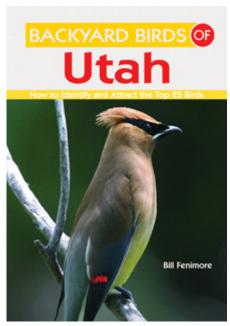
#### PROGRAM - BOOK SIGNING - YOU'RE INVITED!



"Birding 101" will be the topic for a presentation by local author and bird expert Bill Fenimore, at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of backyard birding. You will learn how to identify birds using a variety of techniques that Bill makes easy. The presentation will include stunning photographs of Utah birds.

Following the presentation, Bill will sign copies of his newly published book, "Backyard Birds of Utah". Copies of Bill's book may be purchased at the Avocet Corner Bookstore, in the Refuge's wildlife education center. Cost of the book is \$9.95.

The wildlife education center is located at 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah. From Interstate 15, take exit #363 (Forest Street) and turn west. The center is just one block west of the Interstate. For more

information, call (435) 723-5887.

# THE FIRECRACKER 4<sup>th</sup> of July Ski/Board Race Middle Bowl Cirque Earn Your Bragging Rights!!

This is not the Olympics, or even a World Cup, just a chance to have fun and say, "I skied at Snowbasin on July 4, 2008."

Race sign up is at the Ticket Window of the Grizzly Center at 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 or call 801 620-1000 and sign up over the telephone.

Entry Fee: \$25.00 includes gondola ticket and T-Shirt and ticket to be entered in the drawing for a summer season pass and Dinner For Two at The Around the World Chef Series.

Race begins at 10:00 a.m., no official start list, first come first serve.

We expect the course to be a 10 gate modified NASTAR type slalom.

Ticket Drawing on Earl's Plaza at 1:00 P.M.

Barbecue and beverages available on Earl's Plaza and Dining at Needles Lodge

Live entertainment The Kap Bros. Earl's Lodge Patio 11:30-5:30

#### UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake - Be aware of carbon monoxide dangers while boating on Utah's waters. Carbon

monoxide is a potentially deadly gas produced anytime a carbon-based fuel, such as gasoline, propane, charcoal or oil, burns.



Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, and tasteless and mixes evenly in the air. It enters the bloodstream through the lungs and displaces oxygen in the body. Do not confuse carbon monoxide poisoning with seasickness, intoxication, heat or marine stressors.

"If someone on board complains of irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness, or dizziness, immediately move the person to fresh air and seek medical attention if necessary, "advises Boating Education Specialist Chris Haller.

Sources of carbon monoxide on boats include gasoline engines, generators, cooking ranges, and space and water heaters. Cold and poorly tuned engines produce more carbon monoxide than warm, properly-tuned engines. Boat exhaust leaks can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. These leaks can migrate throughout the boat and into enclosed areas. Regular maintenance and proper boat operation can reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

It is illegal to operate a motorboat or have the engine of a motorboat run idle while a person is

occupying or holding onto the swim platform, swim deck, swim step, swim ladder or while a person is being towed in a non-standing position within 20 feet of the vessel. These restrictions do not apply when the motorboat is docking, or while persons are entering or exiting the vessel.

For more safe boating tips go to stateparks.utah.gov or call (801)538-BOAT. Utah Boaters..WEAR IT!

#### UTAH STATE PARKS MAKE TOP 100 CAMPGROUND LIST

Salt Lake - Four Utah state parks are included in America's Top 100 Family Campgrounds, a list compiled by Reserve America, the largest provider of campsite reservations in North America.

Bear Lake, Fremont Indian, Goblin Valley and Red Fleet state parks were selected based on criteria most requested by campers, including showers, hiking trails, visitor centers, educational programs and children's events.



Many Utah state parks also topped lists in 14 other categories, varying from most unique location to best hiking trails:

Top 25 Mysterious Attractions and Unique Locations: Dead Horse Point and Goblin Valley state parks

Top 25 Biking Trails: Deer Creek, Rock Cliff at Jordanelle, Steinaker and Wasatch Mountain state parks

Top 25 Educational and Historical Facilities: Anasazi, Camp Floyd, Utah Field House of Natural History state parks/museums Top 50 Hiking Trails: Antelope Island, Deer Creek, Escalante, Fremont Indian, Rock Cliff at Jordanelle, Red Fleet, Rockport, Steinaker and Wasatch Mountain state parks

Top 50 Scenic Views: Dead Horse Point, Goblin Valley, Goosenecks and Kodachrome Basin state parks

Top 25 Tours and Events: Annual Bison Roundup at Antelope Island State Park and Friendship Cruise at Green River State Park Otter Creek, Escalante, Green River, Antelope Island, Rockport, Bear Lake, Hyrum, Quail Creek and Yuba state parks were cited for bird watching, events, canoeing, ambiance, and fishing. For a complete list of all parks chosen, visit <a href="https://www.thecampingclub.com/zztop100/indextop.html">www.thecampingclub.com/zztop100/indextop.html</a>

For more information on Utah's state parks or to make a camping reservation, please visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 322-3770.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT IRON MISSION STATE PARK MUSEUM**

Cedar City - Iron Mission State Park Museum is searching for individuals who are interested in sharing their time and experience at the museum.

Volunteer positions include visitor information services, children's story time and special programming staff, craft demonstrators and docents. For more information, please contact Todd Prince or Ryan Paul at (435) 586-9290.



# AN INFORMAL CHAT WITH DREW CUSHING / DWR WARM WATER FISHING COORDINATOR

We met with Drew over a no host lunch recently. Purpose was to convey to RMA members his thoughts regarding the illegal transplant of fish in Utah bodies of water.

Each public Utah water which is defined as a reservoir, contained by a man made dam or dike, is managed in the best interests of Utah anglers through the introduction and maintenance of certain fish species. Variety of fishes relates directly to water quality, environment and the ability of the water body to support and maintain a healthy population of sport fishes. A good multi-level fishery is one in which each species contributes to the support of the other in some consistent ongoing form.

