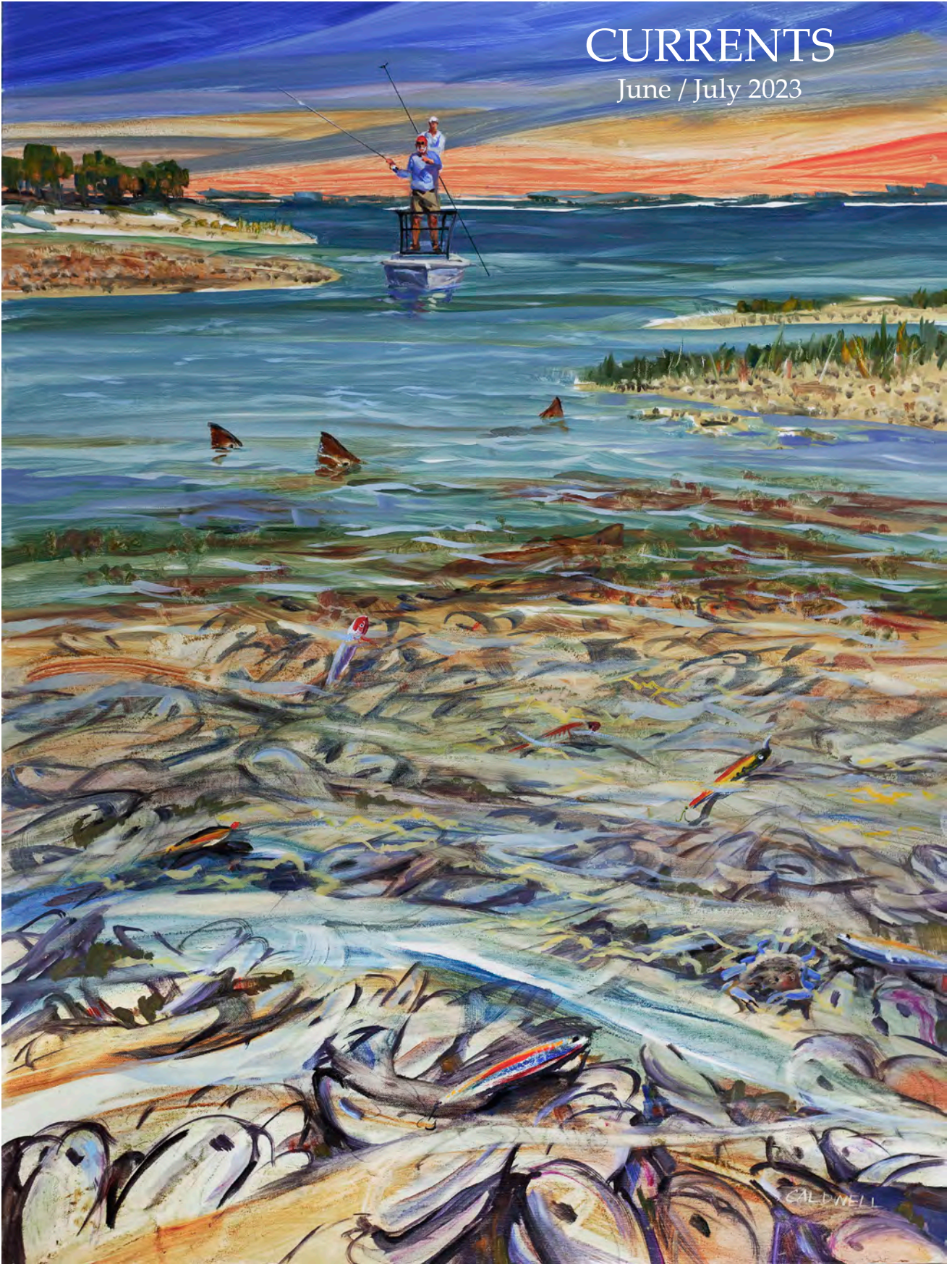


# CURRENTS

June / July 2023



*"Bedrock of the Bays" Courtesy of the CCA San Antonio chapter and artist Sam Caldwell*

## Vision Becomes Reality

**CURRENTS IS INTERACTIVE!**

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# Oyster Legislation Passed— Our Vision Becomes Reality

By Shane Bonnot, CCA Texas Advocacy Director

**S**igned by Governor Abbott on May 27, 2023, **Senate Bill 1032** will go into effect on September 1, 2023, providing Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and stakeholders with the opportunity to develop a new(ish) program – **The expansion and creation of on-bottom oyster leases**. This bill is a common-sense approach that will provide stability, certainty and increased business opportunities for the oyster industry, as well as substantial restoration opportunities for conservation organizations. As you may recall, we spelled out the need for this in our [November 2021 Letter](#) to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

Per the bill analysis, S.B. 1032 redefines a “natural oyster bed” to include the area for leases, especially in areas considered degraded. Previously, the only “areas under location” (leases) were 2,300 acres of



*Low Tide Oysters by Kara Thompson*

*We owe a significant debt of gratitude to Senator Lois Kolkhorst and Representative Todd Hunter for carrying this bill during the past 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Regular Session.*

mud bottom in Galveston Bay that were utilized for transplanting oysters from closed areas to open areas, allowing the oysters to depurate and become safe for human consumption prior to harvest. Over time, practices within these areas evolved as leaseholders began to “plant” these areas with new substrate, often limestone and river rock, to recruit wild spat and create next year’s harvest opportunity.

This new language will allow TPWD to identify areas of the bay where oyster reefs used to exist and hard bottom remains while utilizing industry members and conservation organizations to revitalize these locations into thriving reefs. The commercial leaseholders would have exclusive

harvest rights within their lease and the restoration leases would be off limits to commercial harvest.

Oyster leases are clearly distinct from the pillage that occurs on public reefs every year, as the



*Members of CCA National Staff, Aransas Bay Chapter volunteers, and Yamaha Marine participated in an oyster bagging event hosted by the Harte Research Institute. Photo courtesy of CCA National President Patrick D. Murray (@PatrickDMurray on Instagram)*



Materials staged and ready for Phase III of the St. Charles Bay Big Tree Unit Living Shoreline Oyster Restoration Project. Photo by John Blaha

leaseholders are careful not to overwork their lease and they continually cultivate their beds with shell planting and strategic management practices. While oyster leases can't compete with oyster mariculture when it comes to half-shell presentation and consumer preferences, they are the next best thing.

The significance of S.B.1032 can't be overstated. We owe a significant debt of gratitude to Senator Lois Kolkhorst and Representative Todd Hunter for carrying this bill during this past 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Regular Session. We have stated time and time again that "we all want more oysters," and this bill will see to it that our vision becomes a reality.

**Key takeaways for Senate Bill 1032**

- 1) Ensures that there will be more areas of oyster reefs to harvest along the Texas coast.
- 2) Allows for the expansion of the private lease (certificate of location) program in the oyster fishery.
- 3) Calls for TPWD to work with the Department of State Health Services and Texas General Land Office in considering these expansions.
- 4) Calls for TPWD to create program restoration guidelines for groups that want to help support oyster restoration.
- 5) Redefines a "natural oyster bed" to activate more areas where leases could be sited and aid in oyster resource recovery through additional consideration of leases in degraded areas.
- 6) Removes the need to transplant which will more effectively illustrate the reality of how oyster leases are being utilized.



