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Here's Looking At You

Thousands of flounder fingerlings are heading for a bay near you, courtesy of the new Southern Flounder Building at Sea Center Texas

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Stocking Flounder Fingerlings Where Flounder Need To Be

By Shane Bonnot

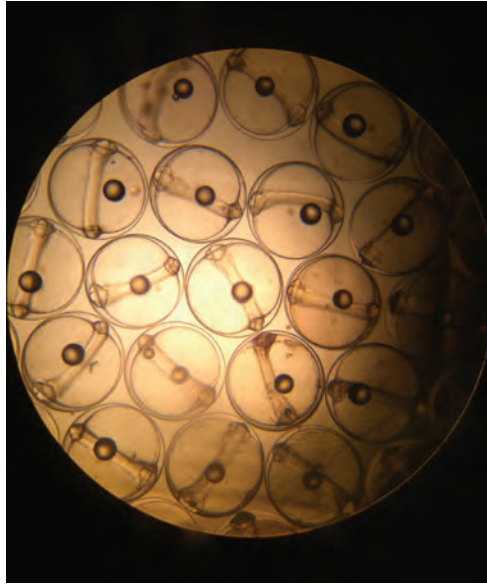
Southern Flounder Profile

Southern Flounder, *Paralichthys lethostigma* (meaning parallel fish that forgot its spots), are one of the more peculiar fish native to the Eastern and Gulf Coasts of the United States. As juveniles and adults, they can survive in bodies of water ranging from freshwater rivers and lakes to bays and offshore.

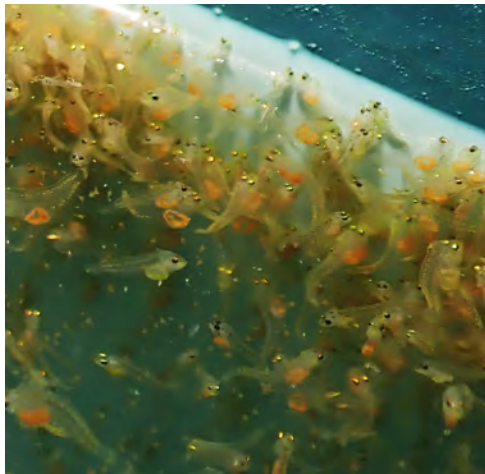
That ability to tolerate varying salinities has allowed them to be widely distributed and highly abundant throughout our coastlines, particularly during seasonal spawning migrations. Their range begins in northern Mexico and extends all the way to through the Albemarle Sound in North Carolina, with a 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 of body weight.

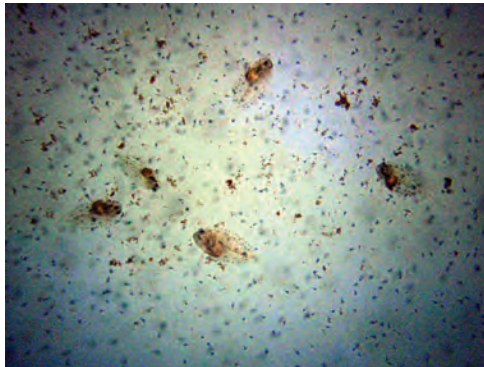
After the eggs are fertilized in the water column, they float to the surface and, depending on the water temperature, will hatch after an approximate 48-hour incubation period. A colder incubation temperature would equate to a longer incubation. After hatching, the larvae (measuring ~0.1 inches), will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



Fertilized flounder eggs



Flounder fry at 30 days



Flounder fingerlings in tank

young fish 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, depending on water temperature), something truly remarkable happens. Losing their aura of ordinary larval fish, southern flounder will undergo a metamorphic 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 conditions, allowing them to thrive in bays and estuaries as they migrate from offshore.

Imagine the energy demand required and resulting 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.



New Flounder Larviculture Building

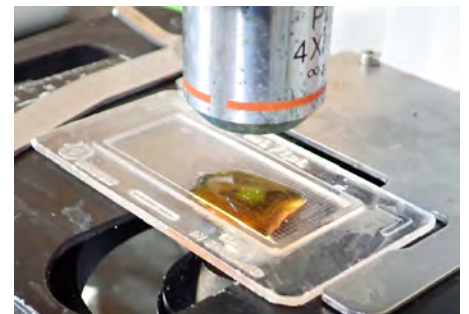
After the flounder complete metamorphosis, that tolerance increases dramatically, but during the first few weeks of a flounder's life it is absolutely critical that water temperatures remain stable in the upper 60s. Winter water temperatures above that narrow tolerance have devastating effects on Southern Flounder larvae survivability, and subsequently recruitment into the bays the following spring.

RISK OF MASCULINIZATION

Because of sexually dimorphic growth, Southern Flounder

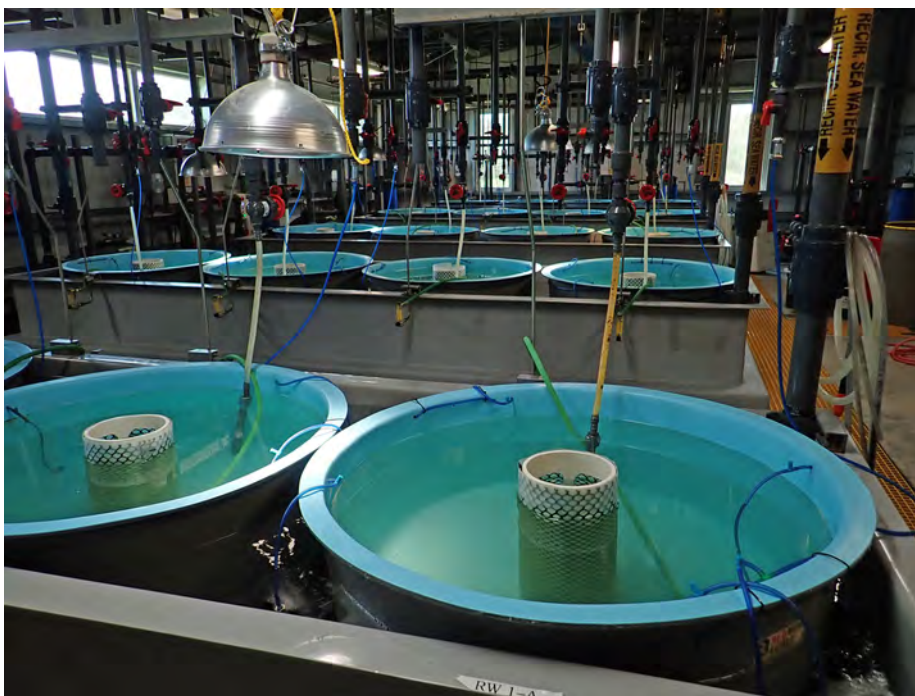


Hatchery Technician checks quality of microscopic food for fry



Sample of water with rotifers

fisheries are dependent upon larger females. Female Southern Flounder are sexually mature before two years of age (roughly 15-17 inches in length) and can



Incubation tanks in Larviculture Room

Photos Caldwell Olympus TG-5



Rotifer Culture tanks; microscopic food for flounder fry

live 7 to 8 years. Due to their relatively short life span, approximately five-year classes of female Southern Flounder contribute to the spawning biomass at a given time. Male flounder are even shorter-lived, topping out at just 3 years of age, and while some can reach 17 inches in length, they rarely reach lengths in excess of 14 inches. The takeaway message - repeated warm winter water temperatures not only decrease survivability of larvae; they also skew the sex ratios to a higher proportion of the shorter-lived males, most of which never enter the fishery.

Historically, the stock has been able to recover from back-to-back warm winters, but a third or fourth consecutive warm winter coupled with consistent harvest pressure has far-reaching implications on the fishery. Continue the pattern for decades and you will begin to hear the following terms to describe the state of the fishery: record lows, repeated recruitment failures, or overfished and undergoing overfishing.

How do states manage a fishery that seems to have more questions than answers? What management options are being explored to combat the troubling trends in the Southern Flounder fishery? Well for starters, Texas and Alabama have full closed seasons to allow adult fish to migrate offshore to spawn, and it appears that Louisiana is now considering adopting the same strategy. Another similarity between Alabama and Texas are efforts to stock Southern Flounder back into coastal waters.

Persistence Pays Off

Hatchery staff at the CCA Marine Development Center (MDC) in Corpus Christi and Sea Center Texas (SCT) in Lake Jackson have been working tirelessly to improve Southern Flounder larvae culture techniques and researching effects of light color on pigmentation, daylight hours effects on metamorphosis, and changing sea salt suppliers to analyze effects on larvae development.

If you aren't learning, you aren't growing, and the philosophy of Fisheries Enhancement staff has always



Large trailer tanks for transporting fry and fingerlings to release points in bays



A one-acre rearing pond for growing out red drum and spotted seatrout



Left, redfish cruising in one of the holding ponds. Right, an explosion of reds as food is provided.

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been to never settle with mediocrity. Well, their efforts, willingness to try new things, and sticktoitiveness are beginning to pay huge dividends as they release post-metamorphic Southern Flounder fingerlings into Texas bays.

Thus far in 2022, hatchery staff have released 44,457 flounder into Galveston Bay and 23,989 flounder into Aransas Bay. As a

former hatchery employee myself, I can't begin to express how proud I am of the hatchery teams for their accomplishments. They continue to show why they are considered the leaders in the world of fisheries/stock enhancement and their "Make It Happen" attitude serves as a lesson for all of us to keep striving for our goals.



What's Next for Mesquite Bay?

At the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting on March 24, 2022, the Commission withdrew closure of Oyster Reef Areas within the Mesquite Bay Complex from the agenda. Instead, they opted to ask the Department (TPWD) to form a task force of stakeholders to develop metrics that would define success of a possible closure with the goal of deciding on how to proceed prior to the beginning of the next oyster season on November 1, 2022. Additionally, the task force will also be asked to evaluate the oyster fishery across all bay systems from a holistic standpoint.

The support to permanently close the Mesquite Bay Complex to oyster harvesting was overwhelming with 79% of public comments favoring the closure. We sincerely appreciate your support through your public comments. YOU made your voice loud and clear. Additionally, 16 non-government organizations submitted individual letters backing the justification for the proposal and offered suggestions to the Commission on how to proceed moving forward. However, after listening to nearly four hours of public testimony, the Commission was unable to land on a

decision. You can listen to the entire meeting and public comment by [CLICKING HERE](#) and forwarding the audio to the 18:41 mark.

It is important to remember that the Mesquite Bay Oyster Harvest Area (TX-28) was closed on December 21st of last year and will continue to be temporarily closed for the remainder of the current public oyster season, which ends April 30, 2022.

What's next? We fight on and continue our work to ensure a sustainable Texas Oyster Fishery which recognizes the structural and ecological benefits of our public oyster reefs.

We will continue to let you know how and when to take action, because we'll need your voice again to save our Texas Oyster Fishery.

