

The background of the cover is a photograph of five Texas flounder fish swimming in clear, bright blue water. The fish are of various sizes and display different camouflage patterns, including mottled browns, greys, and speckles. They are arranged in a loose, vertical cluster, with some swimming towards the viewer and others slightly angled. The lighting is bright, creating a clear view of the fish's textures and the water's clarity.

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Texas Flounder:
A Stock
Assessment

Advocacy Southern Flounder Struggles

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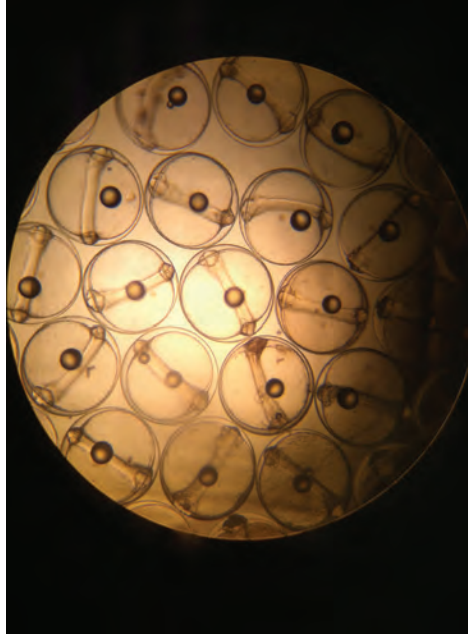
Southern flounder, *paralichthys lethostigma* (meaning parallel fish that forgot its spots), are one of the most popular gamefish native to the Eastern and Gulf Coasts of the United States.

As juveniles and adults, southern flounder can survive in bodies of water ranging from freshwater rivers and lakes to bays and offshore. That ability to tolerate varying salinities has allowed them to be widely distributed and highly abundant throughout our coastlines, particularly during seasonal spawning migrations. Their range begins in northern Mexico and extends through North Carolina, with a slight absence of presence around the tip of Florida. This wide distribution, coupled with their fighting ability and quality of flesh, make them one of the most prized catches among coastal anglers.

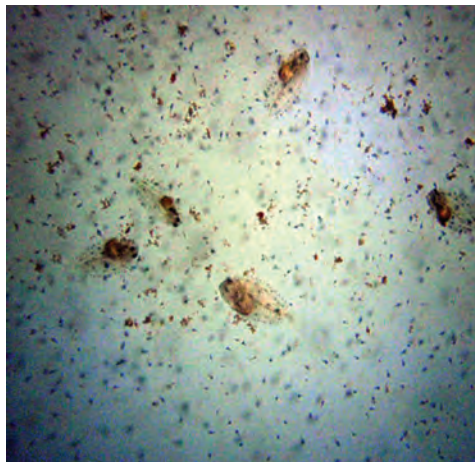
While they spend most of the year inshore feeding on invertebrates and smaller fish, adult southern flounder migrate to offshore waters each year during the late fall and early winter to depths of over 100 feet to spawn (some flounder have been found at depths greater than 350 feet), releasing on average 45,000 eggs per pound body weight.

After the eggs are fertilized in the water column, they float to the surface and, dependent on the water temperature, will hatch after an approximate 48-hour incubation period. A colder incubation temperature would equate to a longer incubation. After hatching, the larvae (measuring ~0.1 inches), will feed off their yolk sac for nearly a week, during which time the young fish

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Fertilized flounder eggs ready for incubation.



Flounder hatchlings in culture tank. Below, southern flounder have metamorphosed to become true flatfish.



Flounder fingerling ready to become a predator on its own. Below, brood flounder wait for action in a brood tank.



develop their eyes located on opposite sides of the head. The fish will begin feeding on prey items after the mouth parts and digestive tract have formed, and for the most part, they look like a "normal" fish larvae at this point of their life.

Over the next approximately 30-40 days (again, dependent on water temperature), something truly remarkable happens. Losing their aura of ordinary larval fish, southern flounder will undergo a metaphoric process in which the skull bones bend and shift positions as the right eye migrates to the left side of the head. During this process the fish will swim at a slight angle, and pigmentation on the left side (top side) of their body begins to develop.

Once the right eye is in its final resting position, the fish settles onto the right side of its body and becomes a true flatfish for the remainder of its life (interestingly, a small percentage of southern flounder larvae undergo left eye migration, which makes one wonder if eye dominance plays a role in metamorphosis). It is just after metamorphosis when the flounder can tolerate variable water



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conditions, allowing them to thrive in bays and estuaries as they migrate from offshore.

Imagine the energy demand required and resultant stress for an eyeball to move across a head, shifting skull bones in the process. Everything has to be in sync to pull off that feat. Unfortunately for flounder there are factors outside of their control that highly influence successful metamorphosis.

One of the most important abiotic factors that drives flounder development in offshore waters is temperature. In the Gulf of Mexico, young southern flounder larvae thrive at 62-65°F and can tolerate temperatures ranging from 59-73°F. After the flounder complete metamorphosis, that tolerance increases dramatically, but during the first few weeks of a flounder's life it is absolutely critical that water temperatures remain stable in the upper 60s. Winter water temperatures above that narrow tolerance have devastating effects on southern flounder larvae survivability, and subsequently recruitment into the bays the following spring.

Data shows that flounder stocks are in trouble

Female southern flounder live approximately 7 years. It takes 2 years for most female southern flounder to reach maturity, and due to their relatively short life span, ≤ 5 generations (year classes) contribute to the spawning biomass at any given time. Historically, the stock has been able to recover from back to back warm winters but throw a third or fourth consecutive warm winter into the picture, you begin to have far-reaching implications on the fishery. The colder winter of 2017-2018 provided the stock with a little respite after hitting all-time lows in juvenile recruitment in early 2016 and 2017. Recruitment across a time-series can be viewed in Figure 1. Notice that recent upticks in recruitments were preceded by management changes (2009 and 2014), cold winters, or both.

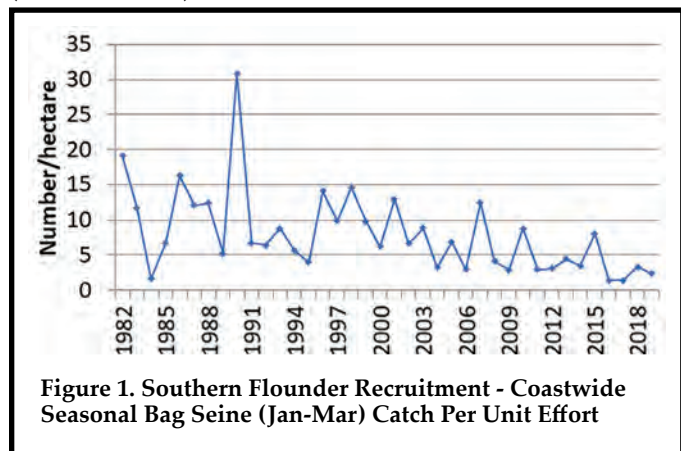


Figure 1. Southern Flounder Recruitment - Coastwide Seasonal Bag Seine (Jan-Mar) Catch Per Unit Effort

Recruits from the 2018 year class have now entered into the legal slot fishery and anglers across the coast are reporting that flounder stocks have recovered. Reports of increased landings in 2019 are also supported by data collected from bay trawls and gill nets (Figures 2 and 3), and while no one can deny that flounder fishing has improved this year, remember that we are fishing primarily off a single year class.

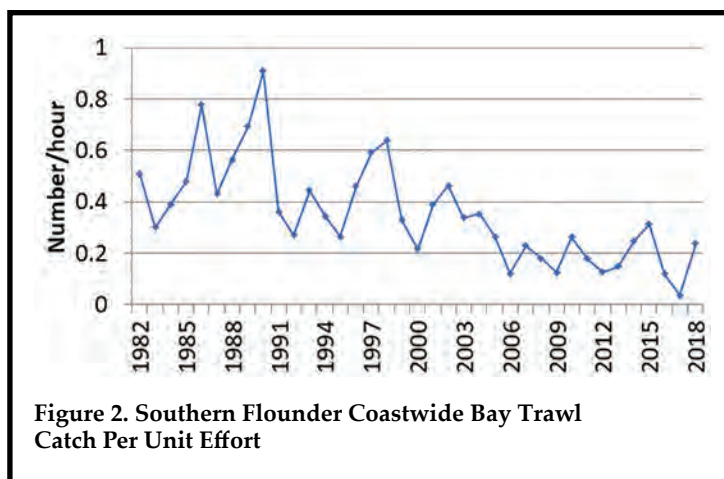


Figure 2. Southern Flounder Coastwide Bay Trawl Catch Per Unit Effort

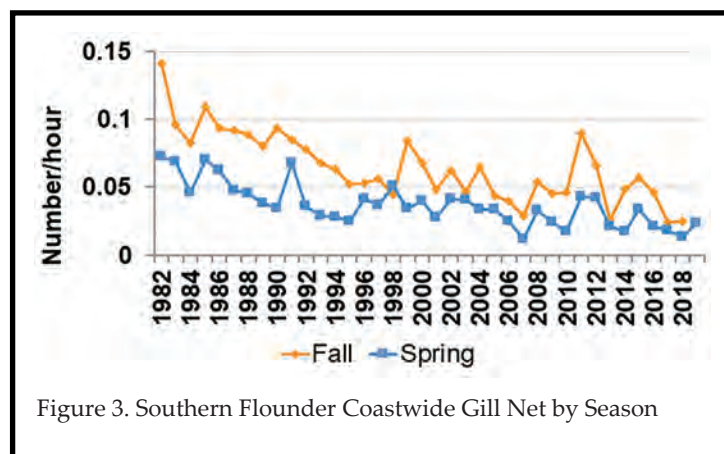


Figure 3. Southern Flounder Coastwide Gill Net by Season

The flounder fishery is primarily supported by age-1/age-2 fish, and current 14-inch minimum size restrictions ensure that harvested fish are at least age-1. Figure 4 clearly shows that we are witnessing a rapid and dramatic decline in these fish. Furthermore, the warm winter of 2018-2019 has resulted in the fourth lowest year class recorded since 1982, meaning that we have very few flounder available to enter the slot fishery next year.