**On the Conservation Horizon**

The Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council is set to meet August 14-17, 2023, in Austin at The Driskill. Please mark your calendars because we may be looking for participants to provide public comment on potential state surveys on private angler landings of red snapper and general observations on amberjack.

Finally, regarding speckled trout, the temporary 3-fish bag limit with a 17-inch to 23-inch slot restriction will expire on September 1, 2023, and revert to the historic 5-fish bag limit with a 15-inch to 25-inch slot, and the allowance for 1 fish over 25-inches. While there is still some debate over whether the fishery has recovered, the expiration date was set in statute, therefore outside of an emergency ruling, any additional changes will be subject to the rule-making process.

"Dorun Patrol" by Sam Caldwell





# CCA TEXAS STAR



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## STAR is Sizzling Hot!

**A**t this writing, FIFTEEN-tagged reds have been caught in the 2023 CCA Texas STAR. Sadly for these folks, TWELVE anglers are out of luck---they either did not know or forgot to sign up. If you're reading this, there is outstanding news for you.....you are already a CCA member and likely signed up! Those who missed out did not claim a prize(ugh), so SEVENTEEN tagged fish prizes remain to be claimed. There are 110 tagged fish **still** swimming out there ...get out there and get yours!

And there are success stories to report. You can bet the THREE Red-Tag-winning anglers so far are grinning like a cat licking cream. These certified winners will receive their brand-new Ford F-150 pickup trucks connected to 23' Haynie Bigfoot boats with 150HP Mercury ProXS engines and Coastline trailers. Even better, read two of the winning STAR stories in their own words:



*Galveston Guide Wyatt Foster*

### STAR HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE!

**Galveston Guide Wyatt Foster** of WF Guide Services LLC, has made STAR history. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Wyatt was pre-fishing in Galveston by himself when the unthinkable happened. He caught a 2023 red-tagged redfish! CCA Texas STAR was then contacted about this catch. Since he was alone and wanted to get some video footage of the release, he called his nearby buddy to head over to film the release. Since Wyatt is a registered guide in the CCA Texas STAR Tournament, he is only eligible to win when one of his clients catches a STAR-winning fish. With one tagged redfish in his live well and eagerly waiting for his buddy to arrive, he did what anyone would do. He went back to fishing. Still fired up, Wyatt saw a group of reds pushing some mullet toward the shore. He cast into the school and hooked up again. He couldn't believe his eyes when he got it in the net. There, staring back at him, was a blue tag! In 34 years of STAR tournament history, this had never happened before! These two tagged redfish were released 10 days prior and had been swimming together to end up being caught by Wyatt. Once his buddy arrived, Wyatt could do a fantastic release video of both tagged redfish. Thank you, Wyatt, for releasing these tagged redfish for another angler to catch.

**Michael Webb** was the first certified angler to catch a red-tagged redfish on June 5<sup>th</sup>. He was fishing with his dad and nephew. First thing in the morning, they went over to the Trinity spillway, and by 8 am, his nephew caught a massive sheepshead for his division. They decided to pack up and went to Linda's Sylvan Beach B&T to weigh the fish. With the rest of the day ahead, they grabbed some more bait, went out to the Bay Port Terminal spillway, and found some nice reds. After breaking his line off on a big fish, he re-tied and made another cast. BAM, hooked up on a red. This red was very special. As soon as it emerged from the depths, he could see the red tag sticking out of the back of that redfish. His dad grabbed



the net, and it took off right before he could get in. Once the red was safely in the net, a scream was let out, and Michael knew he had just won a brand-new 2023 Ford F-150, 23' Haynie Bigfoot with a 150hp Mercury motor and Coastline trailer package. Congratulations, Michael!



*Michael Webb*

On June 5th, **Russell Snyder** became the second angler to catch a red-tagged redfish. He set out in his kayak that evening to fish for some redfish. Fishing at night is a great option, especially with the summer heat starting to kick in. There are fewer anglers around at night, so it gives you an advantage. While in Pirates Cove, Galveston, Russell fished the underwater green lights hoping to catch some reds and trout. After catching two reds and a trout, he cast his line into the green light water and felt a thump he will never forget. He had caught a red-tagged redfish! If you've never fished for reds in a kayak, they are incredibly strong and will pull you around in the water. They make for a great fight! Russell knew he had just won a brand-new 2023 Ford F-150, 23' Haynie Bigfoot with a 150hp Mercury motor and Coastline trailer package. Congratulations, Russell!



*Russell Snyder*



## Blue Tag Division (NEW PRIZE ALERT!)

The first **three** certified 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.



## INSHORE

The Black Drum division is here to stay. With an intense battle last summer 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.

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## 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>

**T**here 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. Good Luck.



*A few STAR Scholarship Winners*



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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

**TOTAL FUNDED THROUGH 2022: \$9,603,916**

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• 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
• Coprpus Christi	\$ 100,000
• Freeport / Vancouver	\$ 60,000
• Port Mansfield	\$ 50,000
<b>Total contributions to Nearshore Reefing:</b>	<b>\$3,456,000</b>

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6. Trinity Bay Discovery Center Living Shoreline
7. Dickinson Bayou Marsh Restoration
8. Moses Lake Shoreline Restoration
9. Sportsmans Road Wetlands Restoration
10. Big Man's Reef
11. Bird Island Cove Marsh Restoration
12. Snake Island Cove Marsh Restoration
13. Oyster Lake Shoreline Stabilization
14. Vancouver Nearshore Reef
15. Cow Trap Lake Shoreline Stabilization
16. San Bernard NWR Shoreline Stabilization
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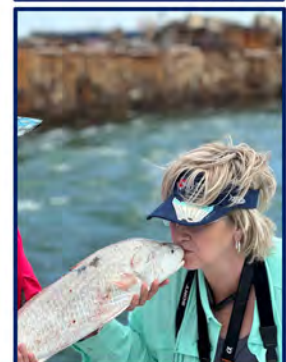
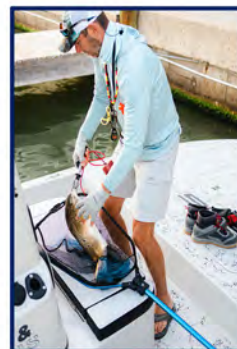
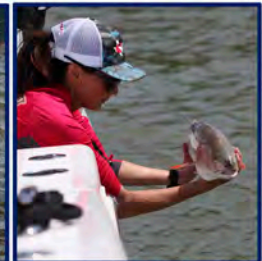
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For an idea of the tremendous efforts by STAR volunteers who catch and release tagged reds, see page 50.

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## Reports from Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Wardens

While enforcing saltwater fishing regulations in December, Harris County Game Wardens found a fisherman in possession of an undersized red drum, possession of undersized specked trout, possession of undersized black drum and fishing without a valid license. Cases pending.

In March, a Galveston County Game Warden received an Operation Game Thief call that reported a couple of families staying at a rental house and that eight of those individuals had been seen harvesting oysters from a nearby reef. Upon arrival at the rental house, the warden noticed oysters on top of a picnic table as well as a pile of oysters on the ground. When questioned about the oysters, the occupants of the rental home stated they got them from the water behind the house. One individual claimed to have harvested all of the oysters and even showed the warden where he got them from. One citation was issued for oystering in a closed area. Case pending.