Once again, thank you to everyone who got involved and engaged on this critical issue. Your ongoing support and grassroots efforts to ensure the health and conservation of our marine resources and anglers' access to them is truly appreciated and will be needed in the near future.

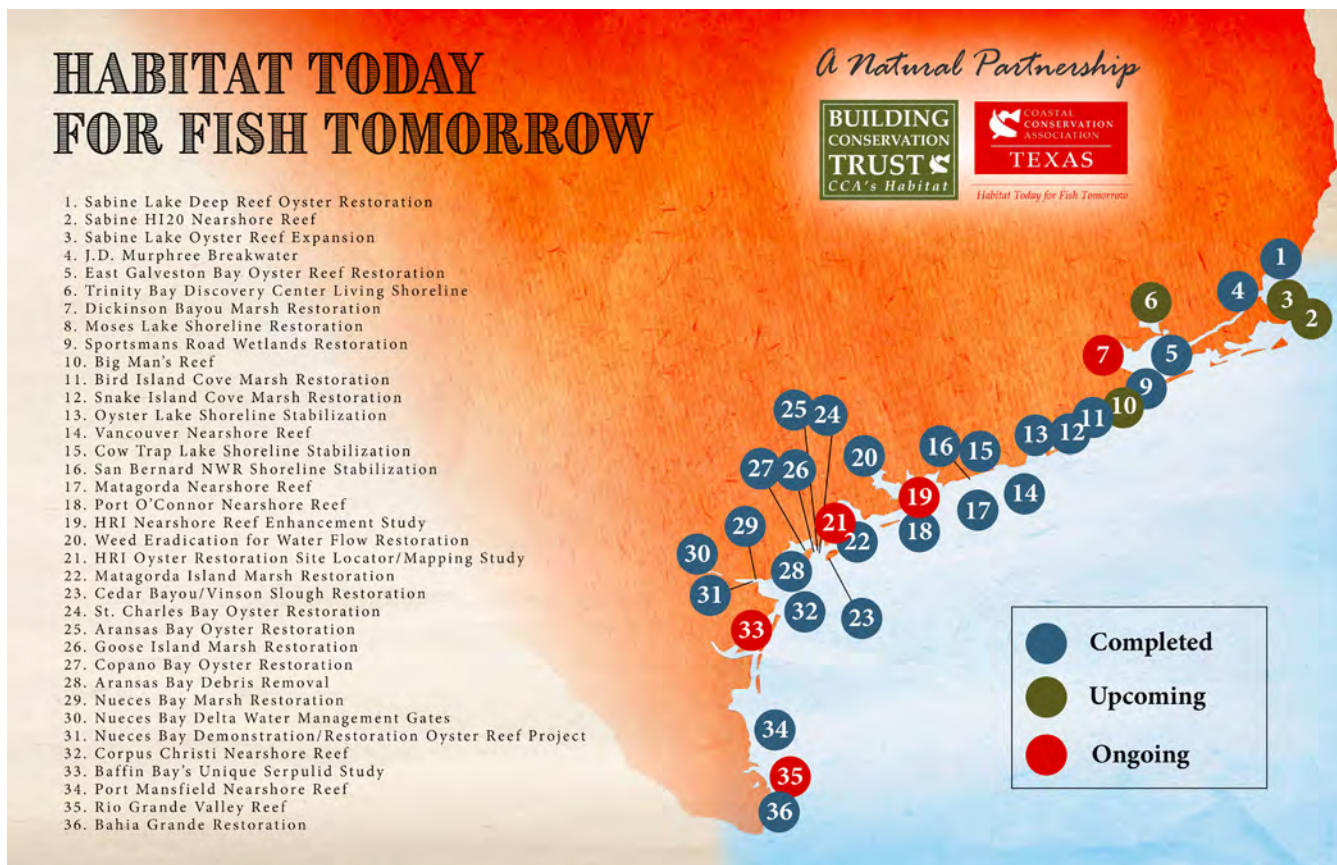
Please follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) and keep an eye on ccatexas.org for all the latest information. Gratefully yours, —**Shane Bonnot**
CCA Texas Advocacy Director



The Mesquite Bay Oyster Harvest Area will continue to be temporarily closed for the remainder of the current public oyster season, which ends April 30, 2022. Photo by John Blaha.

HABITAT TODAY FOR FISH TOMORROW

CCA Texas and Building Conservation Trust Nearshore Reefing Support	
• Sabine Pass HI20 (2021 deployments: Culverts & pyramids)	\$ 906,000
• Rio Grande Valley (2021 deployments: Railroad ties & boats)	\$ 861,000
• Port O'Connor	\$ 700,000
• Galveston Big Man & Kate's (2021 deployments: Pyramids)	\$ 329,000
• HRI Nearshore Reef Enhancement Study	\$ 250,000
• Matagorda	\$ 200,000
• Coprus Christi	\$ 100,000
• Freeport / Vancouver	\$ 60,000
• Port Mansfield	\$ 50,000
Total contributions to Nearshore Reefing:	\$3,456,000



HABITAT TODAY FOR FISH TOMORROW

CCA Texas Projects

1. Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Restoration	\$1,600,000
2. Nearshore Reefing - Sabine Pass	\$ 906,000
3. Nearshore Reefing - Rio Grande Valley Reef	\$ 861,000
4. Nearshore Reefing—Port O'Connor	\$ 700,000
5. Oyster Restoration - East Galveston Bay	\$ 500,000
6. ** Oyster Reef Creation - St. Charles Bay (Rockport)	\$ 425,000
7. Nearshore Reefing - Galveston / Big Man & Kate's Reef	\$ 329,000
8. HRI Nearshore Reef Enhancement Study	\$ 250,000
9. Dagger Island Shoreline Protection & Marsh Restoration (Redfish Bay)	\$ 250,000
10. Shoreline Stabilization - Oyster Lake (West Galveston Bay)	\$ 230,000
11. Oyster Restoration—Deep Reef Sabine Lake	\$ 215,000
12. Nearshore Reefing - Matagorda	\$ 200,000
13. Shoreline Stabilization - San Bernard NWR	\$ 200,000
14. Marsh Restoration - Bird Island Cove (West Galveston Bay)	\$ 150,000
15. Shoreline Protection/Marsh Creation - Moses Lake (Galveston Bay)	\$ 138,000
16. Baffin Bay Serpulid Reef Habitat Conservation/Restoration Study	\$ 135,000
17. Oyster Restoration—Pepper Grove / Galveston (BCT)	\$ 130,000
18. Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Shoreline Protection (San Antonio Bay)	\$ 125,000
19. HRI Oyster Restoration Site Locator Mapping Study	\$ 120,000
20. Marsh Restoration - Dickinson Bayou	\$ 100,000
21. Nearshore Reefing - Corpus Christi	\$ 100,000
22. Bahia Grande Restoration (Port Isabel / Brownsville)	\$ 95,000
23. Oyster Reef Restoration - Aransas Bay (Rockport)	\$ 75,000
24. Oyster Reef Restoration - Copano Bay (Rockport)	\$ 75,000
25. Marsh Restoration - Egery Island (Copano Bay/Bayside)	\$ 70,000
26. Marsh Restoration - Matagorda Island	\$ 70,000
27. Nueces Bay Delta Water Management Gates	\$ 70,000
28. Nearshore Reefing - Freeport / Vancouver	\$ 60,000
29. Nueces Bay Demonstration Oyster Reef	\$ 60,000
30. Marsh Restoration - Goose Island (Rockport)	\$ 50,000
31. Nearshore Reefing - Port Mansfield	\$ 50,000
32. Shoreline Stabilization - J. D. Murphree WMA	\$ 50,000
33. Shoreline Stabilization - Cow Trap Lake (Brazoria County)	\$ 50,000
34. Dollar Bay Shoreline Protection and Marsh Restoration	\$ 50,000
35. Galveston Bay Foundation Headquarters Living Shoreline Restoration	\$ 50,000
36. Marsh Restoration - Oxen & Gang's Bayou (Galveston)	\$ 42,000
37. Trinity Bay Discovery Center Living Shoreline	\$ 40,000
38. Sweetwater Preserve Shoreline Protections and Oyster Reef Enhancement	\$ 30,000
39. Marsh Restoration - Nueces Bay (Corpus Christi)	\$ 24,000
40. Marsh Restoration - Snake Island Cover (West Galveston Bay)	\$ 20,000
41. Weed Eradication for Water Flow Restoration (Guadalupe River Delta)	\$ 15,000
42. Bay Debris Removal - Aransas Pass	\$ 5,600
43. Building Conservation Trust's Texas Habitat Fund (BCT & CCA Texas Secured Funds)	\$ 399,066

** 2022 Projects Contributed to as 3/01/22

TOTAL FUNDED THROUGH 2022: \$9,114,666

If you are interested in contributing to our Habitat program,
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Putting fingerlings back where fish need to be

Hatcheries were an early priority of CCA. Enhancing populations was crucial, but replacing a large percentage of cold-stricken gamefish proved to be a primary benefit of the hatcheries.

Once again, CCA and TPWD are filling the need to mitigate trout, redfish and flounder mortalities. Take a brief voyage with a CCA /TPWD hatchery as technicians replace trout fingerlings. Here's a link to a just-released video that will provide an idea of the process: [CLICK HERE](#)



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Executive Director, CCA Texas



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COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION TEXAS

Caught Redhanded! 🦋 Reports from TP&W Game Wardens



Texas Game Wardens continue to work closely with other agencies such as USFW and CBP at our Ports of Entry. Texas Game Wardens are regularly making cases on the illegal importation of aquatic products. Especially important is the prevention of oysters imported from Mexico from entering the food supply in Texas. These oysters are unmarked, unregulated, and often are believed to come from polluted waters.



Nueces County Wardens recently caught two individuals giggering flounder during the Fall Closure. Violations included: possession during closed season, over the daily bag limit and undersize flounder.

Texas Game Wardens patrolled San Antonio Bay on the opening week of oyster season, inspecting a total of 166 oyster boats for compliance. Wardens issued 8 undersized oyster citations with percentages ranging from 14% to 18%. A total of 25 sacks of oysters or approximately 2,750 lbs. of oysters were returned to the reefs over the week. Additional oyster violations observed by wardens included oystering within 300 feet of land, untagged oyster sacks, and failure to display commercial oyster boat tags.



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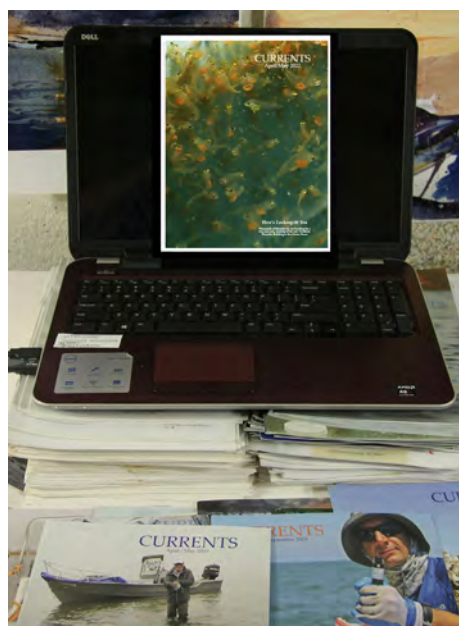
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- A link to the CCA Texas website provides comprehensive news and resources. On the website, an array of CCA information is available. View many project-specific videos. Consult the list of CCA-approved guides. Listen to an informative Podcast.

