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Quantum Leap for Texas Flounder Production

# Texas Leads the Way in Hatchery Production of Southern Flounder

By Lydia Saldaña

Fishing for flounder on the Texas coast is a time-honored tradition for many coastal anglers. But like other beloved game species that have been threatened in years past, flounder are experiencing a crisis, that if not addressed, may imperil their long-term fate. Thanks to a public-private partnership, a new southern flounder building at Sea Center Texas will be online soon, which will significantly increase hatchery production of flounder for stocking Texas bays.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) researchers have documented an alarming decline in flounder populations. TPWD's marine monitoring program has been sampling Texas coastal waters for decades. That sampling program has documented trends in fish populations and has also documented increasing water temperatures. Researchers believe those increasing temperatures are one factor in the reduction of flounder numbers.

"The flounder population decline is happening not just here in Texas, but along the entire Gulf Coast," said Paul Cason, who is the hatchery manager at TPWD's Sea Center Texas in Lake Jackson. "The decline is related to warming winter temperatures. There's a strong correlation between increased water temperatures in Texas coastal waters and reduced recruitment. Warmer winters mean fewer juvenile flounder

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are making it into the bays after adults spawn offshore."

That trend prompted fishery biologists to begin exploring how flounder could be propagated in a hatchery to enhance wild populations. TPWD's Coastal Fisheries

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CCA's Shane Bonnot discusses construction of the new Sea Center flounder facility with Paul Cason and David Abrego.

Division has collaborated with university scientists at Texas A&M, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, the University of Texas and Texas State University to achieve significant advancements in southern flounder spawning, juvenile incubation, and fingerling rearing techniques. What they've learned is that flounder are extremely sensitive to temperature changes during certain portions of their life cycle.





"We've been working in hatchery facilities designed to raise other kinds of coastal fish with much different needs than flounder," explained David Abrego, Facilities Director at Sea Center Texas. "What we need is a controlled environment, where we have complete control of the temperature. Larval flounder are extremely sensitive to temperature changes and have a very narrow window of temperature within which they can survive."

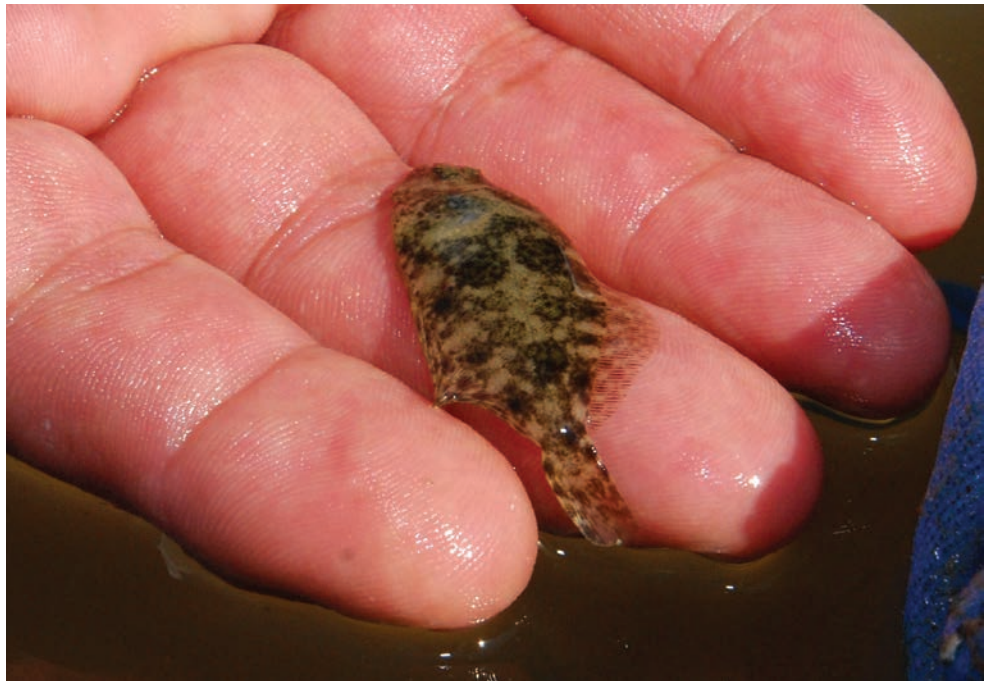
**T**hanks to a partnership between TPWD, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Coastal Conservation Association and CCA's Building Conservation Trust, a southern flounder building uniquely designed and outfitted to the specific needs of raising flounder is nearing completion. This new building and equipment will enable hatchery staff to control every aspect of the process of producing flounder for release into Texas bays.


TPWD has been working on flounder production for about ten years now and has stocked about half a million flounder during that time. The new flounder facilities at Sea Center Texas will enable TPWD biologists to take flounder production to the next level. Initial production goals are 50,000 fingerlings a year, and hatchery staff hope to double that number in the year to come.

"CCA has a long history of facing challenges head on when our fisheries are in trouble," said Cason. "Their support of TPWD's flounder stock enhancement program is just another example of that. Because of their support, Sea Center Texas is well positioned to lead the way in recovery efforts for southern flounder on the Texas coast."

**T**he southern flounder building at Sea Center is the first of its kind in the country, and other coastal states have already sent representatives to explore how they might replicate what's happening in Texas. And, once again, CCA is leading the way to help enhance coastal fisheries resources for anglers.

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## Advocacy

# Uncertainty with Red Snapper — NMFS sends federal notice to TPWD

*By Shane Bonnot*

On August 24, 2020 the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published a temporary rule in the Federal Register: ***2020 Red Snapper Private Angling Component Accountability Measure in Federal Waters Off Texas.***

**U**nder this temporary rule, NMFS notified Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) that in 2019 the Texas recreational red snapper private angling component (private vessel and state charter vessels) exceeded the Annual Catch Limit (ACL) by 110,526 pounds.

Accordingly, under criteria established for state management (see Amendment 50), this temporary rule reduces the Texas regional management area private angling component ACL for Gulf red snapper by the overage amount of 110,526 pounds for the 2020 fishing year. This triggers what is referred to as the payback provision, meaning simply that if a state exceeds their target catch



*Stephen Hale, TPWD Coastal Fisheries Biologist conducting routine longline sampling for red snapper. TPWD photo*

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*Red Snapper on a standing oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico. TPWD photo*



limit, they must “pay back” the overage the following year.

Now that the 2020 federal-water red snapper season is over, NMFS is essentially telling Texas they have to shut down the state-water red snapper season for the rest of the year, and oh by the way, if you don't, you will have to pay any overages from 2019 and 2020 in the following year(s), which could have significant implications for the 2021 red snapper season.

**T**he process of developing criteria for state management was a tremendous undertaking by Texas fishery managers at great cost in dollars and effort with little to no assistance from NMFS. The methodology used by TPWD for estimating landings of red snapper was provided to NMFS as part of TPWD's Exempted Fishing Permit application for 2018 and 2019, and for state management under Amendment 50. TPWD has reported landings to NMFS since 2018 and was not questioned by NMFS for two and a half years, until now. NMFS now rejects TPWD's methodology and has applied an alternative NMFS methodology under which NMFS claims Texas exceeded its ACL in 2019 by 110,526 pounds.