The introduction of an alien species which is a top predator without a natural enemy is a primary cause of the "boom and bust" cycles so prevalent in our Utah waters. Just about as bad is the live disposal of aquarium pets (goldfish, etc), and non-native baitfish

Our biologists work hard to balance the species in a given body of water to assure that angling license buyers have the opportunity to test their skills by catching these critters, a wholesome outdoor experience enjoyed by the entire Utah family unit. We, the anglers, are a top predator but do not live / work / survive underwater. Unlike the top predator our "take" (catch rate) is controlled by law, dependant upon the ability of the water to support an ongoing population of desirable sport fish species, assuring the survival of a viable population for reproduction purposes.

Illegal introduction of a species with no natural predator will ultimately result in the decimation of a reproductive population of healthy fish, resulting in what we commonly call a population "crash".

Such a "crash" leaves only the illegal top predator, with no food source ... disease and lack of food virtually kills the healthy fishery. The fishery dies. Most viable solution is to rehabilitate the entire water body killing everything and starting over is best but by far the most expensive solution ... or ... establish a "catch and kill" no limit policy relative to the illegal species ... or ... do nothing and let everything go to hell.

The only way to put a stop to this ongoing illegal transplant of fishes from one water to another is to establish penalties which are severe enough to cause the lawbreaker(s) to discontinue the practice. Suggested ways to do this are (but not limited to) the following:

Post significant rewards for capturing offenders (suggested is a voluntary \$1.00 "check off" donation system on fishing licenses to raise powerful reward monies).

Change the level of crime from misdemeanor to felony.

Seizure of equipment and vehicle used in transport.

Restitution for all costs including reclamation of the affected water.

This may seem severe punishment for a seemingly insignificant crime but let's take a look at what really happens here when compared to poaching a deer which carries severe penalties. Killing (poaching) a single deer kills the same # of animals as an accidental collision on a road ... only the single animal is affected ... whereas in a sport fish community the introduction of an illegal top predator (IE: Flaming Gorge / the Burbot ... Red Fleet Reservoir / the Walleye) will likely result in the decimation of an entire population of marine animals

Mr. Cushing will be at the next RMA meeting to answer any questions you may have....

#### UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

July 12 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Four Free Events: Join the Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park at 9 a.m. at the visitor center for a one-hour moderate hike to Blood Lake at Guardsman Pass. Visit historic Huber Grove from 10 to 11 a.m. and learn how Johannas Huber allowed nature to be part of the ranch. At 1 p.m. at the campground office, children six through 12 can become a Junior

Ranger and learn about birds of prey. Meet at the campground amphitheater at 7 p.m. for a program on fire safety with Smokey Bear. Meet Smokey and learn about fire safety. (435) 654-1791

July 12 Hyrum State Park - Hyrum

Live Bird Show: Ben Woodruff from Sky Masters Wildlife shows his hawks, owls and other birds at 8 p.m. This program is free of charge and is held at the outdoor amphitheater. (435) 245-6866

### July 12 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

ROCKIN' Utah - Nature Discovery Hike! Join park staff at 9 a.m. for a short hike in Snow Canyon and open your senses to the wide variety of experiences to be discovered on the desert trails. See, smell, hear, touch, and even taste. Hike is followed by a hands-on, creative activity designed for children five to 12. Space is limited and registration is required. (435) 628-2255

### July 14 Utah Field House of Natural History - Vernal

Fossil Lecture: Join park staff for a lecture by Curator of Paleontology Dr. John Foster. The presentation discusses the Mygatt-Moore Quarry, a large dinosaur bone bed in the Upper Jurassic Morrison Formation of western Colorado. (435) 789-3799

#### **Lake Powell Fish Report**



By: Wayne Gustaveson Lake Elevation: 3631

July 2, 2008 Water Temperature 76-80 F

Stripers are still slurping in little shad with a vengeance. It is likely that slurping stripers will be seen in every clear water canyon and channel this week. Catching them may be more difficult than locating them.

Stripers feed lazily when little shad are abundant and slow moving. A group of 10 or more stripers pop to the surface and gorge on tiny shad. An approaching boat causes the feeding school to turn in a different direction or to sound only to resurface a safe distance away. Shad are abundant and wide spread so stripers can feed in any direction. The trick is to get close enough to cast into slurping stripers without putting the fish down.

Small spoons may be the most effective presentation but don't be afraid to try a surface lure. The key to both techniques is to work the lures gently. Shad are not swimming much so a fast moving, erratic presentation is not normal to their feeding image. Reel the topwater lure at a slow to medium speed with only limited sideways jerks. Do the same with spoons. Work it just fast enough to keep it in the feeding zone. The real secret is to make long casts with small lures. That takes a good rod and reel with quality matching line. Present the lure just beyond the leading fish or just past the entire school. Splashing into the middle of the slurping fish seldom allows success. It will be much better when shad grow a bit larger and the margin for boating and casting error will increase by one order of magnitude.

Slurps are now common from dawn until 10 AM. After that fishing is tough until late afternoon. During the heat of the day is a good time to play in the water. Fish early and late for maximum success. Bait fishing is much better in the afternoon when stripers have completed the morning shad hunt and are in deep water planning their next assault.

Bass fishing is still tough and will remain so until the lake starts to drop. Bass love the fresh green habitat now abundant in so many different lake locations. It will take lake stabilization and or decline until bass are able to be caught in a stable summer pattern. Right now they are feeding early in the morning near the stripers slurps but from the comfort of their newly discovered green brush habitat. This may be the most difficult warm water time to catch bass. That will soon change as the lake stabilizes.

Walleye are the bonus fish now and can be caught early and late on the fast falling points that lead into the main channel. Fish shady pockets in the morning and under mudlines on breezy afternoons all along the main channel edge for feisty walleye.

Catfish are hot now every evening near your camp. Try scraps from dinner right behind the boat for quick success. My favorite catfish recipe is blackened fillets with Cajun spices.

# Russell Outdoors New Full Draw Jacket And Pants Help Archers Stay Quiet And Concealed

(Mossy Oak Apparel is now Russell Outdoors)

**ALEXANDER CITY, AL** - **Russell Outdoors'** new Full Draw Jacket and Pants are the perfect early season clothing choice for treestand hunters and is available in the new Mossy Oak Treestand.

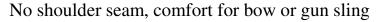
The quiet, high-density, wind-resistant fleece construction incorporates **Russell Outdoors'** Scent

Stop anti-microbial technology to control and eliminate human

scent.