- Photos can be larger and more numerous, allowing for more of the membership's Great Photos to be shared.

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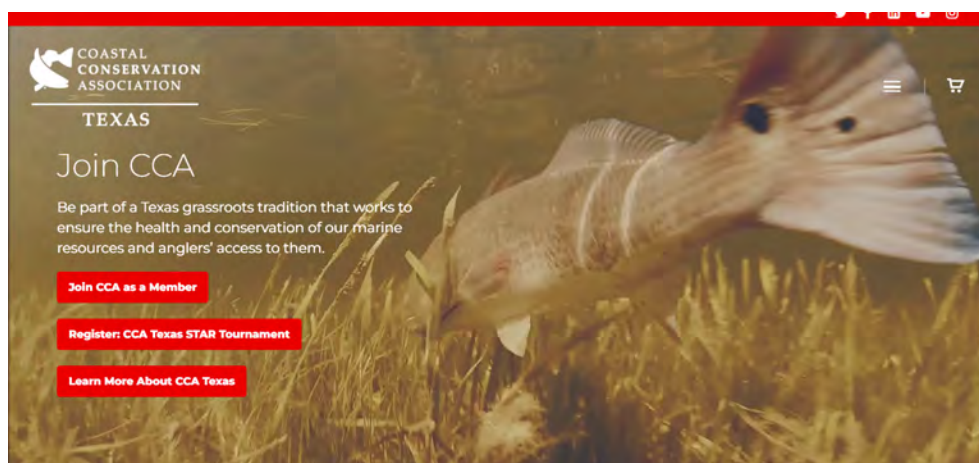
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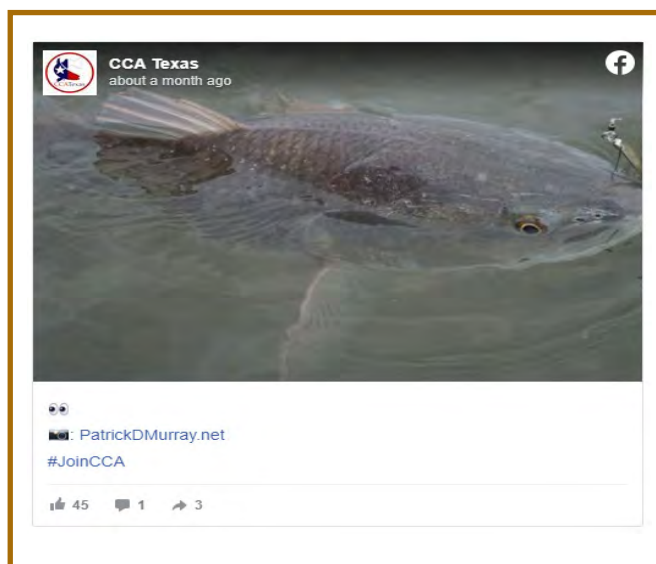
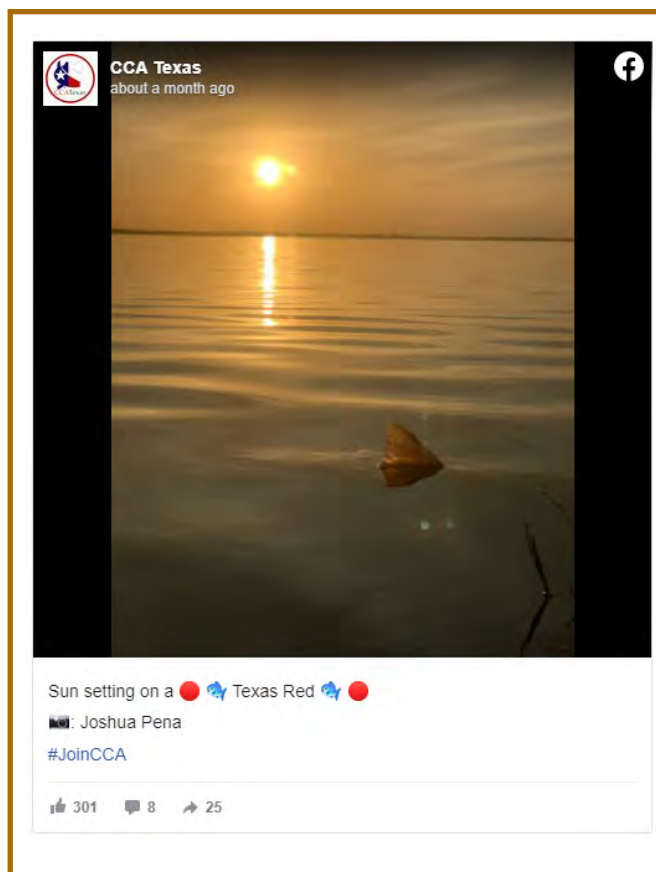
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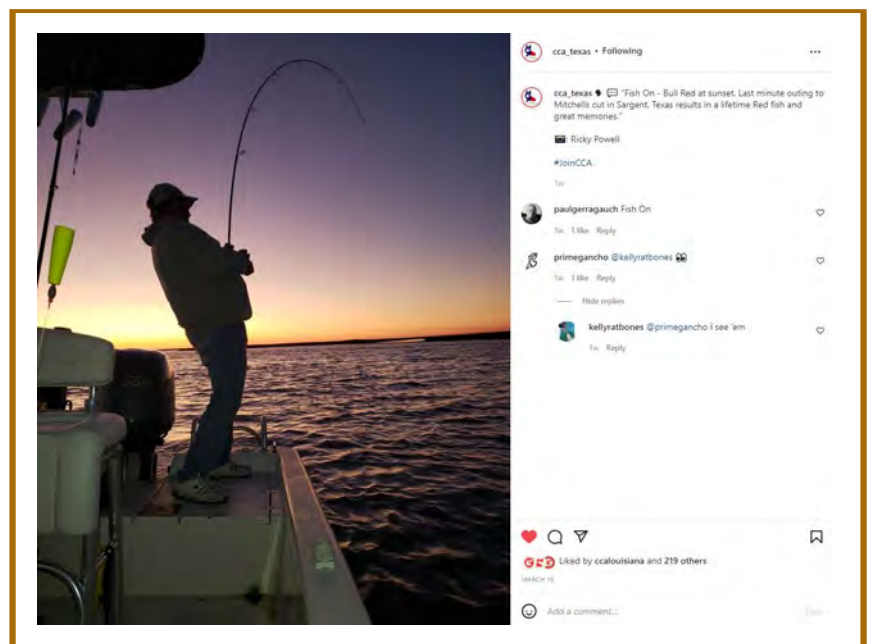
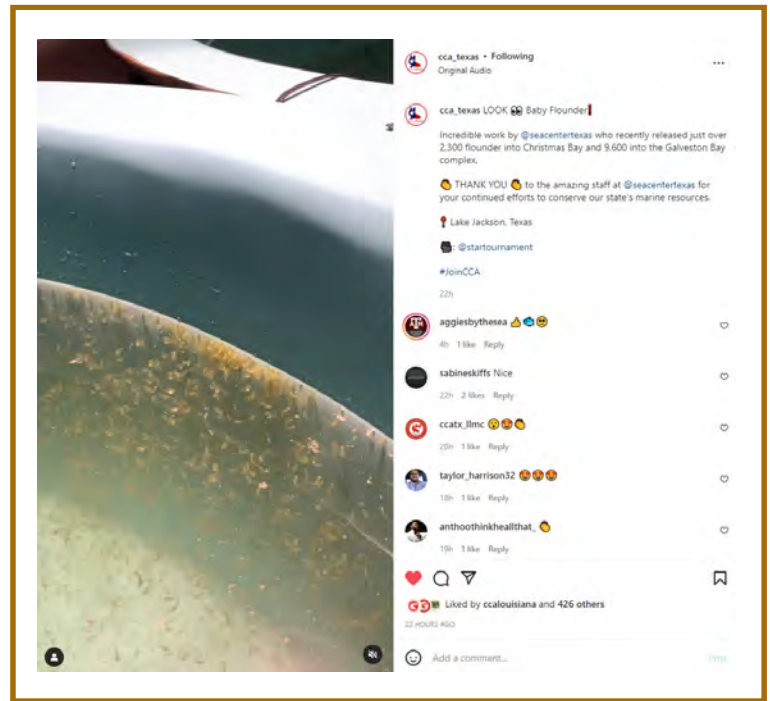
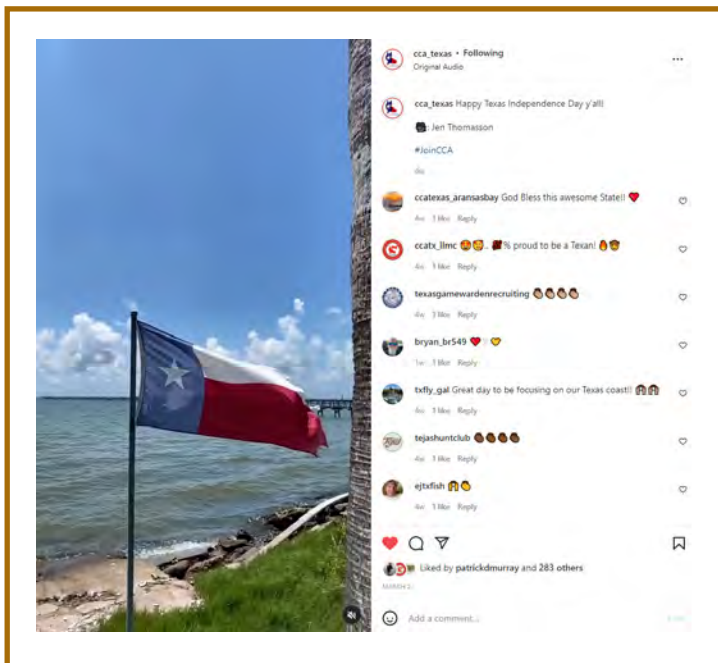