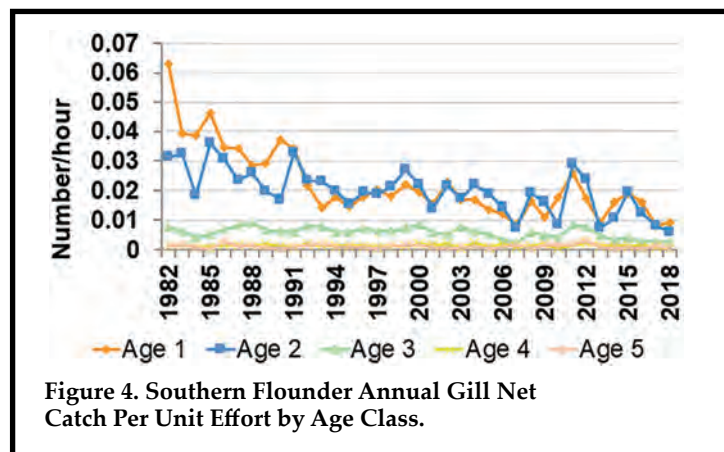


Figure 4. Southern Flounder Annual Gill Net Catch Per Unit Effort by Age Class.

Bottom line, the flounder fishery is in trouble. We have one successful year class supporting the bulk of the fishery and absorbing most of the harvest pressure.

Tough Decisions Ahead

Moving forward, fisheries managers are going to be faced with difficult decisions on how to properly manage a mixed commercial and recreational southern flounder fishery that continually struggles to maintain status quo. The Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) Commission has acted in the past to increase the relative abundance of southern flounder and it appears that they will need to do more in the future.

In early November, TPW Coastal Fisheries staff briefed the TPW Commission on the status of southern flounder and discussed potential future management options, including further reductions in bag limits, boat limits, extension of seasonal closures, increases in slot size and gear restrictions to increase flounder abundance. We can expect TPW staff to begin the scoping and public hearing process in early 2020 to discuss these options with anglers.

It is likely that we will never get back to the flounder abundance we observed in the 1980's, but we should do everything within our ability to prevent further declines. All options should be on the table and it is time to answer the tough questions many have had for decades. Why have a commercial fishery for a species at the lowest end of its geographical range? What are the effects of the gigging fishery? Why just a 14-inch minimum size limit and why not raise it to 17 inches to ensure female flounder have 2 years to contribute to spawning biomass? Should we have a spring closure to allow the females to migrate into the bays after they have spawned offshore?

These are just some of the questions that need to be asked in the coming months and as we have these conversations, we need to remember that the fate of this resource is at stake.

Imagine if the figures in this article were representing declines in red drum or spotted seatrout. What would be your reaction? What measures would you take to ensure that fishery was conserved for future generations?

Be sure to check out our podcast, CCA Texas Website and read the next edition of CURRENTS Magazine to stay informed on this subject as it moves through the scoping and public hearing process. 🐟



This fine southern flounder hit a Lefty's Deceiver at the mouth of Shoalwater Bay. Catch, photo and release by Sam Caldwell. Canon 40-d camera

Southern Flounder In Brief

CCA Texas has donated over \$1 million to support flounder research and stock enhancement:

- > \$740,000 to University of Texas Marine Science Institute for facilities and equipment to support larvae research.
- > \$14,000 to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a skiff to aid in flounder broodstock collection.
- > \$40,000 to Sea Center Texas Hatchery in Lake Jackson for flounder larvae culture equipment.
- > \$325,000 to Sea center Texas Hatchery in Lake Jackson for a flounder larvae culture building.
- > Male flounder average 10-14 inches in length.
- > Female length is variable, but a 20-inch fish is approximately 5 years of age.
- > With a 17" minimum size limit, nearly 100% of flounder would have reached sexual maturity and have two years to contribute to spawning biomass. With the current 14" minimum size limit, only 50% of the fish reach sexual maturity.
- > Flounder like it cold. Warm winters spell trouble for successful flounder recruitment.
- > When southern flounders reach sexual maturity at 2 years of age, the males measure 10-14 inches and females measure 15 inches or greater.
- > Most male flounder remain offshore year-round after migrating out of the estuary.
- > Females spawn small batches of about 45,000 eggs per pound over several days.

Earlier this year North Carolina closed its recreational flounder fishery until summer of 2020 and its commercial flounder fishery until late 2019, after the peak season passes. The North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries stated that their most recent coast-wide (North Carolina to the east coast of Florida) stock assessment for southern flounder determined the stock is overfished and overfishing is occurring. North Carolina will have a 7-week recreational season for southern flounder in 2020. Will we see such drastic measures taken in Texas?



Mia Guerra, left and Nicholas Gilstrap won Starkid college scholarships in the Flounder Division. To date, the CCA STAR tournament has provided \$6.825 million in college scholarships to youth from all over Texas.

Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow 2019 Summary and Update

CCA Texas has had another record-breaking year on many levels. The efforts of CCA Texas's chapters, volunteers, supporters, and sponsors has resulted in another record net fundraising year. Banquet attendance has been up across the board and many events have been sold out. This great support would not be possible without you, the CCA Texas member.

Whether you are a volunteer, event attendee, sponsor, or simply a member, you are a part of the success that CCA Texas has enjoyed. A successful fundraising season allows CCA Texas to be successful on many levels, including the habitat restoration and creation arena. CCA Texas has funded in excess of \$1.8 million in habitat restoration and creation in the last two years, and this success would not be possible without you!

2019 proved to be another great year in continuing to build and reinforce partnerships in the efforts to restore and create habitat along the Texas Gulf coast. In 2019, Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow (HTFT) and Building Conservation Trust (BCT), CCA National's habitat program, funded \$900,000 for (8) projects. These projects included nearshore reefing, marsh restoration, and habitat research.

\$50,000 Dollar Bay Shoreline Protection and Marsh Restoration

This project is with long standing CCA Texas partner Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF). This project will use shoreline protection measures that will protect up to 1,500 feet of shoreline and restore 72 acres of intertidal wetland habitat within Dollar Bay, located within the Galveston Bay system.

Currently, GBF has contracted with an engineering firm to oversee the construction of the project. A contract is expected to be awarded for construction in the 1st quarter of 2020 with construction to begin immediately after.

\$50,000 - Galveston Bay Foundation Kemah Headquarters Habitat Protection and Restoration

The new Galveston Bay Foundation Headquarters in Kemah will not only provide a home of the GBF staff, but the property boundary shoreline will provide an excellent opportunity for local community schools, and citizens to see firsthand a healthy shoreline eco-system.

The long-term goal is to complete several demonstration habitat restoration projects on the property in addition to the living shorelines. This is to include oyster reefs, freshwater wetlands and prairie restoration. CCA Texas and BCT are committed to habitat restoration and providing educational experiences for the next generation of conservationists. GBF is currently reviewing design parameters for the project and making changes to bring the project within current funding levels. Once the reviews are completed, bids will be solicited, and the project will move to the next step.

\$75,000 – Harte Research Institute Serpulid Reef Study

This funding has allowed the team of HRI to move forward in the second stage of studying the serpulid reef communities within Baffin Bay. This phase of the study is evaluating the efficacy of using alternative substrates for restoration of Serpulid reef habitats in Baffin Bay.

Various potential substrates will be evaluated in the near future to see which ones best fulfill similar ecosystem functions to natural Serpulid worm reefs and will provide conservation benefits to remaining reefs.

\$100,000 – Sabine Lake Oyster Restoration with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

CCA Texas has now funded a total of \$205,000 to the restoration efforts in Sabine Lake. These funds are being paired with \$500,000 in Harvey Relief funds secured by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). TPWD is leading this project and is currently preparing specifications and designs. Once this stage is completed, TPWD will work with existing contractors and is targeting spring 2020 for cultch deployment.

