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## Get STARted Now!

### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual State of Texas Anglers Rodeo is just days away.

You reckon it's about time to do something really FUN? We are, and NOW is our time. We've had enough to deal with, and the action is heating up on the coast. The bait is moving in, redfish numbers are quite impressive, trout are getting better and better, and the spring bull tides are teeming with life and bringing that emerald green water that really jacks us up. The important stuff. The real deal. Where can we get that blessed relief?!

Answer: the Texas Gulf Coast. And what better, inexpensive, more fulfilling way to celebrate this natural Wonderland than packing up with friends and family and heading out for an adventure close by?! Who needs Disneyland? With a 2-day park ticket at \$345 PER PERSON, why not book a fishing guide instead and grab the family? Right now, the "cabin fever" is setting in, and folks are gearing up for this amazing blessing you can enjoy with just a \$35 Texas fishing license, which is FREE for kids under 17. Why plan now? Because the State of Texas Anglers Rodeo kicks off! Starting at 6 am



**BEST IN TEXAS**



Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, of Memorial Day weekend, the CCA Texas STAR Tournament runs for over 100 days of consecutive action offering 18 boats, 5 trucks, and 5 UTVs as prizes. Not ending until 6 pm Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, you have ALL SUMMER to catch a whopper--and explore why we cherish our beautiful Texas coastline, no matter what.

With over 100 days of tournament action, there is plenty of opportunity to catch your STAR winner! Come one, come all!

All 120 tagged redfish will be in the water waiting for you to come May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 am. Before heading to the coast, you better ensure your CCA membership and STAR entry are current. These tagged redfish are caught each year by unregistered anglers who must go home empty-handed, missing out on the prize of a lifetime! Even if you only fish once this summer, you better sign up. We have all heard those fishtails of someone catching a tagged redfish and missing out because they weren't signed up. Don't be THAT ANGLER!



## Red Tag Division

The top **five** eligible winners will take home a Ford F-150, 23' Haynie Bigfoot, 150 hp Mercury motor, and a Coastline Trailer package. The next **five** eligible winners will take home a 23' Haynie Bigfoot, 150 hp Mercury motor, and Coastline Trailer packages.







## Blue Tag Division (NEW PRIZE ALERT!)

The top **three** eligible winners will take home a 22' SVT (CAT) Tran Sport Boat with a raised center console, 150 hp Mercury motor, and Coastline Trailer packages. Not to mention the thousands of dollars in Academy Sports + Outdoors gift cards awarded to the next seven eligible anglers.



## OFFSHORE

Those eligible offshore anglers who bring in the largest Ling, Dolphin, Kingfish, and Snapper will bring home a Hoffpauir Polaris Ranger Crew 570EFi Pursuit Camo UTV with a Big Tex Trailer. The next four anglers will receive an Academy Sports + Outdoors gift card.



## INSHORE

The Black Drum division is here to stay. With an intense battle all summer long for 1<sup>st</sup> place, we had more lead changes than ever before. You don't want to miss out on this action. Gafftop and Sheepshead, the top three eligible winners in each of those three species, will take home a 19' Shoalwater boat, 115 hp Mercury motor, and McClain trailer package. The next four anglers will receive an Academy Sports + Outdoors gift card.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year STAR awards \$325,000 in scholarships to those young anglers who are the future of our precious resources. Nothing is more fun than watching the little ones with their first redfish on the line, then it's over, and on to the next kid! Mom and Dad, what better way to get more time on the water than by bringing the kids along? For \$10 bucks each, they are entered in a drawing for a \$25,000 scholarship, whether they catch something or not. All the studies show that time spent on the water with family and friends is the #1 reason people fish. In today's times, we need that special bonding that families provide. Good for the soul!

Even better, the Tournament Committee decided to again "spread the wealth" across ALL five places in both the STAR kid (10 and under) and the STAR teen Divisions (11-17) so that the action could get more intense and rewarding, but make sure you read Rule #9. First place in each will now get a scholarship of \$30,000, then \$20,000, \$15,000, \$7,500 and \$2,500. No longer are these valid for just "colleges and universities" but also "accredited

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technical and trade schools, and vocational training programs.” Add to that the scholarship contracts for the winning kids will be paid directly to the chosen schools, so NO taxes to pay, Mom and Dad. Win, win, and win some more.

Check out the segment ABC 13 did on the 2022 STAR Scholarship award ceremony. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZjysTu7-kc>

## Guides Division (NEW PRIZE ALERT!)



It is the hope of Texas STAR and CCA Texas to be able to reward Texas Fishing guides who support marine conservation and empower them to help recruit more anglers into the CCA mission through this division. The winner will bring home a Hoffpauir Polaris Ranger Crew 570EFI Pursuit Camo UTV with a Big Tex Trailer. For more details, go to <https://www.startournament.org/about-star/guides-division>

There is a reason why the Texas fisheries are regarded as among the best in the country. Working with industry leaders and managers such as Dow and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, CCA Texas has built the two largest, warmwater, saltwater fish hatcheries in the world and released almost one billion fingerlings into Texas coastal waters. That's billion with a B, and they both belong to Texas. Even with the devastating 2021 freeze, such immediate proactive measures on the part of ALL vested parties—industry, fishery managers, and particularly conservation-minded anglers—helped, and now it would appear trout numbers are starting to normalize. Of course, dumping

almost 14 million baby trout back into the bays in the trailing 12 months will do a heck of a job to supplement the wild stocks. We applaud the ethic of CCA members to mobilize these efforts. It does take a village. All working together. For the fish.

You can't offer prizes of this magnitude (well over \$1,000,000, including \$325,000 in scholarships) without fine partners. We cannot overstate our appreciation and the need for corporate sponsors who care about the future vitality of Texas' 600 miles of shoreline. There are many who invest to see our work succeed, both those who have a direct vested interest and those who benefit indirectly from this estimated \$3 billion dollar industry in saltwater alone. More fish = more fishing = more sales of rods, reels, boats, trucks, condos, etc. The healing power of the coastal environment testifies to why some estimates say over half of the Texas population lives within 50 miles of the water.

Yes, this is big business for so many Texans, and those who contribute to making it happen should be rewarded for their altruism; otherwise, we ALL lose, and the caretaking needed to ensure our bays and estuaries are vibrant with life will be for naught. CCA will not let that happen, with your help.

Fishing is still the #1 recreational sport in the country. It will remain so, if the fish are there. And they are. Join CCA Texas. Enter the STAR Tournament. Book a condo for the family on the coast if you have a vacation window. Grab some rods, and even Uncle Ned if he wants to go. Get out there and get in it. See why we feel the mystique of what our spectacular coastlines can offer. Catch just one bull red, then you'll know why we need an AA all right, Anglers Anonymous! Good Luck.





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# The Time to Improve the Sustainability of Our Texas Oyster Fishery is NOW

By Shane Bonnot

## The Oyster – A Valuable Resource

Oysters are resilient organisms and the reef systems they create through generational recruitment are the backbone of our bay systems. They serve as essential fish habitat, refuge, and food for over 300 aquatic species while also providing valuable ecosystem services such as water filtration, wave attenuation, erosion control, and shoreline protection.

The estimated value of oysters in the water is \$2,000-\$40,000 per acre, which includes benefits of increased biodiversity and fish production, protected shorelines, and improved water quality<sup>4</sup>. Additional benefits of oyster reefs for recreational angling are estimated to be \$23,000 per acre<sup>3</sup>. In total, the value of oysters in the water is much greater than that generated from commercial harvest from degraded reefs, estimated at \$880 per acre<sup>4</sup>.

Simply put, Texas oyster reefs are a critical component of the natural landscape, providing vital services for our bay systems and coastline. The importance of oysters as the backbone of our bay systems and as a valuable commercial fishery means management of this resource is paramount. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) must manage oysters as a fishery and as a habitat, therein

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*Oyster boats consolidated near Cedar Reef in 2021-2022.*

lies the user conflicts that we often see in this fishery and the differences in values placed upon the fishery.

### A Growing Problem

Public oyster reefs (wild reefs) in Texas and across the Gulf of Mexico are not what they used to be<sup>1,2,5,6</sup>. As resilient as they are, they are not immune to the compounding effects of storms, droughts, floods, and mechanical dredging.

Expanding on the latter, we have seen an increased strain on the Texas oyster fishery due to...

- A larger demand for oysters
- Wild-sourced oysters from other Gulf states decreasing

To curb the strain on the resource



*Oyster Boats working shallow reefs in Coastal Bend.*



the [Texas Legislature passed a law in 2005](#) which established an oyster license moratorium, meaning they will not issue any new licenses but can renew existing ones on an annual basis. The idea was to reduce the number of boats fishing on public oyster reefs. Unfortunately, that bill had a yearlong forward-looking implementation date and the oyster industry rushed to purchase additional licenses, increasing the number from 350 to 760. Through some attrition the number of licenses has decreased to today's current number of 533.