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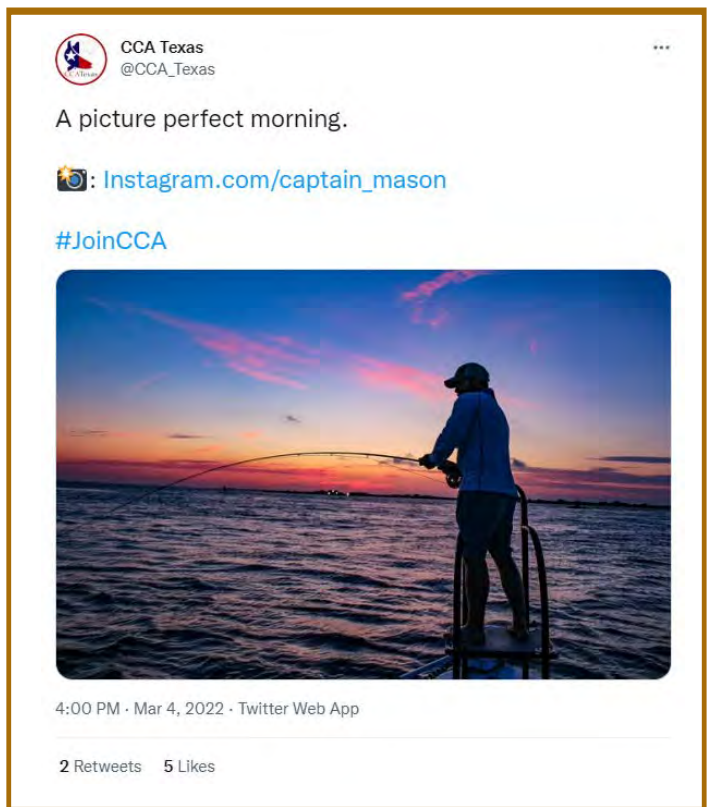
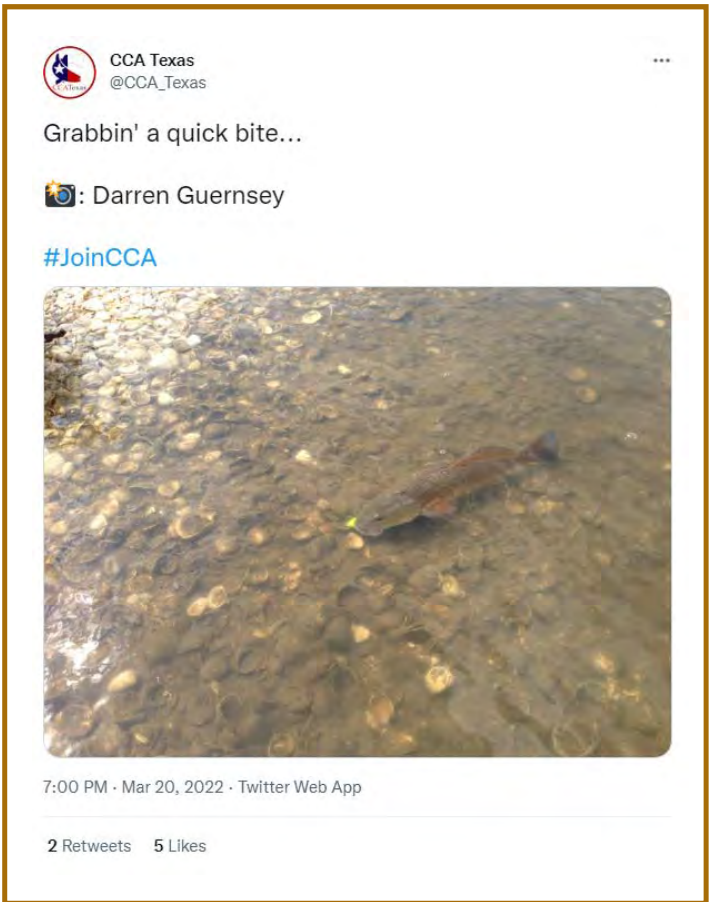


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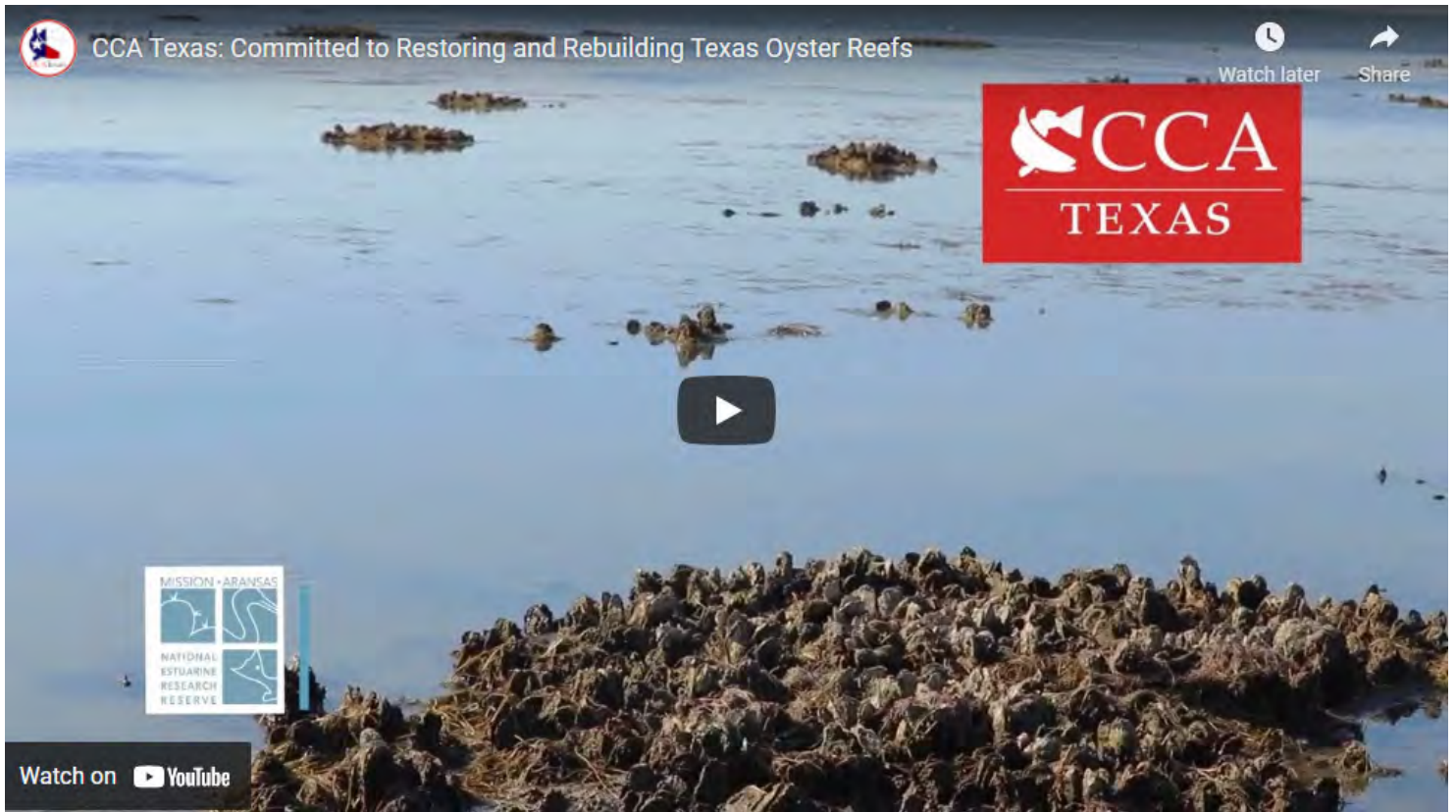
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Valuable Texas Oyster Reef Information Running on TV

Our NEW TV commercial, "CCA Texas: Committed to Restoring and Rebuilding Texas Oyster Reefs" is up and running. It is currently featured on ABC and its affiliates, AT&T SportsNet for Houston Astros and Texas Ranger games, and KBTX Fox for MLB and NASCAR through May. Please take a moment to watch our new TV commercial by [clicking here](#) or on the image above!

Oyster reefs play a critical role in the health of our Texas Bays. They provide habitat for all kinds of marine life, improve water quality, and reduce wave energy to prevent erosion. Our public reefs are being affected by pressure from commercial oyster harvest as well as environmental events.

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Due to several key groups not being able to participate due to schedule conflicts, we have returned the event date to the first weekend of June. Please mark your calendars for the change and book it in your calendars accordingly.

Port Mansfield Beach & Cut Clean Up Saturday, June 4, 2022! More details coming as we get closer to the event.

—Miller and Kathy Bassler / 817-396-4886



**San Antonio Bay Partnership (SABP) Port
 O'Connor Shorelines Cleanup**

For the last two years, SABP has conducted the POC Shorelines Cleanup to pick up trash on remotes shores near POC—boat or kayaks required to access. The date for 2022 is not set yet, but will be on a Saturday in late September or early October. Contact me at the email below to get on the distribution list. Info on last year's effort also available on SABayPartnership.org — Allan Berger / AllanRBerger@outlook.com

A Twenty-year Tradition Continues

The 2022 Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program once again took hundreds of dangerous crab traps from the bays. The program was initiated in 2002. It is the brainchild of Ronnie "The Crab Man" Luster, a long-time CCA Texas volunteer and the first to be recognized as a Field and Stream "Hero of Conservation."

Below, Ronnie and CCA Board Member CeeCee Fitzgerald offload traps at the Port O'Connor center, manned by young volunteers.

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Hello all, the Alvin Pearland Chapter Board has been very busy planning for 2022! We have been working to organize our Anglers' Night Out meetings and getting our fundraising banquet details lined out.

The official dates for our Anglers' Night Out events are **April 5, May 24, September 6, and October 25**. The meetings will be held at a new location, Big Horn BBQ in Pearland! The speakers will begin at 7 p.m. Come earlier if you want to visit, hang out, and grab a bite to eat!

The speaker for April is going to be CCA's Advocacy Director, Shane Bonnot. He will be discussing and updating us all on the current conservation topics and initiatives. The May speaker is going to be Capt. Billy Penick III from Gypsy Guide Service – Galveston Bay System.

Our 2022 Annual Banquet is scheduled for Thursday June 16 and will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pearland. We will be serving a delicious steak dinner by Joe's BBQ. There will be a Sportsman's Raffle including guns and Waterloo rod/reel packages. There will also be live and silent auctions, as well as numerous raffles. This is an event you won't want to miss. Reserve your spot now!

Banquet tickets are \$60/Person, \$100/Couple, \$15/Kids. Reserved/Sponsor Tables start at \$600 for 8 Guests. All adult tickets include a CCA membership. Sportsman's Raffle Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. If you would like to purchase banquet tickets, reserve a table for your group/company, or make a donation to our event, please contact Carson Vecera at 713.626.4222 or email us at AlvinPearlandCCA@yahoo.com

The best way to stay up to date with our latest chapter events is to follow us on [Facebook](#) or go to our [chapter website](#). We hope to see you at one of our events! Don't forget to bring a friend, or even better, a kid!

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Hope you are all enjoying this beautiful Spring weather! It's that time of year when our Aransas Bay volunteers are staying busy ramping up for our **Annual Aransas Bay CCA Banquet. It will be on April 2, 2022 at the Fulton Convention Center.** We have a SOLD-OUT banquet once again this year and we are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces soon! We have an excellent group of sponsors this year, with **Salemi's Ace Hardware and Academy Sports + Outdoors** as our title sponsors back again this year.