The Gulf Council and NMFS will be discussing this issue at the next Council meeting to be held virtually September 28-30 and likely again October 26-29. Our hope is that NMFS finds a way to work with the states, explain how they arrived at the overage estimates and why they waited for two and a half years to notify the states that they exceeded their ACL. You can register to attend the meetings in listen-only mode and register to provide public comment during the meetings if you are inclined to do so. Visit the Gulf Council Website for more information: <https://gulfcouncil.org/>

*Please visit the CCA Texas website or contact [sbonnot@ccatexas.org](mailto:sbonnot@ccatexas.org) for more developments regarding the issue.*

*Photo courtesy of Adrian Gray. The red snapper is being returned to the depths with a descending device, providing safe catch and release.*



## Southern Flounder Moves to 15-inch Minimum Size

*If you haven't heard, the minimum size for southern flounder is now 15 inches.*

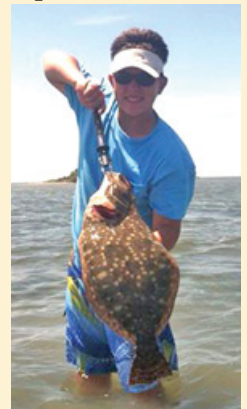
**A**llowing a fish to spawn at least once in its lifetime before removal is one of the basic rules in fisheries management. It is applied in nearly all fisheries to maintain adequate spawning stock biomass and is now in effect for southern flounder. Last May, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission passed a suite of regulations for southern flounder to increase the spawning stock biomass of southern flounder, including raising the minimum size to 15-inches.

Why does this matter? Most female flounder won't reach sexual maturity until they are greater than 14 inches. TPWD estimates that at 14 inches, less than 50% of the females are sexually mature, and at 15 inches nearly all southern flounder are sexually mature.

What about the males? Male flounder have a 3-year life span and will rarely exceed 12 inches so any change you make to the bag limit or minimum size will affect the females in the population.

The increase in size will allow females to reach two years of age and spawn at least once in their lifetime. This simple measure should provide the stock with a 9.4% increase in spawning stock biomass. Be advised that beginning next year, there will be a flounder fishery closure from November 1 – December 15 to allow flounder to migrate offshore and spawn.

The “flounder migration closure” is a management strategy already applied in Alabama and currently being considered by other coastal states.



*Grant Drabek, Star Teen won a CCA college scholarship with this flounder.*



# Habitat Today for Fishing Tomorrow

## CCA Summer Update

By John Blaha

Habitat restoration and creation continues to move forward. CCA Texas and Building Conservation Trust (BCT) projects continue through the contraction and construction processes. Current active projects include:

- Marsh grass planting with Coastal Bend Bays and



Estuaries Program at Egery Island in Copano Bay. This project should be completed by the time this issue hits the newsstands (provided salinity levels stay consistent).

- Galveston Bay Foundation Headquarters living shoreline construction. This project will provide not only habitat, but great community outreach opportunities with the Galveston Bay Foundation.

- St. Charles Bay Big Tree Unit shoreline protection and oyster restoration with Harte Research Institute, and other funders including Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, NOAA, and Lone Star Beer as part of the continuing Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Construction is in progress now and will be completed by mid-September.
- Dollar Bay shoreline protection and marsh restoration ongoing in the contracting process with Galveston Bay Foundation.
- Sabine Lake Deep Reef TPWD oyster restoration is currently on hold as crews work to get mobilized once again after Hurricane Laura.



St. Charles Bay Photo by John Blaha



- Galveston Big Man, Kate's reef and Sabine HI20 nearshore reefing projects continue to move along in the contracting and build process prior to deployment. Contracts will have been awarded in mid-September. Texas Parks and Wildlife and conservation groups are asking the tens of thousands of people who boat in Texas coastal waters every year to become part of the solution to conserve diminishing habitats.

Habitat loss and degradation has been documented for years as a problem in coastal bays. The call for conservation comes as people look for a safe outdoor activity during the ongoing pandemic, when choosing to fish or boat in the bays is a popular option.

Compared to last year, the total Texas resident fishing license sales are 27.2% higher, as of the end of June. This increased activity on the Gulf coast means protecting coastal resources has never been more vital. In response to this, a

relatively new organization focusing on angler etiquette and behavior called Flatsworthy has emerged on the Texas coast.

**F**latsworthy: The group's three tenets are: Respect Fellow Anglers, Respect the Resource and Respect the Law. CCA Texas recently released a podcast, with their President Chuck Naiser, discussing the importance of angler education, boater safety, mutual respect and habitat loss.

Check out Episode 39 of the Coastal Advocacy Adventures Podcast and visit [Flatsworthy.com](http://Flatsworthy.com) to learn how you can help. Also be on the lookout for more exciting content coming from Flatsworthy and CCA Texas. In the end, we must all work together to protect our coastal resources. For more information about CCA Texas, please visit [www.ccatexas.org](http://www.ccatexas.org)



The shallow flats provide a unique, world-class fishing opportunity in our Texas backwaters. Their growing popularity makes crowding an inevitable part of the coastal fishing experience. These areas are resources that are easily disturbed and easily damaged. Courtesy and respect are especially important in how effectively the shallow flats can be shared. If we anglers are careful in how we access these areas, and show respect for these spaces and the efforts of other users, the generations that follow us will be able to share and enjoy these special places long into the future. —Capt. Chuck Naiser 🦄





# HABITAT TODAY FOR FISH TOMORROW

## CCA Texas Projects

1.	Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Restoration	\$1,600,000
2.	Oyster Restoration - East Galveston Bay	\$ 500,000
3.	** Nearshore Reefing - Rio Grande Valley Reef	\$ 611,000
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

**TOTAL FUNDED THROUGH 2019: 7,395,666**

If you are interested in contributing to our Habitat program,  
Contact John Blaha at [jdblaha@ccatexas.org](mailto:jdblaha@ccatexas.org)



# Enjoying Your Digital CURRENTS Newsletter

CCA Texas' financial responsibilities and goals are ongoing, while most chapter fundraising events are on hold. For the time being, publishing the CURRENTS newsletter requires the internet. There are excellent reasons, with cost being primary.

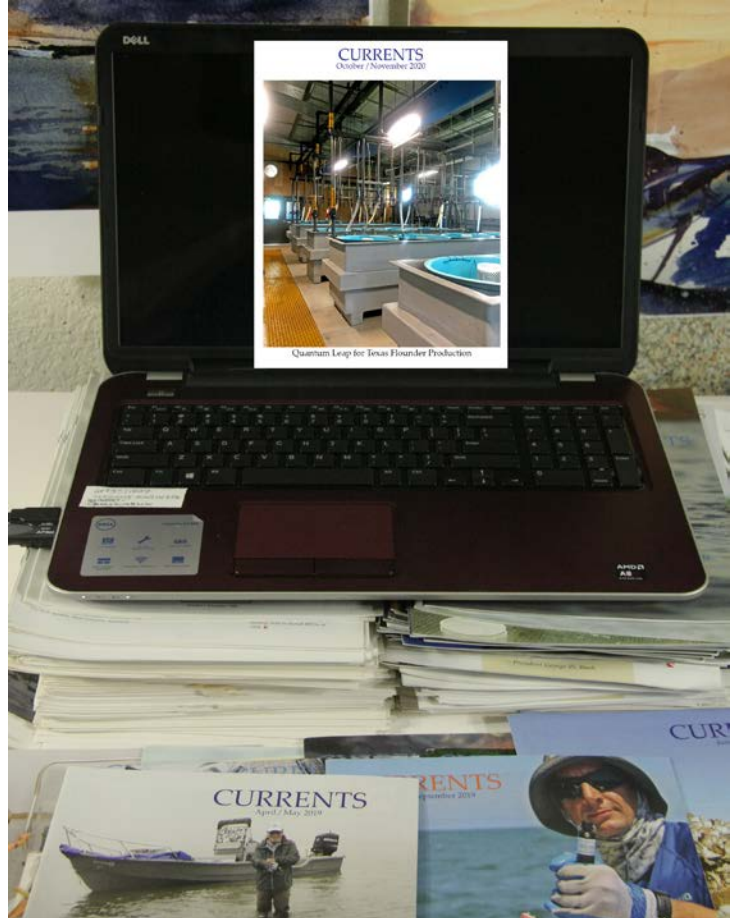
For 36 years, the printed CURRENTS newsletter has provided valuable two-way communication, as well as being an important tool for effecting environmental change. But printing and mailing a 28-page, full color newsletter to 60,000 members is time-consuming and expensive.