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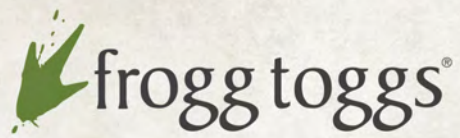


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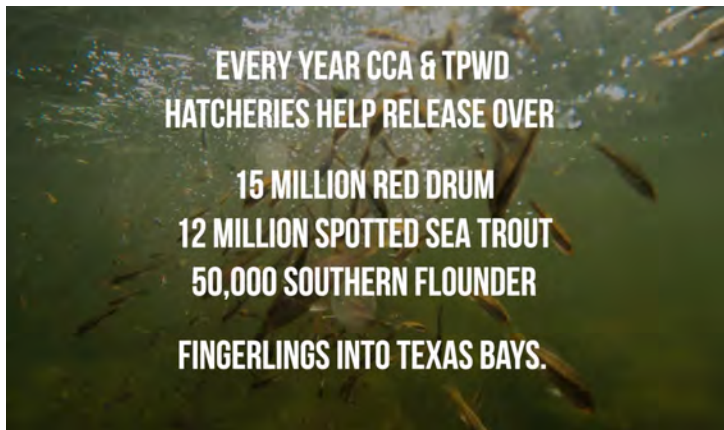


# Putting fingerlings back where fish need to be

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 recent video that will provide an idea of the process:

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2. Raise awareness for CCA and our conservation efforts each time you're out on the road.
3. Support our work of ensuring the health and conservation of our marine resources and anglers' access to them here in Texas. For each plate sold, CCA Texas will receive \$22.

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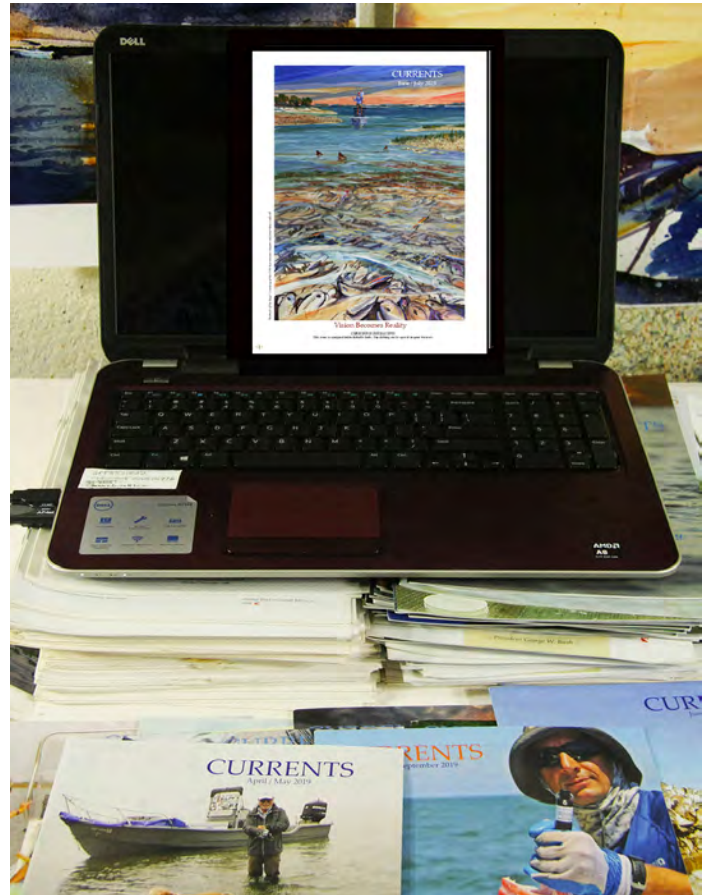
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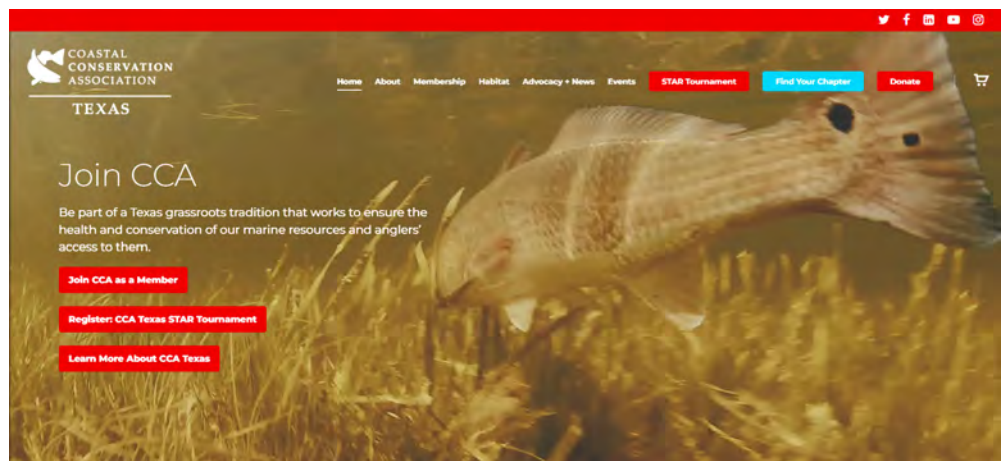
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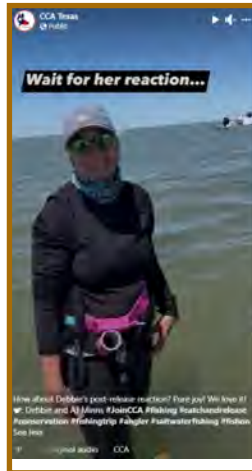
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The tagged reds are out there, go find them! Remember you must be a current CCA member & registered in the Tournament to win. Get that done by clicking the link in our bio → @cca\_texas bio.

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# Chapter Updates

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**Our upcoming 2023 Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday night, June 15, 2023, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pearland, Texas.** We will be serving a delicious steak dinner by Joe's BBQ, having a Sportsman's Raffle that will include guns and rod/reel packages, have Live and Silent Auctions, as well as numerous raffles. This is an awesome event you won't want to miss. Reserve your spot now!

We would like to thank **Waypoint Financial and Dashiell Corp.** for being our Texas Slam Title Sponsors for this year's event! Thanks also go out to **Underwater Green Fishing Lights** for being our tumbler sponsor for 2023!

Banquet Tickets are \$60/person, \$100/couple and \$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](mailto:AlvinPearlandCCA@yahoo.com). We have enjoyed hosting our Anglers' Night Out events this year. Much thanks to Captain Tyler Reed from **Marsh Rat Fishing Rods and Marsh Rat Rod and Gun**, and Captain Garry McAninch, Jr. with **Team McAninch Outdoors**, for coming out to speak at our April and May 2023 meetings.

**Our upcoming Anglers' Night Out will be held on Tuesday, September 5 2023, and Tuesday, October 24, 2023.** 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 <https://ccatexas.org/find-your-chapter/alvin-pearland/>.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events! Please don't forget to bring a friend, or even better, a kid!

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It's Summertime in Rockport-Fulton, Texas! As the kids get out of school, we had one last hurrah for the Mom's and Ladies before Summer 2023 begins at another fantastic **Babes on the Bay, All Women's Fishing Tournament**. **The 24th Annual Tournament was held May 19, 2023, and May 20, 2023 and 932 Anglers and 264 Teams participated in the event!** We had an amazing turnout at Fulton Convention Center with another fantastic weekend of fishing, live music, vacation giveaways, vendors, and more! We had Guided, Non-Guided, Artificial, Any Bait, Fly Fishing and Babette Divisions, with lots of fish caught and released to swim another day!