Thanks to our star sponsors: **Baker Law, Canterbury Design & Construction, Hayden & Cunningham, PLLC Attorneys, Karen Mella Re/Max Security Real Estate, Lone Star Breweries, PoorMan's Country Club, Rockport Tackle Town.** Key Sponsors, **Burkholder AC/Stag Golf, Coastline Homes, Lectrics Electrical Contractors, Miss Kitty's Fishing Getaways, Prosperity Bank, R-Adventures/Corky's Custom Rods, Rockport Properties, Spears & Co Realty, and Robin Bohler.**

Thanks to our corporate sponsors: **Belaire Environmental, Big Tree Realty, Bill & Lana Wallace, Brown Water Marine Service, Fishtales, Flaggert/Weiss, Gator Bait, Guild Mortgage, KCM Cabinets, Lott Holdings, LLC/Mesa Verde Trading Company, Norma Marini Realtor KW Coastal Bend Rockport, Rockport Marine, Rockport Veterinary Clinic, sea Level Construction/Crystal SCHOEN, Smithers Merchant Builders, The Lodge at Goose Island, Tow Boat US, and Weller & Water Outdoors.** And a special thanks to all who work together to make this wonderful event happen!

Babes on the Bay is May 13-14, 2022. Registration will be open at BabesontheBay.com through mid-April. After April 1 the fee increases to \$125/angler until April 15. Join us again for the best and largest all-women's fishing tournament in the USA! This tournament is an all catch-and-release format using the Fishing Chaos App. Doors will open at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 13 for check-in and bag pick up. We will have live music on the stage, vendors, food and drinks, and a great time for all! We are open to the public both days. On Saturday each angler will have a chance to win one of eight fabulous trips, including vacations to Costa Rica, Buena Vista Resort on the East Cape of Cabo, Game On Charters in Louisiana, Bay Flats Lodge, Texas Hill Country, Florida Everglades, Redrum Sportfishing in Cabo San Lucas. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased on Saturday, you



Left: the Dugan Family from Tumbling River Ranch, Colorado visiting Rockport on a day out with Capt. Corey Montgomery / Right: Oliver Braasch from Rockport, Texas on a day on the water with his Mom and Grandparents.



2022 CCA Austin Raffle Boat. Below right, 2022 CCA Austin Raffle Tahoe.



making it possible to continuing the mission of CCA!
If you are interested in learning more about volunteering and

joining the board of the Austin Chapter of CCA, please contact Jeff Beck at natvtexn71@yahoo.com with any questions. We would love to have you join us! We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Warren Wildlife Gallery, 1401 Bouldin Ave, Austin, TX 78704. If you have any questions on Austin CCA Chapter, please contact Jason Magdalena, President, at jason.magdalena@gmail.com or at (512) 789-6207.

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We are nearing our **2022 fundraising Banquet on Thursday May 12, 2022 at Palmer Events Center**. The Austin Board is working hard to bring you the best raffle, live auction and we are excited to roll out our new Game Zone for everyone to enjoy. You can go to the [website to purchase tickets](#) or you can email cherylccaustin@gmail.com for more information and table forms.

We are raffling off this 1995 2 door Tahoe, custom Linex coated and ready for the water. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Call (512) 662-0006 to purchase your tickets or for more information.

This year's boat is an SCB S22. It is equipped with a Mercury Verado 250hp engine, Lenco Trim Tabs, a Boss Machine Extreme Jac, and raised console. Plus, it sits atop a tandem axle McClain aluminum trailer! Purchase your 2022 boat raffle tickets through a Board Member or call Cheryl at (512) 662-0006. Only 1500 will be sold!

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Spring is upon us and that means great fishing! **The Brazos Valley chapter held our 30th Annual Banquet at the Brazos Center in Bryan, Texas on March 4 2022.** We had over 400 attendees and everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening of games, silent and live auctions, raffles, dinner, drinks and catching up with friends.

Our chapter members worked extremely hard this year gathering sponsors and selling tickets. **C & J Barbeque** catering served an awesome dinner. **Jack Hillard Distributing** and **Cocktails4U** did a great job quenching everyone's thirst.

A long appreciative thank you to Drew Adams. We will miss him, after many years of working with our chapter. And welcome Carson Vecera, our new assistant director. He got his feet wet on our banquet this year and we look forward to working with him in the future for many more years.

We especially want to acknowledge and thank our sponsors, patrons and attendees who make our banquet a success, it truly takes a village. All of you are the reason we have beautiful waters and an incredible fishery. The conservation we do now will ring true for our children, grandchildren and great grands, allowing them to enjoy the great outdoors. Remember to take a kid fishing!

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Another successful banquet is in the books! Our banquet chair, Dr. Kesley Banks, got us back to our regularly scheduled programming in 2022 and we are ready to keep the party going! We thank each and every one of you for joining us this year and look forward to seeing you at other events.

We also want to thank our 2022 CCA Corpus Christi Chapter award winners. The TPWD Game Warden of the Year was awarded to Howard Austin Pierce, currently in Kleberg County. He has been on duty for 9 years and protecting our federal and state water fisheries, as well as rescuing boaters, flood disasters, and education programs. The TPWD Biologist of the Year goes to Tyler Schacht, who is the Hatchery Manager at the Perry R. Bass Hatchery and Research station. He is working to increase the survival rate of red drum in the hatchery ponds by using artificial habitat. Our Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Randall Poelma. He has been an important figure in both our local chapter and state board where he serves as the chair of the budget committee. As Randy says, "it's for

the fish!"

Our annual **Poco Rojo kids fish event** is scheduled for **June 4, 2022 at the CCA Marine Development Center in Flour Bluff.** Keep an eye on your email for more info.

The 2022 Babes on Baffin all women's fishing tournament is October 7-8, 2022 and we are excited for our second year of a Catch-Photo-Release tournament! Keep an eye on babesonbaffin.org for updated information.

Let us know if you're interested in volunteering! For questions, contact Heather at ccacorpuschristi@gmail.com or call (361) 882-5199.

We would like to thank all of our 2022 banquet sponsors for their donations and support.

Gold Sponsors: Academy Sports + Outdoors, Andrews Distributing Company, Inc, Clayton's Meats, Flint Hills Resources, L&F Distributors and Ron Hoover Marine.

Silver Sponsor: Corpus Christi Cycle Plaza.

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CCA Dallas kicked off the spring of 2022 with an Anglers' Night Out held at Clay Shooters Supply. We had a great attendance and enjoyed an informative presentation by Texas Game Warden Adam Alvarez who also drew the tickets for our raffle prizes. Some of the lucky winners walked away with a CHAMA Vaquero chair, a Seafoam 30-quart Engel Cooler, Aggie and Longhorn colored Cordia Hunting fishing shirts, and a Stinky Pants Fishing Wading Box.

Our plans for the **CCA Dallas Annual Banquet at On The Levee on September 22, 2022** are humming along. If you are interested in purchasing a table for 8 please contact us, there are three tiers of tables and table gifts are included with the premier tables. There will be one Early Bird table buyer winner of a Beretta APX 9mm if the table is purchased before June 30. Sponsorship opportunities are available in several of the raffles we conduct at the banquet.

Dallas members are looking forward to getting some lines wet as the weather warms up and we will have more events coming. Stay tuned to our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for information.

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Greetings to all of our local members from the greatest inland chapter in CCA Texas! We aren't sure if we are back to normal or if the current state of the world is the new normal, but we



Texas Game Warden Adam Alvarez at the latest CCA Dallas ANO

can promise that your CCA events are back just the way you all loved them in the past. Upcoming events include a **crawfish boil at the Vintage Rail on March 31 beginning at 6 p.m.** By far a huge fan favorite, come on out and enjoy some crawfish, sides and complimentary beverages, all ages welcome. There will be multiple raffle packages as well as an opportunity to purchase a seat or a table for the banquet. This is the pre-party to the main event, you guessed it: the **Annual Fort Worth Chapter Banquet will be at the famous and historic Joe T Garcia's on May 12, 2022, also beginning at 6 p.m.** This is your flagship event and where we do the most to support the fisheries in the great state of Texas. Keep your eye out for updates for our fall fish fry as well. Keep the focus on coming out and supporting your local team at Joe T's and we hope we can see you at the pre-party on March 31. I hope some of you have been keeping our guides on the coast busy over the last two years. I know they have been having some busy schedules. See you soon and tight lines!

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Greetings from the Golden Triangle Chapter! Summertime is upon us and that means it is a perfect time to hit the water! If you do so, be sure to sign up for the STAR tournament; it's going to be a great event with plenty of opportunities to win some awesome prizes.

Put it on your calendars— **May 26, 2022 is our annual banquet and will be held at the Beaumont Civic Center.** A ticket will get you in the door, entry into the STAR tournament and all the crawfish you can eat! It's shaping up to be a great event and there will be plenty of games, prizes and raffles to win. Visit our [Golden Triangle Chapter webpage](#) to purchase a ticket. Looking forward to seeing everyone there and be sure to get on the water.

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A Texas size thank you to everyone who attended our 2022 banquet. It's because of our sponsors that enable us to continue to fund the great efforts of CCA Texas. Thank you to **Molson Coors, Cajun Country Cookers and the staff of the Stafford Centre** for all of your help. See you again next year!

We are excited to be hosting our Kid Fish event on Saturday, April 9 in New Territory. We will also host a second in River Stone Communities on April 30. If you would like to join us and lend a hand, please do. Believe me, when you see a young angler landing their first catch, the smiles on their faces will warm your heart.

Plans are underway for an Anglers' Night Out. I will publish more info on that soon. The last one was a big success, and our goal is to top that one.

Other chapters better get ready, our Inter Chapter Challenge Team is geared up and ready to bring home the trophy for the first time.

Stay tuned for the date on the Greater Sugar Land CCA Chapter 2022 Presidents Cup Fishing Tournament to take place in Sargent.

And as always, a very special thank you to the Board Of Directors of the Greater Sugar Land CCA Chapter for all of your **hard work and dedication to all that is CCA.** La Les La Bon Temps Roulle and Geaux Fish.

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The Heart of the Hills Chapter would like to express our deepest condolences to our longtime friend and former chapter president, Darrell Steubing, and his family for the loss of his beautiful wife, Betty. Betty was a very special person to all who knew her, and she will be sorely missed in Boerne and far beyond.

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Howdy CCA Helotes, wow! We held our 5th Annual Banquet on March 24, 2022, and it was an incredible event. Thanks to our host, Pedrotti's Ranch, we all enjoyed a great crawfish and shrimp dinner and a room with great atmosphere. Our sponsors are such an integral part of the event, we couldn't do it without them: **Academy Sports + Outdoors, Gun Shack, Premier Yamaha - San Antonio, DeWinne Equipment, River City Oral Surgery, Frost Bank, Jupe Mills, Judy Mitchell, John and Karen Botter, Kurt Anderson, Young Bros. Fire Protection, Mesa Equipment, Galm Real Estate, Mack Rigby, El Chaparral, B-Daddy's BBQ, Torchy's Tacos, Glazer's Beer, Health Texas Medical Group- Helotes, David Dobronski**, and many more. Thanks to the strong community support this chapter just keeps growing and growing. We had a record-breaking fundraiser for CCA Texas. Congrats to all of our hard-working committee members who have remained dedicated from the start. Can't wait to see everyone again next year in March! In the meantime, take a kid fishing, it will put a smile on their face and yours.

