



# July 4th Weekend Trotline Tradition

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Many outdoorsmen and women know Mills County far and wide as a great destination for Whitetail deer and dove hunting in the fall and winter. But summer fishing, especially trotline fishing, in the Colorado River is also a popular pursuit.

One fishing group of friends and family led by Cecil Campbell and Jimmy Shook has held a July 4th weekend trotline fishing tradition for over 40 years.

Last year's July 4th fishing expedition landed on great weather and excellent water condition which yielded some great catches for the group.

"When the river rises, the fishing gets good," said Cecil Campbell. "And the Colorado River has been up for over six months making fishing great!"

*Pictured near right:* Cecil Campbell and Jimmy Shook led friends and family on a fishing excursion over the July 4th weekend this summer, landing a yellow catfish just shy of 40 pounds.

*Pictured far right:* The group also landed this 20 pound long nosed gar, just three pounds shy of the Texas State Record.



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