Anglers from Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and New Foundland, Canada participated in this fun event. Our Aransas Bay Chapter Volunteers do an amazing job putting on this annual event, which requires year-round volunteer work. Check it out next year, always the weekend after Mother's Day! The largest all women's tournament in the USA! Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates and details! Link to our website is on <http://www.babesonthebay.com/>

Thank you to a huge group of amazing Sponsors!! **Salemi's Ace Hardware, Rockport Tackle Town, Waterloo Rod Company, Yeti, Bay Flats Lodge, Reel Skipper, Guild Mortgage, Orvis Swan Point Landing, L&F Distributing, Rockport Marine, Goin' Coastal Outfitters, Titos Vodka, Poor Man's Country Club, The Reserve at St. Charles Bay, Chris's Marine, Reel Sportswear and Sandy Oaks Kennel** are back, we are thankful for their continued support! We also welcomed some new, very generous sponsors this year, **Smith Optics, Grundens, Sage Fly Rods, By the Bay Vacation Rentals, Copano Carts**, and more! We look forward to having you back next year! If you are interested in being a Sponsor next year, or have any tournament questions, please contact Tournament Director, Jen Thomasson at (361) 205-0182. For Vendor info, please call Tina Frick at (210) 508-6281. We look forward to another incredible year! May 17-18, 2024, for our **25th Annual Tournament!**

Thanks again to this huge group of conservation minded Volunteers who help year-round with this fantastic chapter! For more local events and happenings, please follow our **Aransas Bay Instagram** and Facebook pages, and contact Jane Jackson below.

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.

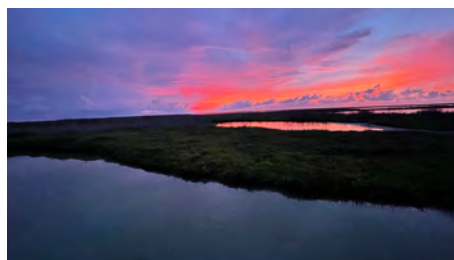


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# 2023 BABES ON THE BAY



Hard working, amazing Aransas Bay Chapter volunteers!





Babes on the Bay 2023, Fly Fishing Division



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Banquet Artwork



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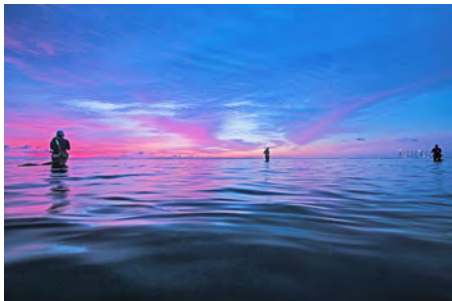


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Austin's banquet was a huge success. Sam Caldwell photo.



Bastrop County's 2021 23' Haynie Big Foot, with a 2021 Mercury 150, and 2021 Coastline trailer will be won the night of our banquet.

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**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bastrop County Banquet is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the Bastrop Convention Center.** We would like to thank our Title Sponsors for this year's banquet - TCS Mechanical, Covert Bastrop, Roscoe Bank/ Cornerstone Home Lending, and Lauren Concrete. Keep an eye on our [Bastrop County Chapter webpage](#) or our [Facebook page](#) for more details! Many exciting things are going on and we appreciate your support. Don't forget about our **2023 Boat Raffle!** The drawing for this 2021 23' Haynie Big Foot, with a 2021 Mercury 150, and 2021 Coastline trailer will be the night of our banquet.

If you want to purchase tickets, please contact a board member, or visit our [Facebook page](#). Looking forward to seeing everyone in July. You can also reach out to Cole Williams, Bastrop County CCA President, at [colew65@yahoo.com](mailto:colew65@yahoo.com) for more information!

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With the rainy season upon us, fishing has been interesting. At least the rain has kept the temperatures down. A real 2023 Spring. But we soon might need to use the boat to get out of the driveway!

Several of our members attended the Texas A&M Chapter banquet, at the Brazos Center in Bryan, Texas. It was a lot of fun. The food was delicious. And there were great items in the silent and live auction.

We held a BV chapter meeting May 9, 2023, with 15 in attendance. We discussed the upcoming June Inter-Chapter Challenge. Shared excellent homemade tacos with all the fixings and told lots of fish stories.

Our next chapter meeting will be in October 2023. Check your email for details.

Hope everyone has an awesome summer! Good luck with the Star Tournament. Good fishing and fun catching! Take a kid, spouse, or friend fishing!

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Greetings from the Colorado Valley!  
We had a very successful fundraising event this year in La Grange, Texas. We enjoyed a sold-out, full house of very supportive guests. All our board members did another terrific job of preparing for and carrying out the evening's activities. Of course, we could not have completed the event without the great support from our banquet assistants.

This year's board members include Danny Olenick, Trish Kubena, Rusty Kubena, Gary Janda, Dave Fehlker, and Eugene Ulrich. Our list of banquet assistants included Connie Janda, George Gold, Betty Urban, John Gold, Kristina Gold, Mike Petras, Norma Petras, Matthew LeFrance, Michael Menefee, Verlene Ulrich, Lucas Janda, Kalli Hodges, Robert Hodges, Kenneth LeFrance, and Kendall Rohde. Once again, we would like to recognize John Gold on his wonderful creation of our

event's program. Congratulations goes out to our Early Bird winner "Southern Tx Roots Steven Bratcher" as he purchased his table before the deadline and sold-out date. The KC folks again prepared another great meal of ribeye steak and shrimp while we enjoyed beverages provided by **Brown Distributing**.

Thanks go out to **Murphy's Steakhouse** for again providing the ribeye for the door prize. We would like to extend our appreciation to this year's print sponsors-**Ken Kram State Farm Weimar and Fayette Savings Bank La Grange**; our cap sponsors **Lakeview Glass & Mirror, Oviedo Auto Group, and WHATABURGER**; our buyer's cap sponsors **M-G Farm Service Center Weimar and We Stitch La Grange**; our game cap sponsors **Milton's Home of Fine Furniture Smithville and Doug The Plumber Smithville**; our Ladies game raffle sponsors **Consuela Smithville and Richard Schmidt Jewelry and Design La Grange**; and our towel sponsors **CJNR Ranch Fowlerlon, Doug The Plumber Smithville, Fayetteville Bank Fayetteville, Gina Hightower Realtor Smithville, RTA-Rural Telecommunications of America Smithville, and WJC Smithville**. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to this year's **Captain's Table buyer-Schovajsa, Mayer, & Klesel, LLP**. They enjoyed the evenings event so much that they

purchased the Captain's table again for next year's banquet!

Thanks go out to all this year's table sponsors. Those who purchased a **Grand Slam table include: 304 Ventures, Brown Distributing, Chris Dillon Attorney, Cindy Hayes, Corporron Acres & Pinnacle Cattle, Covert Chevrolet Buick GMC, Fayette Savings Bank, Full Circle S Ranch, Gina Hightower Realtor, Joe Rogers' Dozer Service, Long Ranch & Home Services, Mark's Heating & Air Conditioning/Norm Lambert Homes, Masonry Works, Maxwell Locke & Ritter, Oviedo Auto Group/Krossfire Exploration, Rocking R Construction, and Round Top State Bank**. Those sponsors who purchased a **Bull Red table include: A.J.F., Adams Waste Service, Capital Farm Credit, Clearwater Consulting, Doug The Plumber, Ewald Kubota, Fayette County Vet Clinic, Gary Bayer, Heany Group, Helicopters Unlimited, Hutton's Painting, KJZT Family Life Insurance Joy Kovar, Knappe Farms, Main Street Wealth, McCourt Equipment, Milton's Home of Fine Furniture, Orsak's Cafe, Phillip Adamcik State Farm, Powerscreen Texas, Ridge Dog Design & Photography, Southern Tx Roots, Texana Cottages, Tri-County Realty, Greyson Ulrich, Waste Away Trash Service, We Stitch, and Weimar Manufacturing**.