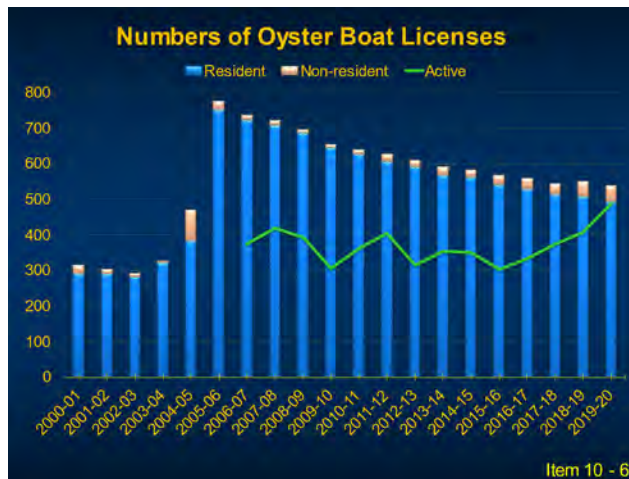
Still, the demand for Texas oysters has continued to rise which has led to increased participation for available licenses. Even previously latent licenses that were renewed yearly began to be utilized to meet this demand, undermining TPWD's efforts to manage the fishery through traditional measures such as bag limit reductions and fishing days. So, as you might imagine, we've seen a rise in the monetary value of these licenses.

Currently, more boats are active in the fishery than the resource can support, causing the available harvest to be quickly exploited. As areas are heavily fished and the number of marketable oysters reaches threshold levels, TPWD has been required to close certain harvest areas. This sometimes has the unintended effect of concentrating large numbers of boats into smaller areas leading to quicker harvest, concern over adverse impacts to vertical relief and reef integrity, and increases in user conflicts ([read more here](#)).

To put this growing problem in perspective, during the 2021-2022 season, 448 of the 533 available licenses (83%) reported landings. Historically, licensed vessels that landed oysters used to be in the 350-vessel range. That's a significant increase that weighs heavily on the sustainability of our Texas oyster fishery.

### The Key - Achieving a Sustainable Level of Oyster Licenses

The oyster fishery is overcapitalized and TPWD needs help in getting the number of active licenses down to a sustainable level. The ultimate goal, as agreed upon by TPWD and the commercial industry,



*Texas Parks & Wildlife Data on Number of Oyster Boat Licenses.*

is to get the number of licenses down to the 250-300 range. One way to do this is through the Oyster License Buyback program. This was established by [House Bill 51 of the 85th Legislature in 2017](#).

The buyback program is structured as a reverse bid process, meaning that license holders inform TPWD of the price for which they would surrender their license.

- From 2018 - 2022, TPWD held five rounds of oyster license buybacks. A total of 15 bids were received over those rounds, with bids ranging from \$4,450 to \$50,000.
- Only 3 licenses have been purchased to date, at an average price of \$7,150.
- During the most recent round of buybacks (early 2023), TPWD received 54 bids with an average bid price of \$99,519, the lowest bid price was \$35,000 while the highest bid price was \$500,000. 13 bids came in at \$50,000, while the street value of these licenses is somewhere in the \$20 - \$30K range.

What does this all mean? The oyster industry is attempting to fleece the buyback fund and artificially inflate oyster license values. However, by TPWD's own admission, it has become clear that to attract more bidders, the price for licenses paid to active license holders needs to be increased. While buybacks are in this price-discovery phase, there are other management actions under development, but first, let's set the stage for the discussion.

### The Public's Reefs Versus Sustainable Leases

There is a stark contrast in how public oyster reefs are treated in comparison to areas under location (leases). Unfortunately, history teaches us that commercial dredging of public reefs will always befall the tragedy of the commons. As detailed throughout the article, this has most recently played out here in the Lone Star State. Texas historical landings data shows that approximately 80%

of the oysters come from public reefs and the remaining 20% from the 2,300 acres in Galveston Bay that are under certificates of location. Those percentages should be further balanced



*Oyster Restoration in St. Charles Bay.*



through an expanded lease program, as leases are vastly more sustainable than the pillage that occurs on public reefs. In short, leases are a better way.

### A Conservation Victory for CCA Texas and Our Partners

In November 2021, CCA Texas, FlatsWorthy, and numerous conservation organizations took much-needed action and [submitted a letter](#) to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (TPWC), addressing critical concerns with the continued decline of public oyster reefs. In the letter, we provided actionable solutions, clearly spelling out suggested management approaches, such as oyster sanctuaries, to prioritize the structural and ecological value of oyster reefs and requested that TPWC provide opportunities to create more reef systems through a structured conservation/restoration lease program (restoration leases) and an expanded commercial lease program. The restoration leases would be off-limits for harvest and the commercial leases harvestable exclusively by the leaseholder.

The following November, in a major win for the conservation of our oyster fishery, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (TPWC) adopted a proposal to permanently prohibit oyster harvest in Ayres, Mesquite, and Carlos Bays. These three bays are characterized by a diverse network of intertidal and deep oyster reefs, expansive seagrass beds, and fringing salt marsh, all of which provide critical nursery habitat for numerous aquatic species. In addition to the ecosystem services provided by these reefs, the positive role oyster reefs play in this habitat mosaic cannot be overstated and the proximity of Cedar Bayou to this area, serving as a migration and recruitment corridor, further justified the reason for this closure.

### Moving Forward and Continuing Critical Conservation Work

Now, the work to expand commercial leases and establish restoration leases is underway. At the direction of TPWC Chairman Beaver Aplin, an oyster regulations workgroup consisting of 5 commercial seats, 4 conservation and environmental seats, and 1 academic seat, is working with TPWD on the framework for these programs. Additionally, a bill moving through the legislative process aims to further facilitate the leasing process. Sponsored by Senator Lois Kolkhorst (R-SD 18) and Representative Todd Hunter (R-HD 32), Senate Bill 1032 and House Bill 2475 clarify the definition of a “natural oyster bed” and clearly give TPWD authority to expand oyster leasing opportunities for both harvestable commercial operations and non-harvestable restoration




CCA Staff (Ted Venker, Kristen Faleski & Robert Taylor) work with volunteers and Sink Your Shucks to recycle oyster shells.

activities. The passage of this bill would be an immense win for our bay systems, guaranteeing more oysters in the water and more opportunities to invest in the health of our bays.

Oyster license buyback and leases aren't the only steps that need to be taken to

improve the sustainability of this fishery. There certainly are additional options available such as promoting the increased transition to cultivated oyster mariculture, improvement of oyster restoration strategies, establishing additional spawning sanctuaries, bay-specific harvest quotas, and even traditional measures such as gear restrictions, sack limits, and fishing days/season.

One thing is certain, while we put in a great deal of work to get to this point, we will continue to take steps towards improving the health and sustainability of our Texas oyster fishery here and now. 



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# Leaving It Better Than You Found It

## Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program 2023

Below is a breakout of traps retrieved by bay system, number of participating boats and volunteers. The total number of traps retrieved since closed seasons commenced 21 years ago is 42,726. It is closer to 45,000 if you add in the traps CCA volunteers retrieved with Wardens on our boats to start the program before enactment of closed seasons. That equates to approximately 700,000 blue crabs saved.

Among the positive results from this 21-year old program is that most of the traps being retrieved are on the bank and out of the water. Also, commercial crabbers are doing a much better job of pulling their traps before the closed season starts.

Thank you to Holly Grand, Coastal Outreach Coordinator, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - Coastal Fisheries Division for the chart and information.-  
**Ronnie Luster**



## The 2023 Port Mansfield Cut and Beach Clean Up will be held June 10

All volunteers, both boat captains and workers, are encouraged to join us for the 2023 Port Mansfield Cut and Beach Clean Up which is scheduled for June 10th, 2023. Any interested boat captains and volunteers are encouraged to contact **Kathie or Miller Bassler**. Contact Kathie Bassler at 979-204-5185 or email her at ([kathieb@basslerenergyservices.com](mailto:kathieb@basslerenergyservices.com)) relative to volunteering for this event and to secure lodging.

Remember the event kicks off with a full breakfast at 7 am launching from the Port Mansfield Chamber Event center. Lunch and water are also provided for all volunteers while on the beach. Remember that Free lodging for two nights is also provided for all volunteers and Boat Captains. Then upon completion of the cleanup, join us for even more fun at the post-event celebration to be held at 7 PM, **Blues Chill & Grill** on the Harbor for great food, karaoke and cold drinks.

Three meals and free lodging for all volunteers is a deal that's hard to beat! Come join us for a feel-good event and help keep PINS and the Mansfield Channel cleaner than it was the day before. *Anyone wishing to sponsor through financial contributions are encouraged to email Miller Bassler* ([miller@basslerenergyservices.com](mailto:miller@basslerenergyservices.com))

**CLICK HERE** for a link to a video from 2022:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HagMRe0Y1h8>

ACTRP 2023 Results	Traps	Vol.	Boats
Sabine Lake	134	4	2
Galveston Bay	159	74	17
Matagorda Bay	97	23	8
San Antonio Bay	797	125	31
Aransas Bay	102	37	11
Corpus Christi Bay	17	0	0
Upper Laguna Madre	2	2	1
Lower Laguna Madre	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>72</b>



Midcoast crab trap collection, circa 2010.