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Apart from the cost difference, there are reasons a member could appreciate an internet version of the publication.

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- Photos can be larger and more numerous, allowing for more of the membership's Great Photos to be shared.
- In the Social Happenings page, links open a member's recent fishing video, a habitat update, a news flash that could benefit from member input. As an example, see the final sentence in Shane Bonnot's ADVOCACY feature, page 5.



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# Caught Redhanded! 🚒 Reports from TP&W Game Wardens

On Tuesday July 7, 2020, Texas Game Warden Ben Bailey was patrolling for water-safety enforcement on Lavaca Bay in Calhoun County. During this patrol, Game Warden Bailey responded to a call from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office dispatch that a young child, approximately six years of age, was in distress and floating on a small inner tube in Lavaca Bay.

The young girl and her grandmother were swimming at Magnolia Beach when the grandmother called 911 to report that her granddaughter had been swept away due to the high wind and waves. Game Warden Bailey acted swiftly and was able to locate the child approximately 1200 yards from the beach and drifting in the Matagorda shipping channel.

The young girl was thankful when Game Warden Bailey rescued her and as soon as she was pulled out of the water, she greeted him with a big hug. The young girl was immediately taken to shore to be reunited with her family and was evaluated by Calhoun County EMS.

A BWI (Boating While Intoxicated) operation was conducted in Rockport on Saturday July 4th. The focus was on alcohol-related offenses and BWI's.

Although the COVID-19 situation did have an impact on crowds, wardens were still there to ensure the public had an opportunity to safely enjoy the outdoors.

FTO's (Field Training Officers) were paired up with new recruits to perform various duties and the recruits were exposed to many aspects of water safety patrols as well as arrest and booking procedures. The day produced four BWI arrests and six PI arrests along



with multiple citations and warnings being issued even though the crowds were small compared to previous years.

Wardens who participated in the operational patrol were: FTO Justin Solis and recruit Zach Martin, FTO Jon Kocian and recruit Ashton Gulczewski, FTO Trey Kram and recruit Philip Hunt, wardens Dusty Jansky, James Kilty, and K9 handler Royce Ilse and Rusty. These wardens did an outstanding job ensuring the public's safety. The new recruits in R8 are receiving great instruction from their FTO's in the field training program. No doubt lives will be saved due to their enforcement efforts!



K-9 warden Rusty was on hand to aid the Rockport BWI operation.

*The wardens always seem busy. Can't imagine their jobs ever slowing down with all they are responsible for.*

—Robby Byers, CCA Executive Director

*Texas Wardens cover a lot of enforcement issues and a lot of land and water involving other activities. They represent a much admired organization with great warden backgrounds and education. We are privileged to be a partner in their conservation efforts to conserve our Texas resources. — Ronnie Luster, Chairman CCA Texas Parks and Wildlife Committee*

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### Featured Social Media Highlight



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On the CCA Texas Facebook page, we recently held our second successful Cast for the Coast, the Fall Kickoff LIVE Auction, which reached over 17,000 people with over 3,000 engagements! Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we raised crucial funds that will support our work of ensuring the health and conservation of our marine resources and anglers' access to them here in Texas.

If you missed it, don't worry! Our next Cast for the Coast will be Wednesday, November 18th. LIKE our CCA Texas Facebook page to be the first to know all the details.

Don't forget Instagram and Twitter too! FOLLOW CCA Texas to keep up with how we are engaging with our angling community! Below are some more of our favorite recent posts, check them out and give them a LIKE.



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Completed Dagger Island Project

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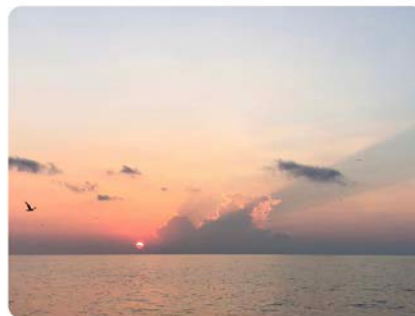
We're immensely proud to announce the Dagger Island Project has been Completed!

The loss of Texas coastal wetlands impacts everyone, so we partnered up with Ducks Unlimited and the Building Conservation Trust, the national habitat program of the Coastal Conservation Association, to support efforts by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to restore Dagger Island and protect important seagrass beds in Redfish Bay. Restoration and protection of remnant portions of Dagger Island will protect seagrasses and other essential estuarine wetlands from wave energy caused by winds and large vessel traffic on the Corpus Christi Ship Channel. These seagrass beds are important for waterfowl and fisheries resources, including finfish, shrimp, blue crab and sea turtles.



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## JOIN US FOR THE 2020 ROOKERY ISLAND CLEANUP!



**WHEN:** Clean up any time the week of October 19-24, but dumpsters will be available for dropping off trash on October 23 and 24.

**WHERE:** We are targeting rookery islands in Aransas and Redfish Bays, and the Upper and Lower Laguna Madre - you pick which bay system you would like to cleanup and we will let you know where to focus your efforts!

**HOW:** Contact the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program to let us know you are interested in registering and we will get back to you with more details.

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Fall weather means cooler temperatures are finally upon us and many of us on the Texas Coast are getting excited about putting our waders on and catching fish! As we all know, 2020 has thrown quite the curveball and we are excited to have some sense of normalcy as our kids finally go back to school.

The Aransas Bay Chapter Banquet, as well as Babes on the Bay had to be cancelled this year, but due to lots of generous donations CCA Texas has managed to have quite a few very successful online auctions in the last few months. Follow the CCA Texas and your local Chapter Facebook and Instagram pages to support these local events and raise money for conservation!

Aransas Bay CCA hopes we can start having our monthly meetings again soon, these meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at Poor Man's Country Club at 6 p.m. **Babes on the Bay is on schedule for May 14-15, 2021 at Fulton Convention Center. Registration will open January 1, 2021.**

We want to thank so many of you for supporting CCA Texas and still purchasing your 2020 Babes on the Bay Swag Bags with beautiful shirts by Anastasia Musick. Since the tournament was cancelled this year, most of our fantastic sponsors will roll over

to the 2021 Tournament. We are looking forward to having an amazing turnout next year! If you are interested in sponsoring Babes on the Bay please email [ccababes@gmail.com](mailto:ccababes@gmail.com). Our Annual Aransas Bay CCA Banquet in 2021 will also be held at Fulton Convention Center, date to be announced. Thank you all for being a part of this great organization, hope to see you all soon! Tight Lines!

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Hello CCA Austin Members, I hope y'all are having a fantastic fall fishing season. I am excited to report that our alternative fundraising this season has paid dividends for CCA Texas. Thank you for participating and supporting our Virtual Live Auction, Online Silent Auction and Boat raffle sales.

We want to acknowledge the awesome support of our **Sponsors and Table Buyers** that donated for 2020, including our



*Austin volunteers made a huge difference.*

presenting sponsors **Covert Chevrolet and Greater Austin Development**. We also want to thank our restaurant and retail partners **Quality Seafood, Cover 2 and Sportsman's Finest** for hosting the boat and selling tickets. This support helped make it possible to sell out the boat raffle tickets again this year. Give yourselves a hand, great work. We thank all of you for your support.

Please take a minute and check out the



*Aransas Bay fishers score! Jenny Nagelmueller and friends with a Texas Tarpon. Bryan Whitley & wife, Casey Whitley with a big snook in Islamorada, and Tina Frick with a Rockport Flounder.*





complete list of sponsors at [ccaustin.org](http://ccaustin.org). These folks support the mission of CCA, please support them when you can.

I would like to thank volunteers Cheryl Smith, PJ Todd, Britani Lolley, Barron Johnson, Blake Masters, Dan Appling, Gary LaChance, Jason Magdalena, Josh Cook, Kurt Obersteller, Scott Sanderson, Steven Benton and Tim Franke for the collective effort that help make these fundraising events successful.