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On April 12 we will have an Anglers' Night Out. Our guest speakers will be Merriel Solesky and Jonathan Hua, hosts of One Last Cast Podcast. They will talk about kayaking and fishing Galveston Bay.

The **2022 CCA Texas Mainland Chapter Banquet will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022 at The Doyle Convention Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.** Join us for a night of dinner, drinks, auctions, raffles and good old fundraising fun! Don't miss out on your chance to win some amazing guns, rods and reels! Tickets and tables are available for [purchase online](#). Hope to see you there!

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Matagorda Bays is excited to announce our upcoming 2022 events schedule and are looking to have another record setting year for fundraising. I am extremely proud of every chapter board member and how they seek out new and innovative ways to make our chapter's kid fish, banquet, boat raffle and tournament a better experience for the chapter members and CCA Texas supporters!

2022 Events Schedule: Lil' Salties Kid Fish is May 7, **Chapter Banquet and Boat Raffle is June 30**, and the **Jim Ehman Memorial Guides Cup is Sept 26-27**.

Our "Ice Blue" 2022 Haynie Magnum 25 will be delivered this week from Chris's Marine and Haynie Boats and tickets are currently being sold by our board members! We will still be displaying the raffle boat in the surrounding communities without the motor for now until the delivery of the Mercury 400hp Verado. You can reach out to any of our board members to purchase raffle tickets and new for this year we also have an option for credit/debit card, please contact us for more information.

The chapter has two new boat sponsors for 2022 and we want to give a BIG shout out to each one: **Sutton Wealth Management, Capital Farm Credit and Del Papa Distributing Company**. Please check out our [Facebook page](#) and [chapter webpage](#) on the CCA Texas website for any and all boat raffle and banquet updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

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Spring is in the air and our Mid-Coast chapter is excited about what lies ahead! We have some exciting events coming up we hope you will be a part of!

We are ecstatic about our pre-banquet raffle; the grand prize is a 2021 Haynie Bigfoot powered by a 2021 Mercury 150 sitting on a 2021 Coastline custom trailer, 2nd prize is a Browning X-Bolt 6.5 Creedmore Max Long Range Rifle, 3rd prize is a Weatherby Element 20 ga Tunsten shotgun, 4th prize is a custom Waterloo Rod and Reel combo and 5th prize is an Engel 65 qt cooler! Thanks to our sponsors, **Chris' Marine and Waterloo**. We have a few tickets left and will be displaying the boat around Victoria, please call Cheryl Guthrie (361) 935-3342 or Mike Brawner (281) 787-1671 to purchase tickets (\$100/each). We are only selling 600 tickets and it is unlikely that we will have any left at the banquet, so get them now! Please keep an eye on our chapter [Facebook](#) page for special upcoming events around the area where we will be showcasing this beautiful boat!

Now is the time to [buy your tickets](#) to our **2022 Mid Coast Chapter Annual Banquet on the evening of Thursday, April 21 at the Victoria Community Center**. We are having a specially catered meal by the famous John Welder. If you've been to one of John's catered events, you know you won't want to miss this! And of course, we will have awesome games and prizes for a fun-filled evening. Until next time, tight lines!

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Final preparations are being made for the **2022 Redfish Bay Chapter Banquet, which will be held on May 21, starting at 6 p.m. in the Aransas Pass Civic Center**. As usual, we will have a family friendly event with a sit-down meal. Thanks to our many

donors who allow us to have raffle and auction items for everyone! We look forward to seeing you there.

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Greetings from the Sabine Neches Chapter! Our banquet was held on March 3, 2022 and was a great success! We had a great evening of fundraising, hot crawfish and cold drinks! It was great to catch up with old friends and to meet new people.

We could not have done it without our great sponsors: **Anthony Toups and Classic GMC/Acura, Indorama, K&S Outdoor Power, Golden Pass LNG, Specialty Paint, Kieschnick Industries, Donalson Auto Group, Better Built Metal Buildings, UBS Ohmstede Group, American Airboats, and Standard Services**. Thank you for your generous support of our banquet!

Thanks to Shane Chesson for the great crawfish, Del Papa Distributing and Giglio Distributing for the cold drinks!

It was a great year and here's to next year! Save the date for Thursday March 2, 2023! See you then!



2021 Sabine-Neches Banquet

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Spring is here! Well, it looks as though springtime has finally arrived. The fish are biting, and we need to go spend some time on the water. The weather forecasts are getting better and fish reports are solid. So, I hope everyone is planning to get out there and catch some fish, I know I'm trying.

Don't forget to like our [CCA Sam Houston Chapter Facebook page](#), and please share pics of your fish or your spring and summer adventures. Please remember your safety equipment and don't forget your fishing gear! Get out on the water!

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Hello all, in late March we had a great Banquet Committee planning meeting. It's showtime in 39 days! Time flies, but the wheels are turning and things are well underway for the **2022 San Antonio Banquet. We returned to our spring date of April 28, 2022 at Joe Freeman Expo Hall.**

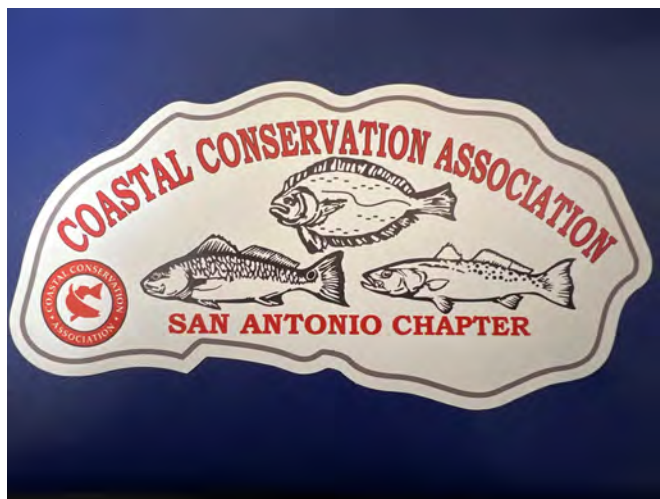
Here's a preview of a few of our 2022 mega prizes. I'll start with the **Kawasaki Mule PRO-FTx w/ Blue Star ATV trailer, what a beauty. You can't miss our grand prize, the 21' Flats Cat /Suzuki 150 powered, so get your tickets today. Don't forget our Engel Ice Chest Sale: Ice Chests filled with great stuff. Then, stroll over to our famous \$10 raffle and on to the silent raffle. We have big ticket raffle items such as BOTE DEUS Aero 11' Native inflatable kayak, Twin Kayak w/ trailer. Don't forget to stop at Tito's Hat Raffle and there's a few special surprises that our banquet committee has in store for our big event. As always, our banquet event food is catered by superstar San Antonio's own Don Strange catering.**

It is not too late for sponsorships or table sales so please contact us now. We anticipate another sell-out event, so don't be left out. Contact Ruth Eaton for tables and tickets at (210) 289-8821 or reaton@eatoncontracting.com or call banquet chairman Tom Akin at (210) -313-4860 or tom.akin@adkf.com. You can always visit our [chapter webpage](#) for tickets and more information.

On Friday, March 18 we completed our San Antonio CCA Hooked on Clays Sporting Clay Shoot at the beautiful National Shooting Complex. This is another great fundraising event and opportunity for members to get together for a fabulous time. We want to thank all 31-teams of 4 for their participation!



CCA San Antonio would like to thank our major event sponsors: Silver Eagle Beverages, Frost Bank, BKD Accounting Firm, Mireles Party Ice and Cajun Country Cookers served a fabulous meal of a classic crawfish



San Antonio 7th Annual Hooked On Clays Top Ladies Shooters, Team BKD Busted Clays. Below, fresh off the press: San Antonio's Oyster Focus Bumper Sticker.

boil and gumbo.

Follow us at CCA San Antonio on [Facebook](#) for future events, meetings and information and get yourself on our mailing list if you have not done so yet. Please stay safe! Keep those lines taut and take the family fishing. Best, from our CCA family to yours!

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The weather is warming up and so is the CCA San Gabriel Chapter preparing for a great Spring and an even better banquet this year. We are excited to announce our 20th year of the San Gabriel Chapter Banquet, which will be an in-person event you won't want to miss. Our chapter started in Georgetown, Texas in 2002 and has been going strong ever since.

The CCA San Gabriel event will be held this year on Thursday, August 4, 2022 with a VIP reception followed by a banquet, live auction and other special events.

Thanks to all of the sponsors who have currently committed to our event and we invite others to go to our website, www.ccatexas.org/events/2022-san-gabriel-banquet, or [checkout our flier](#) for more information.

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Wishing everyone a great Spring and remember, life is better when you fish.

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Howdy Texas A&M CCA, our semester seems to be moving along quiet quickly! We recently participated in the 27th annual Billy Sandifer Big Shell Cleanup in February. Despite the less than desirable weather conditions the cleanup was a success with 14 of our members partaking in the event. In total Aggieland CCA helped collect roughly 600 pounds of debris between mile marker 33-31. It was great to see such a large turnout of people passionate about keeping our coastlines healthy and clean. Additionally, after the cleanup had concluded, our members were able to catch a few slot reds wade fishing.

As our semester draws closer to a close, we'd like to encourage you to **save the date for our banquet on May 6, 2022**. If you are interested in attending our banquet, you can [purchase tables and tickets online](#) and get further information. Keep an eye out on our social media pages for more information, meeting dates and chapter updates. Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

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jayowash@comcast.net Greetings fellow anglers, hoping this note finds you and your family healthy. Also hoping by the time you read this, the weather roller coaster flipping from winter to spring every weekend has calmed down. I know we will be complaining later this summer, but that's what we do.

Speaking of Spring weather, I hope you can join the Trinity Bay Chapter Board **on April 30, 2022 for a big ol' crawfish boil. The 2nd Annual Spring Fling Crawfish Boil will be held at Gene's Powersports in Baytown (Mont Belvieu).** Cajun Country Cookers will be dishing up some delicious bugs and we will have plenty of cold drinks to go with them. We will have a few raffles & games available for your chance to walk away with some great prizes. Tickets are \$50 per person, Kids 12 & under are \$10 and a Reserved table for 8 is \$400. We'll be peeling shells from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. overlooking the pond. Pray for nice weather. Purchase your tickets online at ccatexas.org/events/2022-trinity-bay-spring-crawfish-boil.