## Mid-Coast Bay Systems Abandoned CrabTrap Report

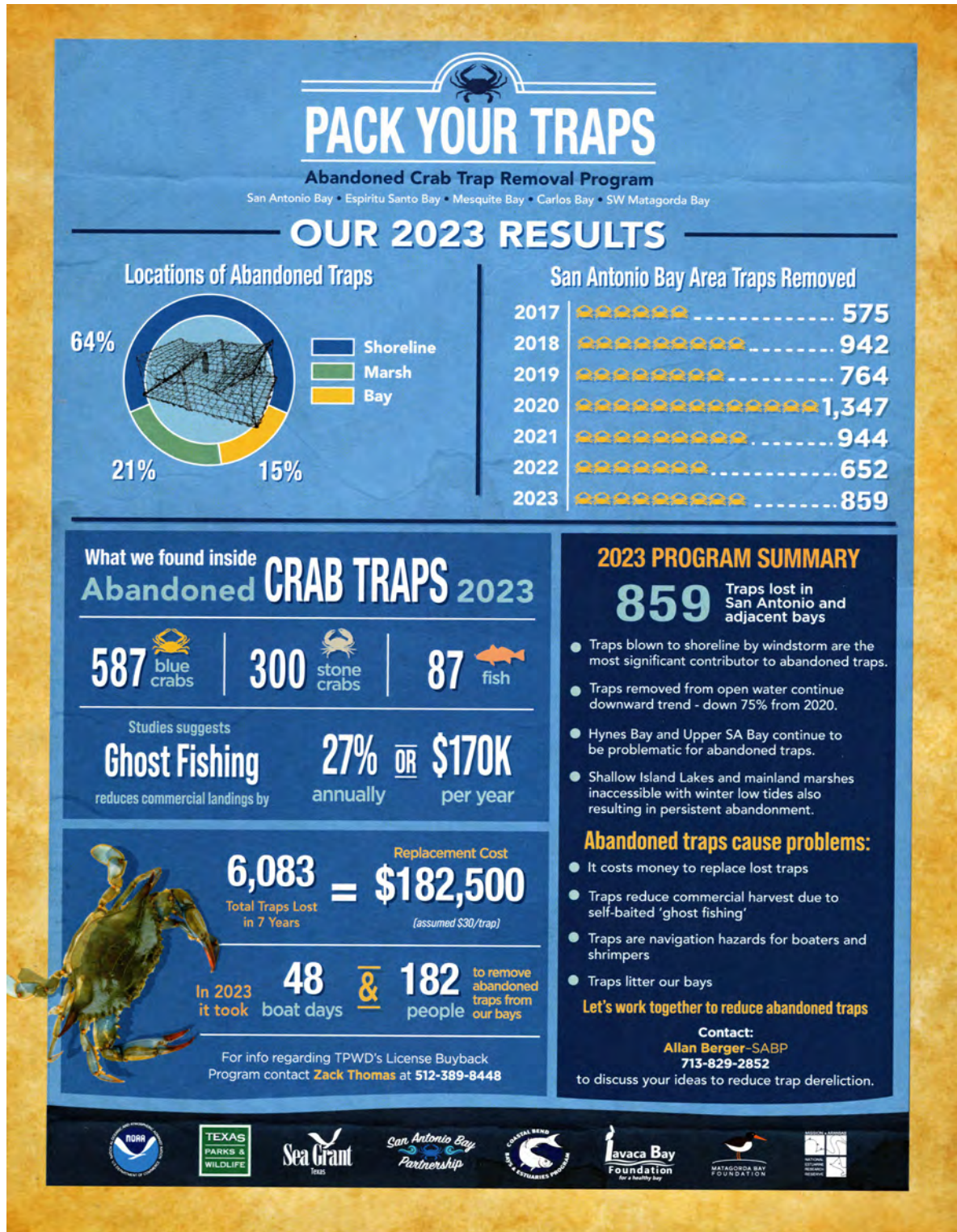
To all who were able to participate in the February 2023 cleanup, thank you again for your efforts to pick up the traps and collect the data!

This flyer was mailed to commercial crabbers in the Seadrift area. In total, 977 traps were removed from the three Mid-Coast bay systems. The flyer focuses on the San Antonio Bay system and waters immediately adjacent—so the numbers are different.

The best measure of progress toward reducing dereliction is the number of traps removed from open water (that could and should have been picked up by the crabber). The good news is that the number of traps removed from the open bay continues to decline!

Abandoned traps on shorelines due to windstorms or in the shallow marsh are more complicated to address, but there are measures we will be pursuing. Detailed reports are being compiled, and will be posted ASAP.

—Alan Berger





# 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. ** Oyster Reef Creation - St. Charles Bay (Rockport)	\$ 711,250
5. Nearshore Reefing—Port O'Connor	\$ 700,000
6. Oyster Restoration - East Galveston Bay	\$ 500,000
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. Sink Your Shucks Oyster Recycle Program	\$ 152,000
15. Marsh Restoration - Bird Island Cove (West Galveston Bay)	\$ 150,000
16. Shoreline Protection/Marsh Creation - Moses Lake (Galveston Bay)	\$ 138,000
17. Baffin Bay Serpulid Reef Habitat Conservation/Restoration Study	\$ 135,000
18. Oyster Restoration—Pepper Grove / Galveston (BCT)	\$ 130,000
19. Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Shoreline Protection (San Antonio Bay)	\$ 125,000
20. HRI Oyster Restoration Site Locator Mapping Study	\$ 120,000
21. Marsh Restoration - Dickinson Bayou	\$ 100,000
22. Nearshore Reefing - Corpus Christi	\$ 100,000
23. Bahia Grande Restoration (Port Isabel / Brownsville)	\$ 95,000
24. Oyster Reef Restoration - Aransas Bay (Rockport)	\$ 75,000
25. Oyster Reef Restoration - Copano Bay (Rockport)	\$ 75,000
26. Marsh Restoration - Egery Island (Copano Bay/Bayside)	\$ 70,000
27. Marsh Restoration - Matagorda Island	\$ 70,000
28. Nueces Bay Delta Water Management Gates	\$ 70,000
29. Nearshore Reefing - Freeport / Vancouver	\$ 60,000
30. Nueces Bay Demonstration Oyster Reef	\$ 60,000
31. Marsh Restoration - Goose Island (Rockport)	\$ 50,000
32. Nearshore Reefing - Port Mansfield	\$ 50,000
33. Shoreline Stabilization - J. D. Murphree WMA	\$ 50,000
34. Shoreline Stabilization - Cow Trap Lake (Brazoria County)	\$ 50,000
35. Dollar Bay Shoreline Protection and Marsh Restoration	\$ 50,000
36. Galveston Bay Foundation Headquarters Living Shoreline Restoration	\$ 50,000
37. Marsh Restoration - Oxen & Gang's Bayou (Galveston)	\$ 42,000
38. Marsh Restoration - San Bernard Wildlife Refuge	\$ 41,000
39. Trinity Bay Discovery Center Living Shoreline	\$ 40,000
40. Sweetwater Preserve Shoreline Protections and Oyster Reef Enhancement	\$ 30,000
41. Marsh Restoration - Nueces Bay (Corpus Christi)	\$ 24,000
42. Marsh Restoration - Snake Island Cover (West Galveston Bay)	\$ 20,000
43. Weed Eradication for Water Flow Restoration (Guadalupe River Delta)	\$ 15,000
44. Sink Your Shucks Oyster Recycle Programs Trailer	\$ 10,000
45. Bay Debris Removal - Aransas Pass	\$ 5,600
46. Building Conservation Trust's Texas Habitat Fund (BCT & CCA Texas Secured Funds)	\$ 399,066

\*\* 2023 Projects Contributed to as 02/01/23

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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
• Corpus Christi	\$ 100,000
• Freeport / Vancouver	\$ 60,000
• Port Mansfield	\$ 50,000
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# Caught Redhanded!

## Reports from Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Wardens

*Here are a pair of great cases that show the enforcement challenges Texas Game Wardens face in the Texas bays and Gulf of Mexico waters. —Ronnie Luster*

On 2/12/23 Matagorda County Game Wardens uncovered numerous fishery violations while conducting an inspection of a commercial gulf shrimping vessel inbound through West Matagorda Bay. Wardens uncovered the violations after moving numerous sacks of frozen shrimp and other aquatic products, spread out through three separate bins in the below deck freezer hold. Numerous charges pending after uncovering 31 red snapper (24 of which were undersized), 9 flounder over limit, 5 oversized red drum, 2 undersized grey triggerfish, and 5 bags of head and tailed game fish.