The new Treestand pattern utilizes the same silhouette-altering technology found in all the Mossy Oak patterns. It was designed specifically for hunting from an elevated position, effectively erasing the outline of an elevated hunter among the bare limbs of a late fall tree.

# The Full Draw Jacket comes with the following features:



2 low-profile chest pockets that zip closed at the

bottom of the pocket so the zipper pulls are out of the way of your draw

2 additional pockets (one at the top of each sleeve) for low-movement storage of your range-finder or compact binoculars

Sleeve forearms zip snug for an unobstructed release

Draw cords at waist and hem

Stretch fleece at vital places for comfort and mobility

The Full Draw Pants come with the following features:

Abrasion guard on the front of legs and the lower back legs

Elastic waistband with belt loops

Waist has gripper elastic - when you tuck your shirt in, it stays in!

2 slash pockets w/snap closure

2 zippered low-profile cargo pockets with 2 additional stretch fleece pockets on top of the cargo pockets (low-movement, easy storage of gear)

Zippered back pocket

Legs zip to bottom of cargo pockets

"We are excited about the addition of our new Full Draw jacket and pants to the 2008 product line," said Mark Tate, Senior Vice President of Russell Outdoors. "Some serious testing and evaluation went into the development of the Full Draw Line to provide a host of innovative features not found in other fleece apparel."

The Full Draw Jacket and Pants are available in size S-XXXL at a suggested retail price of \$109.00 each.

**Russell Outdoors** produces official licensed products of Mossy Oak/Haas Outdoors Inc. Haas Outdoors Inc., headquartered in West Point, Miss., was established in 1986 and is home of Mossy Oak (<u>www.mossyoak.com</u>). Mossy Oak specializes in developing and marketing modern



camouflage designs for hunters and outdoorsmen. Mossy Oak patterns can be found on a multitude of products worldwide. Haas Outdoors Inc. is the outdoor industry leader in modern camouflage design, international licensing and marketing. Haas Outdoors Inc. markets its services and products under widely recognized brands including: Mossy Oak, BioLogic, Mossy Oak Productions, Mossy Oak Interactive, LLC and Mossy Oak Properties.

# News from Barnes Bullets Victory For Gun Owners

Jessica Brooks Public Relations

Many of you are aware by now of the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision in the case of District of Columbia vs. Heller, ruling that the Second Amendment is an individual right. The details of that ruling (the Syllabus) and an official statement issued by the NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation) can be found by clicking on this link <a href="www.nssf.org">www.nssf.org</a>

This landmark decision clearly is a victory for gun owners. We have won a battle in a war that is ongoing, and we should continue to build on the momentum from this success. With the 2008 elections just around the corner, we can't afford to sit back as casual onlookers or silent protestors.

In the July issue of America's First Freedom, Wayne LaPierre's article "Banned If You Do, Banned If You Don't. Why Gun Owners Can't Sit Out This Election Year" distinctly states why we as gun owners HAVE to vote for McCain. The following are a few excerpts from that piece:

"Imagine an Obama or Clinton administration - supported by a rubber-stamp progressive U.S. Senate - with 10 more, 20 more, even 50 more judges like Weinstein. For that reason alone, gun

owners and others who believe in the Constitution cannot afford to sit out this election.

"An Obama or Clinton administration, appointing anti-gun Supreme Court justices along with U.N. representatives friendly to Soros' and Peters' gun-ban plans, would create a well-oiled anti-gun machine - both within and outside the country - bent on destroying the Second Amendment. Once in place, that machine could pursue its desired endgame - a total U.S. gun ban - unfettered by those gun owners who

chose to 'sit this one out.' We simply can't let that happen."

Yes, I've heard the argument about why many gun owners refuse to vote for McCain. "It's a stand on principle, I refuse to vote for the lesser of two evils, McCain doesn't have a great record when it comes to watching out for gun owners", and more. But here we are, in this situation, with these two candidates. Not only does Obama spell disaster for our Second Amendment rights, but taxes, regulations, and the war on terror to name a few more issues. And I refuse to stand behind illegal aliens to receive health care. We don't have to make this year's Presidential

Election all about one issue. The shooting public is generally a conservative group, so I have to believe that for the most part we are pretty cohesive in our beliefs and values. That's why I am petitioning those of you who are contemplating "fence-sitting" for this round, to please reconsider.

It means a great deal to me that McCain served his country and was a POW. For that, I respect him and believe that he has a deep sense of what it means to be an American. I do not believe he is the perfect candidate, but I do gather bits and pieces from him that I can hold on to. In my mind and heart, I just can't seem to make that happen with Obama. For these reasons, you will find me at the polls this year.

# Ty's Tips

**Question:** I am a big Barnes Bullets fan. I shoot the 130-grain TSX in my 6.5X284. It is amazingly accurate and a great hunting round. I have also used the 53-grain X Bullet in my CZ .223 as my primary antelope gun, and this is a killer combination (some say it's too light, but it punches a one-inch hole right through these animals and they don't run far). I shot a 16-1/2- inch goat in New Mexico while it was running full speed at 150 yards, and punched a nice hole right through him. He never knew what hit him—he crashed and burned pretty hard.

I have been trying to work up some 165- and 180-grain loads for my .300 WSM with a 24-inch barrel and my .300 RUM with a 26-inch barrel (plus muzzle brake). My load is producing 3,610 fps. I am probably loading things on the hot side, but I can't get really tight (sub-MOA) groups from these two rifles until I really speed up the rounds. When I do, the groups are great, but I'm worried about too much pressure.

I did some research on the issue, and some website forums seem to show similar accuracy results with loads that are in close proximity to mine.

First, am I crazy loading rounds this hot? Have you ever tested rounds at higher pressure and velocity in the RUM? I don't have a way to measure pressure other than the old fashioned methods, but it seems like I am borderline with my loads.

I am looking for some guidance on very accurate, yet pretty fast loads for both guns using 150-to 180-grain TSX (Minimum of 3,300 fps for the 165 grain bullets in the RUM, and 3100+ fps for the 180-grain and 3100 fps for 180-grain Triple Shocks in the .300 WSM). I plan to go to Africa next year, and will be taking one or both of these rifles. I plan to shoot TSX bullets exclusively on the hunt.

By the way, I loaded 100 rounds Friday night for a new .260 Remington my wife bought me for our anniversary. She included a bunch of 120-grain TSXs. Any suggestions for this rifle and bullet?