It's never too early to get your table reserved for **the 32nd Annual Chapter Banquet, Friday, August 26, 2022, at Armenta's Reception Hall on Sheldon Road.** Join us for a live auction, silent auction, raffles, games and a whole lot of fun. Our chapter, year in and year out, puts on a quality banquet that you will surely enjoy. So, pick up the phone and give your favorite board member a call to get the ball rolling. As always, you can get all the details on the [Trinity Bay Website](#) or our [Facebook page](#).

My mouth has been watering the entire time sitting here writing this. I think I'll go fire up the pot and drown some crawdads. Join me in April...

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Top TOWA Awards go to CCA Staffers

Rockport/Fulton: The Texas Outdoor Writer's Association held the 2022 Conference in the seaport town of Rockport/Fulton. An important part of TOWA's mission is to provide educational opportunities for members, recruit young advocates for the outdoors and fund scholarship opportunities.

The 2021 TOWA awards were dominated by longtime CCA Member Chester Moore, with eight places in several categories. John Blaha scored a major win with Second Place for his CURRENTS article,

Conserve It, Respect It, Use It Responsibly.

CCA member Herman Brune took First Place, Outdoor Book for his collection, *The Lost Rider & Friends*.

Sam Caldwell's entry of the August/September CURRENTS Newsletter took an Honorable Mention for *Best Outdoor Publication*. Caldwell also received First and Second place awards for CURRENTS newsletter illustrations.



Herman Brune, Chester Moore, Sam Caldwell and John Blaha exhibit major awards at the recent Rockport/Fulton TOWA Conference.

Great Photos 2022

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Left, Great Kids photo.

Little Miss Naranjo gets help from her Dad. Photo by Melissa Naranjo.



Right, Great Action and Humor photo.

Chris Smisek aids Dai Yu Lange in boarding a huge red. Note the broken rod in Chris' hand. Photo by Sam Caldwell

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Upper Coast

Capt. Josh MacNaughton

Fish shallow or deep with Team MacNaughton

Spring! Fish are moving into the marsh systems and cruising the flats. Bait is more plentiful as the spring hatch begins to fill the inshore fisheries. Good places to start will be drifting the south shorelines of West Bay or cruising the shallows in Galveston Island State Park. The bite at Eckert Bayou moving out to Dalehite Cove starts firing up as well. Early in the day, catch the falling tides at the mouth of the marsh systems. San Luis flats are heating up as well as the south shorelines of Christmas Bay. The Spook Junior in Clown is my go-to top water with a pink Skitter Walk or She Dog a close second. When targeting schools this time of the year, speed up your retrieval as fish feed more aggressively. KDEN's 4" Blazin Shad in Blazin Chicken has been very productive for me, paired with an 1/8 oz jig head on calmer days.

For a good redfish bite, take care to cast at every available point and drain, great ambush points for larger fish lying in wait for unsuspecting bait fish. Topwaters will work to find fish, but keep soft plastics handy for finessing. As it warms up, you will find the reds starting to school in the back lakes. Greens and Carancahua are favorites this time of the year. Watch Mother Nature, she knows what she is doing. Marsh drains on outgoing tides are productive this time of the year. Hit those points and fish them with a slower approach to entice that flounder bite.

The summer months are just around the corner, so take some time to take a kid fishing.

—**Capt. Josh MacNaughton**
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Howdy kayakers!

Catching falling tides in a kayak is an adventure all its own, and a great way to meet the spring transition. As springtime arrives, setting up just outside of marsh drains on a tide fall should bring luck. The resident marsh reds and flounder move to points for easy meals as fresh bait rides the tides in and out of the marsh drains. If you don't have a kayak to get up close and personal, the jetty and pier action can be great. Bull reds and large trout can be found just off the jetty points, and in the guts along the surf on any of the local piers.

Jigging those jetty rocks and piers should begin producing nice size puppy drum, sheepshead and croaker. Bait of choice: free lining shrimp or bits of dead shrimp under a cork will produce fish. Light tackle and smaller size lures will land fish as well. Whatever tactic you choose, I wish you tight lines and happy hunting!

Find an opportunity this season to take a kid fishing. Each time we introduce the outdoors to the next generation, we preserve the sport we love just a little bit more. Till next time, catch me on the tide swing!

—**Jenn Nolan-MacNaughton / Champions Outdoors Kidzfish2 832-266-7978**

Middle Coast

Capt. Brittany Gale

Reds will be in the flats sunning

Here's April, with warmer weather and some of the year's best fishing, especially for big trout. Good options: fish the passes to the Gulf, work the jetties of West Matagorda Bay, or find a deep water ledge next to grass and sand flats to catch trout. Watch for bait jumping and slicks, preferably during an outgoing tide.

I like to use a quarter ounce jig head with a Dirty Tequila Down South Lure or a Heddon super spook jr. SpeckTrum. I have caught my biggest trout to date on this topwater.

The freeze of February 2021 had a negative impact on the trout population of San Antonio Bay, but the trout regulations that came into effect March 16 and are in effect through the next two years will help the trout population grow tremendously.

Even though we are still catching trout consistently, flounder start to make their way back into the bays following the shrimp from the deep water of the gulf back to our flats. I like to target them near shell beds with a Candy Apple Down South Lure quarter ounce jig.

Redfish have been abundant in back lakes off Espiritu Santo Bay, feeding on shrimp, shad and mullet. With warmer temperatures throughout the day the reds will be in the flats sunning. I look for dirty water against clear water with mullet jumping to target the redfish. For top water, my go-to is the custom Double D She Dog Topwater. In the springtime, you can find sheepshead and black drum around reefs, piers and structures using a popping cork and live shrimp.

May is only going to get hotter for fishing. The surf will be good for redfish and trout on calm days and when the blue water moves into the Gulf beach. —**Capt. Brittany Gale**
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Lower Coast

Capt. Bryan Robinson

Giving Mother Nature a Hand

The deep freeze is fading into history, and things are rebounding on the lower coast. Among other good news, there seems to have been a great crab hatch. Our reds (the few we keep) are full of little crabs. The grass still hasn't come back, so into April, reds will be holding deeper. Fly-fishers will be challenged, but that's part of the game. Use small crab patterns in natural colors. Lures or flies, look for areas with potholes and turtle grass. Work soft lures through them, or with patience, top waters, your favorites. Until May warms everything, use small baits in the three-inch range. Purple and chartreuse can be hot colors.

Into late May, we can expect the grass to rebound, allowing fish to return to the flats. Poling or drifting slowly in gin-clear water will provide a classic experience, whether casting flies or lures. You will watch for super-high tides and plan the areas you'll fish. Focus on lagoons, edges of guts and the mouths of creeks.

Bottom line: our trout suffered most, but the three-trout limit has been effective. We can expect to see larger and more numerous specks as time and conservation progresses. So, the main way we can help Mother Nature now is by observing common-sense conservation and practicing catch and release. I think with help from CCA/TPW restocking programs, the LLM is going to be just fine.

This would be a great time to have a youngster see, cast to and catch a first-ever gamefish. Respect Mother Nature's moods; keep rain gear and safety gear up to date. Help a fellow boater if need be. —**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. He loves guiding fly fishers.



A STAR Tournament tagged Redfish winner? Watercolor study by Sam Caldwell
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No doubt the devastating 2021 February freeze called us all to line up, once again like we always do, FOR the fish. STAR was forced to move all Inshore species off the leaderboard and give them time to recover. Only the mighty redfish was almost unaffected. Strong and powerful, no wonder we like to chase'em. In the freeze loss estimate of 3.8 million fish, less than 10,000 redfish died coastwide! To supplement the trout loss however, CCA-built hatcheries shifted the recipe over to speckled trout and have released over 12 million since then, a new record. Kudos to TPWD for ramping up the hatchery trout production. Just amazing how we can work together in tandem with God.

Even though we all sacrificed and went to an all catch-and-release format for inshore species last year, YOU (reading this) continued to support STAR in a big way. Thank you. That structure was tagged redfish only since those bruisers can take it, and they did. Now, we're

happy to report both sheepshead and gafftop are recovered almost back to historical high numbers SO...we have reinstated actual competition for both species in Open Inshore(adults) and both the STARKid (10 and under) and STARteen divisions (11-17)! We are very excited to have the kids competing in a frenzied competition all summer. Why "frenzied"? Because the volunteers on the CCA Tournament Committee also changed the payouts for the scholarships. Effective for 2022, scholarships will be paid across ALL five places, meaning:

STARKids Divisions Gafftop/Sheepshead	
1st Place	\$30,000 Scholarship
2nd Place	\$20,000 Scholarship
3rd Place	\$15000 Scholarship
4th Place	\$7,500 Scholarship
5th Place	\$2,500 Scholarship
STARteens Divisions Gafftop/Sheepshead	
1st Place	\$30,000 Scholarship
2nd Place	\$20,000 Scholarship
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Furthermore, when the Tournament Committee created these giant scholarships in 1995, the original one \$50,000 scholarship would actually pay for a round-trip for a graduating HS Senior at most public Texas colleges or universities. Because costs have skyrocketed since then, many Seniors are choosing no debt (thank you very much) and now opting for jobs actually in demand that pay a nice

livable wage. Our response? Open it up! So we revised the STAR winner contracts to now allow not just "colleges and universities" but also "accredited trade and technical schools and vocational training programs." These funds will be paid directly to the chosen school by CCA so the winner gets the full impact and Mom and Dad pay NO taxes on the winnings. Win-win and win some more. Get your kids on the water, or we'll all be fishing dead water 20 years from now.

As we lay off the trout and flounder in STAR for a while so they can recover from the freeze, here's another BIG change... for the first time ever, we are adding BLACK DRUM to the tournament lineup for the STAR Open Inshore Division! We have not done so in the past because it is a slot fish (must be minimum 14", no longer than 30" per TPWD rules), and STAR does not want a pile of 30" drum weighed in. No conservation benefit there. Instead, the STAR minimum length required to weigh-in will be 24" and the maximum is 28" allowed. Special (but simple) handling is required when weighing in at an Official STAR Weigh Station. The fish MUST be measured on custom STAR slant boards by Chek-It Stick, and three time-stamped angled photos must be taken by angler (see photos in this article or instructions on STAR website) and sent to CCA office. In the event of a tie, first person to enter STAR 2022 wins it. In the event of another tie, first person to join CCA in 2022 wins it. Best enter NOW, as a brand-new 2022 Shoalwater/Mercury/McClain rig is the prize package. Of course, if you don't win the biggest drum, you can still win the biggest

sheepshead or gafftop because Shoalwaters will be awarded to both of those winners as well!