Also on 2/12/23 while conducting an inspection of a sport fishing vessel, it was found that three individuals were in possession of 13 Sheepshead over their daily bag limit (2 of which were able to be released back to the water). Charges pending. 🚫





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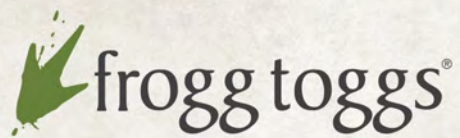
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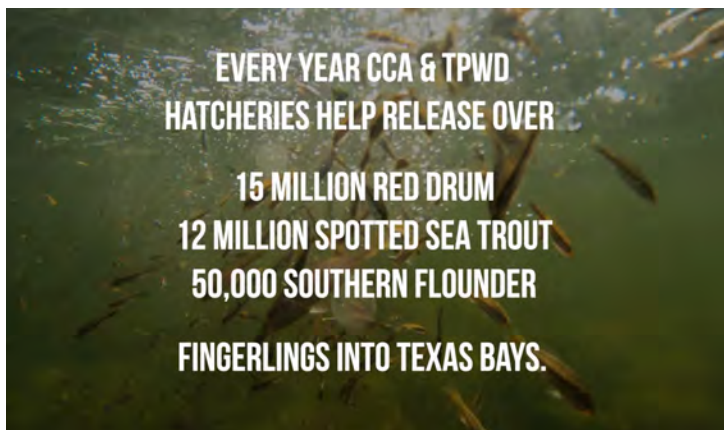


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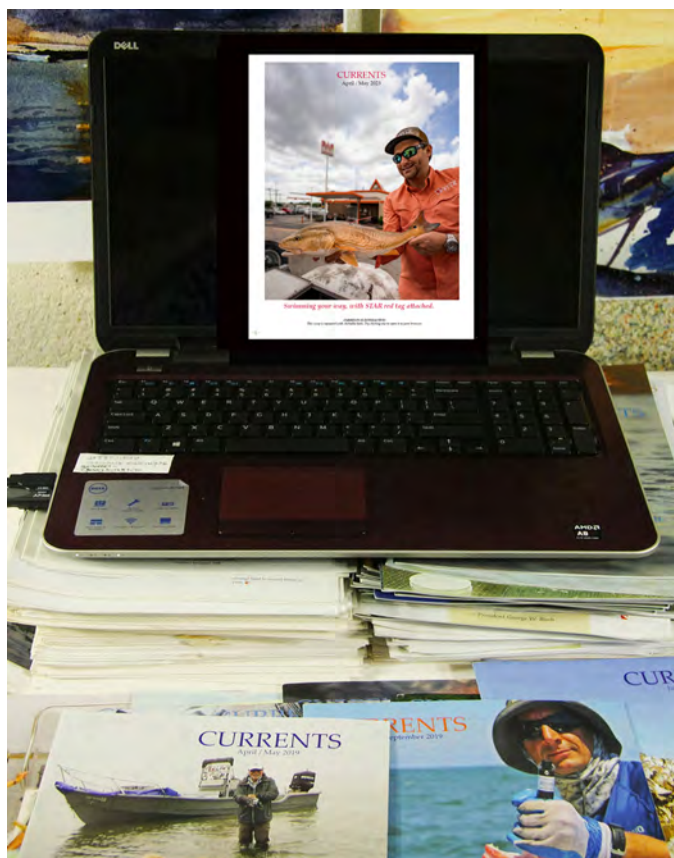
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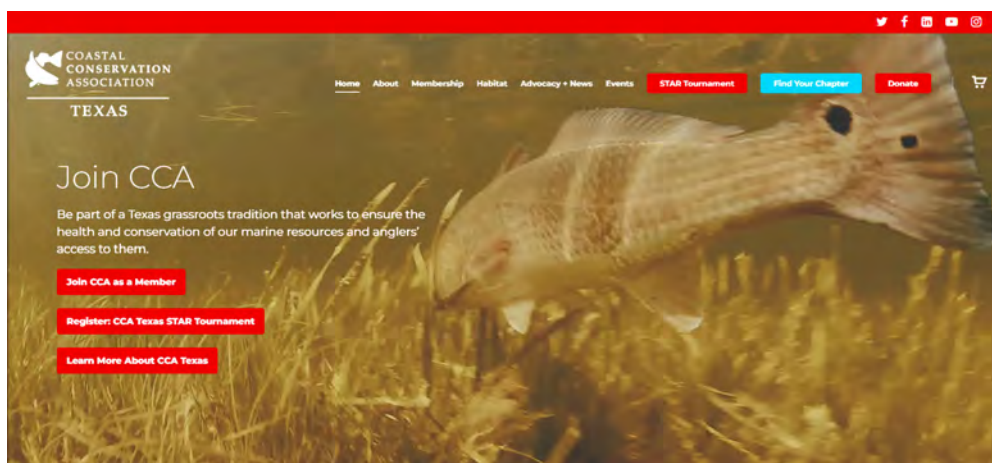
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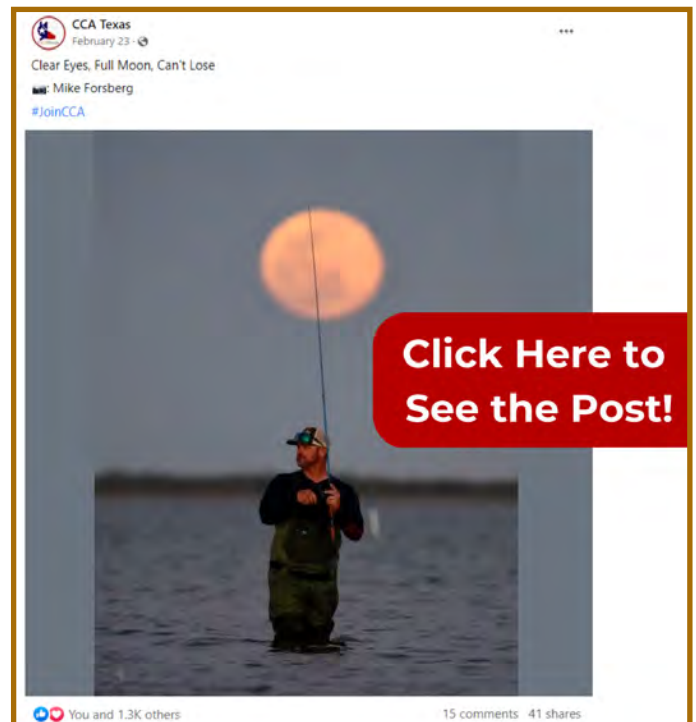
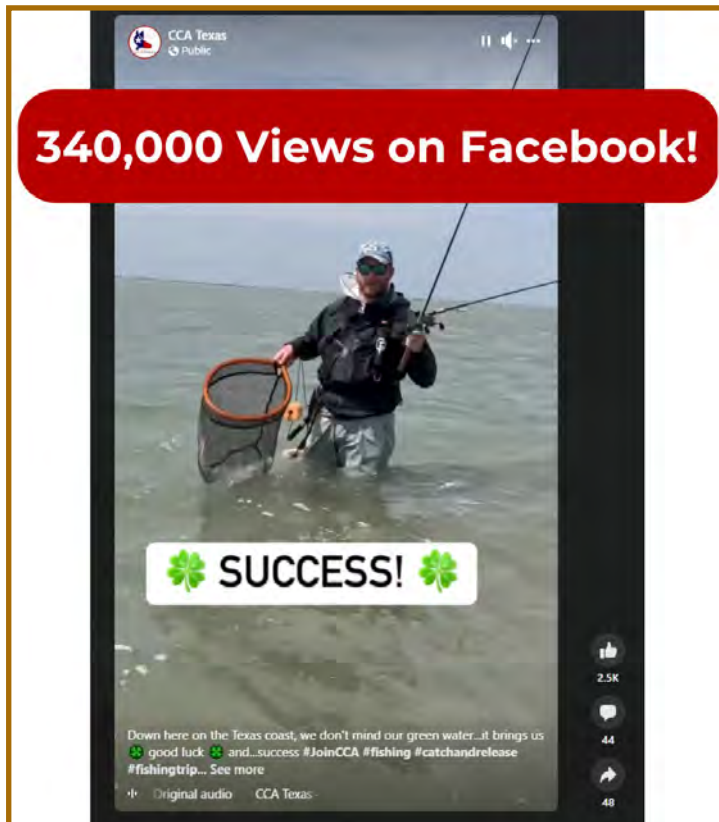
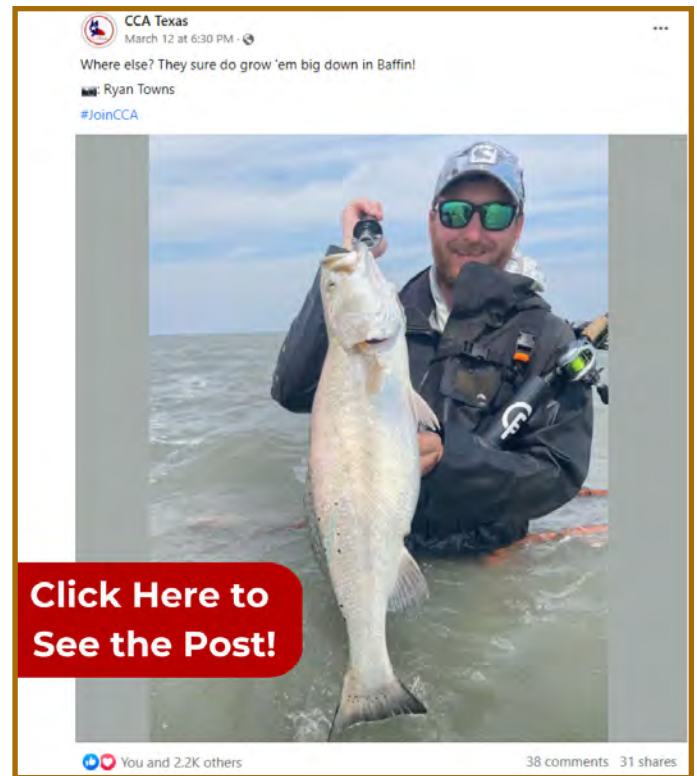


