personnel no later than 5 p.m. on Sept 19.

Prospective alligator buyers, parts dealers and alligator farmers may obtain licenses or permits by mail starting Aug 1 from Austin headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744 by submitting the appropriate fee and the following information: name, address, height, weight, hair color, eye color, sex, date of birth, and type of license or permit requested. Three weeks processing time is required for licenses and permits requested from Austin, so requests should be made early.

Fees are: alligator hunter's license (resident \$25, nonresident \$300); alligator buyer's license (resident \$150, nonresident \$600); alligator

parts dealer permit (resident \$200, nonresident \$900); alligator farmer permit, \$150; and alligator import permit, \$5

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SPECIAL CONSERVATION FUND
PAYING DIVIDENDS

AUSTIN -- Three endangered species projects started recently by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department represent the first expenditures from the Special Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Fund and are already showing benefits, officials said

The fund is partially supporting two projects benefiting the red-cockaded woodpecker, and one for the black-capped vireo. Both species are listed as endangered.

The red-cockaded woodpecker projects are being done by the department in cooperation with, and with financial support from, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

Dr. Brent Ortego, a TPWD field biologist coordinating the projects, said the red-cockaded woodpecker project in East Texas will emphasize improving nesting colony site condition and increasing the potential for female woodpeckers to move into colonies where only bachelor males are found now. "A number of interested landowners have indicated they will assist the TPWD, and work already has begun improving nesting and roosting cavities," Ortego said.

The black-capped vireo project, underway on TPWD parks and wildlife management areas, is designed to identify habitat tracts and specific territories used by the endangered vireos

Central Texas is the primary breeding range of the small, insect-eating birds, said Kelly Bryan, a biologist and park superintendent in TPWD's Parks Division. "Work done thus far has identified about 20 additional territorial males at one park site," said Bryan. "We hope that further work during July will result in identification of other department lands that will be important for the future conservation of this species."

The Special Fund was created by the Texas Legislature in 1983 as an added source of support to benefit species not normally hunted, fished or trapped, especially threatened and endangered species. Revenue is almost entirely from voluntary contributions and purchases of art prints, stamps and decals, according to Dr. Bruce Thompson, program director for nongame and endangered species. "We know more than 10 million Texans appreciate nongame wildlife in some way each year, and if even one-tenth of them chose to make a minimal \$5 stamp or decal purchase or contribution, there would be \$5 million for conserving our most sensitive and commonly appreciated species," said Thompson.

Thompson added that nongame wildlife is a major Texas economic resource. "When you consider how many people come to Texas just to see the diverse and unique assemblage of birds that we have, it makes sense to provide for their future conservation," he said.

For more information on how you can make a "Natural Investment" in Texas wildlife and see dividends grow, contact the TPWD at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, or call toll-free 1-800-792-1112

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STARR MANSION PRESERVES
EAST TEXAS HISTORY

MARSHALL -- Early Texas settlers left a legacy for today's Texans, built from the ground up with wood, brick and glass. These elements form pieces of history that can be experienced at historic homes across the state.

One such home, Maplecroft, is located at the Starr Family Historic Site in Marshall.

Built in the Italianate style in 1870, the two-story frame house was carefully preserved and updated by each generation of the Starr family. The house was acquired by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1985 after the death of Clara Starr Pope Willoughby, granddaughter of the original builder, James Franklin Starr.

The home, which contains many original furnishings, is open Wednesdays through Saturdays. Tours are conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Groups should make advance reservations. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children 6-12 and free for children under 6.

The house is located at 407 W. Travis in Marshall. For further information call (214) 953-3044.

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WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS
REPORT COMPLETED

WASHINGTON, Tx -- A report commissioned by the Washington-on-the-Brazos Park Association has been completed by Texas A&M University's Center for Historic Resources. The "Planning Program for the Washington-on-the-Brazos Park Association will guide the organization's efforts to raise funds for park improvements.