\$100,000 – Sabine HI20 Nearshore Reef

CCA Texas and BCT have pledged \$100,000 in additional matching funds for reefing efforts in Sabine HI20 Reef site. These funds will be joined with funds from Cheniere Energy, Sempra LNG and TPWD to continue the next phases of reefing deployments into the Sabine HI20 Nearshore site.

\$125,000 – Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Shoreline Protection and Marsh Restoration (Dagger Point and Matagorda Island) with Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program

The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP) will be partnering with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to address damages suffered at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge from Hurricane Harvey.

Specifically, CBBEP will be working with USFWS to install a shoreline protection structure in San Antonio Bay that protects the habitats on the Blackjack Unit from erosion and storm events and, over time, restores upland and aquatic habitats that have been lost

due to erosion. CBBEP will also work with USFWS to repair damaged water control infrastructure on Matagorda Island and restore water flow and circulation to important habitats, improving their quality for fisheries and other wildlife. The project is currently in the planning and design stages, and construction is expected to begin in 2021.

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\$150,000 – Rio Grande Valley Nearshore Reef and Friends of RGV Reef

With this funding, CCA Texas and BCT have now funded \$661,000 to the Friends of RGV Reef. This project is providing a one of a kind complex reefing system that supports the entire life cycle of marine species in the area. This funding will help the next phase of deployment which is expected to begin in early January 2020 and will deploy 10,000 tons of materials. This will start the 400-acre CCA Nursery reef and will be made with 54 low relief reef patches of 25 tons of concrete rail ties, 25 tons of broken concrete, and 6 pallets (420 blocks) of cinder blocks. In addition, 16 patch reefs of 250 tons of concrete rail ties will line the reef in the north to keep shrimp trawls out of the nursery reef. 1,500 tons will also be added to the CCA Corner of the reef. CCA Texas and BCT are proud to continue supporting Friends of RGV Reef and congratulate them on the Conservation Wrangler award from *Texan by Nature*.

\$250,000 – Dagger Island Shoreline Protection and Marsh Restoration with Ducks Unlimited

The Dagger and Ransom Island Shoreline Protection Project is a wide-ranging project with the ultimate goal to eliminate or drastically reduce the rate of shoreline erosion and island migration. Three different types of shoreline protection (shoreline revetment, beneficial use, and offshore breakwaters) will be used at three priority areas.

Once completed, the project will protect more than 5,000 acres of marsh and wetlands and create more than 40 acres. Mobilization for the project construction began the first week of November and construction is expected to begin by the end of November.





Dawn Saturation Patrol produces results

Brazoria County Game Wardens Jennings, VanDyke, Richers, Rangel and Crawford conducted a saturation patrol into the early hours of August 18th on the coast. In total, 25 tickets, including a gill net, undersized/oversized fish and drug paraphernalia were discovered and the violators cited. Cases and citations are pending. Photo courtesy of Texas Parks & Wildlife Wardens.

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One of those famous "two days after a cold front" events. Chris "Capt. Camo" Smisek releases a Jack and Tarpon Off tournament-winning redfish. Sam Caldwell photo, Olympus TG 5.

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Don't wait. Call BCT at (713) 626-4234 today to speak with our fundraising staff for your area.



Since the creation of Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow (HTFT) by the CCA Texas Executive Board in 2009, CCA Texas has been a partner in 36 projects along the Texas coast with a total contribution of over \$5.6 Million. Project partners include: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Galveston Bay Foundation, Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program, Harte Research Institute, Aransas County, San Antonio Bay Foundation and Texas Ducks Unlimited.

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Upper Coast

Capt. Vincent Garza

All I want for Christmas...

That could mean so many things here on the Coast! Cold weather and hungry fish are at the top of my list. For starters, there's not as much boat traffic and second, no need to leave before sunrise as in summer months.

Focus on the upper part of our bay system; birds, slicks, clam and shell reefs, driftfishing from the boat and also wading mud bottom, drains or sloughs near shell with deep water near by.

My go to gear: when drifting from the boat, my personal choices are Waterloo Rods with 12 lb. mono on 1/8-1/4 ounce jigheads. Swim baits or finesse lures, Down South lures. Wading, I fish with 30 lb. braid with Custom Corkys Gringo/Pistachio or Lele's and a finesse bait like the DSL.

Our bay system is vast, so depending on the tide and wind and water temps, we may be in East Galveston bay or Trinity bay. Both bays are known for great numbers of trout/redfish.

As we get into the new year we will primarily be in waders, throwing suspending baits.

Be patient, quiet, and try not to work the bait too fast. Look at your surroundings, listen for bait jumping and be thorough.

But if the big bite doesn't happen, enjoy the magnificence of the outdoors, and remember you have to put in the time for the fish of a lifetime! Please be courteous to your fellow anglers, take a kid fishing, and when you hit your limit, leave 'em biting.

Come see us at the Houston Boat show Jan. 3-12 and book a trip. —**Capt. Vincent Garza**
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Middle Coast

Capt. Stephen Boriskie

Relax into a state of bliss

This is the time of year I look forward to because December and January are magical months to be out on the bay enjoying the bounty of our natural resources.

Whether you are wade fishing with artificial lures or fishing out of the boat with bait, this is the time when fish are colder so adjust your presentations to a slower pace. Lower water levels help to gather the fish in some areas.

There will be less fishing pressure as well, which creates more me-time on the water. These are times when the wader will relax into a state of bliss enjoying the sounds and sights of a pristine flat or an uninhabited shoreline.

The middle coast fish are hearty and acclimate quickly to the dips in salt water chill. They are fit for the duration and will pound your presentation.

The wader will thrive in these months chunking soft plastics and slow-sinking baits. Never leave port without top water plugs to tempt that fish of a lifetime.

Be prepared: clothing, equipment, lure selection, boat preparedness, weather checkups, safety gear, boat food. This could be the best outing of your life in the middle coast.

—**Capt Stephen Boriskie**

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Lower Coast

Capt. Bryan Robinson

Layer up, fish slowww

Hola from deep South Texas y'all! The LLM is in great shape and looking fantastic! As December begins, we have already had a few cold fronts come through dropping temperatures. Make sure and layer up on the clothing. It can be down right chilly in the morning and flip-flop weather by the afternoon.

Fish deeper water with soft plastics (slowly) when targeting redfish and trout. Use natural colors in clear water when we have cloudless skies and darker lures on overcast days. Gulp in 3 to 4 inch works well, but pack a few top water lures in light colors. When the water temperature drops, slow is the key.

Remember that from December 1-14th the daily bag limit for flounder is two. Fish deep passes and guts when the tide is moving for your chance to tie into a supper flatfish.

This is a great time of the year to be on the water! It's nice and quiet because hunting season is in full swing. No need to get out of bed early—let the water warm up a tad and the sun get higher in the sky.

Let's make sure the LLM stays healthy by practicing catch and release. Be respectful of others on the water and our beloved ecosystem. So grab a jacket and get out there and fish! —**Capt. Bryan Robinson**

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Captain Bryan is a longtime CCA member, a past President of the RGV chapter, and has served on the CCA State Board of Directors.

Maybe a winter trophy? Tyler Haley took and released a fine speck. Olympus TG-5



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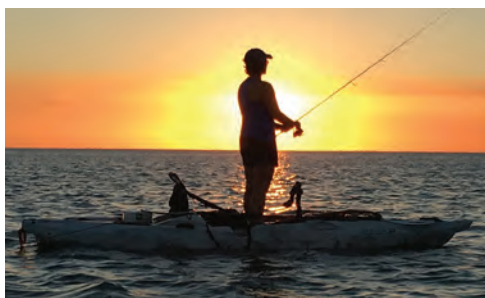
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2019 has been another very successful year for the Alvin Pearland chapter! We would like to say "Thank you again" to all the sponsors, donors and speakers who supported our chapter and CCA this year!

Our chapter has big plans for 2020 as well. Stay tuned for chapter event dates to be published after the first of the year. We are also going to be actively seeking new board members and volunteers for 2020. If you have an interest in being more involved in our chapter planning and events, give us a shout!

The best way to stay up to date with our latest chapter events is to follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/alvinpearlandcca or go to our chapter website at ccatexas.org/alvin-pearland. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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As we wind down this year and recap what a

great one it has been, CCA Texas Aransas Bay chapter would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all our chapter members, volunteers, attendees and sponsors of our 2019 banquet and Babes on the Bay. We are thankful for all our members, old and new, who are all willing to help on a moment's notice for the love of conservation and this great fishing community.

As a reminder, **registration for Babes on the Bay 2020 opens January 1, 2020 online at babesonthebay.com**. Time to start reserving your guides and getting your team together! The **tournament will be held May 15-16, 2020**. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ **babesonbay** for updates!

Our monthly meetings are held at Poor Man's Country Club the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Join us for updates, good conversation and Angler's Nights Out with special guest speakers! We hope you, your families and friends all have a blessed holiday season!