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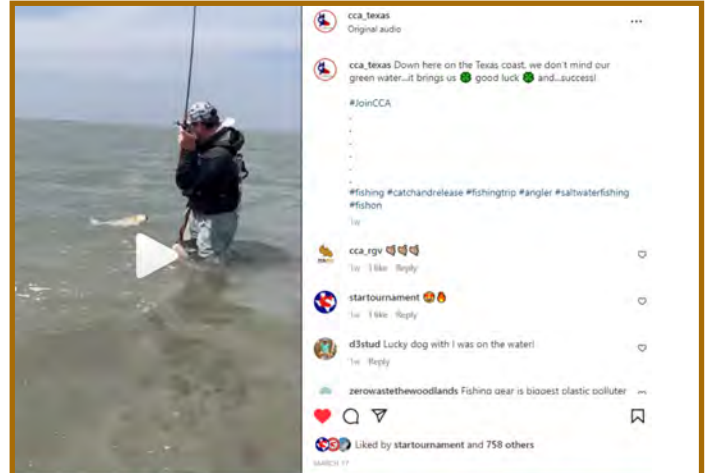


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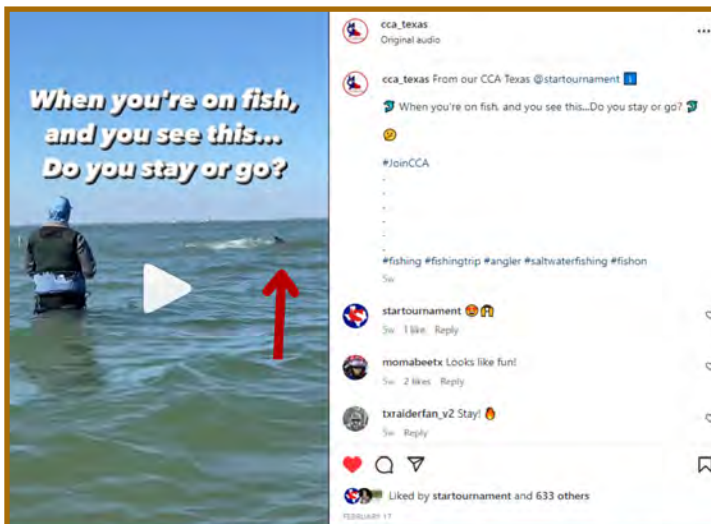


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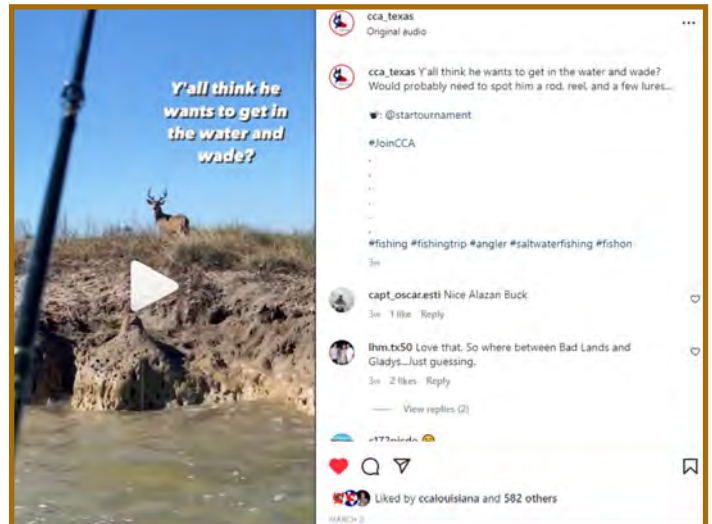
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More from @TPWDnews \*Survey responses will help inform an update of the Land and Water Resources Conservation and Recreation Plan (Land and Water Plan).

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# Chapter Updates

**Alvin-Pearland**

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The Alvin-Pearland Chapter Board has been busy planning for 2023! We have been working to organize our "Anglers' Night Out" meetings and getting our Fundraising Banquet details lined out!

We have set the dates for our "Anglers' Night Out" events! They will be held on Tuesday April 4, 2023, Tuesday, May 23, 2023, Tuesday, September 5, 2023, and Tuesday, October 24, 2023. The meetings will be held at Big Horn BBQ in Pearland, Texas! The speakers will begin at 7:00 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 Capt. Tyler Reed - "Marsh Rat Fishing Rods and Marsh Rat Rod and Gun". He will be discussing fishing, finding fish, rod selection, and rod building.

The May speaker is going to be Capt. Garry McAninch Jr. - "McAninch Outdoors" - He will be discussing fishing in the Galveston Bay System.

**Our 2023 Annual Alvin / Pearland Banquet Fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2023, and will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pearland, Texas at 2320 Hatfield Rd., Pearland, Texas 77581.** We will be serving a delicious Steak Dinner by Joe's BBQ, having a "Sportsman's Raffle" that will include "Guns and Waterloo Rod/Reel Packages", have Live and Silent Auctions, as well as numerous raffles. This is an event you will not want to miss so reserve your spot now!

Banquet Tickets are \$60.00 per person, \$100.00 per couple, and \$15.00 for kids. Reserved, Sponsor Tables start at \$600.00 for (8) Guests. All adult tickets include a CCA Membership. Sportsman's Raffle Tickets

are \$20.00 each or (6) for \$100.00. If you would like to purchase banquet tickets, reserve a table for your group or company, or make a donation to our event, please contact Carson Vecera at (713) 626-4222.

You may also email us at [AlvinPearlandCCA@yahoo.com](mailto:AlvinPearlandCCA@yahoo.com), or use this link <https://ccatexas.org/events/2023-alvin-pearland-annual-banquet/>

The best way to stay up to date with our latest Chapter Events is to follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/alvinpearlandcca](http://www.facebook.com/alvinpearlandcca) or go to our Chapter Website at <http://www.ccatexas.org/chapters/houston-area/alvin-pearland/>.

We hope to see you at one of our events! Don't forget to bring a friend, or even better, a kid!

**Aransas Bay**

**Michael Ferri 361-790-4404**

**[txsprig@yahoo.com](mailto:txsprig@yahoo.com)**

We are enjoying life down here in Rockport-Fulton! Our volunteers really hit another home run preparing for our **24<sup>TH</sup> Annual Aransas Bay Fundraising Banquet which happens April 1, 2023, located at Fulton Convention Center, 402 N. Fulton Beach Rd., Fulton, Texas 78358.** We are so lucky to have a wonderful group of conservation-minded people who work together to put our resource first!

Our Polaris raffle tickets are sold out for our upcoming Banquet, as well as the Banquet itself! It will be an exciting evening of fundraising for Coastal Conservation Association Texas. We are thankful for all our awesome volunteers who put so much time and effort into getting donations, selling raffle tickets and more!

Thank you to our Title Sponsor, Salemi's Ace Hardware, and all our Star Sponsors, Artesia Drilling, Brown Water Marine Service, Inc., First Community Bank, Hayden & Cunningham, PLLC - Attorneys, LEVY DIKEMA, Poor Man's Country Club, Rockport Marine, Rockport Tackle Town, San Jose Cattle Co., Silsbee Ford - Lake Country Chevrolet, Tammy



*Tami Domasco on a Spring Redfish bite in Aransas Bay*



*Aransas Bay CCA Donor Shelley Sammons in Costa Rica enjoying a fantastic trip to Nosara, she bought at last year's Banquet!*





Aransas Bay CCA's Brenda Weiss on a nice flounder bite in Rockport

Redden, Realtor & The Lodge at Goose Island. Key Sponsors, Coastline Homes, GSM Insurors, R-Adventures/ Corky's Custom Rods, The Reserve at St. Charles Bay. Tumbler Sponsor, Lectrics Electrical Contracting, Koozie Sponsor, Big Tree Realty, Jen Thomasson & Courtney Montgomery, Cap Sponsor, The Reserve at St. Charles Bay and Silent Auction Sponsor, Guild Mortgage. We are thankful for a wonderful group of people involved



CCA TX Aransas Bay Chapter and FlatsWorthy members chartered a bus to testify in Austin last November.

in this community!

**Babes on the Bay is May 19, 2023 & May 20, 2023, and REGISTRATION is closing soon!** Early registration at \$100.00 / angler closes April 15, 2023 and Late Registration at \$125.00/Angler ends May 7, 2023. We are back at Fulton Convention Center with another fantastic weekend of fishing, live music, vacation giveaways, vendors, and more! We have Guided, Non-Guided, Artificial, Any Bait, Fly Fishing and Babette Divisions, something for everyone! Ladies, book your guides and reserve your hotels ahead of time! Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram for updates and details! Registration is OPEN, link is on <https://www.babesonthebay.com/> through **Fishing Chaos!** This tournament is a catch and release Redfish tournament!

Thank you to a huge group of amazing Sponsors: **Salemi's Ace Hardware, Rockport Tackle Town, Waterloo Rod Company, Yeti, Bay Flats Lodge,**



Aransas Bay Chapter Volunteer Jill Diehl catching Redfish as the sun sets over St Charles Bay



Aransas Bay Volunteer Tina Frick catching Redfish on Artificial on a pretty Seadrift Wade

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Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the **Billy Sandifer Big Shell Beach Clean Up** and the **TPWD Crab Trap Clean Up**, we appreciate your dedication in helping to keep our beautiful Texas Coast clean!