As Santa Anna lay siege to the Alamo, delegates to a state convention met in the backwoods town of Washington-on-the-Brazos and declared Texas independent of Mexico. They drafted a constitution for the new republic while fearing that the Mexican army would march into town and capture them. "The remains of old Washington lie beneath the ground, making this site one of the most important archeological resources in the state," said Wilson E. Dolman, director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Parks Division.

Thousands of history buffs visit the park each March 2 for the annual celebration of Texas Independence Day, and over 160,000 visitors stop at the historical park annually. Yet the birthplace of Texas independence does not automatically come to mind as one of the state's most significant historic sites. "We want to assure Washington-on-the-Brazos its rightful place along with the Alamo and the San Jacinto Battleground in the hearts of Texans," said Hal Moorman, president of the Washington-on-the-Brazos

Park Association "We view our efforts as a unique opportunity to give this special historic site a boost from the private sector "

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Park is located between Brenham and Navasota on Highway 105 in Washington County Call (409) 878-2214 for further information on park facilities and activities

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AUSTIN Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for July 13:

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear. 88 degrees, normal level. black bass fair to 4 pounds on Skipjacks and buzz baits early and late. crappie fair to 2 1/4 pounds at night under lights on live minnows.

BELTON: Water stained due to late Monday rains. 84 degrees normal level. black bass good to 3 1/2 pounds on red Bloodline worms; hybrid striper slow; crappie good to 1/2 pound on minnows; white bass slow. yellow catfish good to 19 pounds on trotline and live perch; channel catfish good to 12 pounds on Legal Limit doughbait.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear. spillway level. good rain Sunday night; black bass slow; striper good to 5 1/2 pounds on Southport Slammers and Tad's Roadrunner Jigs. crappie good to 25 fish per string to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows in 18-20 feet of water. channel catfish good to 3 1/2 pounds drifting shrimp; yellow catfish good to 13 pounds on trotline baited with goldfish and perch.

BUCHANAN: Water clear. 82 degrees, 18 inches low. black bass good in 3-4 1/2 pound range on chartreuse Pepper Shad Tendertubes in 4-8 feet of water. striper good in the 3-6 pound range on 3-inch black Tenderhead shad; crappie slow; white bass good with strings to 45 fish on G Finish Tiny Torpedoes; catfish fair in the 2-5 1/2 pound range on perch.

CANYON: Water clear in lake. muddy water coming down the Guadalupe, 80 degrees, normal level with a 3 foot rise predicted; black bass slow. striper slow. crappie fairly good to 25 fish per person on minnows in brushy areas; white bass fair at night under lights with minnows; catfish good to 6 pounds on shrimp with rod and reel.

FAYETTE: Water clear. 82 degrees, normal level. black bass fairly good to 8 1/2 pounds. Monday and Tuesday slow, some showers. crappie fair at night on minnows. catfish slow.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water slightly murky. 75 degrees, 1 foot low. black bass fairly good to 9 3/4 pounds on black worms, with several keepers in the 6-8 pound range; crappie fairly good in number and size seems to be increasing, one boat had 10 fish over 2 pounds each, on minnows; catfish very good with one yellow catfish over 4 feet long which was too big for the scales. good numbers of catfish in creeks and shallow waters in the 8 to 15 pound on small perch, liver and stinkbait.

LBJ: Heavy rains hit at 9 a.m. Tuesday bringing a 9-foot rise. muddy water, fallen trees, trash and other debris. Without further rain catfish should still be good by the weekend. Before the rains most fishing was good. Midweek lake was dangerous for boaters because of floating debris.

SOMERVILLE: Water clear, normal level; black bass fair but small on minnows, jigs and worms; striper slow; crappie fair early to 10 fish per string on minnows. white bass fair on minnows and jigs. catfish fair to 3 pounds on rod and reel baited with stinkbait or shrimp.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 83 degrees, 8 feet low and rising fast; black bass good to 3 pounds on chrome topwaters early and good midday in 25-35 feet of water on Fire Cracker Grubs and live crawfish; striper slow; crappie fair in 25 feet of water around submerged brush. small white bass spotty; blue catfish good to 10 pounds on trotline. yellow catfish good to 18 1/2 pounds on trotlines.