**2020 Banquet Hats** will be available for sale at some of our sponsor partners. Please check our social media pages for updates on locations. We will resume Angler's Night Out as soon as possible. If you would like to put some good work into a great organization, we would love to have you join our Austin board. We will announce our next meeting as soon as we are able. Please contact me if you are interested.

Please be sure to "Like" CCA Austin on Facebook and Instagram, spread the word. Thank you for the support of CCA and the Austin Chapter.

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Hope everyone is safe and healthy! We had a September meeting and cookout with hamburgers and all the fixings including a new member in attendance! Drew Adams, CCA Assistant Director, came and gave a good report on how the year is going, despite Covid. We discussed the possibility of a banquet in 2021.

It was great to see everyone. Our next meeting is October 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brazos Center pavilion in Bryan, Texas. Hope everyone will get out and enjoy the cooler weather, wet a line and take some-one fishing. See you in October.

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Greetings from the Colorado Valley! I hope this message finds everyone well and maybe exhausted from chasing those trophy fish around all summer. I got out a few times but still driving my old truck and using my old boat so I guess you can figure that I was not lucky enough to snag one of the tagged reds, although we did enjoy taking out our grandchildren on several trips.

Our chapter was very busy and just completed our online auction due to the cancellation of our banquet this year. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our auction sponsors: **Tri-County Realty, LLC, Weimar, CJNR Ranch Fowlerton, and Academy Sports + Outdoors** for their generous support. **We do have our 20th Anniversary Banquet rescheduled for March 25, 2021** so please mark it down on all your calendars. We surely hope to see you all there. Wishing bent rods and tight lines to all!

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CCA Dallas President Greg Resnansky and his sons recently got down to the coast and found some hungry redfish.

After three tough days of offshore and inshore fishing, Landon and Braden caught nine nice redfish in the last 45 minutes of the trip. The four redfish over 28 inches were photographed and released



to be caught another day and then several delicious blackened redfish dinners were shared with friends and family.

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Hello Everyone, I hope you all are well and staying safe out there. First off, I would like to thank everyone that purchased a boat raffle ticket, we really appreciate the support. For a while there we didn't know if we were going to be able to have the raffle due to the current situation but with your help we were able to sell all the boat tickets and the raffle was a huge success! Next, thank you to everyone that participated in our online auction which was another huge success.

We missed not being able to gather with everyone at the banquet this year, but we did the best we could with what we had and were able to raise some money for CCA. Thank you all again and be on the lookout for next year's event calendar. With any luck this will be over and we can resume our regularly scheduled program!

Next, I would like to thank all the ladies that came out and fished Lingerie on the Bay this September. This was another event that we didn't know if we could pull off due to COVID but as always with everyone's help, it was another successful event. Congratulations to all the winners and from the Fort Bend Fishermen group thank you ladies, we hope to see you next year! Well, the summer is finally starting to wind down but what a summer it's been. I'm not sure if it was because everyone



*The Dallas chapter Resnansky family CPR'd four of nine fine reds for further duty. Later, blackened redfish.*



was stuck at home or fishing has become more popular, but I have never seen so many boats on the water. It goes to show how much conservation does for our waterways, when that many boats can be on the water and still catch good fish, something being done right. Speaking of fish, we had some younger members out chasing the big STAR trout this summer.

The picture is Lane Guest with a nice trout fishing with topwater. Good fish Lane! And on a more lighthearted note, Doug Upp, the ghost of the salt grass has been spotted in Matagorda again. Good thing is he doesn't eat much so he hasn't done much harm to the fish population. So, if you are down Matagorda way and run into Doug give him a wave, but if you stop be prepared, he is not much of a talker, but he'll do a number on your beer cooler! Until next time, stay safe out there.

For news and information about the banquet and other events please see our website at [ccatexas.org/](http://ccatexas.org/) fort-bend Remember to keep the waterways clean and be respectful to your fellow anglers. Hope to see you on the water!

#### Fort Worth

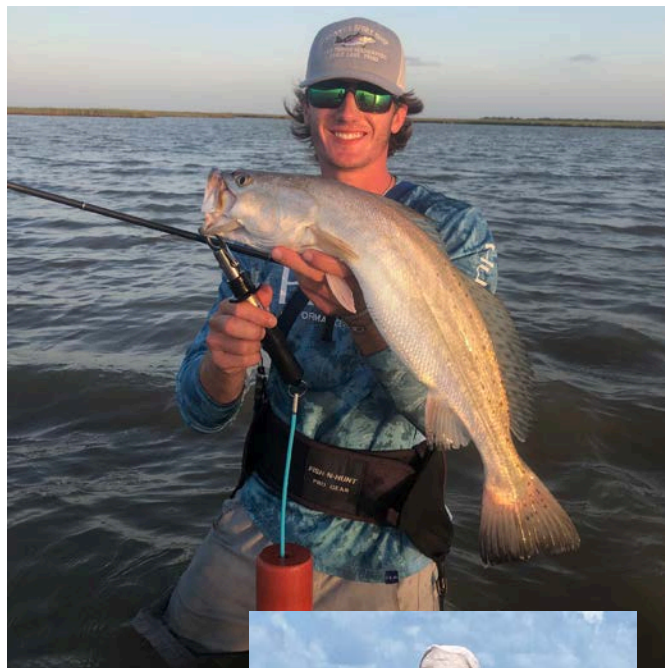
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Hello, Fort Worth Chapter members and readers. As you can imagine things have been slow around here with the new rules under COVID. Our banquet has been canceled and we are not sure if we are going to be able to reschedule it. We are still doing a raffle for a beautiful Polaris Ranger and trailer combo. We are only selling a limited number of tickets so please reach out to us if you are interested in the raffle.

As I write this a big storm is hitting Alabama, Mississippi and Florida – we hope our friends and family are staying safe and are out of any major destruction. Many of you have taken the opportunity during lockdown to head to the coast and wet some lines. Don't forget to share your pictures with us so we can share with everyone else. The weather is getting cooler finally and dove season is here so hopefully you were able to get out and chase those frustrating birds around. Look forward to seeing you soon at our next general membership gathering – whenever that may be!

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*Fort Bend's Lane Guest with a nice trout taken on a topwater. On a more lighthearted note, Doug Upp, the ghost of the salt grass flats has been spotted in Matagorda again. If you're wondering about the photo, see Great Photos, Humor Entry on page 27.*



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Well another year of the STAR Tournament has come and gone, and we would like to wish a special thanks to all who participated in the event. Also, a congrats to the winners and especially the kids who received scholarships for their future endeavors.

The GTC just finished up with our yearly raffle prize and one lucky winner went home with a **John Deere side-by-side with custom tracks**. Thank you all who participated in the drawing. We also would like to send our thoughts and prayers to our neighbors to the east of us who are dealing with the effects of hurricane Laura. We also hope that everyone is having a safe and healthy year, while being able to spend some time on the water. Cheers!

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Howdy Helotes CCA Members. We held our online auction on September 8. Thank you to everyone that supported our chapter's event. Thank you to **Premier Yamaha, DeWinne Equipment Co. and Jupe Mills** for your donations. It was a great success and we really appreciate you helping us raise funds for conservation. We will be waiting for the opportunity to safely reunite and have meetings. Until then all chapter communications will continue via Facebook and emails directly from CCA. So, check your inbox for updates.



*Longtime CCA member Tim Fading CPR'd this golden redfish. Too bad it didn't have a STAR tag, Tim—it would have been SOLID gold.*



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*The Radley Family and Chapter President Chris Bird handing over keys to the Matagorda boat.*

*Matagorda Bays Chapter Board Members and Donny Tran with the 2020 Raffle Boat.*

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As I write this chapter update, the first "cool" front of the year has finally arrived bringing with it the undeniable feeling of Fall to the Texas Coast.