For questions regarding our Aransas Bay Chapter, email [jdblaha@ccatexas.org](mailto:jdblaha@ccatexas.org) or contact President Mike Ferri at (361) 790-4404, Vice President, Bill Burge (713) 828-3823 or Secretary, Jane Jackson at (210) 240-7722.

**Austin**  
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**We are remarkably close to hosting our Annual Austin Fundraiser and Banquet on Thursday, May 11, 2023.** Our goal is to provide the best raffles, live auction, game zone, food and beverages; plus, the opportunity to network with other Anglers and businesses. Every year we try to grow our event and increase the money we raise. The best way we know how is to build on the previous years' experience. We'll have all new and expanded games, bigger and better prizes, and so much more! The only way we can raise the funds needed to continue the mission of CCA Texas is with your support! Our 2023 Boat raffle is only \$100.00 a ticket and only (1,250) will be sold. This year's boat is a Shallow Sport "Sport 18" powered by Suzuki 140 on a Custom





*This year's Austin chapter CCA boat is a Shallow Sport "Sport 18" powered by Suzuki 140 on a Custom Aluminum Trailer with a McClain tandem axle.*

Aluminum Trailer with a McClain tandem axle. We want to thank our sponsors: **S. Watts Group** and **Denbow Company** for their continued support.

Our all new (10) Gun raffle is only \$25.00 a ticket or 5x for \$100.00. We are excited to add this drawing to our May 11, 2023, banquet.

For more information on the boat and the gun raffle, please visit our website at <https://ccatexas.org/find-your-chapter/austin-chapter/>, or call Cheryl at (512) 662-0006 or via email at: [Cherylccaustin@gmail.com](mailto:Cherylccaustin@gmail.com)

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Your Brazoria County Chapter Members along with CCA Houston and Backcountry Hunters recently assisted US Fish and Game in a grass planting project to combat natural erosion and regain shoreline. This is just one of CCA's many Habitat Today for Fish for Tomorrow

projects and it also helps to preserve waterfowl habitat. Brazoria County CCA will continue to support these projects in the future and fun was had by all. **We will be holding our 41st annual Chapter Banquet on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM. It will be held at the Dow Academic Center in Lake Jackson, Texas.** We will be serving up plenty of fried fish and shrimp provided by Talk About Good so come out if you can and if you're interested in becoming a Board Member, we always have room.

**Brazos Valley**  
**John Ben Strother 979-220-1738**  
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With spring arrival, comes awesome fishing. **The 31st Annual Brazos Valley CCA Texas Banquet on March 3, 2023, at the Brazos Center, was a tremendous success!** To date, the largest in attendance, and funds raised, to help our marine life. We want to shout out a huge thank you to all those who made it a success! All the sponsors who believe in our mission, and give from their wallets and hearts; **C&J Barbeque for their support and a delicious meal; Burdette & Son Outdoor Adventure Shop; Jack Hillard Distributing Company; Cocktails 4U; Rhineland Cutlery** for the corporate table gifts; and all our members who spent hundreds of hours planning, putting together, and holding the banquet. It takes a village, and we asked for a small city, who all came through. Thank you, Carson Vecera, our Director, for his leadership. We are very much appreciative to everyone involved!!!!

Check your email for the next chapter meeting. Take a friend or kid fishing. See you out on the water.

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*Brazoria County Chapter Members with CCA Houston and Backcountry Hunters recently assisted US Fish and Game in a grass planting project to combat natural erosion and regain shoreline.*



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Spring has officially arrived on the Texas coast! Spring fishing patterns are in full swing and now is the best time of the year to come down and visit the third coast. Anyone who spends time on the water in our area will find it hard not to notice the hard work being put in by TPWD and CCA to protect our angling future!

We hosted our **45th Annual Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi, TX.** The banquet was an overwhelming success and set several chapter records! Thank you to all our sponsors and those who attended the banquet.

We will hold the drawing for our **Sow Trout Mega Raffle sponsored by L&F Distributors on May 1, 2023.** We still have tickets available, **[scan this QR code](#)** for more information.

We are excited to have **Flint Hills Resources** on board as a major sponsor for our chapter events this year! They have graciously committed to being the title sponsor for our Banquet, **Anglers Night Out's and Poco Rojo Kid Fish.** Thank you, **Flint Hills Resources**, for being our partner in conservation!!!!

#### **Upcoming 2023 Events**

Sow Trout Mega Raffle Drawing – May 1, 2023  
Babes on Baffin Tournament – October 6, 2023 - October 7, 2023

Fall Anglers Night Out – October 26, 2023

Poco Rojo Kid Fish – October 28, 2023

For any questions regarding chapter events or volunteer opportunities please email Cody Roesner at [cbroudfitters@yahoo.com](mailto:cbroudfitters@yahoo.com).

As always, let us know if you are interested in volunteering!



*CCA Dallas President, Jason Gray and friends in the Aransas Pass area with some redfish in late March 2023*

**Dallas**  
**Jason Gray**  
**214-384-4164**  
**[jgray\\_cis@hotmail.com](mailto:jgray_cis@hotmail.com)**

The Dallas chapter held a fun **Anglers' Night Out** in early March 2023 at **St. Pete's Dancing Marlin**. Our guest speaker was **Captain Milton Nieto of Xtreme Trophy Fishing**. Captain Milton enthralled everyone with stories of gigantic alligator gar that he targets for clients on the Trinity River. If you are interested in a day trip with Captain Milton Nieto of Xtreme Trophy Fishing, please reach out to him directly, or contact us and we will put you in touch with him.

Our next ANO will be in July 2023, at the **Beretta Gallery**. Keep your eyes on our social media and your email for final details. The early bird banquet table buyer prize, a 9mm APX with red dot sight will be drawn at this event in July 2023.

**The Dallas annual banquet will be on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at On The Levee.** Tables and sponsorships are now available.

**Fort Bend**  
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The Ft. Bend committee members and I are getting excited now! Our 37<sup>th</sup> annual Ft. Bend Banquet is right around the corner, and we have some great things in store for you this year! To start things off, our Grand Prize will be a 2022 JH Performance Outlaw 185x with a 140HP Suzuki and a Coastline aluminum trailer. There will also be four





*Fort Bend's Grand Prize will be a 2022 JH Performance Outlaw 185x with a 140HP Suzuki and a Coastline aluminum trailer*

other chances to win some great prizes, tickets are \$50.00 each, (7) for \$250.00, or (15) for \$500.00! For tickets, please contact Jim Black at (979) 240-5010. The banquet will also have a live and silent auction, bucket raffle, games, a great meal, plenty of beverages and so much more. So, it's time to get the friends and family out for some fun!

**The Ft. Bend Banquet is scheduled for April 13, 2023, and will be held at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds.**

We would also like to give a special thanks to **Sport Marine in Richmond, Texas** for all that they have done for us with this year's raffle. It is a beautiful boat, and we cannot thank them enough for their support! Another huge thank you goes out to all our donors and sponsors. We are fortunate to have wonderful support from so many good people and this event wouldn't be the same without you! Thank you all very much!

Upcoming events: We are starting to prepare for the **CCA Kidfish held in Matagorda TX**. Dates and information on the event will be coming soon! Flyers and entry forms will be posted at <https://ccatexas.org/find-your-chapter/fort-bend/> and [www.matagordabay.com](http://www.matagordabay.com) so, be on the lookout. Thank you for all the support!

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Greetings from the Fort Worth Chapter Board. We welcome the opportunity to announce that we are continuing to return to a more normal world and hosted our annual **Spring Crawfish Boil!** The ever so popular boil was held on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at The Vintage Rail in Fort Worth, Texas. Great new venue that we have been using and are grateful for all who were able to join us. This event is used as a thank you to all our Chapter members for their continued support and to drum (get it?) support in anticipation of one of the most popular events in Fort Worth, Texas our annual banquet.

**Our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort Worth Banquet will return to Joe T Garcia's on Thursday, May 4, 2023, located at 2201 N. Commerce St., Fort Worth, Texas 76164, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please reach out to us. We have created packages that are appealing to everyone. Single ticket orders are available, as well as entire (10) person table sponsorships. In typical Fort Worth fashion, there will be silent auctions, tremendous raffle options and of course, the MASSIVE live auction! It is time for some of you to return to the coast for a fishing trip, or even time to get out of the country on another adventure. Plan to be there and please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

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Spring is winding down and Summer is about to begin! Fishing has been great here on the Upper Coast and we hope that you have been able to get out and spend some time on the water. Put it on your calendars, **our Annual 43<sup>rd</sup> Golden Triangle Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Beaumont Civic Center located at 701 Main St., Beaumont, Texas 77701, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** Tickets can be purchased online at the CCA Texas website. It will be a fun night with plenty of raffle items and prizes to give away. Come out and join us! Cheers!

**Greater Sugar Land**  
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Thank You, thank you, that is how I need to start this update! Why? Because, we just had our best, record number at our banquet that the Greater Sugar Land Chapter has ever had! And, for that I say thank you! Thank you to all the sponsors, table buyers, attendees and donors of auction items. I would thank all of you, but in fear of leaving someone out, Thank You to all. And, to the Greater Sugar Land CCA Chapter Board Members and our Associate Director Blake Burnside, Thank you for all you do! Do you see a trend here? It's due to all of the hard work that is put into making a successful banquet! Thank you!