Austin

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With football and hunting seasons well under way, it is nice to move into the cooler side of the year in Texas. Before we know it, May banquet season will be upon us. Specifically, **the 2020 Austin banquet date is May 6, 2020 and tickets are now available at ccaaustin.org**! There are pricing incentives in place if tickets are purchased **before January 15, 2020**, so buy yours now!

Our 2020 banquet boat has been delivered and tickets are now available! A sincere thank you to **David Denbow of Denbow Company, Inc.** and **Shane Watts of S. Watts Group** for sponsoring the banquet boat again this year, we could not do this without both of you. **The 2020 banquet boat is a Haynie 25' Magnum powered by a Suzuki 300** on a custom aluminum trailer. It features white powder coated aluminum, a rear seat, a power pole, a k-top, and even a sound system! Please go to ccaaustin.org for additional details and to buy your ticket!

It has been my sincere pleasure serving as Chapter President for CCA Austin over the last four years, and I will of course continue to be involved with the Austin Chapter. I want to **thank Barron Johnson** for being such an outstanding Banquet Chairman throughout my tenure, it has been an awesome partnership. I am very excited to introduce our **new President, Jeff Beck**, and our **new Banquet Chairman, Jason Magdalena**! They are already hard at work to make sure they deliver the best banquet experience possible for our 2020 event. Congratulations Jeff and Jason, and again, it has been my pleasure serving on this outstanding board! Happy Holidays from CCA Austin!

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Glad to see cooler weather with hunting season and fall fishing. We held our Anglers' Night Out, Tuesday, October 15 at the Brazos Center. We welcomed, to a full room, our speakers Dr. Delbert Gatlin, Dr. Todd Sink and Brian Ray, with Texas A&M Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences - AgriLife Research and Extension. They gave an interesting and informative presentation regarding research to help improve the habitat and sustainability of flounder and cobia. C & J Barbecue catered the event. Several excellent door prizes were given away.

Our next major event is the **28th Annual Brazos Valley Chapter Banquet. On Friday March 6, 2020. 5:30 p.m. at the Brazos Center in Bryan, TX.** Hope you will join us for a fun night of dinner, drinks, auctions, and raffles. The sportsman raffle drawing will include 10 winners. Contact **Drew Adams 713-626-4222** or **John Ben Strother 979-220-1738** for more information. Tickets can be purchased online: ccatexas.org/brazos-valley

Our next monthly meeting is Jan 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at VorTex Industries, Bryan, TX. Hope to see you there. In the meantime, get out there catching and ask a young person to go too.

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The Brenham CCA Chapter gratefully acknowledges and sincerely thanks **Mike Hopkins Distributing** for so generously sharing their facility over all these years for the chapter's monthly meetings. Beginning in 2020, the Brenham Chapter will hold their meetings at another location yet to be determined. Once the new location has been determined and confirmed, the chapter will notify members. Thanks again and here's to you, Budweiser!

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Colorado Valley Board Members with Jace Tunnell

Colorado Valley

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Greetings from the Colorado Valley! Our chapter recently held a general membership meeting in La Grange and we were very fortunate to

have Jace Tunnell as a speaker for the evening. Jace is the director of Mission Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve at the Austin Marine Science Institute and he provided a very interesting and entertaining program for our members. The attendees enjoyed a light meal sponsored by **V&V Sausage Company from Cistern** along with pinto beans and trimmings. Also, our long-time proud sponsor **Brown Distributing Company** supplied drinks for the event. There was also a fun raffle held near the end of the meeting with lots of prizes.

Our 2020 banquet will be held in La Grange at the K C Hall on March 26, 2020 and it will be our chapter's 20th anniversary. It promises to be a terrific night so please get your tickets/tables early. You can contact any of our board members for tickets or more information.

We hope everyone is enjoying the fall season whether fishing or hunting and also hope you are taking out the younger folks and maybe a veteran as well. Wishing bent rods and tight lines to all!

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Dr. Jennifer Pollack, Harte Research Institute speaking at the Corpus Christi Anglers Night Out regarding Oyster Mariculture farming in Texas.

Our chapter has been very busy the last couple months. On October 11-12, our chapter held our annual Babes on Baffin Ladies Fishing Tournament at the recently remodeled Marker 37 on North Padre Island, and what a turnout! Over 250 lady anglers participated—check out our CCA website and Facebook page for some great photos. **Congratulations to Valerie Chilton, Kimberly Prowse and Jessica Arroyo** and all the board members/volunteers who donated their time to make this annual ladies fishing event so successful. The Babes on Baffin T-shirt design for our participants was the best ever!

On October 23, our Anglers Night Out new member recruiting event was at Water Street Oyster Bar. We had over 50 attendees for a great oyster buffet and an awesome presentation from Brad Lomax, Dr. Jennifer Pollack and Dr. Fox. Jay Gardner, our committee chairman, did a great job putting this together quickly! Thanks to all the other CCA members who helped set up the tables, check in, and sold those raffle tickets. Big shout out to **Tyler Thorsen** for creating our radio advertising campaign.

Next up is our 42nd CCA Banquet on March 19, 2020 at the American Bank Center. We are expecting another sellout crowd for 2020. Our first meeting for the banquet season will be on January 7, 2020. **Individual and table sales are open and can be purchased on the CCA website, Facebook or by calling Courtney at 361-882-5199.** If you purchase your individual banquet ticket or table before February 1, 2020 you will

be entered into a raffle. For more information go to our CCA website or Facebook page. **Saltwater Grill will be our food caterer** with multiple buffet stations. **The House of Rock**, our beverage caterer, will be serving adult beverages all night long.

Our Bull Red Raffle, sponsored by **Andrews Distributing**, features a 2020 Majek 22.6 Illusion M2 with a 200 HP Yamaha Four Stroke and Coastline trailer. The boat tickets are \$50 and only 1,500 are available for purchase. Boat tickets may be purchased at Premier Yamaha Boating Center on SPID, by calling Courtney at 361-882-5199 or at the banquet. You do not need to be present to win!

Our Sow Trout Raffle, sponsored by **L&F Distributors**, features custom 2019 Yamaha 6-seater golf cart with a 12-ft utility trailer. The custom Yamaha golf cart tickets are \$20 and only 1,500 are available for purchase. **You may purchase your raffle tickets by calling Courtney at 361-882-5199 or during the banquet.** You do not need to be present to win!

If you would like to be involved on one of our banquet committees, **we will start our weekly meetings on January 7, 2020.** Please come and join us! For more information, call Cliff Johnstone at 361-816-7338 or email cjohnstone@higginbotham.net or Jay Gardner at jgardner@lja.com. Hope to see you at our next event!

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CCA Dallas kept it local at our November Anglers' Night Out event at Fishin' World. More than 25 fishermen and women made their Christmas wish lists while browsing the vast selection of inshore, offshore and freshwater fishing gear on Fishin' World's shelves. As a bonus, a few lucky attendees took home raffle prizes including a TFO rod with 13 Fishing Concept C reel and a



Dallas ANO winners

Yeti bucket, just to name a few. Thanks to **The Meat Shop**, who generously donated delicious pulled pork for dinner.

Also recently, past CCA Dallas Presidents John Hansen, Richard Pratt and Hal Thomas generously donated their time cooking fish and shrimp at two of the Tasty Zuider Zee Boys Fish Frys that were purchased at the 2019 CCA Dallas banquet. The trio has also committed to donate their time and cooking skills at fish fries to be auctioned off at our **39th Annual Banquet, scheduled for April 16, 2020.** We are excited to announce the return of **Big Billy Kinder** as emcee and **Beretta Gallery, Mariner Sails and**

Temple Fork Outfitters as sponsors at the 2020 banquet. If you are interested in sponsoring our banquet or joining our Dallas Chapter board, please e-mail Greg Resnansky at **ccadallasboard@gmail.com**.

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Happy Holidays Everyone! Well summer is gone; hurricane season is officially over and the fishing is still fantastic! Despite the cold weather, the guys have still been active on the water and seeing some of what they have been catching I can see why they are braving the cold. Speaking of fish, I wanted to take a minute to congratulate a few of our members on their success in a few local tournaments over the summer. Chris Sandoval, Tim Andel, Nick Maldonado and Blake Tumlinson took part in the Texas Trio Classic and received 6th place. Another member that has had some luck in some fall tournaments is past president Clint Shepard and his compadres. Nice work guys, congratulations on the good fish.

More recent news, we have officially scheduled our **2020 banquet. It will be held at The American Legion Hall in Rosenberg, TX on Thursday, April 30, 2020 so mark your calendars.** We have some great things in the works for our 2020 banquet. Stay tuned for more updates, and exciting information. Can't wait to see you there!

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Good wishes to you and your family this holiday season. Be thankful for what you have and what's yet to come. God bless you all, see you in 2020. Remember to keep the waterways clean and be respectful to your fellow anglers. Hope to see you on the water!

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The Fort Worth Chapter recently hosted its annual fish fry general membership dinner for our local members and their guests. It was a wet and cold evening, but we were lucky to have the indoor option at MOPAC event center. We are grateful to our host and for those members that came out for complimentary dinner and

drinks. A few lucky winners went home with some pretty nice raffle prizes and it was at this event that we unveiled our BIG-TICKET raffle item for the year.