Here in the Matagorda Bays Chapter we are closing the book on one of the most irregular, but very successful fundraising and outreach years we have ever witnessed. Beginning with the cancellation our beloved Lil' Salties Kid Fishing Tournament in addition to postponing, multiple times, our annual banquet...your Matagorda Bays board members remained engaged and flexible with the given conditions. They worked together diligently to formulate an outside-of-the-box approach to our annual banquet that would keep our members safe and still allow the chapter the opportunity to fundraise for conservation.

Our drive through pork steak dinner was an immense success, SELLING OUT with a total of 750 plates out the door and into the happy bellies of CCA supporters!

Our Richardson caps also flew off the shelf during the drive thru cap raffle, which was an additional achievement this year for our team.

Our annual boat raffle coincided with our dinner and was the most successful boat raffle in the chapter's history. We would like to thank our boat sponsors **Polasek Construction & Sutton Wealth Management**. Our board would also like to show our greatest appreciation and send a special thank you out to **TranSport Boats & Donny Tran** in Palacios for making this year's raffle boat the biggest, fastest and best-looking boat we have ever seen!

Our winners for this year's raffles are listed below and we would like to thank and congratulate each one of them!  
TranSport Boat 24XLR8 - **Cody Radley**  
Texas Resident Lifetime hunting & fishing license - **Chrystal Watts**  
CCA Life Membership/.257 Weatherby Rifle - **Candice Hill** Waterloo Rod/Lews Reel Combo - **Mason Miller** CCA Print - **Frank Zboril** Cap Raffle Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon 28 gauge - **Kayden Kunz**





CCA membership \$1,000 Academy Gift Card - **Coleson Gundermann**

Our final chapter event for 2020 had our guides preparing all summer to compete for the **Jim Ehman Memorial Guides Cup**. The Guides Cup was held at the beautiful Matagorda Harbor on **September 22** of this year. Unfortunately, there was not a social gathering and meal on Monday evening. The Guides Cup took place on Tuesday followed by a fish fry meal and the prestigious awards ceremony.

Our Guides Cup sponsors for 2020 were **Duckett, Bouligny and Collins LLP., Harbor Bait and Tackle, and El Campo Sheet Metal.**

If you are interested in participating in next year's 2021 Guides Cup, the live auction event will be held at our next annual banquet, date pending. Be sure to look up and like our Facebook page for the Jim Ehman Memorial Guides Cup results after September 22.

The Matagorda Bays Chapter wishes to thank each of our Matagorda Guides for their part in fundraising for conservation and participating in the Jim Ehman Memorial Guides Cup: **Capt. Caleb Rush, Capt. Charlie Paradoski, Capt. Cody Vacek, Capt. Floyd Ciruti, Capt. Jimmy Riddle, Capt. Kenny Hauff III, Capt. Kevin Kosik, Capt. Lee Warmke, Capt. Matt David, Capt. Mike Kubecka, Capt. Nick Mosley, Capt. Ozzie Arnold, Capt. Stan Sloan, Capt. Tommy Alexander, Capt. Will Fuller and Capt. Michael Briggs**

To all our chapter members, donors, in addition to our hardworking and dedicated board members... Thank you for all your unwavering support and in making this un-

*Mid-Coast Chapter Vice President Mark Saddler with a nice trout, and sun setting on San Antonio Bay.*

precedented year a tremendously successful one for the Matagorda Bays Chapter, CCA Texas and the FISH! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

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We had a great evening of September 10, with our much-anticipated raffle drawing. Thanks again to our sponsors and to **Waterloo** for hosting the raffle.

Congratulations to the following winners: Clint Ives of Victoria won a beautiful new Haynie SuperCat, Nathan Allan of Cedar Park won the Kimber Micro 9mm,

David Mata of Victoria won the custom Waterloo rod/reel combo and Frank Bludau of Hallettsville won the Engel cooler. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets in support of CCA Texas!

Our silent auction wrapped up that evening in fine fashion as well. We are looking forward to hosting our annual Guides Cup tournament on October 9, best of luck to all our teams! Until next time, FISH ON!

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Hope you all are enjoying this summer of fishing with friends and family in spite everything that is happening this year. Because we did not have our banquet this year, we decided to have a drive-through BBQ to-go dinner plate that was catered by **Hinze's BBQ** on August 16 at Wittenburg Printing.

We had the chapter online silent auction the same day which was a great success. We also held the raffle drawing at 3:00 p.m. that day. The raffle winners were: The Can-Am ATV - Omar Munoz, pellet grill - Delton Hollman, gun safe - Lezlie Askew, Engel cooler - Dane Ellis, pistol - Amy Herbing, rod & reel - Branden Racke, hunting GPS - Starbrite Electric, camo gear package - Kent Turner, trail camera - Keith Mikeska and crawfish boiler - Reese Racke.

I would like to thank Brian Weaver CCA and all the board members for all the help and to Wittenburg Printing for the use of their property. Have a great year and be safe see you soon! Ron Chess (979) 525-9254



*A collection of CCA San Antonio Fiesta Medals through the years.*

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Many thanks to everyone that made 2020 a successful year! Our Redfish Bay Chapter Board, John Blaha (and other Houston staff), Chris's Marine, supporters and donors, and members continue to make Redfish Bay Chapter a successful organization.

We appreciate your patience this year with no events except our online auction on September 2 and a special "thank you" to those that participated in the auction. Next year, if possible, we can get back to a normal schedule of Banquet, Take a Kid Fishing, Beeville Fish Fry and general membership meetings. We have missed the personal, face to face interaction with our members!

However, we will continue to support CCA Texas in any way that we can. It is still a premier conservation organization and our many conservation projects need to be funded! Have a great Thanksgiving!

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Sam Houston CCA would like to thank everyone who participated in our online auction, we had a great turnout. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page [@CCASAMHOUSTON](https://www.facebook.com/CCASAMHOUSTON) for details on a social event this fall.

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Come on September, time to take on the doves in the North Zone. Check the feeders at the hunting camp for October and get your hunting and fishing camo ready to take advantage of the great fall fishing on the Texas Coast.

In the strangest times, we are blessed to have family and the wide-open spaces of the Lone Star State.

As we all know, our executive and banquet committees both continued to work toward the Sept 16, 2020 Cast for The Coast San Antonio Live/Silent auction. We extend a huge THANK YOU to John Blaha and CCA Texas for their leadership with Facebook Live and GiveSmart platforms. What a great event in these times, reminding us that ultimately CCA Texas and our conservation mission need the support, motivation and funds we raise. We would like to thank all participants, sponsors and buyers who have and continue to support the CCA Texas cause.



*Sam Houston chapter eight-year old Chase Godwin hoping to catch a tagged Star red. But, a fine keeper red will suffice.*





A friendly reminder that for only the second time in over 129 years, San Antonio Fiesta was canceled for 2020. The silver lining is that our 2020 CCA Fiesta Medals will certainly become collector's items. You can get yours by emailing me at [robertolozano129@yahoo.com](mailto:robertolozano129@yahoo.com).

Remember: keep those lines taut, take a kid fishing and hunting with your CCA mask on. Stay tuned to Facebook for upcoming fall attractions. Don't forget to share those family at home photos or fishing memories with us on our CCA San Antonio Facebook Page. CHEERS from "Burnt-O".

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Howdy Texas A&M CCA, I hope everyone has been staying healthy. Although this semester has been different with classes, football and everything else A&M, we will be trying to make CCA as normal as possible.

Our first meeting was held September 3 and we welcomed many new members. We are moving our meeting days to Mondays now and will be meeting via zoom. Follow us on our Instagram and Facebook accounts to stay up to date with meetings and zoom links.

Our online auction will be held on October 9 from 9 a.m to 9 p.m. To register, text the code: [ccaaggieland](https://ccaaggieland.givesmart.com) to 76278 or go to [ccaaggieland.givesmart.com](https://ccaaggieland.givesmart.com). A big thank



A great way to social distance is to go fishing. Former TAMU CCA president Aaron Richter, caught this 31-inch red on fly.