Now on to the rest of 2023, please join us for our two upcoming **Kid Fish events we have scheduled at Riverstone on Saturday, April 15, 2023 & New Territory on Saturday, May 6, 2023.** We will arrive at 8:00 a.m. to get the rods and reels ready and the expected fishing time is set for 10:00 a.m. to Noon. You will leave these events feeling a great sense of gratitude when you see a young angler catch his first fish!

**Our annual Presidents Cup takes place on Saturday, May 20, 2023, in Sargent, Texas.** Who will win the bragging rights and take the Presidents Cup Trophy home? Plans are underway for our annual Anglers' Night Out, so stay tuned for details!





*Group picture of Greater Sugar Land banquet*

This is the 25th year of the Greater Sugar Land CCA Chapter and we would like to recognize our first President, Gary Blanchette, who helped get our path started toward spreading the word of CCA Texas! Gary, Thank You!

Until next time, tight lines and "*laissez les bons temps rouler*" which is Cajun French for "*let the good times roll*"!

### **Greater Woodlands Charlotte O'Dell**

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**Our 16th Annual Greater Woodlands Chapter Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at The Springs, 14135 Laramie Trail, Montgomery, Texas 77316.** It is not too late to get your corporate table sponsorship. Buy your tickets online or call Luke Denton at the CCA Texas office and sign up today!

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a great night out with dinner, drinks, live and silent auctions, raffles, and good, old fundraising fun! Don't forget to join our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CCAGreaterWoodlands/>

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*Morgan Hudson and auction buyer, Greater Sugar Land*



*Greater Sugar Land Guests enjoying crawfish by Cajun Country Cookers*



*Gary Blanchetter on Greater Sugar Land bike*

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Howdy from the Heart of the Hills, hope everyone is enjoying Spring 2023! **Join us for an Anglers' Night Out on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Dog & Pony Grill, 1481 South Main Street, Boerne, Texas 78006.** We will have a speaker and enjoy some drinks and appetizers (and may even raffle off a couple of items). Hope to see you there! Tight Lines!

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On March 14, 2023, Captain Harry Guide Service was our guest speaker. **On April 1, 2023, the Mainland Chapter was at the Big Crawfish Foundation Bash at Mainland City Centre.**

On April 11, 2023, we had Not My Fault Rods as our guest speaker for our Anglers' Night Out. Not My Fault Rods Owner, Terry O'Day is a native Houstonian that has fished the Texas Gulf Coast for more than 40 years in every angling discipline. After moving to Texas City in 2017, Terry decided to make a rod specifically for himself. After showing a few family and close friends and getting their feedback, Not My Fault Rods was born! Terry builds custom fishing machines, one at a time, tailored to the client's specifications. NMF Rods pride themselves on quality and customer service. They have begun to branch out into other areas of tackle with popping corks and top water lures. The same "one at a time" handmade quality



*Mainland CCA: Capt. Harry Guide talks about how he targets Reds and Trout, generally on soft plastics.*

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**Final preparations are underway for our 2023 Redfish Bay Chapter Banquet that will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Aransas Pass Civic Center located at 700 W. Wheeler Ave., Aransas Pass, TX 78336. As usual, we will have a family event with a sit-down meal. Thanks in advance 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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A poster for the CCA Texas Mainland Chapter 2023 "10gun" Raffle. The poster lists various firearms as prizes, including a Bergara B-14 Ridge Wilderness 308 Win, Springfield Hellcat 9mm Two-Tone, Canik Rival 9mm Full Size 9mm, Ruger Mark IV 22/45 LITE 22lr, Benelli M2 20ga, Ruger 10/22 Tactical 22lr, Remington 870 Field 12ga Pump, CZ Redhead Premier 12ga Over/Under, Smith & Wesson 5.7 5.7x28mm, and Tikka T3x Hunter 300 Win. It also states that tickets are \$50/ea and only 350 are available. The drawing will be held on 5/5/2023 at the CCA Mainland Annual Banquet, and attendees do not need to be present to win.

**CCA Texas Mainland Chapter**  
**2023 "10gun" Raffle**

Bergara B-14 Ridge Wilderness 308 Win  
Springfield Hellcat 9mm Two-Tone  
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**Tickets-\$50/ea**  
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(Need not be present to win)

goes into these products as well. We would like to share our products with you and talk about what makes us different from the rest.

On April 15, 2023, we had a Raffle Ticket stop at Cabela's League City selling (10) gun Raffle Tickets.

On May 5, 2023, we had our Annual Mainland Chapter Banquet at The Doyle Convention Center at 2010 5th Avenue N., Texas City, Texas 77590, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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**WHEW!! We had our 25th annual Sabine-Neches Banquet on Thursday March 2, 2023, and it was another sell out event!** It was great seeing all of our friends out once again for a night of conservation, great food and cold drinks!

Congratulations to our Golf Cart winner Jody Viator! The golf cart was provided by Jay Weeks SE Texas Starter/Golf Car Connection.

Where would we be without our great sponsors! Anthony Touns with Classic Chevrolet has been our title sponsor for 14 years! Thank You!! Also like to thank Specialty Paint, Kieschnick Industries, Better Built Metal Buildings, Patriot Airboat, Del Papa Distributing, Giglio Distributing, Shane and Aimee Chesson for the great crawfish, Pipkin Ranch, Snapper Slapper Lures, Pete Jorgensen Marine, and welcome to our newest sponsor, The Gajeske Family!

We now have a three generation family volunteering, The Smith Family; Richard and Annette with son Cameron his wife Mallory, grandsons Kade and Karter, is very much appreciated!

The chapter truly appreciates each and every



Taylor, Darin, Anthony



Sabine-Neches CCA Banquet



Three generation of Smiths

one who attended and we look forward to many more years to come. Tight lines to all!

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We have been busy working on our 44<sup>th</sup> banquet, which will be held on May 4, 2023. If you would like to join us, we meet at Walk On's Sports Bistreaux Restaurant, located at 1400 Pantheon Way, San Antonio, Texas 78232 on the following Tuesdays on April 11, 2023, April 18, 2023 and April 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact our banquet chairs, Brandon Stellges at (210) 436-9305 and Bill Cook at (210) 438-2703. Our Banquet boat is a 21' Shallow Stalker with a Suzuki 175 and we will have a decked-out Kawasaki Mule with a 14' trailer, a Bakcou E Bike as well as our 10 gun (long gun) and pistol raffles. Once again, Don Strange will be our caterer and we are looking forward to a great night of delicious grazing and quenching our thirst with many favorite libations. If you haven't been to CCA San Antonio for our banquet yet, this is the year to attend!

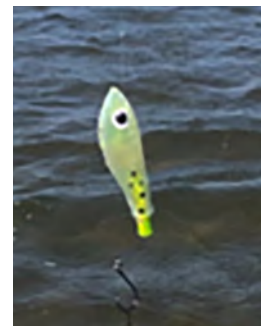
Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Clay Shoot was a success with 40 teams and 150 participants! It was held at the **National Shooting Complex** which made our event run smoothly. First place team was Simple Shooters – Brandon Stellges, Rue Ferguson, Bill and Steve Ethridge. HOA was Team Pecker Checker, Rudy Bazan – 98 HOA Ladies was Team Helotes 4H Kayli Beckham – 92 HOA Youth was Team Smithson Valley FFA 2 Blake Mosely – 95. Congratulations to all! Enjoy this Spring weather and get out on the water!!

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Spring Break has come and gone and all we can think about is the one that got away and the next one we are going to hook into, by evidence of this Corky that was recently hooked by a big one.

The San Gabriel Chapter of CCA Texas is in full swing of planning our 2023 Banquet which promises to be huge again this year. **The 2023 San Gabriel Banquet will be on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at the Georgetown Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center.** We hope you have already marked your calendar for this event. It





promises to be a great night of barbeque, cocktails, games, and fellowship with like-minded anglers. You will certainly enjoy the time you spend with us.

At this moment, we are contacting sponsors for our event to get an idea of just how big of an event we can conduct. Over the last 20 years, our sponsors have been so generous to this cause and have made a tremendous impact on the conservation efforts promoted through CCA in Texas. If you are interested in sponsorship information or how you can get involved with the banquet, please reach out to our banquet chair, **Jeff Bible**, at [aggieangler93@gmail.com](mailto:aggieangler93@gmail.com) and he will gladly send you information.

Our banquet team has launched into redesigning our games, prizes and auction items to increase the effectiveness of the time you spend with us and maximize your fun. This process began after spending time with our guests and sponsors and soliciting their feedback on how we can improve the experience. We look forward to the streamlined changes and will roll out some of these ideas in the next report.

As we began, when one gets away, we are always a little disappointed but hungry for the next chance to catch a trophy. Enjoy your time on the water and the company you keep. Stay safe and we will see you again soon!

