Texas Fishing Mobile Web

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- Not a downloadable “app”
- Small section of agency website
- Designed for mobile access
Fishing Mobile Web

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http://tinyurl.com/texfish
Need for Mobile-Friendly Web

- TPWD web statistics
  - 30,000 visitors/day
  - Up to 30% using mobile devices

- National survey April 2012
  - 55% of mobile phone owners use phones to access internet
  - 31% prefer mobile access
Factors We Considered

**App**
- Design for different platforms
- Outdated data sets
- Cost of outside vendors/contract programmers

**Web Page**
- Read with any web-enabled device
- Live connection always pulls most recent data
- Built by in-house staff
How Did We Get There?

- Start small
- Use what we have
- Keep it simple
Starting Small

- Focus on fishing
- Pick a few popular features
- Define target audience
  - Current and potential anglers
  - … using mobile devices
Initial Launch, Fall 2010

- Fishing reports
- Neighborhood Fishin’
- State and water body record search
- Inland Fisheries contact
Added in 2011

- Regulations search by water body
- Buy a license
- Expanded contact information
Using What We Had

- Division web staff
- Data management & analysis staff
- Existing agency web server
  - Cascading style sheets (CSS)
  - PHP for interactive pages
- MySQL database already online
Weekly Fishing Reports

Get the latest on red tide, golden alga and blue-green algae blooms.

Welcome to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Fishing Reports. Check here to find out what’s biting on more than 80 freshwater lakes and saltwater bays. Reports are updated each week, usually by Thursday morning. There are four ways to view reports:

1. NEW - Try the mobile version.
2. View this week’s reports for all freshwater or saltwater locations.
3. Find this week’s reports for your part of Texas.
4. Find current and past reports for your favorite water body or location.

Browse All Reports

- Freshwater  - Saltwater

Search by Region

- Panhandle Plains
- Prairies and Lakes
- Pineywoods
- Gulf Coast
- South Texas Plains
- Hill Country
- Big Bend Country
## Fishing Reports for Week of June 13, 2012

### South Texas Plains Region

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Fishing Reports Mobile

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Fish Record Search - Desktop

Fish Records and Awards

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recognizes fishing excellence through its Angler Recognition Program. The program maintains state record lists for public and private waters and water body records for all public lakes, rivers, and bays. The program also issues certificates for other types of angler achievements.

For State and Water Body Records, Junior Anglers (under 17 years of age) compete in a separate division. If a junior angler’s catch beats an All-Ages record, the young angler will receive recognition in both divisions.

Use the forms and links on this page to search current state and water body records, or try our mobile record search. Browse the links at left to review the types of awards available and learn how you can submit your catch.

State Records

Choose a water type:

- Freshwater
- Saltwater

Choose an age group:

- All Ages
- Junior Anglers

Choose a method:

- Rod & Reel (includes fly rod records) & Release
- Bow Fishing
- Other Methods
- Catch

Submit
## Water Body Records for Gibbons Creek Reservoir

*Updated August 2, 2012*

**Weight Records**

This page ranks weight records caught by rod & reel, fly rod and bow fishing. All-Tackle rankings are displayed on a separate page.

### All-Ages

#### Rod & Reel

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<tr>
<th>Species</th>
<th>Weight</th>
<th>Length</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Angler</th>
<th>Bait or Lure</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bluegill</td>
<td>0.22</td>
<td>6.50</td>
<td>Jun 15, 2007</td>
<td>Max Lee</td>
<td>night crawler</td>
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<td>Buffalo, Smallmouth</td>
<td>35.00</td>
<td>34.00</td>
<td>Mar 15, 2003</td>
<td>Bob Clement</td>
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<td>Carp, Common</td>
<td>4.97</td>
<td>21.00</td>
<td>Feb 13, 2009</td>
<td>Tyson Brussel</td>
<td>Big red mix</td>
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<td>Catfish, Blue</td>
<td>92.00</td>
<td>56.00</td>
<td>Feb 15, 1999</td>
<td>John Smith</td>
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<tr>
<td>Catfish, Channel</td>
<td>5.82</td>
<td>24.00</td>
<td>Apr 18, 2010</td>
<td>Dorothy Scherer</td>
<td>punch bait</td>
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<tr>
<td>Catfish, Flathead</td>
<td>77.00</td>
<td>51.00</td>
<td>Mar 7, 1998</td>
<td>Louis Swindall</td>
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<td>Crappie, Black</td>
<td>2.70</td>
<td>15.30</td>
<td>Feb 16, 2008</td>
<td>Don Burns</td>
<td>minnow</td>
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<td>Crappie, White</td>
<td>2.22</td>
<td>14.38</td>
<td>Feb 9, 1995</td>
<td>Jesse Caldwell</td>
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<td>Drum, Freshwater</td>
<td>14.00</td>
<td>27.00</td>
<td>Apr 25, 2006</td>
<td>Joel Hall Jr.</td>
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<td>Gar, Spotted</td>
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<td>31.50</td>
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<td>Synnove Marlow</td>
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<td>Pacu, Red-bellied</td>
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<td>15.00</td>
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<td>Charlotte Conchola</td>
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<td>Sunfish, Longear</td>
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<td>Billy Autery</td>
<td>Fly Rod, goldbead pheasant tail</td>
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<td>Tilapia, Blue</td>
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<td>Tilapia, Hybrid</td>
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<td>15.00</td>
<td>Mar 27, 1993</td>
<td>Jim Butler</td>
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Check Your Catch!
Type the first few letters of a water body and hit "Find."
Lake, river or bay:

Find

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Fishing Method
- Rod & Reel (includes fly rod records)
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Water Body Records for Gibbons Creek Reservoir

Updated June 7, 2012

All Ages | Junior Angler | View All-Tackle Records | Return to records search | How to submit a record

All-Ages Records

Rod & Reel

Bass, Largemouth
16.13 pounds, 26.00 inches

Bluegill
0.22 pounds, 6.50 inches

Buffalo, Smallmouth
35.00 pounds, 34.00 inches

Carp, Common
4.97 pounds, 21.00 inches

Catfish, Blue
92.00 pounds, 56.00 inches

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5.82 pounds, 24.00 inches

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77.00 pounds, 51.00 inches

Crappie, Black
2.70 pounds, 15.30 inches

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2.22 pounds, 14.38 inches

Drum, Freshwater
14.00 pounds, 27.00 inches
Regulations Search

- No database existed
- Standard limits/exceptions listed in different places
- New data tables list all variations for each species
- New search page pulls all limits for specific lake
Regulations By Lake

Fishing Regulations for Gibbons Creek Reservoir

Return to regulations search

Gear restrictions
Use of juglines, throwlines, and trotlines is prohibited.

Black bass
For largemouth bass, length limit is a 14-24” slot. Bass 14 inches and less or 24 inches or greater in length may be retained. Only one bass 24 inches or greater may be retained each day. For smallmouth bass (if present), minimum length = 14 inches. No minimum length on spotted and Guadalupe bass (if present.) Daily bag limit for all four species = 5 bass in combination.

White, striped and yellow bass
For striped and hybrid striped bass, minimum length limit = 18 inches and daily bag limit = 5 in any combination. For white bass, minimum length = 10 inches and daily bag is 25. There are no bag or size limits for yellow bass.

Carp
There is no minimum length limit or daily bag limit for common carp.

Catfish
For channel and blue catfish, their hybrids and subspecies, minimum length limit = 12 inches and daily bag limit = 25 in any combination. For flathead catfish, minimum length = 18 inches and daily bag limit = 5.

Crappie
For white and black crappie, their hybrids and subspecies, minimum length limit = 10 inches. Daily bag limit = 25 in any combination.

Gar
For alligator gar, daily bag limit is 1 fish of any size. No bag limits on other species of gar.

Sunfish
There is no minimum length or daily bag limit on bluegill, redear, warmouth or other species of sunfish.

Trout
For rainbow and brown trout, their hybrids and subspecies, there is no minimum length and daily bag limit = 5 trout in any combination.
Keeping It Simple

- Basic layout
- Few graphics
- Short list of links
- Access keys

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Site-wide Features

- Stripped-down header & footer
- Auto-dial phone numbers

General questions about Texas freshwater fishing
Tel: 512.389.4444 (weekdays 8-5)
Fax: 512.389.4405
Email: inld@tpwd.state.tx.us

To report a fish kill
512.389.4848 (24 hours)

If you catch a ShareLunker
entries accepted October 1–April 30
903.681.0550 or
888.784.0600 (24-hour pager)

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Advantages of Mobile Web Pages

- Read with any web-enabled device
- Data stored on TPWD server
- Built in-house by fisheries staff
- Staff makes improvements as needed
- Lessons learned may be useful for development of future apps
Give Us Your Feedback!

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