Our reserved table sponsors included: **Paul Mikula, Pine Draw Ranch, Canada Ranch, and Kleiber Tractor & Equipment/Woodmen Life Allyson Davis**.

Our chapter wishes to again extend our sincere gratitude to all who sponsored tables, provided auction items, purchased from the live and silent auctions and bucket raffle game, or in any way contributed to the very successful evenings event. We truly wish a fun and successful summer fishing season to all and good luck in the tourney. Wishing Bent Rods and Tight Lines to all!  
Eugene Ulrich, Colorado Valley Chapter President



Colorado Valley Chapter, 2023 Banquet Team at the banquet.



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We hope everyone has had a fun, safe, and successful spring 2023 fishing season! A lot of us landlocked anglers in North Texas are looking forward to getting offshore for Red Snapper season along with the bay trips. **The CCA Inter Chapter Challenge (ICC) Fishing Tournament** is upcoming as of this writing and we will be sure to update everyone on how our chapter board of directors fared in the next **CURRENTS** issue.

We recently held an Anglers' Night Out at Clay Shooters Supply, and our guest speaker was Collins Illich of Sawgrass Fishing Rods. Collins shared the science behind designing a fishing rod for specific uses and even showed off some one-of-a-kind rods that are not in production yet. The Dallas Chapter is excited to have both companies as sponsors for our upcoming annual banquet. We will have several guns from **Clay Shooters Supply** as prizes in raffles and a gun draw and **Sawgrass Fishing Rods** will be available for purchase with all proceeds generously going to CCA Dallas.

**Our next Anglers' Night Out will be on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at Beretta Gallery in the Highland Park Village beginning at 5:30 p.m.** If you buy a table for the annual banquet prior to, or on the night of the event, you will be eligible to win a Beretta APX 9 mm with a red dot sight that will be drawn at the end of the event. Our guest speaker will be Chloe Turner who has traveled all over the U.S. and the Bahamas to fish and is on the Daiwa fishing team.

Lastly, we have donations and sponsors rolling in for the **Annual Banquet on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at On The Levee**. If you are interested in supporting our chapter in any way, please contact us and we can discuss possibilities. Tables and individual tickets can be purchased on our [CCA Dallas Chapter webpage](#).

**Fort Bend**  
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Hello everybody, we've just completed our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort Bend CCA Banquet. The banquet was held at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds this year, and it was a blast and very successful. The banquet was also a rock-solid event with nearly 500 people in attendance. We would like to thank everybody that was able to make it out to the banquet, your donations, and continued support. We can't wait until next year's banquet and to see everybody again!

For 2023, we have a new list of committee officers, and they include: Chapter President – Thomas Welch; Vice President – Chris Easterling. These are a phenomenal group of gentlemen that bring a lot of fresh ideas to the chapter and events. The chapter also has the support of its committee members and their input, and we couldn't ask for a better group of people to support each other. We would like to also thank our previous 2 years officers; President – Blake Tumlinson; Vice President – Thomas Welch; Treasurer – Jim Black for the hard work and time they've devoted to the chapter and the community. It is also a great pleasure to thank one of our committee members, Steve Onstad, for allowing us to utilize his restaurant's back room for our monthly meetings at **The Swinging Door**.

As we move forward through the year, please mark your calendars as we have some exciting events coming up this summer. **Fort Bend CCA will be hosting its annual Kid's Fish Tournament in Matagorda and it will be held on July 29, 2023. The Fort Bend chapter committee members will also be hosting a "Ladies Only" fishing tournament, Lingerie on The Bay (LOTB), and it is scheduled for August 25-26, 2023 in Matagorda, Texas.** Entry forms and tournament information will be posted on the [Fort Bend Fishermen Facebook page](#) or you can call Thomas Welch at (832) 628-0130 or Blake Tumlinson at (979) 332-2236.

Once again, thank you everyone for your continuous support and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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Your Ft. Worth Chapter recently held the annual chapter banquet at Joe T Garcia's in the historic stockyards for yet another year. Under the threat of bad weather for our outdoors event, we prevailed and managed to avoid the rain en route to a highly successful event supporting our fisheries. We would like to take a moment to thank some of our sponsors including **Southern State Rebar, Wyre, R E Cupp Construction LP and RMP Industrial Supply**. From dove hunting in Argentina to fishing on the coast and everything in between, the generosity of our members, each of you, was on full display.

Because of you, the Ft. Worth Chapter continues to be one of the premier inland chapters. As your local board takes a few months to relax don't forget to keep an eye on your email for our fall event. In the meantime, we hope you find your way to the coast and encourage you to take your young kids with you. If you are interested in joining the board, please reach out to one of us and we can assist. Get out and catch some fish!

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The Greater Sugar Land Chapter has had a busy Spring 2023, beginning with our most successful banquet yet; thanks to all who attended. Follow that up with over (100) kids at the **Riverstone Kid Fish** and over (150) kids at the **New Territory Kid Fish**. Both very fun and successful events! Thank you to the communities of **Riverstone** and **New Territory** for letting us be a part of your event. I encourage all to attend at least one of our **Kid Fish Events**. You won't be able to erase the smile from the kids' faces when they catch their very 1<sup>st</sup> fish off your mind.

We recently wrapped up the

Annual Presidents Cup Chapter Fishing Tournament in Sargent, Texas. A tough day on the water fishing with all the fresh water in the bay from all the recent rains. However, that did not stop all participants from having a great time. Special thanks to Bob and Sandra Hrachovy for hosting the **Captains Party** on Friday night and Lynda Breland for furnishing the homemade Jambalaya. Thanks also go to Bob and Barbara Hillard for hosting the weigh-in party and to Ray Visser for cooking up the excellent BBQ. And congratulations to our 7-time winner, Joel Canavan, for taking home the Presidents Cup trophy, (again)! Plans are already under way for our next 2024 Presidents Cup Tournament.

Plans are also underway for our annual Anglers' Night Out and we are planning a fun event, so stay tuned for more details.

Good luck to everyone in the STAR Tournament, go catch a winner! Until next time, tight lines and Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!

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Thank you to Ford of Boerne - our 2022-23 Title Sponsor! Howdy from the Heart of the Hills. Hope you were able to join us at our Anglers' Night Out at Dog & Pony Grill in Boerne on May 17th. Over 120 people were in attendance and enjoyed drinks, great appetizers and an informative presentation on fishing for speckled trout by Chris Bush of "The Speckled Truth" podcast. We also had some excellent raffle items. Pictured are a couple of raffle winners - Darlene Ackerman who won a Yeti and



New Territory, 2023 Kid Fish Event



Riverstone, 2023 Kid Fish Group



New Territory, 2023 Kid Fish Event



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2023 Presidents Cup Entries



New Territory, 2023 Kid Fish Event



Bob Hrachovy passes the trophy to he 2023 Winner for the 7th time, Joel Canavan!!

Mike Arena who won 2 Lews reels, 2 Waterloo rods and a pair of Smith Optics sunglasses! Thanks to all who came out to support the chapter and to Chris Bush. Mark your calendars now for our Heart of the Hills Chapter Banquet. **We will be out at Don Strange Ranch on Thursday, September 14, 2023.** Watch your email and Facebook for ticket information and sponsorship opportunities. Give me a call if you would like to help at the banquet. Tight Lines!