Both the Red Tag and the Blue Tag Divisions return. Everybody loves the prospect of catching these prized redfish and last year 37 were caught. The generous Texas Ford dealers again offer massive prizes for the **FIRST FIVE red-tagged** redfish (tag clipped, fish released) caught to each win Ford truck-and-Haynie boat combos, then the boat packages for the next five caught by anglers entered in STAR. Don't be THAT guy, who did not. Need another reason? The **FIRST THREE** registered anglers who catch a **blue-tagged** redfish (tag clipped, fish released) will take home a new Mowdy 22' boat and Mercury prize package and Coastline trailer. The following **TWO** anglers to catch blue tags (again, catch/clip/release) will each receive \$2000 gift cards from Academy Sports and Outdoors and the next **FIVE** will receive \$750 gift cards from Academy Sports and Outdoors. Traditionally, STAR releases sixty (60) red-tagged fish but last year everyone just loved all the extra tagged reds swimming out there, so we had to do it again.

We are pleased to expand our offering for the many blue-water anglers who fish STAR. Like last year, we believe the actual snapper numbers in Gulf waters justify adding this species again. Note: it was STAR who de-listed snapper from the leaderboard in 2004 when their numbers were *really* down. CCA's work to restore this species has paid handsome dividends over the years so we are delighted to reward Kingfish, Dorado, Ling, and Red Snapper winners with Hoffpauir Polaris Ranger Crew 570EFI Pursuit Camo and trailers. All total, STAR will have well over \$1,000,000 in prizes up for grabs this year.

So, STAR retains the crowd-pleaser of releasing **twice** our normal redfish release (120 vs 60), returning actual competition where we can, and praying a primary hope that this effort to spread the scholarship wealth will incentivize many to get their kids on the water and create avid competition all summer for our future conservationists! Yet nothing happens without YOU and our super-generous partners. We are very grateful indeed for your making this the "largest, richest, longest tournament anywhere", so the media says. **ENTER TODAY!**

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Reflections on a giant for conservation

"Every time I see a redfish, I'll probably think about him." So goes our thoughts as we remember the legendary Burt Moritz, one of the driving forces behind the creation of Sea Center Texas (1991), and veteran of the Redfish Wars (1983-1993). A retired Dow Chemical employee and mechanical engineer, Burt fought the good fight in the early days of CCA Texas history. Prior to 1993, our outdoor brotherhood had far fewer constituents than today and was known as Gulf Coast Conservation organization (GCCA). After noticing fewer and fewer fish swimming on our shorelines, a dedicated handful of anglers rallied together to do something about it.

Burt was in the middle of the fray as they joined efforts to convince TPWD and Dow Chemical of the need for a stand-alone hatchery to replenish redfish stocks. Like always...with CCA members organized to help push it through, this trifecta of partnerships (CCA/TPWD/Dow) managed to establish a facility that continues to supplement the wild stocks and pumps out upwards of 10-15 million baby redfish into Texas coastal waters every year since.

Burt was there, undaunted by the challenge. His dad was a genius inventor with several patents, that and his love for CCA drew him into yet another monster hurdle. Make a plan to catch and care for about 75 redfish, then tag and release them over 600 miles of shoreline, **all in about four days** before the first annual CCA Texas STAR tournament kicked off (1990). Burt was unclear on the concept of "no, it can't be done". His Texas roots and pioneer spirit gave him a fiery obstinance to naysayers. For the last



Burt Moritz and his sidekick Kelton Thompson at Galveston Tagged Redfish Release

32 years, he has been the Captain of the CCA STAR Redfish Release teams and ensured that thousands of CCA anglers have an equal chance to catch these highly-coveted fish every year. A humble man with a gentle spirit, he will always be fondly remembered for his genuine lack of diplomacy. He was a blessing from God.

Rest in peace, old friend. We know you are likely wading into a pod of tailers or reaching for the thermos while the teal are cutting the air above you. You made a real difference to the future vitality of our precious saltwater resources. God Speed.

—Bill Kinney

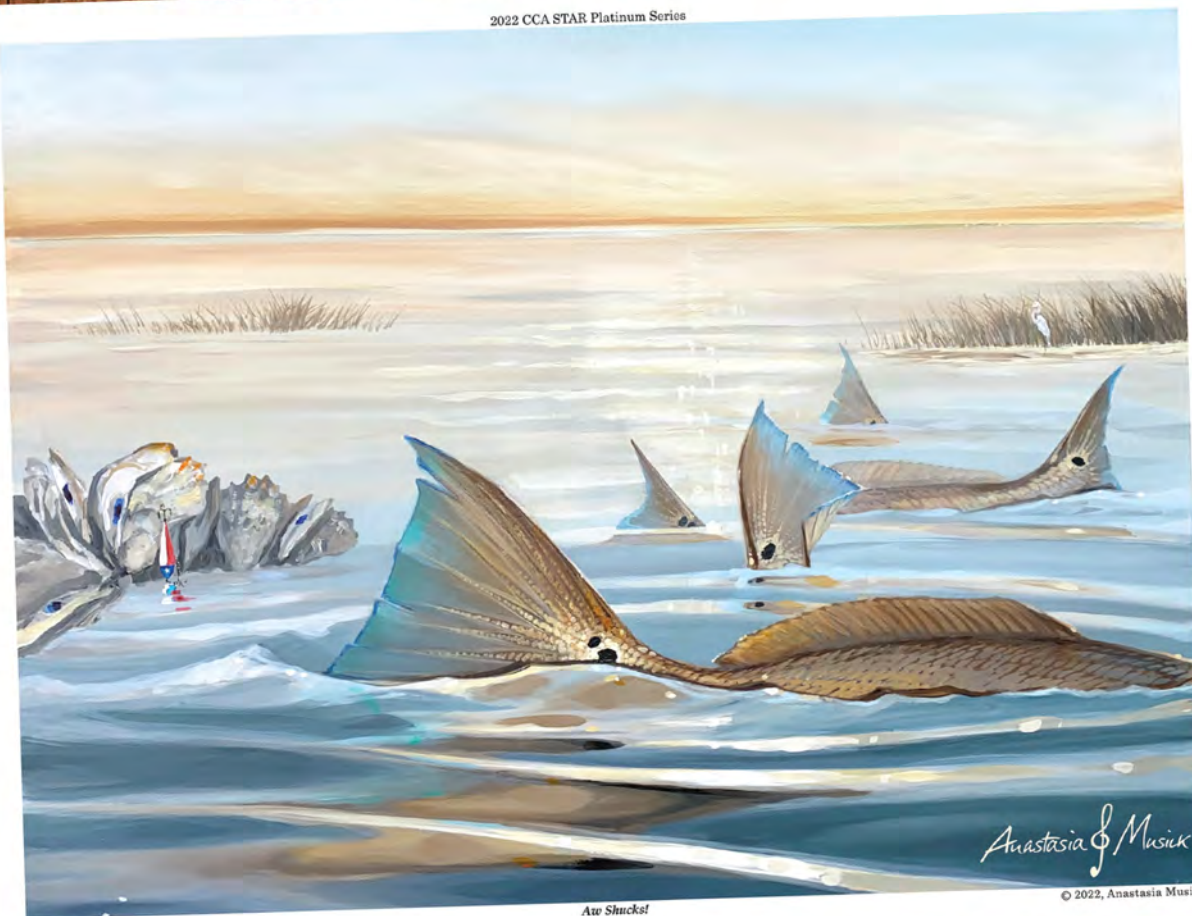




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Red Tag	Haynie/Ford	Haynie/Ford	Haynie/Ford	Haynie/Ford	Haynie/Ford	Haynie	Haynie	Haynie	Haynie	Haynie
Blue Tag	Prize	Prize	Prize	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card
	Mowdy	Mowdy	Mowdy	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
Inshore Divisions	Prize Boat	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card					
Gafftop	Shoalwater	\$500	\$250	\$150	\$100					
Sheepshead	Shoalwater	\$500	\$250	\$150	\$100					
Black Drum	Shoalwater	\$500	\$250	\$150	\$100					
Offshore Divisions	Prize UTV	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card	Academy Gift Card					
Ling	Ranger	\$500	\$250	\$150	\$100					
Dolphin	Ranger	\$500	\$250	\$150	\$100					
Kingfish	Ranger	\$500	\$250	\$150	\$100					
Snapper	Ranger	\$500	\$250	\$150	\$100					
STAR Teens	STAR Teens Youth Divisions Scholarships									
Gafftop	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$2,500					
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STAR Kids	STAR Kids Youth Divisions Scholarships									
Gafftop	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$2,500					
Sheepshead	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$2,500					
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Marinade: 1 1/2 cups oil, 3/4 cup white vinegar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 4 bay leaves, 4 capers
2 tsp. celery seed, 3 sliced onions and a dash of Tabasco.

In a shallow bowl or large-mouth jar, arrange shrimp, then a layer of onions until all are used. Pour marinade over all. Be sure you distribute the bay leaves in layers. We add 2-3 jalapenos, cut in small pieces. Let set at least 24 hours.

Submitted by Marie McDonald Cohen, thanks to Liz Hewitt



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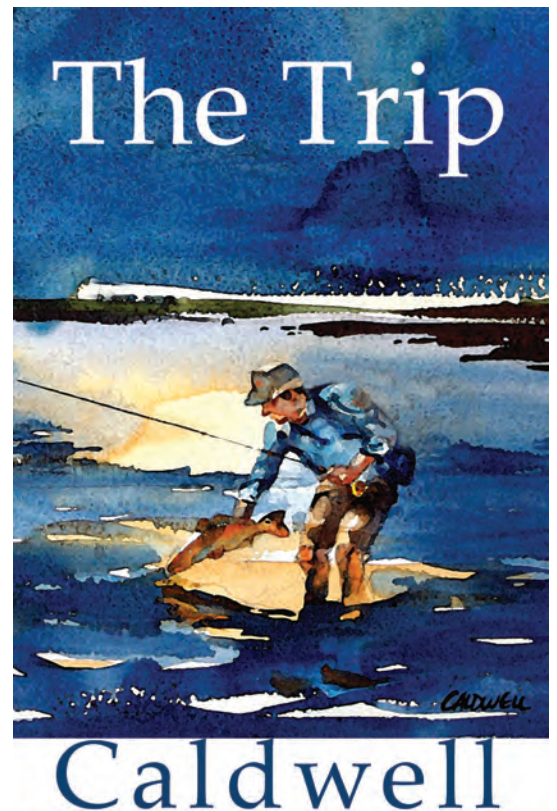
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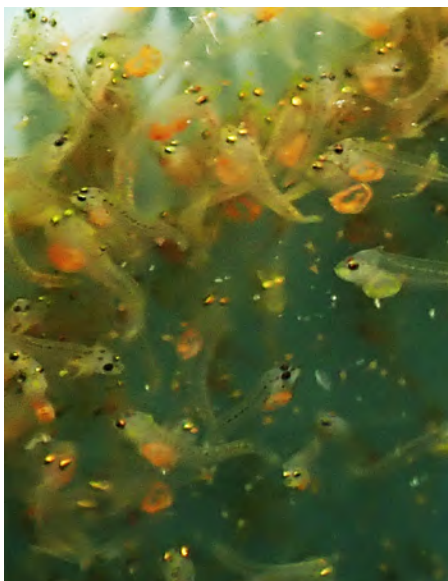


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