*Crab Boil! All hands on deck to catch'em. Boil 'em up and then it's a Golden Triangle crab banquet. Thanks to Rocky Chase.*

you to all of the donors and buyers for supporting CCA!

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# Fore Casts

## Upper Coast Capt. Vincent Garza

### *Autumn Bite the fish Might!*

Such a beautiful time of year on the Gulf Coast to be an outdoorsman, with cooler weather, bird season and great fishing! As we go through our fall transition we start to focus on our upper end of the bay system for example North Trinity Bay and North East bay. Birds will show where fish are schooling by activity on the surface.

Well pads and deep reefs will be holding fish but don't forget to check shorelines for slicks or bait pushed toward the bank. A great fish finder method for me is soft plastics like DownSouth Lures; new burner shad works. A lighter head will give the lure more bouyancy in the water.

Once you find the depth the fish are in, you can set a plan on a presentation that fits your style. Live shrimp under a cork will work just as well. Early mornings we will focus on Topwater lures or surface style plugs; She Dogs, Skitter-walks, LeLe's in any color that you feel confident in. Berkley Gulp under a popping cork can be a deadly choice this time of year.

Redfish and flounder start to show themselves near structure; rocks, points, islands and mouths of back lakes are good areas. Most of our trips are drifting, but wade fishing can be an incredible experience for those willing to try something different.

Check out the Waterloo Pro Shop in Victoria Texas for the best rods, Concept reels, tackle and clothing. Or go to the website [Waterloorods.com](http://Waterloorods.com). If you would like to get out on the water this fall Call me at 832-221-0889 or our website [NPursuit-GuideService.com](http://NPursuit-GuideService.com)

I encourage all to stay safe and take a kid fishing and be courteous to those on the water. Hope to see you out on the water and I wish you all the best of luck. —Capt. Vincent Garza  
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## Middle Coast Capt. Stephen Boriskie

### *Rising tides with the harvest moon*

"What is the best month to fish the middle Texas coast"? My answer is October and November! Cooler water temperatures with the shorter days; changes in water levels with both strong Southerly and Northerly wind patterns before and after frontal passages; rising tides with the harvest moon; less boating pressure due to a lot of anglers opting for the deer lease; an abundance of bait fish—the list goes on and on.

Looking back at my logs over the past few years gets my blood pumping because some of the best days on the water for my customers have been in October. We should be getting plenty of speckled trout, black drum and redfish with live shrimp under a popping cork, working two to four feet of water near shell reefs and drifting over sand and grass in the back lakes. But trips where the anglers wish to wade fish will be a nice change for me. There we will present soft plastic lures in a variety of colors with 1/8th oz. screw lock jig heads and bouncing those up and down to cover the entire water column.

So many options and so little time! It all seems to work whether it's bait, lures, wade fishing or boat fishing, so get in on the action and realize your full potential right now. Then you can build on that knowledge for years to come and be a fan of the October-November salt water magic just like me!

Of course, be prepared for weather, look after your crew and practice conservation of the large spotted ladies. —Capt Stephen Boriskie

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## Lower Coast Capt. Bryan Robinson

### *Quick casts, and HOLD ON*

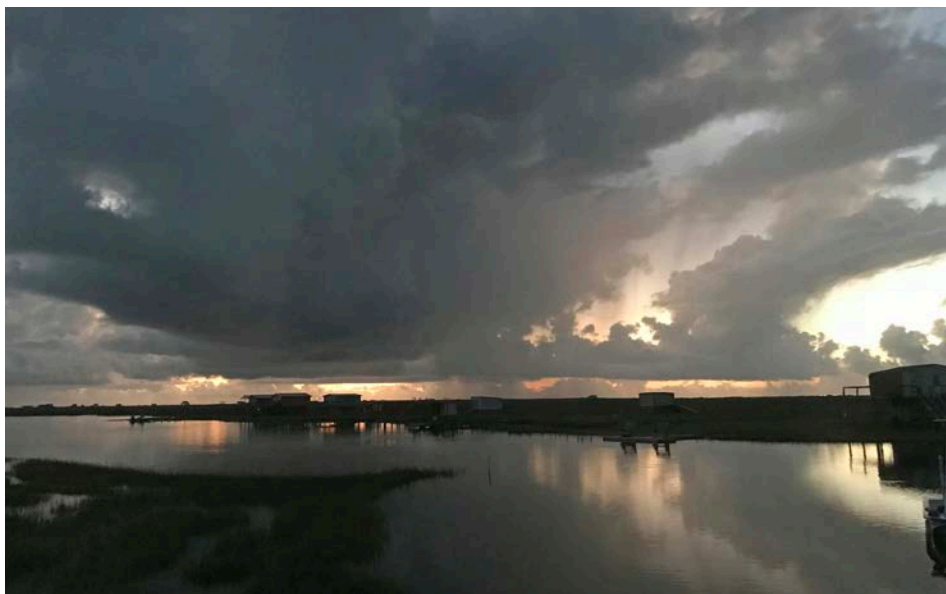
Hola again from deep South Texas y'all! September has lived up to its normal habit...WET! Especially here on the LLM. We are all ready for some dry and cooler weather that starts heading down in October. I plan to concentrate on fly fishing for this report. It's what I prefer to do and I'm totally obsessed with it!

October through November offer great opportunities for fly fishermen. After September we usually deal with higher tides before the winter sets in. Pick those days when the wind is low and climb up on a flat! Work the boat slow and keep your eyes scanning the flat for a cruising red or trout. When casting a fly at these fish there are three things that will make you more successful: • Seeing the fish. This is where a good pair of sunglasses comes in. I like an amber tint. Being able to see your target before you cast is key. • Quick casts. The less you false cast the better. These fish don't stick around long! • Don't "trout" set. Keep the rod tip close to the water while stripping the fly line. This makes for a better hook set when a hungry fish eats. When it does eat, strip-set the fish, lift the rod a little and hold on!

For flies, I like crab patterns (which work year around) and clousers. Natural colors seem to work the best. Try and match the hatch as close as possible. For example, if the reds are chasing small baitfish on a shoreline, use a fly that resembles the bait. This is just the tip of the iceberg when fly fishing the Texas coast. So get out on a flat and toss some flies at redfish. Please remember to practice catch and release! We are very lucky to have the LLM as our back yard. Let's take care of her! Until next time —Capt. Bryan Robinson [bryandrobinson@yahoo.com](mailto:bryandrobinson@yahoo.com)

956-241-5520 / Captain Bryan is a longtime CCA member, a past President of the RGV chapter, and has served on the CCA State Board of Directors.

*The Early-rising Fly Fisherman Gets... a ladyfish. Dave Shelpuk releases an elops saurus, aka tourist tarpon, skipjack, jack-rashes or tenpounder. Caldwell photos, Olympus TG-5.*





# Great Photos 2019

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*Jim Black of the Fort Bend chapter reported that, "Doug Upp, the ghost of the salt grass has been spotted in Matagorda again. He doesn't eat much so hasn't done much harm to the fish population. He is not much of a talker, but he'll do a number on your beer cooler." Note that Doug Upp is wearing his Covid mask and is practicing social distancing. Get a load of the black flag and the Christmas tree, decorated with ancient plugs, the dog with beer can and the stringer on the lower right.*



*Left, Capt. Billy Trimble is a long-time CCA member and contributor to TIDE and CURRENTS. His son and grandson, Travis Trimble and Nathan Elkhart sent this nice red back to spawn again.*

*Right, John Roberson said five-year old Kollyns wanted to go fishing for her fifth birthday, since she wasn't able to have a birthday party due to COVID. It paid off with this 28" trout from the Upper Laguna Madre. Sent back to swim again.*





## Two major national art awards:

First Place, "A Search for Rainbows" and Second Place, "Autumn Wolves."

