

in the Trinity River near Lake Livingston.

In addition to the increased boating and water safety patrols for wardens over the holiday, they also assisted other first responders with medical emergencies, helped with multiple search and rescues, prevented a suicide attempt, provided first aid to an unresponsive individual before EMS arrived and more.

The Texas Game Warden Aviation Unit assisted game wardens in South Texas with water safety and riverbed regulation enforcement. Wardens in the helicopter were

able to relay information and points of interest to ground crews. The joint operation resulted in locating 30 vehicles, ATVs and UTVs illegally in and along the riverbed with multiple cases pending. Aviation also aided wardens in the Port Aransas and Corpus Christi areas, flying the helicopter along beaches to look for water safety concerns.

“I want to commend game wardens for the work they did in light of the drought in some parts of the state, flooding in other parts and all while preparing to respond to the incoming hurricane,” said Cody

Jones. “Despite all the adversity, wardens and educators were able to make a positive impact across the state.”

### On This Day in Texas History

#### July 19, 1878

On this day in 1878, Sam Bass was mortally wounded when he and his gang of outlaws tried to rob the bank in Round Rock. The Texas Rangers were waiting for them. The next day Bass was found lying in a field outside of town. He was brought back to Round Rock, where he died two days later. Bass, an Indiana native, had worked in a

sawmill, as a cowboy, and as a freighter. He also owned a fast racehorse. After squandering money earned on a trail drive, he recruited a gang and began robbing stagecoaches and railroads. He died at the age of twenty-seven.

#### July 19, 1843

On this day in 1843, President Sam Houston relieved Commodore Edwin Moore of command of the Texas Navy. Moore had clashed with Houston over the navy’s activities in support of Mexican rebels in the Yucatán. Houston proclaimed the navy to be pirates and requested any friendly country to capture

the navy’s ships and return them to Galveston. Before this could happen, Moore returned voluntarily to Galveston, whereupon Houston dishonorably discharged him without so much as a court-martial. Moore appealed to the Congress of the Republic of Texas and finally got a fair trial in August 1844, in which he was found not guilty. In November 1843 the entire fleet was put up for auction, though the people of Galveston, incensed at the thought of selling the navy, prevented the submission of bids. Nevertheless, Moore’s July cruise marked the end of the operative career of the Texas Navy.