Thanks again for such a great product, as well as for any help you can give me.

—Trent

Answer: Accuracy is never an excuse to compromise safety. Based on the velocity you've provided for the 165-grain TSX in the .300 RUM, it appears your loads could be hot. You'll notice our .300 RUM load data is based upon a 24-inch barrel, and all factory rifles I'm aware of have 26-inch barrels, but two inches of barrel length won't account for the 300 fps of velocity you're getting over the highest velocity for any of the suggested maximum loads in our #4 Reloading Manual.

When reloading, at times we may find it difficult to get it all (extreme velocity and one ragged-hole 5-shot group) while staying within the bounds of safety. Therefore, I've found it helpful to set priorities. In our #4 Manual, we don't have a load for the 180-grain TSX that achieves 3,100 fps in the 300 WSM but if velocity is your top priority, work the load up, watching for signs of pressure as is customary in the reloading process, monitoring your accuracy along the way. Then, settle on a safe load and one that fits within the criteria that works for you.

The .260 Remington and the 120-grain TSX seem to do well with RL-19 and IMR 4350. Keep in mind our recommendation to start out seating bullets .050-inch from the rifling, adjusting the seating depth for accuracy to fine tune the load, but remember that we do not recommend seating TSX's closer than .030" off the lands.

Happy hunting. Remember to send in your photos. We love to see and hear how our customers have done in the field.

Best, Ty

### **Longer Seasons, New Hunts**

Wildlife Board approves upland game hunting changes

Salt Lake City -- You'll have more chances to hunt upland game birds in Utah over the next three years.

Members of the Utah Wildlife Board approved several upland game changes at their June 19 meeting in Salt Lake City. The changes will give you more time to hunt upland game. They'll also make Utah's upland game hunting seasons more consistent across the state.

"Hunters and the state's Upland Game Advisory Committee have told us two major things since the rules were last reviewed in 2005: they want more opportunities to hunt, and they want

the rules to be as simple and consistent across Utah as possible," says Dave Olsen, upland game

coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

The following are among the upland game changes the board approved:

- Starting this fall, the general pheasant hunt will run for 16 days across the state. In the



past, the hunt in Utah County ran for only one week. Extending the hunt in the county from one week to two weeks provides hunters with a single statewide general season.

- You can enjoy an extra month of forest grouse hunting. The season begins in mid September and runs until the end of December.
- You can enjoy some extra chukar and Hungarian partridge hunting during a single, statewide season that begins two weeks later than past years. The season opens the last Saturday in September and runs until mid February.

Olsen says moving the start of the season back should protect vegetation around artificial guzzlers and other water sources. Chukars are less dependent on these water sources in late September. As the chukars leave the water sources, the hunters should follow them. That should decrease the amount of vegetation that's damaged by hunters and others driving their vehicles near these sites.

- Utah has two new quail hunts. The new hunts will be held in Daggett and Sanpete counties.
- A new sharp-tailed grouse hunt will be held in Cache County.
- You can enjoy an extra week of sage-grouse hunting. At the same time, adult sage-grouse hens will receive some extra protection.

The start of the sage-grouse season has been moved from mid September to the last Saturday in September. Starting the season two weeks later should reduce the number of mature sage-grouse hens that hunters take.

"When it comes to hunting, Utah's Sage-Grouse Management Plan sets some pretty conservative standards," Olsen says.

"The plan first sets parameters that help us determine whether or not various sage-grouse populations can be hunted. If a population can be hunted, we set permit numbers so not more than 10 percent of the fall population are taken during the hunt.

"Moving the start of the season back gives sage-grouse populations even more protection."

Olsen says starting the season in late September will give young birds more time to mature. When the chicks mature, they leave their mothers. Broods begin to break up, and the birds scatter more. Not having the birds as concentrated should reduce the number of mature hens that hunters take.

# **Upland Game Guidebook**

All of the rules for Utah's 2008 – 2009 upland game seasons can be found in this year's Upland Game Guidebook. The guidebook should be available by early July at

www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks. It will also be available at DWR offices and hunting license agent locations across Utah.

# Gathering Antlers, Hunting Cougars

The DWR wants your input and ideas

Gathering antlers that drop off the heads of deer, elk and moose can be a fun and

rewarding outdoor activity.

Because it's so fun and rewarding, more people are starting to gather shed antlers in Utah. And that's causing problems for the state's big game animals

and the places they live.

Members of a committee assembled by the Division of Wildlife Resources have an idea that they believe will lessen the problem. DWR officers and biologists want to know what you think about the committee's idea.

They also want your thoughts about recommendations for Utah's upcoming cougar hunt.



# Learn more, share your ideas

All of the DWR's proposals are available at www.wildlife.utah.gov/public\_meetings. Once you've read the proposals, you can share your thoughts and ideas one of two ways:

# **RAC** meetings

Five Regional Advisory Council meetings will be held across Utah. Citizens representing the RACs will take the input received at the meetings to the Utah Wildlife Board. Board members will use the input to set rules and permit numbers for Utah's 2008 – 2009 cougar hunting season, and for other hunting and trapping seasons in the state.

You can participate and provide your input at any of the following meetings:

#### **Southern Region**

July 8 7 p.m. Panguitch Triple C Arena 50 E. 900 N. Panguitch

#### **Southeastern Region**

July 9 6:30 p.m. John Wesley Powell Museum 1765 E. Main St. Green River

### **Northeastern Region**

July 10 6:30 p.m. Uintah Interagency Fire Center 355 N. Vernal Ave. Vernal

#### E-mail

You can also provide your comments to your RAC via e-mail. Email addresses for your RAC members are available at

#### **Central Region**

July 15 6:30 p.m. Springville Junior High School 165 S. 700 E. Springville

# **Northern Region**

July 16 6 p.m. Brigham City Community Center 24 N. 300 W. Brigham City



www.wildlife.utah.gov/public\_meetings.

The group each RAC member represents (sportsman, non-consumptive, etc.) is listed under each person's e-mail address. You should direct your e-mail to the people on the RAC who represent your interest.

## Shed antler gathering

A committee is looking for ways to make late winter and early spring easier for deer, elk and moose.

That's the time of year when people swarm over the animal's winter ranges in search of antlers that dropped off the animals' heads during the winter.

