

AROUND THE BAY

December Fishing Report From Texas Parks & Wildlife

Following is the most recent weekly fishing report for the Texas Gulf Coast from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

NORTH SABINE

Trout are fair to good under birds and pods of shad on soft plastics. Redfish and flounder are good in the marsh on shrimp. Some of the upper end of the lake is fresh, but the river is subsiding.

SOUTH SABINE

Trout are fair to good under birds and pods of shad. Redfish are good at the jetty on live bait and cracked crabs. Flounder are good on the falling tide around marsh drains on jigs tipped with shrimp.

BOLIVAR

Trout, black drum, sand trout and redfish are good at Rollover Pass. Trout are fair to good while drifting shell on plastics. Bull redfish are good on the beachfront.

TRINITY BAY

Most of the upper end of Trinity Bay is fresh. Lake Livingston was discharging at 57,000 cfs.

EAST GALVESTON BAY

Redfish and flounder are fair to good in the marsh around drains on shrimp. Trout and redfish are good under the birds and over deep shell.

WEST GALVESTON BAY

Bull redfish and flounder are good at San Luis Pass on shrimp and shad. Sheepshead, redfish and black drum are good at the jetty on shrimp and crabs.

TEXAS CITY

Gulf trout are good in the channel on fresh shrimp. Sand trout and black drum are good at the wells on fresh shrimp. Flounder are fair to good around Sea Wolf Park on Gulps.

FREEPORT

Bull redfish are good at jetty on crabs, shrimp and mullet. Redfish are good on the beachfront on shad and mullet. Trout are good on the reefs in Christmas Bay and Bastrop Bay on shrimp.

EAST MATAGORDA BAY

Trout and redfish are good for waders on the south shoreline. Trout are good for drifters on live shrimp and soft plastics over humps and scattered shell on the north shoreline.

WEST MATAGORDA BAY

Trout are fair on sand and grass humps on soft plastics and topwaters. Redfish are fair on the south shoreline on live shrimp.

PORT O'CONNOR

Redfish are good in the back lakes on shrimp and mullet. Bull redfish are good at the jetty on crabs, mullet and shad. Trout are fair to good on the reefs in San Antonio Bay on live shrimp.

ROCKPORT

Redfish are good on the edge of the flats on live shrimp under a popping cork. Trout are fair to good on

Nice catch!



James Smith of Deer Park with a Bull red caught in Galveston Bay on the Baytown side of the Fred Hartman Bridge.

Send us your fishing photos!

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Include your first and last names, what kind of fish, where you caught it and what you used for bait. We'll print as many photos as we have room for.

Send photos to maggiealp@aol.com.

Happy fishing!

topwaters around shell in St. Charles Bay and Aransas Bay.

PORT ARANSAS

Trout are fair to good on reefs on live shrimp and mullet. Bull redfish are good at the jetty and on the beachfront on natural baits.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Bull redfish are good in the surf on mullet and shrimp. Redfish are good in the holes on live bait. Trout are fair to good around spoils for waders working mud on small topwaters.

BAFFIN BAY

Trout are good on topwaters and plum Gamblers, Down South Lures and Bass Assassins around rocks and grass. Trout are good in the Land Cut at night under lights.

TP&W Department Announces Annual Winter Trout Stocking

It's time once again for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's annual winter rainbow trout stocking.

Beginning in late November and continuing through March, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will stock nearly 300,000 hatchery-reared rainbow trout at more than 140 sites across the state.

Many of the fish stockings will be conducted at small community fishing lakes, state park lakes and popular river tailraces offering easy angling access.

Catching these hungry fish can be easy, making the experience ideal for both novice anglers and kids.

The fish will bite almost immediately after stocking and typically

will take a variety of baits, from whole kernel canned corn or commercial soft bait to artificial flies and even small spinnerbaits.

Be sure to keep fresh trout cold on ice or refrigerated.

All anglers 17 years of age and older must have a valid freshwater fishing license as well as a freshwater stamp.

The daily bag limit is five fish.

For more information about the winter trout fishing program, including tips and the current trout stocking schedule listed by city or county, visit www.tpwd.texas.gov/troutstocking.

A video of rainbow trout stocking and fishing may be viewed at http://youtu.be/x_UEX_R_BRQ.