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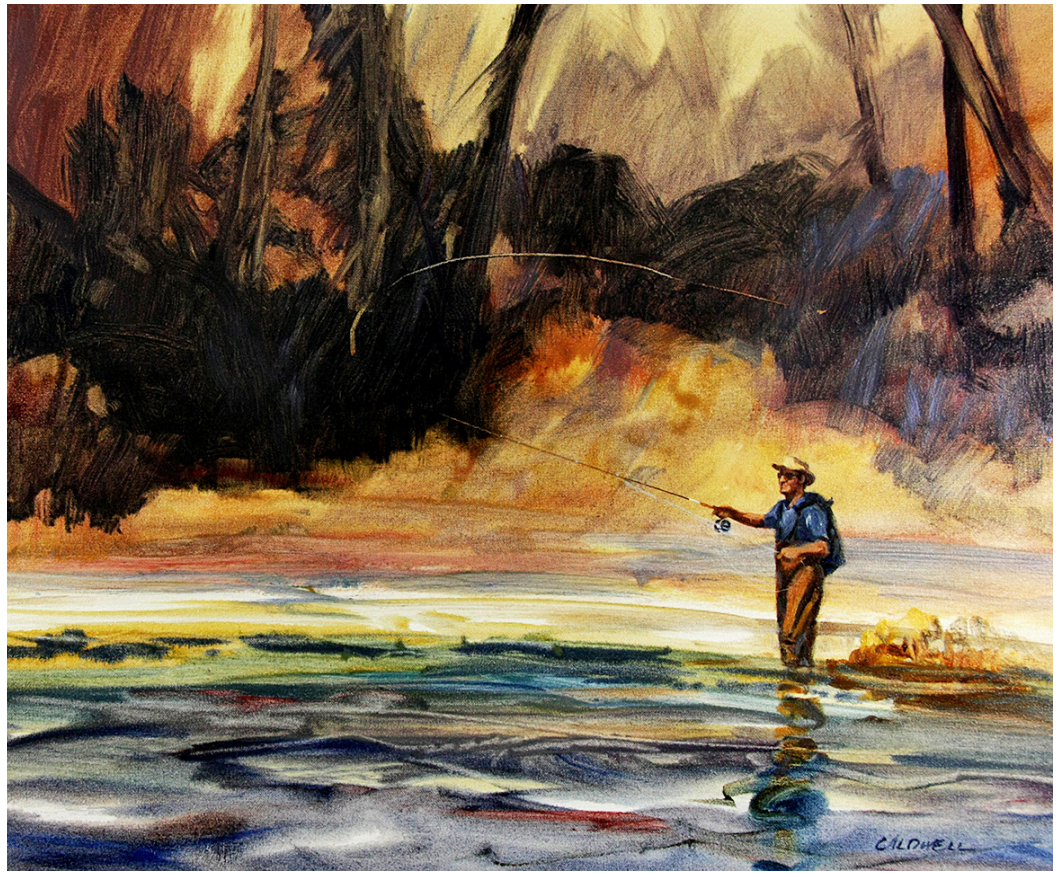
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## 2020 TOWA FALL STAMPEDE OCTOBER 16-18

The Texas Outdoor Writer's Association invites you to an event for everyone who enjoys the outdoors.

*Headquarters, Shaw's Bend Social Club, near Columbus, Texas, on the Colorado River. Planned are a variety of Texas-focused events for everyone from eight to eighty.*

- > CCA Booth and Kid's events, sponsored by Coastal Conservation Association, Texas
- > World Senior Bullriding competition, sponsored by Ram Trucks
- > Texas Challenge Shooting competitions, sponsored by Sellmark
- > Wildgame cookoff and Margarita Contest, Friday night, sponsored by Sellmark
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- > Outdoor products booths; hunting, shooting, camping gear
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- > Kayaks and demos on the Colorado River
- > Back The Blue Celebration, sponsored by TOWA
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## 31st Annual CCA State of Texas Anglers' Rodeo Round-up

There's no doubt that 2020 has been interesting to say the least. When the decision was made that the 2020 CCA Texas STAR Tournament must go on, despite not knowing what the summer held in store, we were all anxiously watching registration numbers. Our anglers in true Texas fashion did not let us down! When most summer events were being shut down due to Covid-19 restrictions, STAR Tournament anglers turned out in droves. Last year was a record tournament year with just over 51,000 anglers fishing STAR, 2020 blew by this milestone with months to go. When the dust settled, nearly 59,000 anglers across the state joined ranks in pursuit of over \$1,000,000 in prizes and scholarships. A true testament to the Texan spirit and how much people value our great coastal resources, and time out on the water.

Texas anglers landed thirteen of the sixty tagged redfish released for the tournament from the Sabine to the Rio Grande. As always, there were many Texas anglers who missed their chance at a driveway-sized prize by fishing without being registered for the tournament, many saying something like, "I never thought I'd catch one, but I dang sure will be registered now!" A simple \$25 STAR entry fee and a CCA membership could have had them fishing in style out of a new Haynie Bigfoot pulled by their new Ford F-150 instead of simply enjoying a fresh redfish dinner.

We have already opened STAR 2021 online registration. Get in before the 2021 Early Bird deadline to have your shot at twenty great prizes, including a 210 Dargel Skout

boat package. We also have a special offer just for the 2021 STAR, renew your membership (or add on a year) and sign up for 2021 STAR before **December 18th** and you will receive **TWO ENTRIES** into the **2021 Early Bird drawing**, a custom CCA-logoed AFTCO sun mask, and a **\$10 American Fishing Tackle Company gift card**! Get yourself, the kids and anyone else you can think of registered now so that you don't become one of the many heartbroken anglers who would have won!

### 2020 State of Texas Anglers Rodeo Round-up

This year we were once again able to offer up well over 100 different prizes in the STAR Tournament, ranging from boat and truck combos, boats, UTVs, \$25,000 and \$50,000 scholarships, and Academy Sports + Outdoors gift cards. Anyway you cut it, there's always plenty of ways for you to win in STAR each year. Without further ado, we present to you the 2020 CCA Texas STAR Tournament final leaders and winners! (\* denotes pending polygraph at time of print)

#### STARkids Scholarship Division

The STARkids Scholarship Division will provide three young anglers (ages 6-10) with a \$50,000 college scholarship after entering for free with their \$10 CCA membership. Through the years, this division has empowered many children to further their education who otherwise may not have been able to attend college.

**Flounder- Mason Blalock**, age 10, Lake Jackson, 5 lbs. 11 ozs.

**Sheepshead- Wyatt McKissack\***, age 8, Port Lavaca, 8 lbs. 1 Oz.

**Gafftop- Rowdy Hanks**, age 8, Kountz, 7 lbs. 1 oz.

#### Academy Sports + Outdoors STARteens Scholarship Trout Division

The Academy Sports + Outdoors STARteens Scholarship Trout Division was open to all STAR entrants ages 11-17 for free with their \$10 CCA membership. These young anglers with the heaviest speckled trout in each region (upper, middle, and lower coast), will be awarded a \$25,000 college scholarship to help further their education:

**Upper Coast- Lillie Larson**, age 16, Danbury, 7 lbs. 14 ozs.

**Middle Coast- Niklas Shatz\***, age 17, 8 lbs. 13 ozs.

**Lower Coast- Samuel Carrizales Jr\***, age 16, Brownsville, 8 lbs. 2 ozs.

Tagged Redfish Winner Marilyn Monroe and family





### **STARteens Inshore Scholarship Division**

The STARteens Inshore Division was open to all STAR entrants ages 11-17 for free with their \$10 CCA membership. These young anglers with the heaviest flounder, sheepshead, or gafftop will be awarded a \$25,000 college scholarship to help further their education:

**Flounder- Curtis Widener\***, age 14, Sargent, 6 lbs. 5 ozs.

**Sheepshead- Kyleigh McKissack\***, age 14, Port Lavaca, 6 lbs. 6 ozs.

**Gafftop- Addison Tullos**, age 12, Lumberton, 7 lbs. 5 ozs.

### **Youth Scholarship Drawing**

On top of the nine scholarships listed above, STAR also awards one youth entrant (ages 6-17) with a \$25,000 scholarship simply for entering the tournament for free with their \$10 CCA membership.

