

PROJECT REPORT

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Name of Project: Marking of Sport-fishing Reefs.

Period Covered: September 1, 1958 - April 1, 1959

Abstract: Fifty fiber glass buoys were purchased and were allotted to the different bay areas along the coast as requested by the field biologists. Forty-three of the buoys were placed on good fishing areas, usually oyster reefs, which are used by sports fishermen.

Objective: To facilitate location of good fishing areas by sportfishermen.

Procedure: Biologists are requested to submit a list of areas which are potentially good fishing areas in their regions. Fifty buoys were ordered and then assigned to the field men according to their needs. Each buoys was firmly anchored with a concrete weight and secured with a chain. The part of the buoy which normally was submerged was painted with anti-fouling paint. Field biologists placed the buoys on locations previously cleared through the U.S. Coast Guard.

Although some of the buoys were placed in October of 1958, the entire operation was not completed until April of 1959. During the winter months these reefs are not heavily fished, and incimate weather delayed much field work.

Maps showing the location of these buoys were drawn and should be ready for distribution in April, 1959.

Forty-three of the buoys were placed as follows: Six in the lower Laguna Madre area in the vicinity of Port Isabel, three in Corpus Christi Bay, two in Copano Bay, ten in Aransas Bay, one in San Antonio Bay, nine in Matagorda, Tres Palacios, and Turtle Bays, and ten in Galveston Bay. One additional buoy was placed in Aransas Bay at a later date. Six remain as replacements.

Comments: Favorable reaction from the sport-fishing public was noted. Should the buoys remain on location and not be destroyed or stolen in a reasonable period, it would be worthwhile to increase the number of markers.

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