WHITNEY: Water clear. 71 degrees, 8 1/4 feet low; largemouth bass very slow; smallmouth fair to 4 1/2 pounds on topwaters in the lower lake and around Lofers Bend; striper very good in the 18-19 pound range on live bait and jigs in 25-30 feet of water; crappie poor; white bass good with some schooling in the lower lake in the 1-2 pound range on small Fleaflyies and spoons to 25 fish per string; catfish fair on trotlines baited with shrimp to 4 pounds in the upper lake; 1/2-inch rain fell early Tuesday.

NORTHEAST

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear. 82 degrees, 2 feet low. black bass good to 12 pounds on worms. crappie slow; white bass good early

and late while schooling. best bait is chrome colored catfish good to 5 pounds on trotline baited with live perch and shrimp.

BRIDGEPORT: Water clear, 80 degrees 8 feet low; black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds; striper good; crappie good on minnows; white bass good catfish good.

CEDAR CREEK: Water clear, 84 degrees, 17 inches low; black bass fair in number early on black spinners and dark metal flake worms in 8-12 feet of water around boathouses and stumps; crappie slow; white bass slow with some surfacing late in 15-feet of water catfish fair to 4 pounds drifting shrimp; hybrid striper fair to 7 1/2 pounds drifting live bream.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water fairly clear, 80 degrees, normal level; black bass fairly good around sundown and at night to 6 pounds, 2 ounces on dark worms; crappie fairly good in 25-30 feet of water until 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. catfish fair in 15-20 feet of water on nightcrawlers and shrimp.

FAIRFIELD: Water clear, 100 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass slow to 7 1/2 pounds trolling deep diving crank; hybrid striper fair to 5 1/2 pounds on crawfish; catfish slow; redbass fair to 11 1/2 pounds on bright orange deep diving cranks

FORK: Water clear, 87 degrees 18 inches low; black bass good to 10 pounds 5 ounces on Fire and Ice worms; crappie good to 25 fish per string on jigs; catfish fairly good to 40 pounds on jugline with live bait. The lake had a 3-inch rain Tuesday night which may murk up the water but should improve the catfishing.

LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 82 degrees, 2 feet below summer level. black bass fairly good to 6 1/2 pounds on buzz baits frogs and worms. crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish fair drifting midlake on shrimp. Bream fishing excellent on crickets and worms

LAVON Water clear, 2 feet low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass good to 40 fish per string on slabs catfish very good to 17 pounds on trotline and live bait; rains up to 3 1/2 inches fell late Monday.

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 84 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass good off points to 4 1/2 pounds on black worms with red specks; hybrid striper spotty along with white bass in deep holes, yellow 1-ounce Roadrunners best bait; white bass good with some schools on surface with larger fish under schools on crappie jigs tied in about 18 inches above the slab, catfish good to 9 pounds drifting shrimp.

MONTICELLO: Water clear 94 degrees, normal level black bass good to 8 1/2 pounds on 8 inch black or plum worms in 25 feet of water. crappie slow. catfish very good to 10 pounds drifting worms and shrimp in front of the power plant.

MOSS LAKE Water clear, 85 degrees 6 inches low; black bass slow; crappie slow; white bass fair to 15 fish per string on slabs catfish fair in the 5-7 pound range on home made stinkbait, shrimp. Rains totaling 1 1/2 inches have fallen around lake this week

MURVAUL Water clear 82 degrees, 19 inches low; black bass fair to 6 pounds, 13 ounces on dark worms around the moss and lily pads as well as in the creeks; crappie improving under 1971 bridge on minnows, catfish slow, few fishermen out, to 5 pounds. Light sprinkle falling around lake midweek.

NACOGDOCHES: Water stained, 86 degrees 2 feet low; black bass good to 11 pounds on silver and black PopR's, crawfish colored cranks and Tequila Sunrise worms in 10-15 feet of water: crappie good at night on live bait; catfish slow.