The DWR assembled the committee. Now the division wants to know your thoughts about the committee's ideas. They're also interested in any new ideas you may have.

"Late winter and early spring is a critical time for big game animals," says Mike Fowlks, chief of the DWR's Law Enforcement Section. "It's a time of year when the animals are usually stressed and weak. It's also a time when the habitat the animals rely on can be easily damaged.

"We like the committee's ideas, but we're open to other ideas too."

The committee is proposing the following:



- Requiring written authorization from the DWR to gather shed antlers in Utah from Jan. 1 May 15. Written authorization would be given after the person completed an ethics course at the DWR's Web site. The course would provide tips on how to gather antlers in a way that doesn't disturb big game animals or damage their habitat.
- Those who wanted to gather antlers after May 15 would not be required to complete the course.
- The director of the DWR could close shed antler gathering, on an emergency basis, in any part of the state where the practice was harming wildlife.

The Shed Antler Gathering Committee is undecided on whether a fee should be charged to complete the course. The 10-person committee includes representatives from the Mule Deer Foundation, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, the Utah Bowmen's Association and two at-large representatives. DWR staff have made themselves available to answer the group's questions and provide them with information.

"Please let us know what you think about the committee's ideas," Fowlks says. "We're also open to any new ideas you may have."

After gathering public input, the committee will put its final recommendations together. The DWR will present those recommendations at a series of public meetings in November.

# **Cougar hunting**

About 300 cougars would probably be taken in Utah under proposals the DWR is recommending for the state's 2008 – 2009 hunting season.

That number would be similar to the past four seasons in Utah. Hunters took an average of 306 cougars during each of those seasons.



"From the mid 1990s through the early 2000s, an effort was underway to reduce the number of cougars in certain parts of Utah," Bunnell says. "The goal was to bring cougars and the deer, bighorn sheep and other animals that cougars prey on into better balance."

Bunnell says it appears the effort worked.

"Over the past couple of years, the number of cougars in Utah has started to stabilize," he says. "Now we're working to find the proper balance between cougars and their prey. We think the proposals we're recommending are another step in that direction."

The number of hunting permits the DWR is recommending for Utah's limited entry units, and the total number of cougars to be taken on the state's harvest objective units, are almost



identical to last year.

For more information about the meetings, call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

Ride the famous Paiute Trail and tube the Sevier River near Big Rock Candy Mountain. (2 hrs south of SLC on Hwy 89)

September 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The Paiute ATV Trail (The World's greatest ATV system) runs right through the property. It includes 275 miles of marked trails and 2000 miles unmarked trails. Trail #74 runs through the property for easy access to the other trails. We will have deluxe lodging in spacious cabins and full hookups for RV parking. There is a 1000 Sq ft. pavilion for socials. The Sevier River runs right through the property. I have stayed with the Winkelman's several times and have enjoyed every minute of it.

- RV Campers will enjoy; showers, restrooms, power, sewer, water, 30/50 AMP, 60' long spots, laundry facility, wireless internet, DIRECTV available (bring your box or rent one of theirs)
  - Cabins offer; bathrooms, washer & dryer, microwave, stove/oven, pots & pans, dishes, refrigerator, bbq, linens, satellite, heat and ac, wireless internet. (One cabin is without a bathroom and linens, a discount will be given on this cabin)

#### Price will include;

Friday night dinner (BBQ & pot luck)
Breakfast on Saturday (bacon, eggs, the works)
Lunch on Saturday
Friday and Saturday night lodging
ATV half day rental, if selected (2 ATV's)
Tube half day rental, if selected (2 tubes)
Event shirt and bandana for 2
Tax
ATV insurance
And one heck of a time!

There is a Café on the property. Saturday night dinner will be up to you. The café has a great menu and will be serving "all you can eat crab" that night for around \$26. They also have great steaks and other menu items.

If you would like to ATV all day or customize your package please give me a call.

The cabins are various sizes. There are 8 bedrooms and 4 futons in living rooms. Rooms will be assigned on a first to pay-first to reserve basis. The first 8 registrations will receive the bedrooms. For those assigned to futons, a \$50 refund will be given. There is also one cabin without a bathroom, a \$50 refund will be given on this one as well (it is a one room cabin for privacy and bathrooms are located near by in the pavilion area for your convenience). There are 6 RV spots available. Call for pricing on 4 people per RV. Space is limited, Sign up early.

The property owners will have each participant sign an ATV rental agreement upon arrival. The ATVs included in the package are Honda Ranchers.. You can upgrade to a Yamaha Rihno or Polaris RZR for \$40-55 more. We need to know in advance if you would like the upgrade. Just give me a call and we'll work it out.

# 1/2 of the fee due by July 10, 08 --- Remaining balance due by Aug 10, 08

Refunds will not be given unless we can fill your spot, due to the entire property being reserved.

# Questions call: Tracy Jarvis 801-358-0288 or email <u>annieoaks\_tracy@yahoo.com</u> Christine Prows 801-282-4708 or email annieoaks\_christine@comcast.net

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# New Backpacker Blind From Hunter's Specialties® Offers Sportsmen Greater Concealment

The new Backpacker Blind from Hunter's Specialties® offers hunters great portable concealment during all seasons in an easy-to-use package.

The blind features a sturdy aluminum frame covered with Hunter's Specialties durable leaf blind material with dimensional die cuts to enhance the camo effect. When set up, the blind stands 54 inches tall and extends up to 12 feet in length. This provides plenty of space to conceal more than one hunter.



Great for dove, waterfowl, deer and turkey hunting, the Backpacker Blind can be set up and taken down in seconds. A handy carrying case is included. The blind is available in Realtree® AP<sup>TM</sup> and Advantage® Max-4 HD<sup>TM</sup>.

Suggested retail price is \$49.99.

## **AVOID DANGEROUS FUEL-SAVING TECHNIQUES**

'Hypermiling' Endangers Motorists and Harms Vehicles

SALT LAKE CITY, June 27, 2008 – The old saying goes, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." AAA Utah warns drivers that even if 'hypermiling' seems like a great way to improve a vehicle's fuel economy in a time of high gas prices, it can actually put their lives at risk.

