

TP&W recently announced a proposal which would reduce the daily bag limit on speckled trout to 5, basically everywhere south of HWY 457. This means all bays systems, except Galveston and Sabine, would be under a 5-fish limit. They are also considering tightening the flounder regulations during their migration time.

Another series of public meetings will be held in February and March, during which TP&W will take input from people regarding these proposed changes. Then, at the end of March, a final meeting will be held in Austin, and TP&W will either make the changes, or will make modifications and enact some other legislation(s), or they will leave things as they stand.

In other words, for those of us who want to see the trout limit reduced, the news is good, but it isn't a done deal yet. Those who can should check the TP&W website and watch for times and locations of upcoming meetings, and go and give them input. Let's make sure our voice is heard, so we can get a reduced limit, and the improved fishing which will surely result from its implementation.