PALESTINE: Water clear 6 inches low; black bass good 8 pounds 5 ounces on dark worms, topwaters good early and late striper fair to 7 1/2 pounds on chrome cranks crappie slow, white bass fairly good schooling in the afternoons around Henderson Point; catfish good to 22 pounds on shrimp or nightcrawlers with rod and reel and trotline Rains spotty around lake midweek with up to 1 3/4 inches of rain total

RAY HUBBARD: Water clear, 76 degrees 1 foot low; black bass fair to 4 pounds on topwaters and spinners in shallow water striper fair to 16 pounds on live bait, shrimp and shad, Hellbenders and jigs; crappie slow; white bass fairly good with some surfacing on slabs to 3 pounds; catfish good to 5 pounds along the riprap near the dam and causeways on bloodbait and

shrimp in 3-5 feet of water at night.

TAWAKONI Water clear. 83 degrees normal level black bass slow; striper good to 15 1/2 pounds and hybrid striper good to 12 1/2 pounds with several limits on striper jigs with a white worms trailer; crappie good at night on minnows in 28-32 feet of water at night; white bass good schooling and surfacing during the day around the dam on silver Big Als, at night white bass are good on minnows, catfish very good at the dam on bloodbait and worms; flathead catfish good on trotline to 73 pounds on live bait in the upper end of the lake.

TEXOMA: Water clear 82 degrees, 2 feet low black bass good to 2 pounds on topwaters early and late; striper good to 14 pounds on topwaters Pencil Poppers and slabs; crappie fair to 1 pounds on minnows during the day in 14 feet of water; catfish excellent to 9 pounds on cutbait and shrimp.

WELSH Water clear 104 degrees, 1 3/4 feet low; black bass fair to 7 1/2 pounds early and late on 12-inch dark worms or topwaters, crappie good on minnows and tube jigs in 6-20 feet of water to 50 fish per boat; catfish good to 12 pounds on cut shad, worms and shrimp in 8-21 feet of water; bream good on cut shrimp and worms.

SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear 82 degrees, 18 inches low black bass spotty to 7 1/2 pounds good at times, poor at others, some in 5 feet and some in 20 on smoke blue-tailed worms as well as purple metal flake worms DB#3s hybrid striper fair trolling around the 1097 bridge white bass fair in the same area crappie slow, catfish good in the 1 1/2 to 2 pound range on a variety of stinkbaits shrimp and nightcrawlers

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear. 80 degrees 6 inches low black bass good to 10 pounds, 3 ounces on green worms; striper slow; crappie fairly good in deep water near the dam; white bass slow; catfish excellent to 44 pounds on trotline with live bait The lake had thunderstorms early Tuesday.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear 79 degrees 2 feet low; black bass fair in the 14-16 inch range black worms with chartreuse tails; striper good with limits between 10-15 pounds each on the surface on topwaters and slabs; crappie improving around boathouses to 10 fish per string on minnows white bass good to 25 fish per string jigging slabs better at night to 50 fish pr string on minnows; catfish good on rod and reel or trotline to 8 pounds plentiful in the 1-5 pound range.

RAYBURN: Lake clear some rain midweek, 78 degrees, 3 feet below pool level black bass fair to 5 1/2 pounds on topwaters early and late, worms good midday; striper slow; crappie good fish at 15-18 feet in 25 feet of water on minnows white bass spotty with some schooling; channel catfish good on rod and reel baited with worms and shrimp; flathead fish fair to 20 pounds on trotline set deep in the main river channels.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear. 84 degrees 4 feet low; black bass fairly good to 4 1/2 pounds on worms; striper fair to good along the tree lines and spillways on jigs and deep diving redfins, trolling Redfins early and late, crappie fair at night on live bait to 2 pounds; white bass slow; catfish fair to 5 pounds on trotline baited with live perch.

SOUTH

AMISTAD lake clear, rivers fairly muddy due heavy rains up river. 78 degrees, normal level black bass fairly good to 3 pounds in 15-20 feet of water on dark worms Rat-L-Traps or deep running Bombers. big striper good to 25 pounds in 60-90 feet of water on 1-ounce Banana Head jigs with white or grey bucktails; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish picking up in 30 feet of water on cheese bait.