"Although trying to conserve fuel is a positive goal, 'hypermiling' is a dangerous way to try to achieve that objective," said Rolayne Fairclough, spokesperson for AAA Utah. "Unfortunately, some drivers use extreme and sometimes illegal techniques that put themselves, their families, and other drivers in danger."

The practice of 'hypermiling' involves extreme practices where drivers hope to exceed the EPA estimated fuel efficiency of a vehicle by drastically changing their driving and maintenance habits. There are several dangerous 'hypermiling' techniques to avoid. They include turning off a vehicle's engine or coasting in neutral, tailgating or drafting larger vehicles, rolling through stop signs, and driving at erratic and unsafe speeds. Some 'hypermiling' motorists will also overinflate their tires to reduce the tire surface touching the road. This makes tires more susceptible to damage and wear and causes bad handling.

"Drivers need to maintain total control of their vehicle so they can maneuver safely in an emergency," said Fairclough. "Many 'hypermiling' techniques jeopardize safety simply for a potential increase of a few miles per gallon. It's just not worth your life or someone else's."

There are many legal and safe ways that AAA recommends to conserve fuel:

- Check tire pressure at least once a month and inflate tires to the vehicle manufacturer's standards listed in your car's owner's manual. Fuel efficiency is reduced by up to two percent for every pound of pressure tires are under-inflated.
- Smooth and easy acceleration and braking.
- Use cruise control to maintain a steady speed.
- Use the lowest grade motor oil recommended by the vehicle manufacturer for a motorist's climate to avoid engine damage.

AAA Utah offers a wide array of automotive, travel, insurance, financial services and consumer discounts to more than 180,000 members. AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers since it was founded more than 100 years ago.

# NEW SPARKIE™ ONE-HANDED MINI FIRE STARTER WEIGHS AN OUNCE, IDEAL FOR BACKPACKERS

Sparkie<sup>TM</sup>, the new fire starter from Ultimate Survival Technologies, features onehanded operation in a lightweight, compact design.

Built on the premise of the original BlastMatch<sup>TM</sup>, Sparkie<sup>TM</sup> can be operated with one hand

and will spark even in the most adverse weather.

Weighing just under one ounce, Sparkie<sup>TM</sup> is approximately one-third the weight and less than half the volume of the BlastMatch<sup>TM</sup>. It features a reconfigured striker tab enclosure and spark bar. The compact body has a rubberized grip wrap for maximum control and comfort during use.



"This is a product that everyone who goes outside should carry," says Nancie Weston,

Director of Commercial Sales for UST. "The ability to make fire is essential, and we designed Sparkie<sup>TM</sup> so hikers and backpackers no longer have to sacrifice quality survival essentials to save on weight."

Launching in August at the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market, Sparkie<sup>TM</sup> will initially be made in two color combinations. Ultimate Survival Technologies (UST) is a manufacturer of high-end survival tools and equipment. UST purchased the rights and assets of the former Survival Inc. in 2007 and has been in operation for just over a year. Their product line includes many innovative and patented tools, including the BlastMatch<sup>TM</sup> one-handed fire starter, StrikeForce<sup>TM</sup> fire starter, WetFire<sup>TM</sup> all-weather tinder, StarFlash® Ultra<sup>TM</sup> targetable signal mirror, JetScream<sup>TM</sup> emergency whistle, SaberCut<sup>TM</sup> bi-directional hand chain saw, and Deluxe and Aqua Survival Kits<sup>TM</sup>.

#### **Central Region Fishing Report**

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR:** (June 27) Most anglers report at least fair success for rainbow trout, and bass success was reported as "fair" to "good." Walleye fishing is slow. Please remember that the trout limit is four fish statewide, unless otherwise noted in the 2008 Fishing Guidebook. The yellow perch limit is 10. Remember that the bass limit is six, and you should immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. The walleye limit is 10, but you may keep only one over 24 inches.

JORDANELLE RESERVOIR: (June 27) Anglers report good bass success! Try casting jigs or



minnow-imitating lures toward points or near submerged structures. The bass limit is six fish, and you should immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Please remember not to fillet bass or remove their heads or tails because of the size restriction (for law enforcement purposes). Perch success is slow, but the perch limit is 50!

#### **STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR:** (June 27)

The Bear Lake cutthroat trout spawn is tapering off. Tubers are having some success with woolly worm patterns. Boaters are finding success by trolling with pop-gear and other lures. Boaters can also try casting pointer minnows toward weed beds in about 15 feet of water near the shoreline. White tube jigs are working as well at various depths. Dead minnows, worms and a marshmallow, or PowerBaits are good bait choices from either a boat or the shoreline. Regulations for the reservoir include an aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No more than two of the fish may

be cutthroat trout under 15 inches, and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches. All

cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released. (Any trout with cutthroat markings is considered a cutthroat). Don't feel compelled to harvest fish on every trip. Please do your part to ensure the future of this heavily utilized fishery by voluntarily releasing fish!

**UTAH LAKE:** (June 27) Anglers are still reporting good success for white bass, largemouth bass and channel cats this week. Walleye fishing is slow. The largemouth and smallmouth bass limit is six, and you should immediately release all largemouth and smallmouth bass over 12 inches long. For more information on conditions, call Utah Lake State Park at (801) 375-0731.

**YUBA RESERVOIR:** (June 27) Anglers report spotty success for perch, walleye and rainbow trout. They are also catching the occasional northern pike. Please keep the walleye you catch. For more info call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

**BURRASTON POND:** (June 27) The pond is stocked. Fishing success is fair to good. Most anglers are using PowerBait.

MILL HOLLOW: Drained! No fishing until 2009!

**PAYSON LAKE:** (June 27) Nebo Loop Road opened last week. The campgrounds are finally free of snow, and fishing is good for recently stocked fish.



**SALEM POND:** (June 27) The pond is stocked with trout and catfish. Officer Bagley reports fair success for trout, bluegill, bass and catfish. The best catfish time is early morning or evening. The park closes at 10:00 each night. Remember that regulations include a daily bag and possession limit of four fish for all species. (For example, you could catch and keep one trout, two channel catfish and one bluegill.)

**SALT LAKE COMMUNITY WATERS:** (June 27) Community ponds are stocked on a regular basis, and fishing success is fair to good.

**SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR:** (June 27) The reservoir is stocked, and anglers report good success. Worms and PowerBait work best. Officer Bagley recommends this location for a great fishing trip with kids.