Reach out to us if you are interested in purchasing a ticket(s) to enter into a raffle to win a new **Polaris 570 Crew with a trailer. Only 300 tickets will be sold for \$100 per ticket.** For each ticket you buy you have tremendous odds and you do NOT have to be present to win. **The lucky winner will be drawn at our annual banquet in 2020.** Reach to anyone on the board or to our reps down in Houston and we can facilitate your purchase. Even if you don't need one of these beauties, I promise it won't be hard to sell

to someone else. Stay warm dear friends and be on the lookout for updates to the Spring crawfish boil. It is always a hit when we serve up refreshments, live music and hundreds of pounds of crawfish! In the meantime, reach out to us if you would like to get involved or to purchase a raffle ticket for the Polaris. Good luck on the water!

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Greater Sugar Land enjoyed the ANO presenter and lure manufacturer Joe Moughon, aka "Chicken Boy" at Berryhill Cantina.

As the first cold fronts of the season begin to roll in, we look forward to the upcoming flounder bite to start heating up. No one is more active in pursuing these flat fish than the entertaining presenter and lure manufacturer Joe Moughon, aka "Chicken Boy." Joe graciously accepted our offer to speak at our first Angler's Night Out event hosted at Berryhill Cantina. The event was a huge success and we thank CCA Texas for supporting our chapter grow its membership. There was a multitude of prizes given out and our very own "Lawyer Bob" won the Jim West guided trip that was auctioned off next to some other amazing gifts. Make sure and check out Joe's website at chickenboylures.com and look for his extensive line of soft baits that are currently available at local Academy Sports + Outdoors locations.

Speaking of growth, we would like to also welcome our newest board members Mike Anderson and Teri and Greg Spinney. Also stepping up to the plate and providing a much needed boost is David Darilek our newly appointed Secretary and John Breland our elected Vice President, who has provided support with organizing and coordinating upcoming chapter events. They both have made an immediate impact as we look forward to continuing our growth into the near year.

Congratulations to Joel Canavan for bringing home the trophy in our 2019 Presidents Cup Challenge. The weekend started with a social outing at Hookers Bar & Grill located just south of Sugarland in Sargent, TX. Anglers set out Saturday morning and braved the conditions in search of the Heaviest

Stringer of Trout, Redfish and Flounder. The weigh-in and prizes were once again presented at the canal home of Barbara and Bob Hilliard who graciously provided a well-deserved BBQ meal for all our contestants. Thank you to all who attended, and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Please **save the date for next upcoming general membership meeting on December 4, 2019** where we will have Mr. Philip Cambra with Shimano speak about upcoming Christmas wish list items and the latest equipment to hit the market. Happy Holidays to all and we'll catch you on the next incoming tide!

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I just want to take this opportunity to say thank you, again to all our sponsors who continue to support our little chapter each year. We appreciate your smiling faces, your generosity, and your love for the sport of fishing and all that it entails!

Our chapter will take a little break at the end of the year, to enjoy the holidays with our families. May you and your family also have a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. We look forward to another great year in 2020!

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We hope you were able to join us at our annual banquet, sponsored by FORD OF BOERNE, on September 19 at Don Strange Ranch. Everyone had a great time at this unique venue tucked deep in the Heart of the Hills and enjoyed home cooking from The Hungry Horse and awesome cookies and cheesecake from H-E-B. Many thanks to our friends at Keg 1/Lone Star Beer and to Ben E. Keith. We also appreciate Tito's Handmade Vodka for their support.

Bull Red table buyers included Aquaman Water Conditioning, Bill Reed, Goodtimes Ranch, Hennig Electric, Hill Country Dental Center, In-line Fence and Fabrication, Kimley-Horn, Knighten Industries, Lost Cave Ranch, Newson Realty, Randy Herrera, Slabco Inc., Westward Environmental Inc. and Williamson Roofing.

Trophy Trout table buyers included Felco Construction, M & K Electric Inc., Esser Ranch and Dry Creek Custom Homes.

As always, Academy Sports + Outdoors came through strong in support of our chapter, as did the following volunteers: Blake McCarter, Darrell Steubing, Claude Aaron, Tom Wayland, Craig and Sandy Tietze, and Weston Tietze. Hope you have very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2020!

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Howdy Helotes CCA. The chapter has been very busy. Our banquet fundraiser was another huge success thanks to our members, donors and committee members. However, that's not all we do...

On September 23 at Bobby J's, our chapter hosted John Blaha, CCA Texas Assistant Director and Director of Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow (HTFT). Mr. Blaha updated us on current and future

projects relating to habitat for CCA. We also had the pleasure of listening to Chris Bush, founder of The Speckled Truth, as he imparted some of his trophy trout fishing tips and shared some of his love for documenting trout habits which leads to improved opportunities for us to catch them.

On September 28 we held our second annual Kid Fishing Tournament. This time at Paradise Canyon, thanks to a generous donation from the owner who arranged for us to use his beautiful section of the Medina River for our event. In the under 12 category: 1st place Tipton Botello, 2nd place Kaleb Murray, 3rd place Myles DeLaVega. In the under 17 category: 1st place Jacob Aguilar, 2nd place Drew Mahr, 3rd place Sam Murray. Mikinley Gaenzel (6 years old) caught the largest fish and the most fish, taking home this year's Grand Champion award. Congratulations to all our participants and winners! What a great time. If you missed this year's event, don't worry, we are already working on next year's tournament.

We want to thank all the volunteers that helped us put on this fun event: CCA Helotes board members, CCA Texas, Chicky Tackle, the home of the Rockport Rattler, Sam's Club, Paradise Canyon, Judy Mitchell Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and Schott's Meat Market in Helotes for making sure we had some tasty sausage for lunch.

On October 7 we held elections for our board of officers. Before I fill you in on who's filling which position, I want to personally thank Bob Mitchell. Our chapter's very first President, who stepped up to the challenge and did a very fine job leading us and setting the pace for the future. Great job sir! Our new slate of officers: President - Johnny Rayburg, Vice President/Banquet Chairman - Nathan Lutz, Treasurer - Tyson Gaenzel, Secretary - Judy Mitchell, and we added a new position, The VP of Youth Membership - Sam Murray. Sam is a 16 year-old sophomore at O'Connor HS who shares a passion for the outdoors and is excited to bolster our outreach to the younger members of CCA. Welcome aboard Sam.

On November 9, the chapter sent a few volunteers to help the Texas A&M Chapter of CCA do a special beach clean-up of some rookery islands (islands where birds have protected nesting sites) in Rockport, Texas. Thank you to the Rayburg Family and Charles and Vicky Sablatura for lending your boats and your time. It's a rewarding experience to get your hands dirty and actually make a difference personally.

On December 14, the chapter will once again have a float in the Helotes Cowboy Christmas Parade. Kids are welcome to join us on the float (till we reach capacity). More details to follow.

Save the date for our next banquet on March 19, 2020. Once again to be held at the Helotes Ag Activity Building on Leslie Rd. and our monthly meetings are on the first Monday of the month at Bobby J's at 6:30pm. All are welcome. Remember to take a kid fishing, it will put a smile on their face and yours.

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It's hard to believe that Hill Country Chapter has wrapped up another busy and event filled year. Where did the time go? We started our year with our annual social in April at the Red Barn in Seguin, then we held our annual summer fishing tournament in July at Drifter's Resort in Rock-

port and then our 25th annual banquet at the Civic Center in New Braunfels the 3rd weekend in August.

In addition to these events we hosted the Board of Directors fishing trip, the fish fry for 50 and the crawfish boil for 100, all of which are sold in the live auction at the banquet, not to mention holding at least five board of directors meetings and three general meetings with an invited speaker.

I would like to close by saying thanks to all of my directors who work so hard throughout the year to make our chapter successful and also thanks to all who attend and support our banquet. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you and your families. As the song says: "Tomorrow Starts the Same Ole Thing Again."

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Looking forward to our **banquet early next year. Tuesday, February 4, 2020 will be our 12th dinner.** Expecting a full house again for what has become a high point on the calendar for all of us. Get your tables set for the event. Good friends, good food and a good time. See you there.

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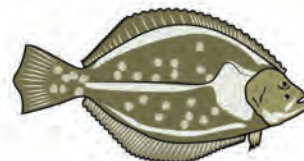
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11. Bird Island Cove Marsh Restoration
12. Snake Island Cove Marsh Restoration
13. Oyster Lake Shoreline Stabilization
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18. Port O'Connor Nearshore Reef
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21. HRI Oyster Restoration Site Locator/Mapping Study
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25. Aransas Bay Oyster Restoration
26. Goose Island Marsh Restoration
27. Copano Bay Oyster Restoration
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The highly prized Guides Cup was won by the team guided by Capt. Lee Warmke.

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The 5th Lower Colorado Classic Fishing Tournament was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. The weather cooperated this year, the first norther wasn't much and Mother Nature provided clearer skies and warmer weather than in the past 2 years. 17 boats launched from Matagorda Harbor bright and early on the horn blast from chapter president Stephen Zapalac.