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Greetings Campers, **It's Mudbug time! Come join us Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the 2023 Spring Crawfish Boil that will be held at the brand spanking, new Community Building that Chambers County, called the West Side Complex, located at 8138 FM 3246, Baytown, TX 77523.** It's just a stone's throw

from I-10 and Gou Hole Road. **Cajun Cookers** will be serving up their signature crawfish and sides. We will have games, raffles, and some stories to be told. This event continues to be a fun, low key fundraiser for our Trinity Bay Chapter. You can get tickets at <https://ccatexas.org/events/2023-trinity-bay-spring-crawfish-boil>

While you have that calendar out, **the Trinity Bay Banquet will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023, at Armenta's Reception Hall located at 825 Sheldon Road, Channelview, Texas 77530.** Even though Armenta's is a bit far from Trinity Bay, the hall has offered us so much more room than anywhere else we could find. Get your table by Friday, April 14, 2023, and enter your name into the drawing for a \$500.00 raffle pack.

In between planning and executing our events this year, we will be getting out on the water and testing our skills chasing tails. Why not join us?

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*A happy angler with Jenn Nolan-MacNaughton of Kidzfishing2.*



# Great Photos 2023

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*Aransas Bay Chapter Volunteer Jill Diehl catching Redfish as the sun sets over St. Charles Bay. Great Scenic by Jenn Thomasson.*



*Great CPR photo: Tami Domasco on a Spring Redfish bite in Aransas Bay. Photo by Jenn Thomasson*

*Got Gulp! Any second now! Great Kid photo by Jenn Nolan-MacNaughton.*





## Upper Coast

*Fish shallow or deep with  
Team MacNaughton*

As April temps warm up, marshes will begin their annual hosting of red fish and flounder. Artificials will be challenging as bait will be more plentiful as the spring hatch begins to fill the inshore fisheries. San Luis flats is a favorite this time of the year as well as the south shorelines at Christmas Bay and Drum Bay, particularly on the higher tides. If you are having trouble cracking that artificial code, nothing beats a popping cork and large, live shrimp.

The Spook Junior in clown remains my go to top water with a pink Skitter Walk or She Dog a close second. Soft plastics, smaller profile, matching the hatch. I prefer an 1/8 oz jig head on calmer days, increasing weight with winds and current to fit your retrieval. You will want to speed up your retrieval as fish fall into those spring patterns, feeding more aggressively.

Now comes June. Birds are always great indicators of bait and gamefish. Greens and Carancahua will be local favorites this time of the year. Hitting marsh drains and back pockets, using a lighter jighead with a slower approach is a solid tactic to finesse that flounder bite.

Sharing the outdoors with the next generation is our only way to ensure the future of fishing. Look for upcoming events with **Kidzfsh2** on Face Book or check out our website at [www.championsoutdoors.com](http://www.championsoutdoors.com) for upcoming opportunities.

Visit <https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/> or download Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual to get licensed online. —**Captain Josh MacNaughton**  
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**GO SHALLOW!** Catching falling tides in a kayak can provide an adventure all on its own. I like to set up just outside of marsh drains during the fall of the tide. If you don't have a kayak, consider jetty and pier action, now heating up as the warmer weather brings plentiful bait along the gulf shore lines.

Jigging jetty rocks and piers brings quick luck and nice size pup drums, sheepshead and croaker. Bait of choice for me when I am not tossing plastic, is free lining shrimp or bits of dead shrimp under a cork. A rattle trap or spoon is a great clutch bait to have in your artificial arsenal.

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**  
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## Middle Coast

**Capt. Scott Salyer**

*Cover every pothole and dropoff*

Spring has sprung and this season should be top notch for reds and trout. A mild dry winter and return of bull tides will make for a great spring bite.

Popping corks of almost any size can be one of your go to's for early spring, baited with live shrimp or Gulp soft plastics. Use a 2 to 4 foot fluorocarbon leader in 20 to 40 lb test using a 1/16 oz jighead, due to the likely hookups of larger trout and reds. Use a variety of retrieve speeds and different frequency of "pops" to see how they're biting.

Soft plastics in white, white and chartreuse, red with white tails and pink work well in the spring, because they imitate the new abundance of shrimp just in from the Gulf.

Of course, give your favorite topwaters a shot, especially early in the day. I like the bone and black, but the old fashioned red and white works across the flats. Cover every pothole and drop-off, worked at a speedy, noisy retrieve.

For that monster trout confrontation, try Corkies in white and chartreuse, purple or pink. Send the big spotted ladies back, of course.

Starting now, the jetties will produce great bites on light wind days. Into May, the back bays will be your best bet fishing in one or two feet working the windward side of any island or bank.

Remember to be considerate of other fishermen, protect the resource and stay safe. Good luck and tight lines.

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## Lower Coast

**Capt. Rene Hinojosa**  
*Explosion at dawn*

For much of the Texas coast, wind is a problem. In our Laguna Madre region, wind is your friend. Currents move along with bait, your boat and your choice of gamefish. April means shrimp are coming in from the Gulf in large numbers, so rig accordingly. We've had success with the Norton array of lures. I have affection for the Sand Eel Red and white paddle tails beneath an 8-oz jig head. Try the Kellywiggles; strawberry and white, bull minnow on Norton Lazerheads. Never NOT try a topwater, especially early in the morning. I like the Super Spook white and silver and Bozo the Clown. An explosion at dawn is a great way to start the day.

As May begins, plan for bull tides and try areas usually too shallow. They'll be holding bait and gamefish. Those open areas will be the choice for bedding areas and spawning mommas. No winter freeze damage again for the lower coast, so we can expect the good news about speckled trout to continue. The three-fish limit seems to be a big factor in the recovery of our sea trout resource. I think we should keep it that way but wonder if two tags per year for keeping trophy trout would be a reward for all the days of our care and conservation. Just sayin'.

Care for your catch and your crew and leave it better than you found it. Maybe you'll join the Bassler Cleanup Crew for the June 9<sup>th</sup> Cut and Beach Cleanup.

—**Capt. Rene Hinojosa Jr.**  
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*Gotcha! Tyler Haley fooled this speck with a redhead plastic. Olympus TG-5.*



# Gulf Identification Guide



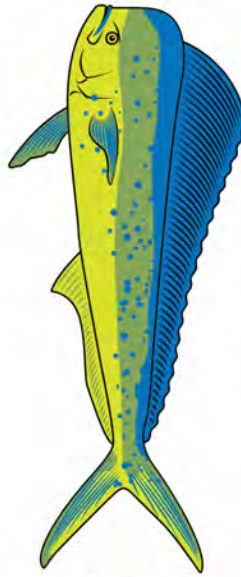
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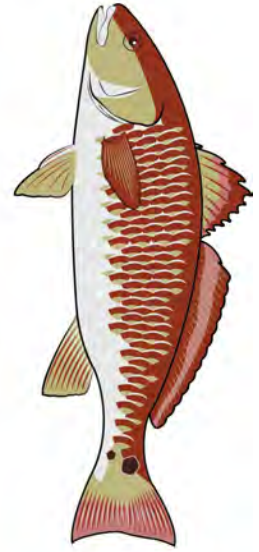
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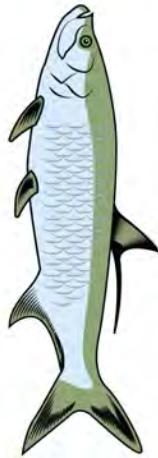
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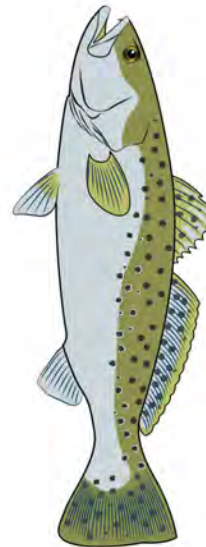
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# Shrimp stuffed mushrooms

1/4 cup EVOO / 1/3 cup finely chopped onion / 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh basil / 1/2 tsp finely chopped rosemary / 3 cloves garlic, diced / 6 oz. fresh shrimp, diced / 2/3 cup bread crumbs / 1/3 cup parmesan cheese / 1/4 cup mayo / 8 baby bella mushrooms, stems and gills removed / salt and pepper to taste.

Saute onion, basil and rosemary in EVOO till onions are transparent. Add garlic, cook for 2 min. Add shrimp, cook till pink. Transfer to a medium bowl, add bread crumbs, parmesan and mayo. Mix well and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Place mushrooms round side down on a parchment lined pan. Fill the mushrooms, pressing tightly and slightly mounded. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Bake at 350 for 35 minutes.



*Great Recipe Editor Liz Hewitt*





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a front blew through.*

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that one of your lures on an  
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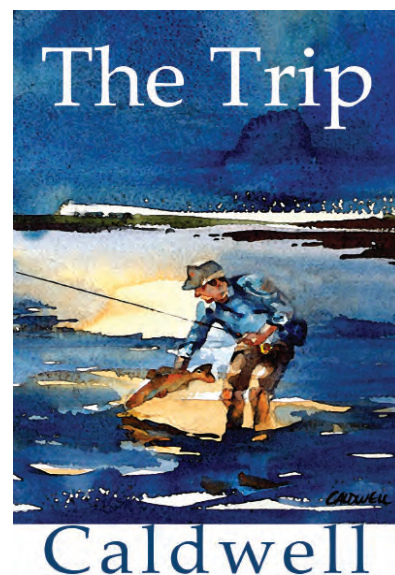
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