**SPRING LAKE:** (June 27) The lake is stocked. Officer Bagley reports that anglers are having fair to good success. Catfish success is improving.

**TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR:** (June 27) Angler Mitch reports muddy water and slow fishing last week. Fishing should pick up soon.

**VERNON, GRANSTVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIR (TOOELE CO.):** (June 27) All waters have been stocked, and anglers report fair fishing success.

**AMERICAN FORK RIVER:** (June 27) Anglers report fair fishing success with worms or small flies.

**DIAMOND FORK RIVER:** (June 27) The river has light fishing pressure, and anglers report fair success with flies, worms or lures. Most cutts in the areas above Three Forks are similar in size (about 10–12 inches).

**HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN:** (June 27) Catch Basin is stocked, and fishing is fair to good with traditional baits and spinners. Catch Basin is dropping at a rapid rate, and fish may go upstream.

**PROVO RIVER:** (June 27) Fly anglers are reporting good success. Water levels are a bit higher than usual, so use caution. Hare's ear, sow bugs, and other small surface flies and bottom-bouncing nymphs are producing fair to good success in pools and feeding zones. Read the <u>2008</u> Fishing Guidebook to learn more about the different regulations on the river. Some areas allow bait and others do not. Size restrictions and reduced limits ("two brown trout under 15 inches") are in place in some stretches.

**THISTLE CREEK:** (June 27) Anglers report good success with flies, lures or worms.

**BIRCH CREEK RESERVOIR:** Officer Casey Mcvay says fishing success is moderate in the evenings when fish come to the surface. Try using a streamer cast parallel to the shore for cruising tiger trout.

#### LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR:

Anglers report excellent fishing for rainbow trout. Officer Mcvay says a marshmallow/worm combo works best.

**MANTUA RESERVOIR:** Fishing is hot for bass, bluegill and perch. DWR biologist Clint

Brunson said he had fun fishing this past week with an elk hair caddis. He noted that the trick to getting the fish to strike was to give the fly a little twitch when the fish came up to look at the fly.



**NEWTON RESERVOIR:** Anglers are reporting good fishing for bass, crappie and tiger muskie.

**SMITH MOREHOUSE RESERVOIR:** Smith Morehouse Reservoir is open, and anglers are catching fish. Success is good.

**UINTA MOUNTAIN LAKES:** Highway 150 is accessible. Lost Creek Reservoir, Trial Lake, Lilly Lake and Teapot Lake are open, and anglers are catching fish. Bait and lures of all types are good right now.

**PINEVIEW RESERVOIR:** This year, there have been many reports of tiger muskie following lures but not striking.



**ROCKPORT RESERVOIR:** Rockport Reservoir has great boating conditions. There is some debris in the water from the shorelines. Anglers are having success from their boats and from the shoreline.

**WEBER RIVER:** Fishing conditions along the Weber River (in Summit County) are fair to poor. Water levels are very high, and the water is moving fast. Water quality varies from fair to poor.

WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR: Anglers report good fishing for walleye and wipers.

WOODRUFF CREEK RESERVOIR: Anglers report moderate fishing success.

**Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Presents Shorebird Saturday!** Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



Join Biologist Bridget
Olson and Refuge
Educators at the Bear River
Migratory Bird Refuge for
an activity-filled day
learning about a variety of
shorebirds as they migrate
from the far north to their
wintering grounds.

• Presentation about shorebird biology, current research & their amazing behaviors!

- •Guided Fieldtrip to view & identify shorebirds! (Tour leaves at 11:00 am sign up early as limited space)
- Children's art activity, stories, and games! (1:00-3:00 pm)
- Displays and films all day!

Call 435-734-6422 to register (\$1/person & \$5/family maximum). The Refuge is located at 2155 W. Forest Street in Brigham City, 1 block west of I-15 at exit 363.

# **Registration Required!**

# Sponsored by Friends of Bear River Refuge



# **Celebrate Independence in America's National Parks**

WASHINGTON, DC –What better way to celebrate Independence Day this year than by visiting a national park? The National Park Service has the honor of preserving numerous areas that commemorate the birth of the United States and American Independence. The ideals and freedoms that were won during the American Revolution and guaranteed in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence are celebrated throughout the National Park System.

"Many of the events and people that established and helped maintain our Independence as a nation are today commemorated in areas managed by the National Park Service," said Mary A.

Bomar, Director of the National Park Service. "The Fourth of July is a great time to visit a national park and celebrate the birth of this nation with family and friends."

The National Park Service has made available, in time for the Fourth of July, a website to assist visitors as they make plans to visit national parks this Independence Day. By visiting the *Celebrating Independence in America's National Parks* website at <a href="http://www.nps.gov/pub\_aff/inde/celebrate.htm">http://www.nps.gov/pub\_aff/inde/celebrate.htm</a>, visitors can learn of the many special programs taking place on and around the Fourth of July at National Park Service sites throughout the nation.

To learn more about American Independence and the National Park Service and to gain a an understanding of our nation's past, present, and future, visit the *Celebrating Independence in America's National Parks* website and, more importantly, visit a national park this Independence Day.

#### FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH

GENERAL Fishing at all reservoirs, lakes and creeks will be slow during the heat of the day. The best times to fish will be at dawn or dusk. Just like people, fish slow down during the heat of the day. During July and August, trout retreat to deeper water, which is colder and holds more oxygen. Fishing from a boat will be more successful during the heat of the summer.

**BENCHES/BOULGERS RESERVOIR** Both ponds have produced good fishing for stocked rainbow and albino trout, using a variety of PowerBait colors.

#### **DUCK FORK RESERVOIR**

Tom Ogden and his wife fished last week and reported good fishing for 10-17 inch tiger trout. They used a variety of flies and lures successfully. Trout seemed to concentrate around the edges. A gold Jakes Spin-a-Lure with red dots proved to be the most effective lure. Tom's best



flies were a size 10 green scud, a size 10 green & black wooly bugger, and a size 10 multi-colored wooly bugger in black, purple & red.

Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only. This reservoir is closed to the possession of cutthroat trout. The tiger trout limit is two fish.