The highly prized Guides Cup was won by the team guided by Capt. Lee Warmke. It only took 26 lbs. 15 oz. of (3) Speckled Trout and (2) Reds. Second place team guided by Capt. Scott Sparks and third place team lead by Capt. Trey Prye needed 23 lbs, 11 oz. both, it was only being back to the dock for weigh in 7 minutes fast that made the difference. Congratulations to the winners and all the 17 teams that participated this year. Thanks to the captains that take the time and effort to make this a fun and successful tournament. The Lower Colorado Chapter's Guides Cup is a much sought after prize that displays the true skill of the guides and teams with fishing artificial only. Though competitive it brings together anglers who support great sportsmanship and the CCA.

Thank you to the other participating teams led by Captains Michael Briggs, Kenny Hauff Jr., Tommy Countz, Charlie Paradoski, Matt David, Stan Sloan, Fletcher Feldman, Nick Mosley, Caleb Rush, Kenny Hauff III, Glenn Ging, Jerry West, Nick Stillwell and Michael Kubecka. We look forward to next year's tournament being as big a success.

Keep watching this spot for more exciting news about the Lower Colorado Chapter that represents all of Matagorda County's bays, creeks and rivers.

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Our final chapter event for 2019, the Jim Ehman Memorial Guide's Cup, was another great success! There was a total of 21 teams that participated with this year's champions, Capt. Matt David and Team, weighing in a stringer at just over 28 lbs! The Guides Cup was held at the beautiful Matagorda Harbor Bait and Tackle on September 23-24 of this year and we can't wait to be back there for next year's Guide's Cup. We hope that you will make it out to the 2020 Matagorda Bays Chapter Banquet in El Campo to secure your spot in the game!

Our Guides Cup sponsors for 2019 were; Duckett, Bouligny and Collins LLP., Harbor Bait and Tackle, and El Campo Sheet Metal. If you are interested in participating in the 2020 Guides Cup, the live auction event will be held at our next annual banquet in El Campo, date pending. Be sure to look up and like our Facebook page, the Jim Ehman Memorial Guides Cup final standings have been posted.

Next up on the agenda for the Matagorda Bays board members is the selection of the 2020 boat raffle. We are currently seeking bids from multiple boat makers and will have the boat on order before the first of the year...is it possible to go bigger than a 300hp motor on a raffle boat? We'll let you know! So stay tuned and watch our Facebook page an announcement!

The Matagorda Bays Chapter wishes to thank each of our Matagorda Guides for their part in fundraising for conservation and participating in the 2019 Jim Ehman Memorial Guides Cup: Capt. Rob Cummings, Capt. Caleb Rush, Capt. Charlie Paradoski, Capt. Cody Vacek, Capt. Floyd Ciruti, Capt. Glenn Ging, Capt. Jimmy Riddle, Capt. Kendall Kersh, Capt. Kenny Hauff Jr, Capt. Kenny Hauff III, Capt. Kevin Kosik, Capt. Kit Caston, Capt. Lee Warmke, Capt. Matt David, Capt. Jason Finley, Capt. Mike Kubecka, Capt. Nick Mosley, Capt. Ozzie Arnold, Capt. Stan Sloan and Capt. Tommy Alexander. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

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What a great fall we are having, I hope everyone



The 2019 Mid Coast Speedy Stop Guides Cup tournament First Place team was Shoalwater, guided by Captain Perry Rankin.



The Mid Coast grand prize raffle item is a brand new 2020 Haynie 21' SuperCat with a 150 hp Suzuki and custom Coast-line trailer.

is catching fish like we are in the Mid-Coast region! Our last big event for 2019 was our annual Speedy Stop Guides Cup tournament on October 4th and everyone had a great time. Thanks to **Danny and Chad Goyen** for organizing this successful fundraiser for CCA! Also special thanks to long time sponsor **Jimmy Burns at Waterloo Rods** for stepping up in a big way this year with the addition of custom Waterloo rods as bonus prizes! The winning team was Shoalwater, guided by Captain Perry Rankin with a total weight of 19.15 lbs, followed by Team Speedy Stop guided by Captain Nathan Beabout in 2nd place and Team Bob White guided by Captain Derek Dick in 3rd place.

Our chapter will again be partnering with the San Antonio Bay Partnership to assist with the February Abandoned Crab Trap Cleanup in Aransas, San Antonio and Matagorda Bays. **The big event will be the first Saturday of the closure on February 22 with an after party that evening in Port O'Connor**, but we will be working throughout the closure to clean up our bays. Last year we had a great time hanging out with folks that joined from several other chapters including Austin. If you want to bring your boat and participate, Allan Berger has laid out cleanup routes to follow. You can contact Allan at (713) 829-2852 for more information.

We are gearing up for our next banquet the evening of Friday, May 1, 2020 at the Victoria Community Center. Several corporate tables have already been sold! You can purchase tables by contacting Tylar Walyuchow Dick, our banquet chair, at (361) 541-9011.

This year our grand prize raffle item is a brand new 2020 Haynie 21' SuperCat with a 150 hp Suzuki and custom Coastline trailer. We have three other exciting raffle prizes as well. Tickets are \$50 each, please contact Mike

Browner, our raffle chair, at (281) 787-1671 or Cheryl Guthrie at (361) 935-3342 to purchase tickets.

For the latest chapter updates and information on upcoming meetings and more please check our website: ccatexas.org/mid-coast and our Facebook page: [facebook.com/ccamidcoast](https://www.facebook.com/ccamidcoast). We hope to see you out on the bay, at a chapter meeting or at our banquet soon!

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Our next General Membership Meeting will be our Annual Christmas Party held on December 3, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Houston Distributing 7710 High Life Dr. at Cutten Rd. We will be hosting Tyler Reed with Marsh Rat Rods. With years of experience, Tyler has developed several series of rods that are first class in presenting the lure in the strike zone, increasing hookups! We will have a special raffle that evening for a Custom CCA Marsh Rat Rod, as well as our normal Christmas gift raffle with over 20 prizes. Hope to see everyone there.

Our sincere thanks to both **Houston Distributing and Academy Sports + Outdoors**. They are active sponsors of our meetings and many events. We are especially fortunate to have such great support. See you at the next meeting!

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Well, I saw a couple of flights of Teal yesterday, and strong Northerners' should push the ducks off the prairies and onto the bays. Also, an Osprey now spends time across from the house on his perch, which signals time for winter activities.

This also signals the time for everyone to come together to prepare for the 20th Annual POC CCA banquet, and the chapter has been working very hard to make this another successful event.

The banquet will again be held at the POC Community Center on Saturday, March 21, 2020. Tickets/Tables are available from any POC CCA Member or Taylor Rieck at (713) 626-4222. Kudos to Patti Elkins and Pam Johnson for being co-chairs for the banquet again.

So, make arrangements for tables/tickets as there will be another great meal served, live auction, silent auctions, raffles, games and so much more. Come early and visit some of our POC banquet donors and then join us for a great time on March 21 in POC, "Where it all began"

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At our meeting this week we are making plans for the upcoming events for 2020. **On February 6 we will be hosting our annual chili dinner that will**

be at the Cat Spring Annex building. The event will start at 6 p.m. We will have a guest speaker along with a bucket raffle and the meal will be served by Hinz BBQ Sealy.

Also, we are working on our **23rd CCA Fund-raiser Banquet that will be held on April 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cat Spring Hall.** We expect a sell-out banquet this year so get your tickets early. We have corporate tables available ranging from \$600 - \$1,200 which includes 8 tickets with membership, meal, party favors with the sponsor's name on the program.

If you would like to be a sponsor for the cap and gun raffle, tumblers, wine glasses, table gifts or buyers' gifts, or if you'd like to purchase a corporate table, contact us as soon as possible before they sell out. This year we will have our sportsman's raffle and a chance to win an RTV plus other gifts. **We start selling raffle tickets the first of January. They are \$100 and only 400 tickets will be sold!**

We will be having our annual **Kid Fish at the Walters Lake in Cat Spring next year on September 26, 2020 and will start at 4 p.m.** more info for the tournament will be announced later in the year. Thank you and have a blessed Holiday.

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Thanks to all of the special people who made 2019 a successful year! Our Redfish Bay Board, John Blaha, Chris's Marine, supporters, donors and members continue to make Redfish Bay Chapter a very successful organization.

Each of you who participated in our success should feel a great amount of pride in helping us support CCA Texas in its goal of conservation along the coastal areas of Texas. The Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow Program committed almost a million dollars in 2019!

Thanks to your STAR entries, our scholarships continue to worthy candidates. CCA Texas is a Premier conservation organization and we are all doing our part to support this great organization! Set your calendars, **the next annual Banquet is scheduled for April 25, 2020.** Have a great Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Sabine Neches Chapter! This year has once again passed by in the blink of an eye. This has been an up and down year for all of us in Southeast Texas, from extreme heat to another 500 year flood (2nd time in 2 years) and once again we prevailed!