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CCA Helotes has had a fantastic year so far! In March 2023, we hosted our annual chapter banquet which was a huge success! Special appreciation for all the banquet volunteers, sponsors, and donations to bring in the crowds on a very fun night of banquet fundraising. The chapter is looking forward to future fishing tournaments as well as our kid fishing tournament towards the end of summer. For Chapter information please check out

our [Facebook](#) page or contact our President Bob Mitchell at [ccaheelotes@gmail.com](mailto:ccahelotes@gmail.com)

**Hill Country  
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Hill Country just held our first Anglers Night Out at the downtown social in New Braunfels, Texas on Tuesday May 23, 2023. Our guest speaker was Captain Joey Farah of Farah's Backwater Fishing Adventures. Captain Farah discussed how to be effective and consistent with artificial lures as well as how to tune up your trophy hunting skills on the water. Our next **Anglers Night Out** will be sometime in **July 2023**, watch your emails for dates and locations.

**Our Annual Banquet will be held on August 17, 2023, watch your mailboxes for ticket information.** If you have any questions, please call Todd Thetford at (830) 660-8825 or Miles Engelke (210) 260-8968. Treasure The Trips! Miles Engelke

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**Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter Banquet is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Saint Arnold's Brewing Co., located at 2000 Lyons Ave., Houston, TX 77020.** Tickets and table prices listed below, hope to see ya'll there!

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On June 13, 2023, please join Matthew Abernathy, Education & Outreach Coordinator for the Galveston Bay Estuary Program, to learn about how we are all connected to Galveston Bay. This interactive program serves to highlight the benefits and importance of Galveston Bay and the surrounding watershed as well as introduce participants to the Galveston Bay Estuary



Heart of the Hills Angler's Night Out was a great event. Below, two happy winners.





# HOUSTON HOMEBUILDING 7TH ANNUAL CHAPTER BANQUET

Join us for dinner, drinks, auctions, raffles and good old fundraising fun!

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All attendees receive a membership to CCA Texas.

Program and the projects that GBEP supports to help achieve our mission to preserve Galveston Bay for generations to come. For more information about the Galveston Bay Estuary Program, please visit their website at: <https://gbep.texas.gov>.

On July 11, 2023 we will have 3P Guide Service's, Captain Collin Peterson as a speaker. Captain Collin has been fishing the gulf coast for nearly 25 years, specializing in fishing with lures only. Captain Collin has been guiding for nearly 8 years now and loves every minute of it. Teaching others, especially the younger generation, how to focus on catching each saltwater species and why it's important to look for certain pieces of the puzzle.

He will discuss his passion for fishing and discuss the new trout release program and answer any questions to help further our future fishermen.

**Matagorda Bays**  
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We've had our fair share of thunderstorms and rain here in the Matagorda Bays Chapter. Even with the wet weather threatening our Lil' Salties Tournament, we had a great turn out and we are looking forward to our next chapter events listed below!



Del Papa Distributing banquet table



Elizabeth and Captain Cody Dunn with UnderWater Green Fishing Lights

Our 2023 events schedule includes: **Chapter Banquet & Boat Raffle on June 29** and the Jim Ehman Memorial Guides Cup on Sept. 25-26.

The 17th Annual Lil' Salties Kid-fish was a great success once again. A total of 140 kids and their parents participated in the tournament.



Board Members checking table buyers into the banquet hall



Poker Chip Raffle



Marsh Rat Fishing Rods and Flight Contol Waterfowl



Delta Field Services/ Southwest Pipe Services

The kids enjoyed a day full of fishing where they caught a plethora of fish species, battled in the casting contest, and ate a good meal cooked by the



Mishyla Miller playing the Claw Machine Donated by Clawsome Fun and Vending



2023 Matagorda Bays Boat Raffle



Ruth Mitchiner-eXp Realty Koozie sponsor

chapter board members. Because of our gracious sponsors, every child that entered the Lil' Salties received a free CCA Texas youth membership, fishing pole, bag of fishing goodies, and a wholesome meal...But the most important prize they received were the memories made with their family and friends while fishing!

If you are a current CCA Texas member and would like to participate in next year's Lil' Salties, please choose Matagorda Bays CCA as your home chapter and you will receive the entry forms in the mail next year!

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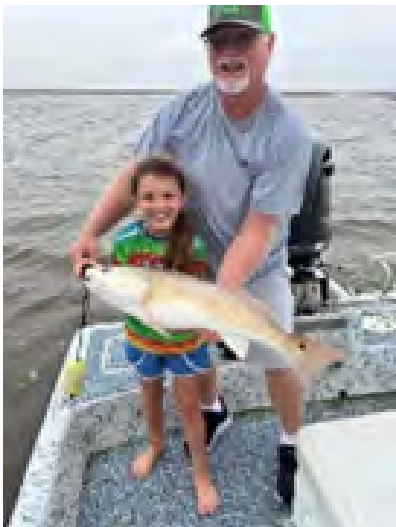
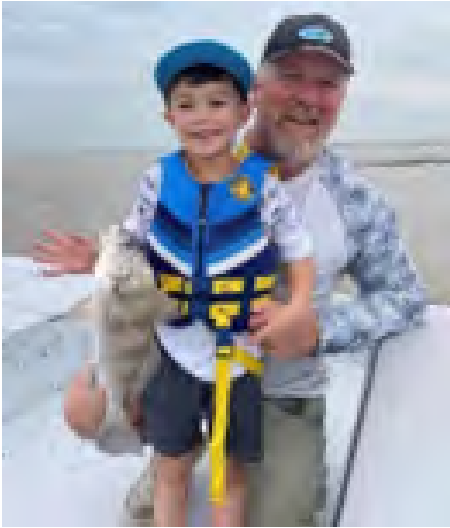
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 (Bait Shrimp)

This year's Matagorda Bays raffle boat was built by **TranSport Boats** of Palacios, Texas by **Donny Tran** and has an estimated value of over \$100,000. The 2023 24' XLR8 with Coastline Trailer and 350HP Suzuki TRP is on display at local vendors around the community. Matagorda Bay's would like to extend great appreciation to our 2023 Boat Sponsors: CAPITAL FARM CREDIT, ILS CAPITAL, & TOPWATER REAL ESTATE.

Raffle tickets are available to purchase by contacting any of our board members or at the local businesses listed below. Prasek's Family Smokehouse, TranSport Boats, Superior Motor Parts, The Shot Spot, Hoffer's Auto, Johnny's Sport Shop, Star Parts, Rice Farmers Co-Op & Mr. Tire (El Campo & Bay City), United AG General Store, VonDerAu Ford, and Wayne's Bait Camp.

We have numerous table sponsorships available for this year's banquet and if you would like more information about these sponsorship opportunities, please contact us or visit the CCA chapter webpage.

Matagorda Bays CCA Banquet Table Sponsor Levels: Gold (\$1800), Silver (\$1400), and Bull Red (\$800).

Please check out our [Facebook page](#) and [chapter webpage](#) on the CCA Texas website for all boat raffle and banquet updates. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

**Mid Coast**





Port Lavaca: The 2023 HOODOO kayaks are the Tempest 120P model complete with custom aluminum frame seats, paddle, scupper plugs, gear tracks.