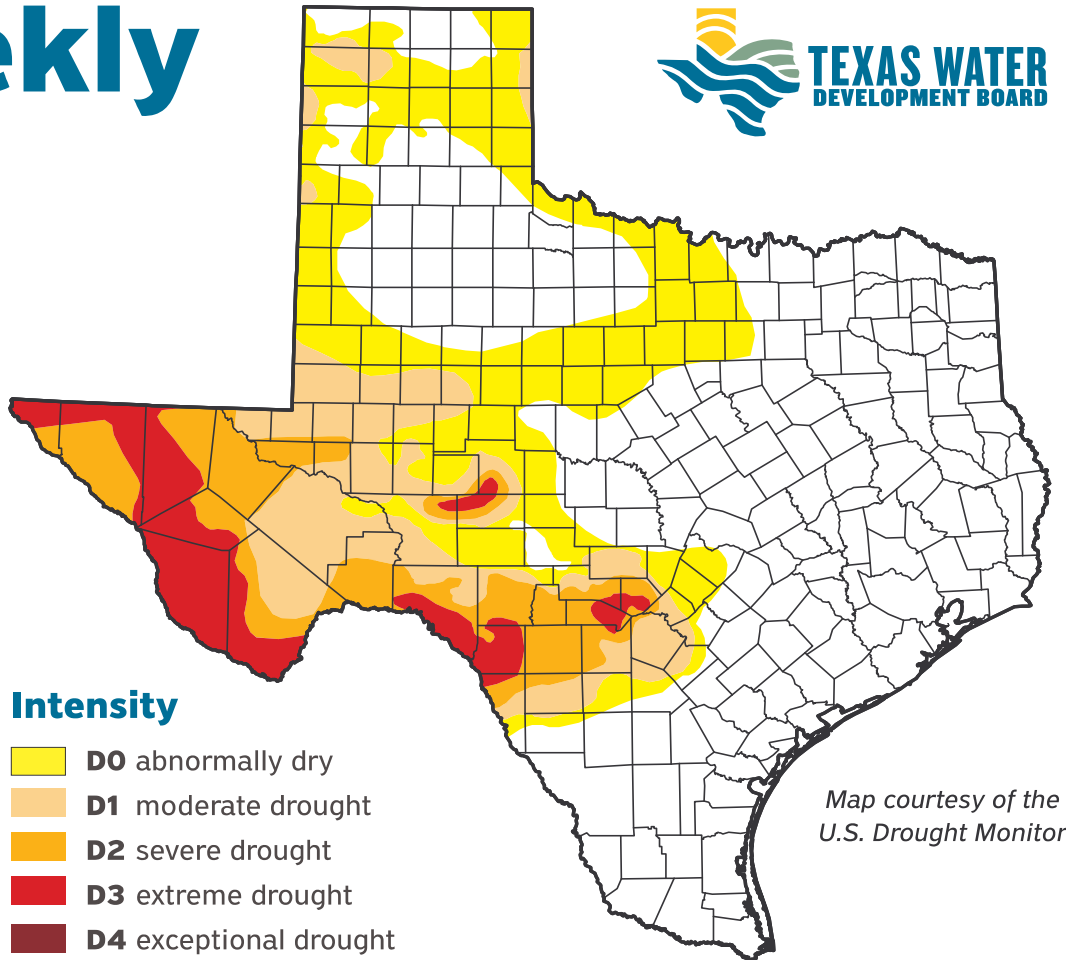
# Water Weekly

For the week of 07/15/24



## Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of July 9 shows a small decrease in the total area of the state impacted by drought. In the last week, conditions improved in parts of the Panhandle and Central and South Texas but degraded in a smaller area of West Texas.



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

## Drought conditions

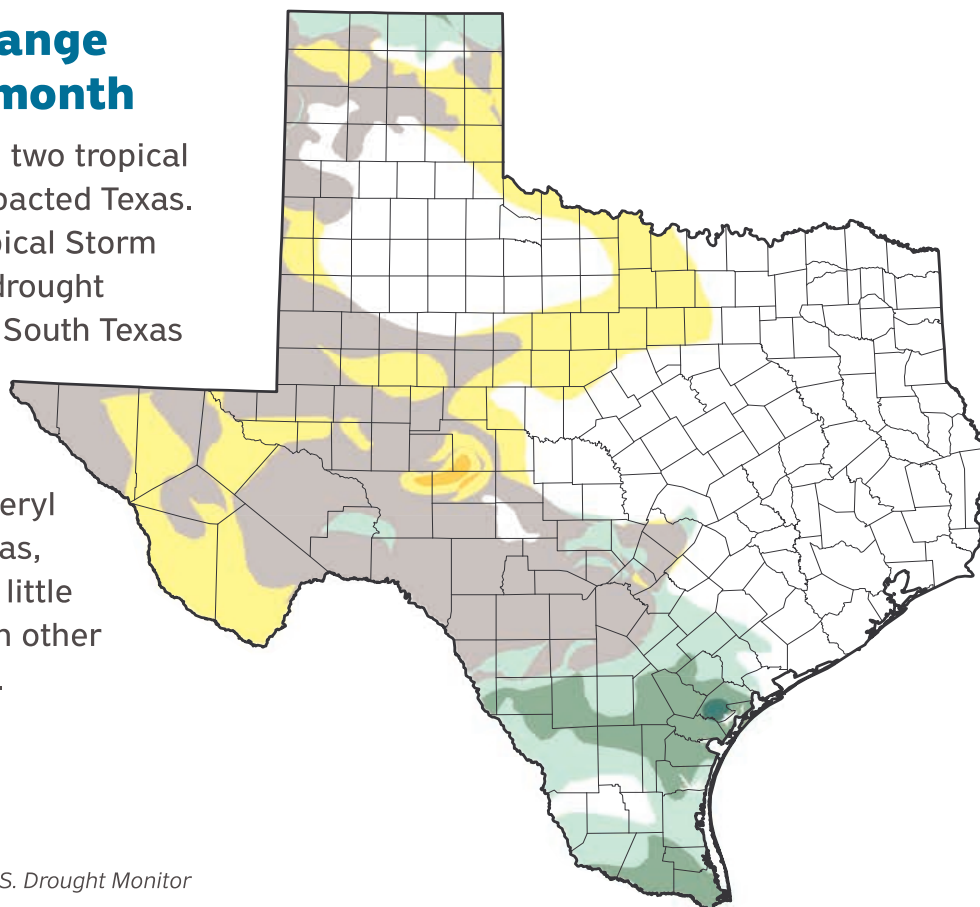
- 25%** now
- 26%** a week ago
- 25%** three months ago
- 31%** a year ago

### Intensity

- D0** abnormally dry
- D1** moderate drought
- D2** severe drought
- D3** extreme drought
- D4** exceptional drought

## Drought change in the last month

In the last month, two tropical systems have impacted Texas. In late June, Tropical Storm Alberto brought drought improvements to South Texas but did little for area water supplies. In early July, Hurricane Beryl battered East Texas, but the storm did little to ease drought in other parts of the state.



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### Key

- 5 Class Degradation
- 4 Class Degradation
- 3 Class Degradation
- 2 Class Degradation
- 1 Class Degradation
- No Change
- 1 Class Improvement
- 2 Class Improvement
- 3 Class Improvement
- 4 Class Improvement
- 5 Class Improvement

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