BRAUNIG Water fairly clear 85 degrees, normal level black bass slow no keepers for the week; striper fairly good to 4 pounds on tilapia and shrimp; crappie slow; catfish fair to 15 fish per string on shad and shrimp; redfish fairly good to 14 pounds on tilapia no limits; corvina slow.

CALAVERAS: Water clear 80 degrees, normal level black bass fair to 4 pounds on plastic worms in 15 feet of water striper good to 4 pounds at the powerlines downrigging spoons crappie slow; catfish fair to 3 pounds on cutbait at night on juglines; redfish

good to 8 pounds on Rat-L-Traps around the rocks near the railroad bridge; corvina excellent near the dam fishing near the bottom on tilapia shad and perch fished from the bank.

CHOKE: Water clear lake full black bass fair to 7 1/4 pounds with some limits on dark worms striper slow; crappie good with limits to 2 pounds each on minnows white bass slow; catfish excellent on cheese bait or Bob's Bloodbait. Lake had a 1-inch rain Monday night.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear 86 degrees 18 inches low; black bass fair in the 3-6 pound range with many undersized fish on minnows and cranks; striper slow; crappie fair to 1 pound on minnows and crappie jigs; white bass slow; catfish fair to 31 pounds on live minnows on a trotline; most channel catfish in the 1-3 pound range on shrimp and worms.

CORPUS CHRISTI Water clear 85 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass fair; striper fair under the birds in deeper water; crappie fair near the dam and state park; white bass fair under the birds in shallow water; catfish slow. A weekend rough fish tournament produced 976 fish, the largest gar weighed 60 pounds and carp to 25 pounds.

FALCON: Water clear, 10 feet low; black bass good to 9 pounds, average fish in the 3-5 1/2 pound range on worms in the submerged Huisache bushes striper fair to 6 pounds near the dam on Klocker slabs; crappie slow off the docks; white bass good in the mouth of the Tigres catfish good in number on frozen shrimp on rod and reel

MEDINA: Water murky due to heavy rains 6 feet low; black bass fair to 6 pounds on cranks striper slow crappie slow white bass slow; catfish good to 18 pounds on trotline baited with minnows and perch.

TEXANA: Water clear 89 degrees 1 foot low; black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds on buzz baits over mossbeds early striper slow white bass slow; crappie excellent on minnows up the Sandies Creek and under 111 highway bridge early blue catfish excellent to 25 pounds on trotline with cutbait.

WEST

ARROWHEAD Water fairly clear 2 feet low; black bass slow; striper fair and small on silver spoons crappie fair to 1 pound on minnows white bass slow channel catfish fair in number small in size on trotlines.

HUBBARD CREEK Water clear 74 degrees, 5 1/2 feet low black bass good to 4 pounds on black and chartreuse or purple worms in 3-12 feet of water hybrid striper excellent to 6 pounds on silver slabs or white Bombers and Hellbenders white bass excellent in great numbers late on slabs and Tiny Torpedoes; crappie good to 15 fish per string on minnows; catfish slow.

OAK CREEK Water clear 78 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass good to 4 pounds on topwaters crappie slow white bass good at night in deep water on live minnows catfish good to 14 pounds on trotlines baited with live minnows. The lake had a total of 5 inches of rain during the last 10 days which has slowed fishing some.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear 75 degrees 12 feet low; black bass fairly good in numbers to 5 pounds on plastic worms and topwaters striper good in the 10-12 pound range in deep water near the dam on worms; crappie good on minnows to 20 fish per string white bass good to 25 fish per string on minnows and slabs; catfish slow in deep water some to 6 pounds in shallow water

PROCTOR Scattered heavy rains fell in the 2-4 inch range on Monday. Few fishermen out midweek.