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It's getting close to our annual banquet for the Port Lavaca CCA TX Chapter and we have some new and exciting things happening this year! **Everyone come out and join us on Friday August 11, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Bauer Community Center in Port Lavaca, Texas.** We will have some great food and unique items in the raffle and auctions to bid on and hopefully win. This year we have a special raffle selling only 300 tickets at \$50.00 each with three chances to win prizes. The grand prize for the raffle will be two, yes you get both, pedal kayaks made by HOODOO on a custom trailer built by some of our board members. The HOODOO kayaks are the **Tempest 120P model** complete with custom aluminum frame seats, paddle,

scupper plugs, gear tracks...almost everything you can think of will come with them. The 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a HOODOO hard sided cooler with 2 Waterloo Rods and 2 Lews fishing reels. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a pair of Vortex Viper 10x42 HD binoculars. Special shout outs to our local vendors for stepping up and helping with this year's event. Local boat builders **Freedom Boats USA, Mowdy Boats of Texas, Hoodoo Sports, and Waterloo Rods.**

Dinner for this year will be a fish and shrimp dinner made fresh on site by a local legend, **Cathy's.** \$1,000 – Bull Red Table, \$750 – Trout Table, \$500 – Flounder Table, \$60 - Individual tickets.

We look forward to seeing everyone there. Eric Ellison, Port Lavaca CCA (832) 435-2579. Carson Vecera, CCA Assistant Director (713) 626-4222 (for banquet tickets).

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Summer 2023 is here! I hope everyone has plans to get on the water. Fishing reports have been great! Please share your fishing summer adventures with us on [Facebook](#). Also, be watching for updates for our upcoming **annual banquet in September 2023.**

If you are interested in becoming a member of our chapter, please contact me, Brandon Kolaja, Sam Houston CCA President at (281) 797-6908. Be safe, happy fishing!



Ruben Arcaute, President of the RGV CCA chapter and Conservationist of the year, Lee Roy Veland at our Annual Rio Grande Valley Banquet.

### San Antonio

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We had a fantastic banquet on May 4th at the Freeman Expo Hall. Thank you to our chairs, Brandon Stellges, Bill Cook and Rick Neitzel for your guidance, time and dedication! Our banquet committee worked tirelessly to make this one of our best ever banquets.

We thank our sponsors: **Silver Eagle Beverages, Kawasaki of Universal City, Blue Star Trailer**

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San Antonio President Liz Hewitt presided over another fine San Antonio banquet. The Color Guard paraded the colors to open the evening.



TPWD, Bobcat of San Antonio, United States Marine Corps, Texas Hunter Products and Frontier Enterprises.

The winner of our banquet boat, a 21' Shallow Stalker with a Suzuki 175 was **Ronnie Urbanczyk**. Congratulations and thank you Ronnie for supporting CCA!

We are working on a general membership meeting with speakers sometime in July. It will be on Facebook and an email will be sent out once a date and time are determined. See you there!

I hope everyone has a safe summer, catching lots of fish and maybe even a tagged redfish!

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Fishing on the coast has become more promising as warm summer rays replace soaking spring rains.

In planning your summer events, join the

**San Gabriel Chapter of CCA Texas on the evening of Thursday, August 3, 2023, for a remarkable fundraising**

**event dedicated to coastal conservation.** Our evening gathering will help us raise awareness and funds for protecting our valuable coastal ecosystems. This banquet promises an evening filled with a delicious dinner, exciting games, incredible prizes, and a captivating live auction.

After being treated to dinner, drinks, and networking, guests can participate in games, offering a chance to win fabulous prizes – UTV, guns, fishing equipment, ice chests, etc., which contribute directly to projects that will protect coastal environments for future generations.

The highlight of our event will be the live auction, where you can bid on exclusive items, guided hunting and fishing trips, vacation experiences, and artwork, with the proceeds supporting CCA Texas initiatives. We are nearly sold out of tables and tickets, so you don't want to miss out!

**Mark your calendars for August 3, 2023, and join us at the Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel & Conference Center and join us for an extraordinary evening supporting a worthy cause.** If you would like more information on how to attend and sponsor our event, contact Jeff Bible at [aggieangler93@gmail.com](mailto:aggieangler93@gmail.com) for more details. Stay safe and enjoy your summer!

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Tremendous spec caught and CPR'd by San Gabriel board member, Jason Byrd

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Greetings Campers! The **2023 Spring Crawfish Boil** was a big hit. We got our "mudbug fix" with some old friends and met some new friends. Thanks to all of you that joined us. We'll do it again next Spring.

Next up and right around the corner of the calendar is the **Trinity Bay Banquet on Friday, August 25, 2023, at Armenta's Reception Hall located at 825 Sheldon Road, Channelview, TX.** We are blessed to have several sponsors already onboard, but we have plenty of room for you also. Don't hesitate, pick up the phone or click the link below and let's get you set up. Grab seven friends and get ready to party with us. Reserve your table now on our Trinity Bay Chapter Website: <https://ccatexas.org/find-your->

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In between planning and executing our events this year, we are planning to get on the water and test our skills chasing tails. Why not come and join us?

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A retro image from an Austin banquet, courtesy of Tim Fading. Look close—the rod says, "Austin, 2010."

# Great Photos 2023

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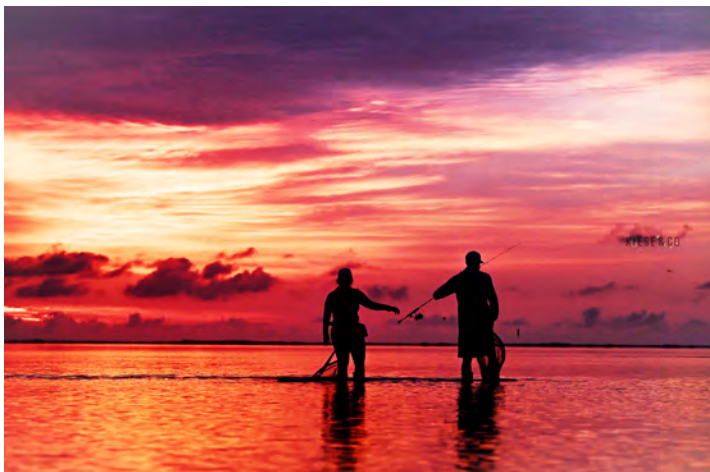
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Great CPR photo: A tremendous spec caught and CPR'd by San Gabriel board member, Jason Byrd



Lil' Salties Kidfish. Note the life Vest, always used on the water.



Heather Marie of KIESE & CO was responsible for this great shot and many of the Babes on the Bay photos.



Lil' Salties Kidfish. Beautiful pair of winners.

## Upper Coast

### Fish shallow or deep with Team MacNaughton

Shallow water fishing in the marsh systems of Upper Galveston Bay to Sabine marshes is great for picking up limits of redfish, speckled trout, and flounder at the sunrise/sunset magic hour or the tide change daily.

Whether kayaking, wading or banking it, fish tidal swings! The ease of access to explore and fish in areas that may be inaccessible to larger boats is rewarding. When kayak fishing in the marshes it's important to be aware of tides and currents; they impact the fishing as well as safety.

Go to for beginners...live shrimp and a cork, cast and set the hook! Be aware of boat traffic and ALWAYS wear a personal flotation device. Be mindful of weather conditions, as sudden changes in wind and tide can create hazardous conditions. Whether you're an experienced kayak angler or a novice, inshore waters offer great days of fishing! Make time to take a kid fishing. —**Jenn Nolan - MacNaughton Champions Outdoors Kidzfish2 832-266-7978**

Anglers can expect the bay systems to be particularly productive leading into July, with redfish, speckled trout, and flounder as the target species. Whether using live bait and artificial lures, fish around oyster reefs and marsh grasses. Trout and sheepshead will be moving in nice-size schools as you head north.

