

# Freshwater Weekly Fishing Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife

**BUCHAHAN:** GOOD. Water slight stain; 87 degrees; 0.65 feet below pool. Look for shallow rock piles to get some topwater action early and working deeper rocks later in the day is a good bet for some big ones. A medium to deep crankbait will get bites there and a jig to get that bigger bite. Report by Bryan Cotter, Texas Hawgs. Bite is slow. Some days are better than others. The live bait has been a little better than trolling, but both are pretty slow right now. Report by Captain Aaron Dick, One Up Fishing Guide Service.

**CONROE:** GREAT. Water stained; 90.1 degrees; 0.32 feet below pool. Catfish have been fair with lots of baby fish still mixed in. Baited holes from 10-25 feet deep. Bream are still plentiful on just about any structure. Bass have been a little tough like everything else, but deeper docks and offshore structures can produce some nice ones. Report by Bradley Doyle, Bradley's Guide Service. Crappie are finicky, but folks are picking up decent ones, finding them on structure and standing timber in 14-20 feet. Using minnows have been outperforming jigs the past few weeks. Hybrids and whites are schooling well and providing good action, being productive using slabs, spoons or shad, finding them on flats and the edge of drop-offs in 15-22 feet. Check the tooth patch to see if it is a white or hybrid on the Outdoor

Annual app. Catching several juvenile hybrids lately. Always wear your life jacket and stay hydrated in this heat, time to start getting the licenses renewed. Report by Mike Cason, Fishical Therapy.

**INKS:** SLOW. Water normal stain; 86-90 degrees; 0.88 feet below pool. Those who are willing to get up early and fish right at sunrise can be rewarded with a good topwater bite. A bone colored walking bait such as a 6th Sense catwalk fished around docks adjacent to deep water can be good. Later in the day use your sonar to locate rock piles in 10-20 feet of water. A dropshot, Texas rigged craw, or football jig will work well. Report by Tyler Torwick, Torwick's Guiding Service.

**LIVINGSTON:** GOOD. Normal stain; 87 degrees; 0.26 feet above pool. Bite has been great in the morning and afternoons. Look for schooling fish right after daylight and late in the evenings. Catching most white bass in 6-17 feet but can be caught on humps in 24-30 feet as well. Ducktracker slabs have been the ticket. Catfish have been decent on flats 10-20 feet. Drifting shad. Largemouth have been good on swim jigs and hitting rocks on wind blown points with square bill crankbaits. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

**PALESTINE:** FAIR. Water stained; 81 degrees; 0.39 feet below pool. Fishing is tough this week due to

the weather. Crappie are fair on brush in 12-18 feet of water on minnows. Catfish are good on punch bait around brush and timber. Bass are slow but a few are being caught around docks in the shade. White bass and hybrids are scattered but some are being caught trolling on points and roadbeds.

**SAM RAYBURN:** SLOW. Water stained; 90 degrees; 7.08 feet below pool. The lake is slowly falling, leaving lots of humps and shallow areas exposed, so boaters should use caution. Bass are being caught shallow on points and pockets with topwater frogs and Senkos, while crankbaits are working on points and drains, and jigs or Carolina rigs are producing off ledges and structure. Crappie are starting to stack up on brush and timber, white bass are schooling off points, and catfish have moved into deeper water and creek channels where cut bait is working well. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service.

**SOMERVILLE:** GOOD. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.28 feet below pool. Summer patterns continue with the early and late bite better than midday. No water is being discharged at the dam. At the marina, crappie bite is fair, bluegill are fair on crickets and worms, and catfish are good on minnows and punch bait. On the lake, crappie are fair on jigs and minnows over brush in 8-15 feet of water with late afternoon bite good. Catfish are fair in 10-15 feet of water around structures using cut shad or punch bait. Black bass are fair on

crankbaits and soft plastic baits in 6-14 feet of water. White bass are fair trolling with various spoons or anchored with shad and ghost minnows. Hybrids are fair in deeper water using jigs and cut bait. Below the dam, all species are slow with zero water being discharged. Report by Weldon Kirk, Fish Tales Guide Service..

**TEXOMA:** GOOD. Water stained; 83-84 degrees; 0.38 feet above pool. Fishing has been really good. Some days are definitely easier than others, but it has definitely started to turn around. Mostly catching them on slabs. Sometimes catching them on topwaters. Some anglers are trolling for them and catching them. You can jig them up and down off the bottom. Water temperatures are still pretty warm around 83-84 degrees. Report by John Blasingame, Adventure Texoma Outdoors. Striper fishing is good as they have schooled up and are feeding more frequently with the nicer weather. Look for fish surfacing with larger schools under them on river ledges. Slabs, topwaters and swimbaits are producing fish when you get on the right school. Fish can be found feeding throughout the day and in random places so keep an eye out for birds and blow-ups right now. Catfishing is good on punch bait off points and ditches in 20-25 feet of water for numbers of channel cats. Blues are on deeper flats in 40-60 feet of water on cut shad for numbers. Bigger blues are near coves and creeks in 18-25 feet of water drifting cut shad. Crappie fishing - look at brush near the mouths of coves

and creeks in 15-20 feet of water. Temperature drops will have fish active near docks and structures throughout the day. Darker color jigs are working better with current water conditions. Report by Jacob Orr, Lake Texoma, Guaranteed Guide Service.

**TOLEDO BEND:** FAIR. 90 degrees; 2.71 feet below pool. No real change in the fishing this week, but big rain and cooler temperatures are in the forecast starting this weekend, which should help improve conditions a lot. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

**TRAVIS:** GOOD. Water normal stain; 82 degrees; 7.11 feet below pool. The numbers are down some but the quality bite is there in the right areas. Throwing swimbaits, Texas-rigged creature baits, craws and worms will get plenty of bites in 12-30 feet. Working ledges and bluff walls are producing well. A topwater around shallow boulders will get some nice blow-ups as well. Docks are always good targets also, flipping the walkouts and the fronts. Report by Bryan Cotter, Texas Hawgs. The most consistent pattern has been locating submerged brush in 10-25 feet of water. Spending time graphing locating schools of bait is key. If there is no bait around, keep moving. Weedless plastics such as Texas Rigs and Drop shots have been good. On days when the fishing is slow try changing it up and finesse fishing with a Ned rig or Shakey head along rocky ledges or bluff walls in 15-30 feet of water. Report by Tyler Torwick, Torwick's Guiding Service

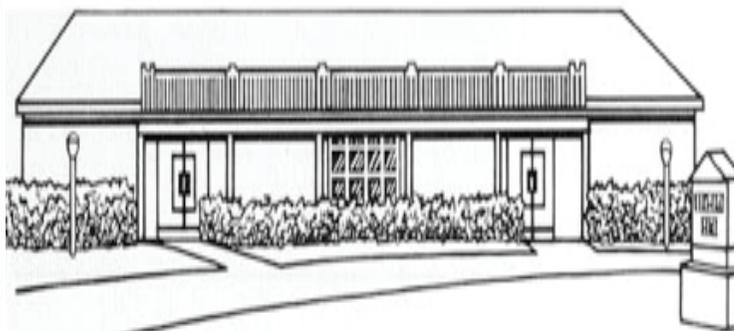
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