SPENCE: Water clear in lake, up river muddy, 80 degrees, 22 feet low black bass good to 6 1/4 pounds on plastic worms and spinners; striper good to 16 pounds trolling Hellbenders and jigs topwaters and live bait crappie good to 2 pounds on minnows white bass slow; catfish good to 15 pounds on trotline and rod and reel baited with nightcrawlers No rain around Spence this week, muddy water came from rains near Big Spring

TWIN BUTTES Water clear 72 degrees normal level black bass good to 8 pounds on plastic worms and silver spoons striper slow crappie good to 2 pounds on minnows crappie jigs white bass fair catfish fair but small on trotline baited with

goldfish and shrimp.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 80 degrees 4 feet low; black bass fair on blue spinners to 5 pounds; crappie slow to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; catfish good on stinkbait to 6 pounds. A 1-inch rain fell Sunday, general rains in the 2-4 inch range in the area

COASTAL

UPPER SABINE LAKE: Winds high midweek; redfish slow since Monday mainly because of the winds; specks slow; all other fishing slow; live bait shrimp available; some light showers a week ago.

SOUTH SABINE: Flounder good to 3 1/2 pounds in good numbers off the banks and in the ship channels on mud minnows. trout good to 3 pounds off the jetties on live shrimp with some limits; redfish showing up again on the reefs to 29 inches and 10 pounds on dead shrimp; fishing overall has improved greatly. water clear. live mud minnows plentiful and live shrimp available on the weekends

GALVESTON: Fishing slow because strong southwest winds have made waters rough and sandy; some sandtrout and croaker and gafftop from the beach front piers; bays producing gafftops to 6 pounds; flounders scattered along marsh lines. sheepshead good around the jetties; trout and redfish hard to find. offshore slow due to rough waters; live bait plentiful.

PORT OCONNOR: Trout fair to 3 1/2 pounds on live shrimp, touts and croaker. redfish fair to 9 pounds on croaker and live shrimp; live bait shrimp available but not plentiful. Good showers last Saturday; winds fairly high midweek

PALACIOS: Redfish fair but spotty in rivers and at Matagorda Peninsula on fresh dead shrimp, mullet and spoons; speck catches fair when wind is moderate. about half are keeper sized on shrimp and artificials; flounder fair sometimes along with specks on the same baits; very light pressure offshore, few boats out. Live bait shrimp plentiful at \$8 per quart. Rains have brought some freshwater runoff into the bays which are very salty.

ROCKPORT: Winds to 25 knots all week, few fishermen out.

PORT ARANSAS: Winds fairly high early this week; tides have been high; redfish fair to 20 inches. trout fairly good with limits on live shrimp; fishing good over the weekend, slow since Monday; offshore producing Atlantic sharpnose shark and kingfish. Pier fishermen at Horace Caldwell Pier catching good numbers of specks just above legal size on live shrimp, fishing slow early Wednesday due to lack of fishermen. Winds fairly high midweek.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Winds high all from Corpus Christi Bay, to the Landcut fishing fairly slow. some specks and small redfish landed. live bait scarce though some available early. there should be good supplies of bait shrimp available about the middle of August. Oso Pier producing a few sandtrout and small specks; winds fairly high all week. Bob Hall Pier fishing fairly slow. some tarpon in the 3-4 foot range hitting gold spoons and live bait but fishermen not landing fish. whiting, drum and a couple of small redfish, some blacktip shark from the end of the pier; winds high midweek.

PORT MANSFIELD: Very few fishermen out due to high winds; those who go catch a few redfish to 8 pounds. no limits. on live bait and cutbait. few trout. live bait shrimp plentiful. Offshore activities slow. Port Mansfield Fishing Tournament begins Friday. Area had 4 inches of rain in the last 10 days. Redfish plentiful before the winds hit Sunday.

PORT ISABEL: A few redfish to 9 3/4 pounds but most in the 4-6 pound range on live shrimp. pink Chubbies and silver spoons southwest of Unnecessary Island and east of Three Islands; a few trout to 6 1/2 pounds, most in the 1-3 pound range, on live bait in the Intracoastal from 67 to 33 and in front of the Marina at the color change. winds high since Monday. few fishermen out. live bait shrimp plentiful; offshore good if you can stand the pain.