Being able to award \$325,000 in college scholarships again this year is the highlight of the STAR Tournament for many involved. What better way to entice kids away from the electronics and on the water enjoying the resource that we all love so dearly? Not to mention providing the opportunity to better their education. These youth are the future in protecting the vitality of our precious marine resources for many years to come. Take a kid fishing today! To date we have awarded over **\$7.15 MILLION** in free college to Texas youth!

### **Texas Ford Dealers Tagged Redfish Division**

The first five winners will be towing home a brand new 23' Haynie Bigfoot powered by Mercury Marine on top of a new Coastline trailer. To tow this new setup home they will also be using their brand new Ford F-150 Texas Edition and for winners under driving age, a \$25,000 scholarship!

**1st Winner- Jake Bozeman**, Katy

**2nd Winner- Marilyn Monroe**, age 8, Cypress

**3rd Winner- Thomas Bosse**, Needville

**4th Winner- Bettina Mathis**, Dripping Springs

**5th Winner- Jacob Goodwin**, Corpus Christi



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### **Trout Division**

These registered anglers weighed in the heaviest trout for the Upper, Middle, and Lower coast divisions. They will each be taking home a Mowdy 22'V, powered by a 150 hp Evinrude E-TEC G2 set on a Coastline trailer:

**Upper Coast- Lee Wright**, Flower Mound, 8 lbs. 11 ozs.

**Middle Coast- Justin Aguilar\***, San Antonio, 9 lbs. 0 ozs.

**Lower Coast- Danys Perez**, Brownsville, 10 lbs. 9 ozs.

### **Inshore Division**

These Inshore Division winners will take home a Shoalwater 19' Cat with a 115hp Mercury motor and McClain trailer for weigh-

ing in the heaviest flounder, sheepshead, and gafftop:

**Flounder- William Casey Hicks**, Dayton, 6 lbs. 8 ozs.

**Sheepshead- Jerry Mills**, Houston, 9 lbs. 00 ozs.

**Gafftop- Michael Fesco**, Sour Lake, 8 lbs. 2 ozs.

### **Offshore Division**

In the Offshore Division, the following anglers weighed in the heaviest kingfish, dorado, and ling. Each angler will be leaving the banquet with a brand new Polaris Ranger Crew 570EFI in Polaris Pursuit Camo each on a Big Tex trailer courtesy of Hoffpauir Polaris:

**Kingfish- Clifford McCrummen**, Humble, 57 lbs. 6 ozs.

**Dorado- Teague Mize**, Freeport, 35 lbs. 0 ozs.

**Ling- Reese Conner**, San Antonio, 70 lbs. 3 ozs.

CCA Texas and STAR would like to thank our fine sponsors, weigh stations, ticket stations, and the countless volunteers for their hard work and dedication in not only helping to enhance our marine resources but helping these lucky kids with their education.

Without you, the CCA member, there would be no CCA or STAR, and we want to thank every single one of you for all that you do for our great resource. We especially thank those getting kids out on the water to ensure that future generations can enjoy the same things we do!

One often overlooked area of STAR, is the critical role that our great weigh stations serve. For all of your hard work this year we thank: **SGS Causeway in Port Arthur, Sportsman Supply in Sabine Pass, Stingaree Marina in Crystal Beach, Linda's Sylvan Beach Bait & Tackle in La Porte, Smitty's Bait House in Galveston, West End Marina in Galveston, Surfside Marina in Surfside Beach, Harbor Bait & Tackle in Matagorda, Indianola Fishing Marina in Indianola, The Port O'Connor Fishing Center in Port O'Connor, Terry's Seaworthy Maine Supply in Fulton, Woody's Sport's Center in Port Aransas, Roy's Bait & Tackle in Corpus Christi, Westican Outdoors in Kingsville, Harbor Bait & Tackle in Port Mansfield, and South Shore Bait & Tackle in Port Isabel.**

**CCA TEXAS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS-** On top of helping to make this event what it is, our amazing sponsors continue to add value to your CCA Texas Membership. Remember to take advantage of the following benefits our sponsors provide you with your CCA membership!

*Tagged Redfish Winner Jake Bozeman*



*Tagged Redfish Winner Jake Bozeman*



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people can say no to free stuff and "Texas Fish & Game Magazine"

is again offering a FREE one-year (12 issues) online subscription to all 2021 CCA Texas STAR participants. This subscription gives you access to the latest and most in-depth outdoors information anywhere. Whether you are lying in bed or sitting in the office, you will always have access. So be sure to include your email address on your registration form to receive your free subscription! If you prefer the print version don't worry! You can still receive a print version, along with online access, for only \$8 a year (vs. \$17.99). Be on the lookout in your email or mailbox for details on how to activate this offer! If you have any questions regarding your past or current subscriptions, please call (800) 725-1134 or email [subscriptions@fishgame.com](mailto:subscriptions@fishgame.com)

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Thank you for another great year of support for CCA Texas and the STAR Tournament!

**\$7.15 million in college scholarships to youth from all over Texas**



Tagged Redfish Winner Jacob Bosse



Tagged Redfish Winner Jake Goodwin

Thank you to our tremendous 2020 sponsors who allow us to host this great event:

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Tagged Redfish Winner Bettina Mathis

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# Spanish mackerel, lemon-dill broiled

## INGREDIENTS

1 - 2 pounds mackerel fillets (remove red centerlines)  
2 tablespoons olive oil / Kosher salt, freshly ground black pepper  
2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest  
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, plus lemon wedges for serving  
3 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves, plus more for serving  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill, plus more for serving  
2 bunches scallions, trimmed  
Suggested side dish: yellow squash , seared with limes and pepper

## PREPARATION

Heat broiler to high. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil (Non-stick foil works best). Rub mackerel with 1 Tbsp. oil and season with salt and pepper. Place fillets skin side down on baking sheet and sprinkle with lemon zest, lemon juice, parsley and dill. Toss scallions with remaining 1 Tbsp. oil. Broil fish until just opaque in the center, 6-8 minutes, adding scallions to pan during last 4 minutes of broiling. Serve fish and scallions with lemon wedges. I like cherry tomatoes added at the last minute. —Sam Caldwell





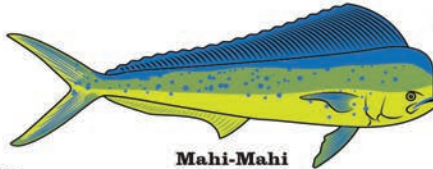
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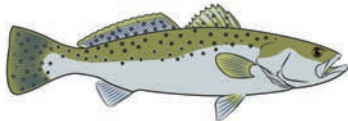
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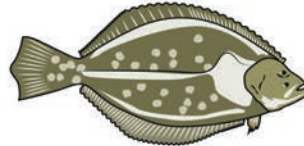
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## CURRENTS NEWSLETTER

October/November 2020

Funded in part by CCA Texas, a southern flounder building uniquely designed and outfitted to the specific needs of raising flounder is nearing completion.

*"CCA has been there for Texas anglers since the 'red-fish wars' of the 1970s. That resulted in the comeback of redfish to Texas waters through a stock enhancement program that is still going strong. We are hopeful that we'll be telling a similar success story about flounder in the years to come."*

—David Abrego, Facilities Director at Sea Center Texas.



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The Texas Parks & Wildlife website is your starting point for almost anything you need to know about outdoor Texas, including links to many areas.

Visit [www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov)

To focus on fishing and boating, visit

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Current size, bag and possession limits are now available through the Texas Parks & Wildlife website: TPWD has a number to report game violations. **1-800-792-4263**. A partner with CCA in aiding Texas game and Game Wardens is Operation Game Thief. Drop by and put this website on your favorites list: [www.ogttx.com](http://www.ogttx.com)



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