Y'all have been great this year and we look forward to seeing everyone again in March! Please keep an eye out for our planning meetings for our annual next banquet **Thursday March 5, 2020 at the Bob Bowers Civic Center, Port Arthur, TX 6:00 p.m.**

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from CCA Sam Houston! Please follow us on Facebook @CCASAMHOUSTON for general chapter updates.

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Happy Holidays to all! I'd like to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers for their continued support for CCA San Antonio. Because of their efforts we had another record setting fundraising year!

Please welcome our new San Antonio chapter president Robert Lozano along with our new banquet co-chairs Byron Buzzini and Tom Akin. You can reach Robert at robertolozano129@yahoo.com, Byron at gunner6770@gmail.com, and Tom at tom.akin@adkf.com.

Next year's banquet will be April 30, 2020 and will once again be held at the Freeman Expo Halls. Banquet committee meetings will start on Tuesday January 7, 2020 and will be every other Tuesday through February, then every Tuesday, March through April, and will be held at the Barn Door Restaurant at 8400 N. New Braunfels Ave. Meetings start at 6 p.m. and typically last one hour. Please come join us for a meeting.

Mark your calendars for our 7th annual "Hooked on Clay's" Sporting Clay Shoot on March 20, 2020, at the National Shooting Complex. For information please contact Tricia Kocurek at hookedonclays@gmail.com. In closing, I'd like to thank all of the guest speakers and guides that have taken the time



to share stories, fishing tips, and great information regarding conservation with our CCA San Antonio membership. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your chapter president the past few years. Remember to wet-a-line with your family and friends!

San Bernard
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The San Bernard Chapter will host our **annual fundraising banquet on February 27, 2020 at Riverside Hall in East Bernard**. Meal and raffle tickets are on sale now. We are offering a ribeye steak dinner with all the trimmings. Contact your local board member today to reserve your seat and raffle tickets. For **advanced tickets**, contact **Chris Allison at 832-746-9531**.

Our raffle ticket contains 10 prizes including the grand prize of a 14' deep and wide Alweld boat, motor and trailer package. 2nd prize is a Polaris Ranger. The remainder of the ticket consists of rod and reel combos and guns. Live and silent auction items will be available for purchase the night of the event and of course, all adult beverages are included at no charge!

Please contact your local board member to check on sponsorship opportunities and to reserve your table now. If you have any questions regarding the banquet, my number is above. Hope to see you all there. Until then, stay safe, tight lines, and fish on!

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Howdy Texas A&M CCA, I want to start off by introducing our new slate of officers for the 2019-2020 school year. Aaron Richter, class of



CCA Texas A&M at the cleanup in Little Bay in Rockport.

2020, is our president. Madelyn Rayburg, class of 2022, is our Vice President. Secretary is Aaron Zavala, class of 2021. Morgan Kopecky, class of 2021, is our Treasurer. Our Activities Chair is Ty Marwitz, class of 2020. Collin Lawson, class of 2019, is in charge of all merchandise and Logan Prichard, class of 2019, is our Recruiting Officer. We are all looking forward to serving the chapter this year.

We have started out our fall semester by having meetings once a month to discuss how our chapter can be involved. On November 7, we had John Andrasko from the Bait Barn come speak to us. He talked about the different fish

and bait that they raise on site and about the different fish that they are able to bring in for pond stocking. They also carry tackle and fishing gear. It's a great local business in the Bryan/College Station area. Big thank you to Mr. Andrasko for coming out!

Early in the semester, we were looking for a project that would allow our chapter to do some hands-on work on the Texas Coast. We teamed up with Keep Aransas County Beautiful and organized a clean-up for the federally protected rookery islands in Little Bay in Rockport. On November 9, 16 of our members along with some of the members from Texas A&M Corpus Christi's Islander Anglers and Helotes Chapter came down to Rockport to assist in the clean-up.

In the 4 hours that the 43 volunteers worked, 4,600 pounds of trash was collected off the islands and the surrounding area of Little Bay. Thank you to the members of Helotes CCA for coming out and ferrying people and trash to and from the islands. Aransas Bay CCA was gracious enough to cover the cost of pizza for us after the clean-up and also covered the dump fees for all of the trash. Thank you Aransas Bay CCA for your generosity!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Williams with KACB for helping us with this project. Our members had a blast getting involved and making a difference. We are looking forward to working with KACB in the future.

On November 12, Aaron Zavala and Madelyn Rayburg were guest speakers at A&M Consolidated High School's FFA meeting where they informed the students all about CCA. Aaron brought in some of his fishing gear and gave the students some fishing tips and told them about some local fishing opportunities. It was nice to see younger people excited about an organization like CCA.

Save the date for our annual banquet on May 1, 2020. Keep an eye out on our social media pages for more information, meeting dates and chapter updates. —**Madelyn Rayburg**

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The Trinity Bay Chapter had a record 2019. Our 29th annual banquet was a sellout and all attending participated in a variety of games, live and silent auctions. The boiled shrimp with all the fixings was again a popular hit with our guests.

With this year being a sellout, there were some sponsors that were not able to attend. Keep an eye out for next year's banquet – we will have



Outdoor communicators watched videos and learned about HTFT programs at the CCA booth at the 2019 Texas Outdoor Writers Association Stampede.

an early bird sign up for sponsors that will be entered in a special raffle for those that sign up early!

Thanks again to our dedicated Board of Directors and our supportive sponsors and donors. As always, if you have any interest in joining up with the volunteer committee, please reach out to me.

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Any catch is big when you're three. This is Luke Delmore and Dad Joe. Photo by Callie Delmore.

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4. Nearshore Reefing—Port O'Connor	\$ 700,000
5. ** Nearshore Reefing - Sabine Pass	\$ 311,000
6. Nearshore Reefing - Galveston / Big Man	\$ 250,000
7. HRI Nearshore Reef Enhancement Study	\$ 250,000
8. **Dagger Island Shoreline Protection & Marsh Restoration (Redfish Bay)	\$ 250,000
9. Shoreline Stabilization - Oyster Lake (West Galveston Bay)	\$ 230,000
10. ** Oyster Restoration—Deep Reef Sabine Lake	\$ 215,000
11. Nearshore Reefing - Matagorda	\$ 200,000
12. Shoreline Stabilization - San Bernard NWR	\$ 200,000
13. Marsh Restoration - Bird Island Cove (West Galveston Bay)	\$ 150,000
14. Shoreline Protection/Marsh Creation - Moses Lake (Galveston Bay)	\$ 138,000
15. ** Baffin Bay Serpulid Reef Habitat Conservation/Restoration Study	\$ 135,000
16. ** Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Shoreline Protection (San Antonio Bay)	\$ 125,000
17. HRI Oyster Restoration Site Locator Mapping Study	\$ 120,000
18. ** Marsh Restoration - Dickinson Bayou	\$ 100,000
19. Nearshore Reefing - Corpus Christi	\$ 100,000
20. Bahia Grande Restoration (Port Isabel / Brownsville)	\$ 95,000
21. Oyster Reef Creation - St. Charles Bay (Rockport)	\$ 75,000
22. Oyster Reef Restoration - Aransas Bay (Rockport)	\$ 75,000
23. Oyster Reef Restoration - Copano Bay (Rockport)	\$ 75,000
24. Marsh Restoration - Egery Island (Copano Bay/Bayside)	\$ 70,000
25. Marsh Restoration - Matagorda Island	\$ 70,000
26. Nueces Bay Delta Water Management Gates	\$ 70,000
27. Nearshore Reefing - Freeport / Vancouver	\$ 60,000
28. Nueces Bay Demonstration Oyster Reef	\$ 60,000
29. Marsh Restoration - Goose Island (Rockport)	\$ 50,000
30. Nearshore Reefing - Port Mansfield	\$ 50,000
31. Shoreline Stabilization - J. D. Murphree WMA	\$ 50,000
32. Shoreline Stabilization - Cow Trap Lake (Brazoria County)	\$ 50,000
33. ** Dollar Bay Shoreline Protection and Marsh Restoration	\$ 50,000
34. ** Galveston Bay Foundation Headquarters Living Shoreline Restoration	\$ 50,000
35. Marsh Restoration - Oxen & Gang's Bayou (Galveston)	\$ 42,000
36. Trinity Bay Discovery Center Living Shoreline	\$ 40,000
37. Marsh Restoration - Nueces Bay (Corpus Christi)	\$ 24,000
38. Marsh Restoration - Snake Island Cover (West Galveston Bay)	\$ 20,000
39. Weed Eradication for Water Flow Restoration (Guadalupe River Delta)	\$ 15,000
40. Bay Debris Removal - Aransas Pass	\$ 5,600
41. Building Conservation Trust's Texas Habitat Fund	\$ 114,066

** 2019 Projects

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Truly Crab-Stuffed Flounder

Try this technique for a real, stuffed-sock flounder that is easy to debone, without quartering it open, or making filets. Vary the mix, to suit your taste—Dr. Mike Sarosdy

Start with a larger flounder, 19-20" or so. Separate the meat from the skeleton front and back to the edges with a filet knife, using scissors to cut the rib-to-fin-bones on the edges, about 2/3 of the way to the tail. Turn it inside-out like your sock, and pull the rest of the skeleton out, cutting the last fin-bones loose. A great YouTube video is "Deboning a Flounder for Stuffed Flounder using the Pocket Method."