ELECTRIC LAKE A week ago, Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen reported that fishing was "hot" in the tributaries with almost any bait, fly or lure. Cutthroats and tigers range from 13-24 inches with the majority at the low end of the scale. **FERRON RESERVOIR** Randall Stilson reports that the catch-rate has picked up quite a bit with trout ranging from 10-15 inches. The best bait for rainbow trout is green PowerBait. Nightcrawlers are recommended for cutts and brookies.

#### **GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR** Todd

Munford of King's Outdoor World reported fair to good fishing from shore, where the best baits are nightcrawlers or PowerBait in rainbow or orange.

Baitcasters should fish just east of the campground or along the dam side of the reservoir.

Fly fishing has been very good with wet flies on sinking line. Try fast-stripping a red crystal bugger in the channel.

**GRASSY LAKE** Fishing has been good with a variety of baits. Try a Jakes lure, nightcrawler or PowerBait.



**HUNTINGTON CREEK** A #10 beadhead Montana is recommended for fly fishermen. Nightcrawlers and PowerBait are recommended for baitcasters below the fly-only zone. Trout consist mostly of 11-14 inch browns.

#### **HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR (MAMMOTH RESERVOIR)**

Todd Munford reports that the best fishing will be in the very early morning with a straight nightcrawler, three feet of leader and a full bubble. Todd suggests that the crawler be moved slightly every once in a while to entice strikes. Furthermore, Todd says that fly fishing is fair with a black wooly bugger or dark purple leech.

Huntington Reservoir is closed to the possession of cutthroat trout or trout with cutthroat markings.

**HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK** State Park Manager Dan Richards reports improving bass fishing on the north end of the lake. Richards has received reports of 3-5 lb. bass being caught. Dan recommends spinnerbaits or jigs. Water sports dominate the reservoir during daylight hours. Best fishing will occur in the early morning or late evening.

**JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR** Fishing has been slow. Randall Stilson recommends bank fishing on rocky points along the east shoreline or on points near the marina on the west side. Chubs or chub meat is the best bait. At this reservoir, all trout from 15-22 inches must be immediately released. The trout limit is 2, only one over 22 inches.

**LAKE POWELL** Visit <a href="http://www.wayneswords.com/">http://www.wayneswords.com/</a> for the latest fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader. Please be aware that strict measures are now in place to prevent contamination of the lake with non-native mussels, which are spreading throughout the United States and wreaking havoc, wherever they take hold.

#### LASAL MOUNTAINS

Hidden Lake—Fishing is still good at Hidden Lake with most colors of PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms. Fly fishermen have done best in the early mornings.

Dons Lake—Fishing has been fair for brook trout and a few nice tigers.

Medicine Lake—Fishing has been great! This water was stocked two weeks ago, but the catch has included both stocked and carry-over fish from 12-15 inches. Trout are taking almost any baits or artificial flies. Sergeant J. Shirley fished the lake with a Jake's lure and caught seven fish in 15 minutes.



Dark Canyon—Fishing has been good at this water, which was also stocked two weeks ago. Baitcasters should try worms and salmon eggs. Fly fishermen should try mayfly or small grasshopper imitations.

Oowah—Fishing has ranged from good to excellent with all types of bait. Small spinners have worked well near the dam, especially when cast into brush at the inlet side of the lake. The catch has included both stocked fish and carryovers.

Warner Lake—Fishing has been good for

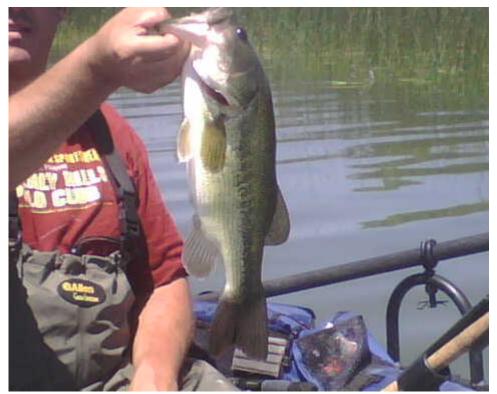
morning and evening anglers, while day-time fishermen have encountered slower conditions. Small spinners as well as the usual assortment of baits have been working well. Campground hosts ask that fishermen not clean their fish or leave fish offal in the lake.

MILLSITE STATE PARK State Park Manager Dan Richards reports that fishing has picked up. He recommends using PowerBait from the bank or trolling with a spoon from a boat.

**PETES HOLE** "Fishing has been good with just about anything you throw at them," says Randall Stilson.

**POTTERS PONDS** Fishing is slow for daytime anglers. Try to fish at first light for best success. A few rainbows and albinos tip the scale at a pound or more. The best end tackle is orange PowerBait or a gold spinner. Campers are urged to keep their surroundings clean. Every summer, a bear visits the campsite, looking for left-overs. Remember that a fed bear is a dead bear.

SAN JUAN COUNTY On June 30<sup>th</sup>, Tommi Budd reported very slow fishing at Blanding #4. Tommi indicated that no specific bait or lure seemed to outperform another. Time of day seemed to be the best predictor of success. Tommi recommends fishing when the sun is peaking over the morning horizon or after the sun sets in the evening. Blanding #3 is still slow, but may



be picking up.

DWR Aquatics Biologist
Darek Elverud fished Kens
Lake last week and indicated
that the catch- rate was good
for small sunfish and bass.
Sunfish ranged from 4-7
inches. Bass generally ran
from 7-11 inches, although he
caught one 14-incher.

### **SCOFIELD RESERVOIR**

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, DWR law enforcement officers conducted a checkpoint near Scofield Reservoir. Based on checkpoint data, Lieutenant Carl Gramlich indicated that

boat fishing was very good, while shoreline fishing was very slow. Lt. Gramlich recommends boat fishing for July 4 anglers. If you don't have access to a boat, be at the water's edge at dawn during the holiday weekend.

Randall Stilson said that the boaters he interviewed caught their fish with nightcrawlers or rainbow PowerBait, while at anchor.

Tributaries are closed to fishing until July 12th. The trout limit at Scofield is 8 fish.

WILLOW LAKE Randall Stilson reports slow fishing and suggests using nightcrawlers or rainbow PowerBait for trout that get up to 15 or 16 inches.

**WRIGLEY SPRINGS RESERVOIR** Fishing has been slow for 10-14 inch trout. Randall Stilson suggests trying a nightcrawler, followed by rainbow PowerBait, if the crawler doesn't produce fish.