Crab Stuffing:

2 Tablespoons butter or Ghee / 6 green onions, sliced and chopped / 2-3 teaspoons of minced garlic / 1 large colored pepper, red or yellow, chopped / 1 egg, free-ranging / ¼ teaspoon garlic powder / 2 Tablespoons Dijon mustard, or spicy brown / 4 Tablespoons of heavy cream / 2 Tablespoons of light mayonnaise. 2 Tablespoons of fresh lemon juice / 12 Saltine crackers, rolled to bits / 1 pound of crab claw meat / Salt and Pepper to taste. Preheat oven to 350.



Combine egg in a glass bowl with cayenne, cream, mustard, garlic powder, mayonnaise, and lemon juice. Add crushed crackers and crabmeat, and S + P, if you like. Melt butter over medium heat, and sauté the onion, garlic, and peppers. Add the crabmeat, crackers and mix, and saute until crabmeat is warm. Stuff the warm mix into the flounder. Sprinkle with smoked paprika. Bake for 25-30 minutes, until fish flakes with a fork. Serve with a good Chardonnay or Pinot Grigio.

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30th Annual CCA State of Texas Anglers' Rodeo

What a wild ride of a year it has been for the 30th Annual CCA Texas STAR tournament! Between a major barge spill, high winds, and other curveballs throughout the tournament, anglers searching for a winning fish were kept on their toes. At the end of it all though, the milestone year of the tournament was a huge success. Not only was the record for most entrants broken, but the number of new anglers and youth anglers has never been higher! Getting more anglers involved in conserving our marine resources and bringing up the next generation of conservationists is what STAR is all about.

Fishing in STAR is often the start of many good fishing stories for families, and this year was no different. Two families were blessed this year to not only take home a boat prize but claim their portion of over \$6,825,000 in scholarships awarded to date! Here's the story of how Lawrence and Hudson Richard made their mark on STAR history:

We started our quest some three years ago when I told my son we were going to win him a scholarship. Hudson and I were introduced to the sheephead's game by Mr. Robert Ibarra, and his son Ben, of the Trinity Bay Chapter. Ben, a former Agricultural student of mine, won a \$50,000 scholarship in 2007 (sheepshead division), which he is utilizing today, and his father won a boat in 2007.

On the 4th of July, my beautiful bride and my two girls were out of town enjoying our Nation's Independence, but Hudson and I were back at it! That fateful day, Hudson had the good fortune of landing the biggest fish we had ever seen, and this goliath champion weighed in at 10 lbs. 11 ounces.

Next morning, as our luck would have it, a young man was in our favorite place and we had to find another spot. Thanks to him, this spot produced my behemoth sheephead weighing in at 11 lbs. 14 ounces, and the largest sheephead weighed in this contest for the last 20 years! It's been a great adventure and the memories will never be forgotten.



Hudson Richard, STARteen Sheepshead winner



Lawrence Richard, Sheephead Winner



Mia Jones, STARKids Gafftop winner



Derrick Jones, Gafftop winner, and daughter Mia Jones, STARKids Gafftop Winner



STARKids Winners, Left to right: Mia Jones Gafftop, Jace Ponder, Sheepshead, Cain Todd, Flounder

My family and I would like to personally thank the CCA for the scholarship my son will one day utilize, and the awesome Shoalwater 19' cat boat, Mercury ME 115 ELPT 4s and McClain trailer I was afforded the opportunity to win. However, a special thanks must be given to that young man for taking my spot! Oh, by the way, the new boat will be named "Save My Spot." Thanks!

With just a few days left to fish, the father and daughter duo of Derrick and Mia Jones had not lost their faith that one of them would be big STAR winners this year. One late August afternoon, with five days left, their determination would finally pay off. Derrick now has a 19' Shoalwater Cat, Mercury motor and Coastline trailer package to take Mia out fishing more, but unfortunately she can't win a scholarship in STAR anymore thanks to the \$50,000 one she won this year! Congratulations to all of our winners this year.

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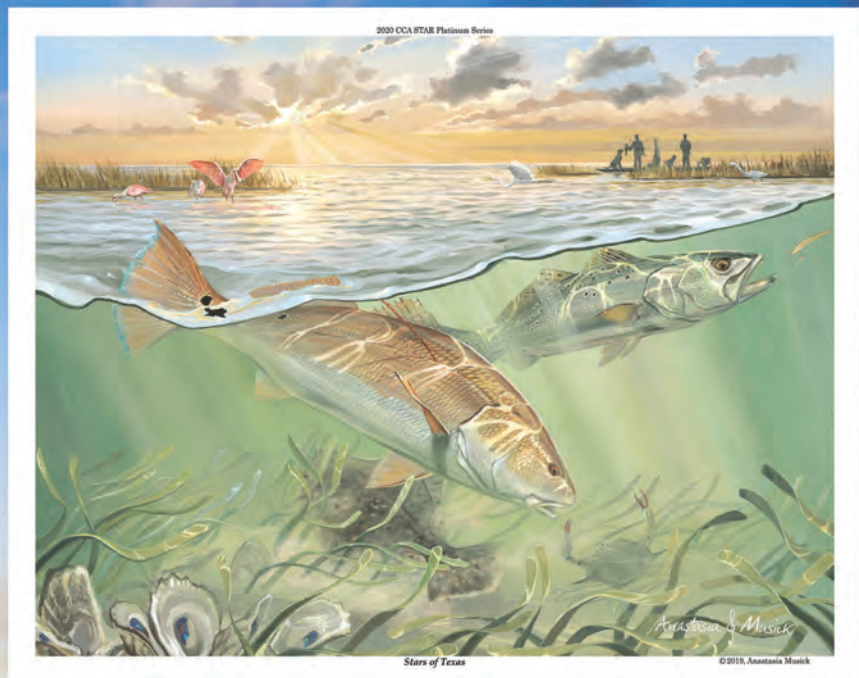
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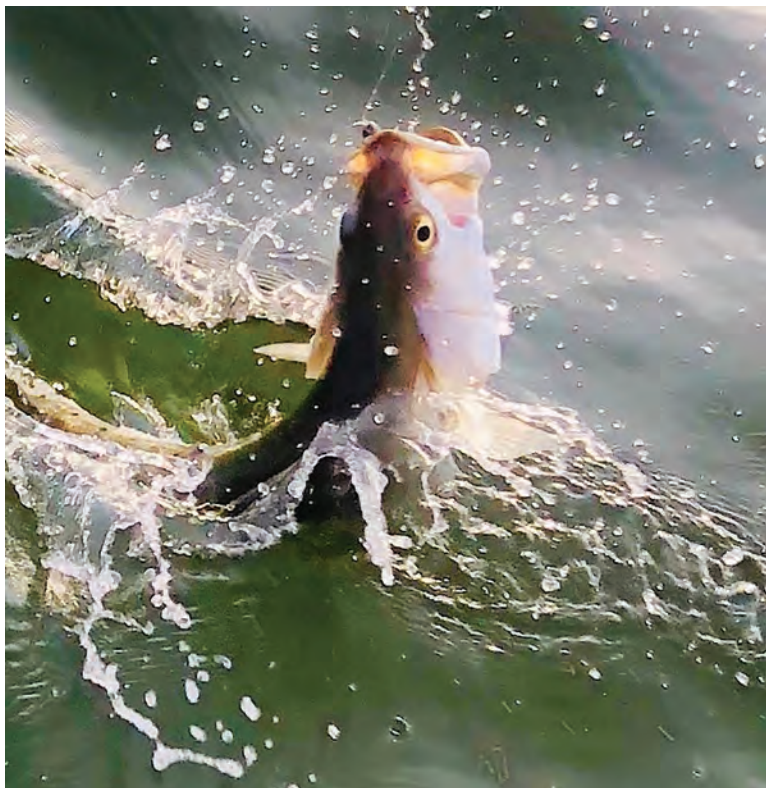
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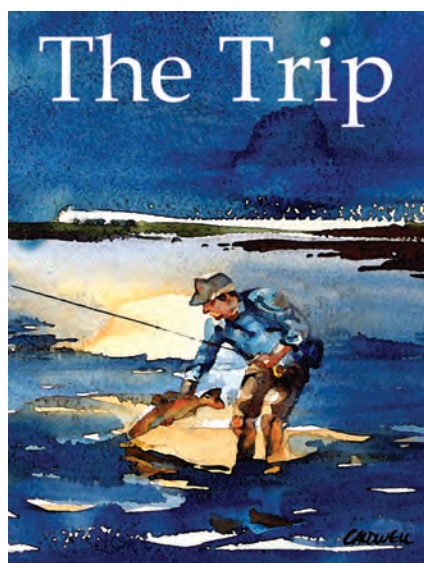
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