Target the jetties on the Gulf side. Try live shrimp freelined or under a popping cork against the rocks. The big rocks will provide redfish, speckled trout, sheepshead and black drum. Plus, there's always a shot for some blacktip shark fun.

Trout, redfish and flounder love the south shoreline of West Bay around grass lines and marsh drains this time of the year. These are great spots to search for them on your way in and out of the bay systems. I like to target these areas particularly around the tide change.

Go topwater early and soft plastics later in the day for those who want to perfect their artificial game. Live shrimp under a popping cork works well anytime, anywhere.

Don't have a boat? The surf is really hot this time of year as well. Watch for an incoming tide when the water gets cleaned up. Surf fishing has been excellent this summer in the Upper Coast bay area. Fishing with cut bait or live shrimp will be effective, as will jigs and lures. Surf fishing will give you the best bounty during the early morning or late afternoon hours, when the fish are more active.

Want to talk more fishing in between CURRENTS? Stop by and see me at Randy's Marine, on HWY 146 in San Leon! Till next time, tight lines, take a kid fishing, and don't forget to wear your LIFE JACKET. —**Capt. Josh MacNaughton - Pure South Fishing Charters 281-701-5506**

## Middle Coast

### Capt. Bill Canan Hot weather, maybe hot fishing

The beachfront with a mild surf and clear water — I'll be there, chunking everything from Mirrolures and Zara Spooks to topwaters. Of course, the surf does not always offer that delightful combo, so I'll check the wind and go accordingly. If you're a Port O'Connor-Seadrift area advocate, you will have many options.

Maybe go South to the Army base shorelines and inner lakes like Pringle. If a West wind indicates a trip along the Ranch House shoreline, North towards Indianola, Pause along the way to fish the Boggy Bayou areas. If it's really brisk, Shoalwater Bay can offer good drifting and protection from North-South winds.

The jetties are always a good bet, with eddies and currents scattered all along the big rocks. I'll fish inside on an outgoing tide, outside on an incoming tide. I'll drop 3/8 or 1/2 ounce jigs with bright chartreuse, and heavy gold and silver spoons.

Charts are fish-finding devices, whether ancient paper or electronic. Of course, weather reports are important and can save your trip.

Start at dawn — it's cooler. Work topwaters close to shorelines for reds, paying attention to inlets and shallow areas. When the day heats up, trout tend to go deeper, so go to the midwater lures. You might consider some of the oldies; fish don't know that the Bingos and Humps and Dixie Jet spoons are out of fashion. Of course, a trip offshore for snapper and kings is always a great way to enjoy a day. Wherever you find the fish, you will care for your crew as well as the fish you don't need for supper. Treasure the big spotted ladies. —**Capt. Bill Canan 281-380-8222**

## Lower Coast

### Capt. Reanna DeLaCruz Summer Thump on Baffin Bay!

High temps, SE winds and scattered showers are the norm here in Baffin Bay during June and July. Good news — the rainfall we've received has cleaned out our estuaries, causing a "tea" like color in the back bays. You will find speckled trout on the bottom in those areas with that off colored water.

Specks here in Baffin have become acclimated to the high water salinity with levels ranging between 45-55 parts per thousand. During drouths, it can reach much higher levels. This is why Baffin Bay is known for trophy speckled trout!

When wading an area, I always "match the hatch." Watch what style and size baitfish are around and throw something similar.

Paul Brown Softdines have been a hit as well as top waters in the morning along drop offs and grass lines.

With the increase of traffic on Baffin, I practice and highly encourage catch and release for our speckled trout, as many of them have just spawned and are still in the process of spawning. This time of year, they undergo more stress with the increase of guide/tourist traffic and hotter water temps.

When I hook up on a big trout, I make the process as quick as possible by grabbing her with my Boga grips. This allows for minimum physical contact. Snap a quick picture and release her, all within 30-45 seconds. CPR works!

It is our duty to do our part in helping conserve the species that enrich the lifestyle and sport we hold dear to our hearts. Stay safe and courteous out there on the water! —**Capt. Reanna DeLaCruz 512-962-6041**

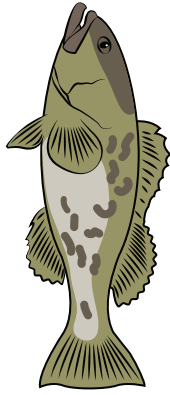


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# Gulf Identification Guide



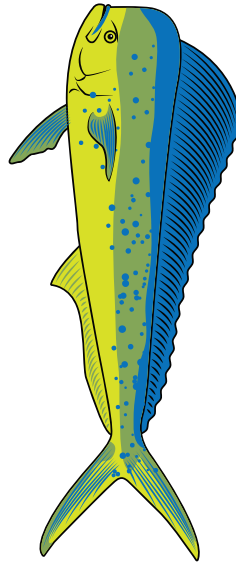
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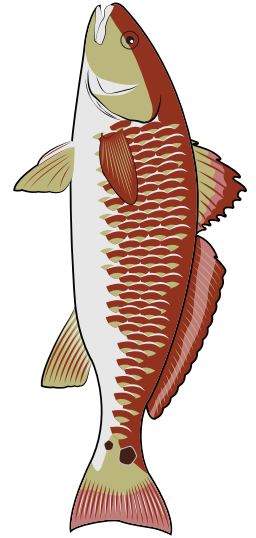
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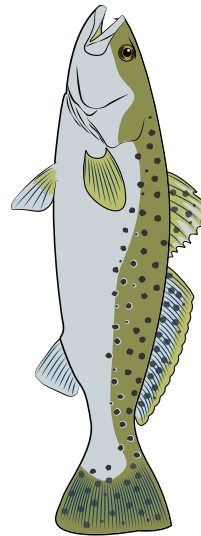
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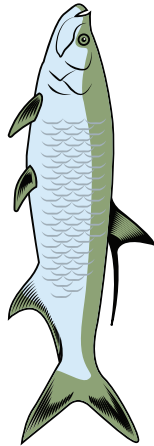
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# Don Strange Seafood Gumbo

*For a large, hungry group*

2 c butter / 2 c flour / 6 qts. of water / 1 10-ounce can of tomatoes with chilies  
4 stalks of celery, chopped / 3 onions, chopped / 2 bell peppers, chopped  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
4 lbs. of peeled and deveined shrimp  
1 lb Andouille Sausage / 1.5 lbs Redfish, diced / 3 tbs Gumbo File  
1 lb. fresh okra, sliced into ½- inch rounds / 2 tbs Old Bay Seasoning / 3 bay leaves  
Salt, black pepper, and cayenne pepper, to taste

Make a dark brown roux with butter and flour; add water, bring to a boil and cook until roux is dissolved. Reduce heat to medium and add tomatoes with chilies, celery, onions, okra, bell pepper, gumbo file, old bay seasoning, bay leaves, and garlic; slice shrimp in half to make one cup and add to gumbo. Simmer on low heat for 3 hours.

Add remaining shrimp Redfish, sausage, salt, black pepper, and cayenne pepper and simmer for another 10 minutes. Serve over cooked rice in soup bowls. Invite a large group of hungry friends and enjoy.  
— Don Strange

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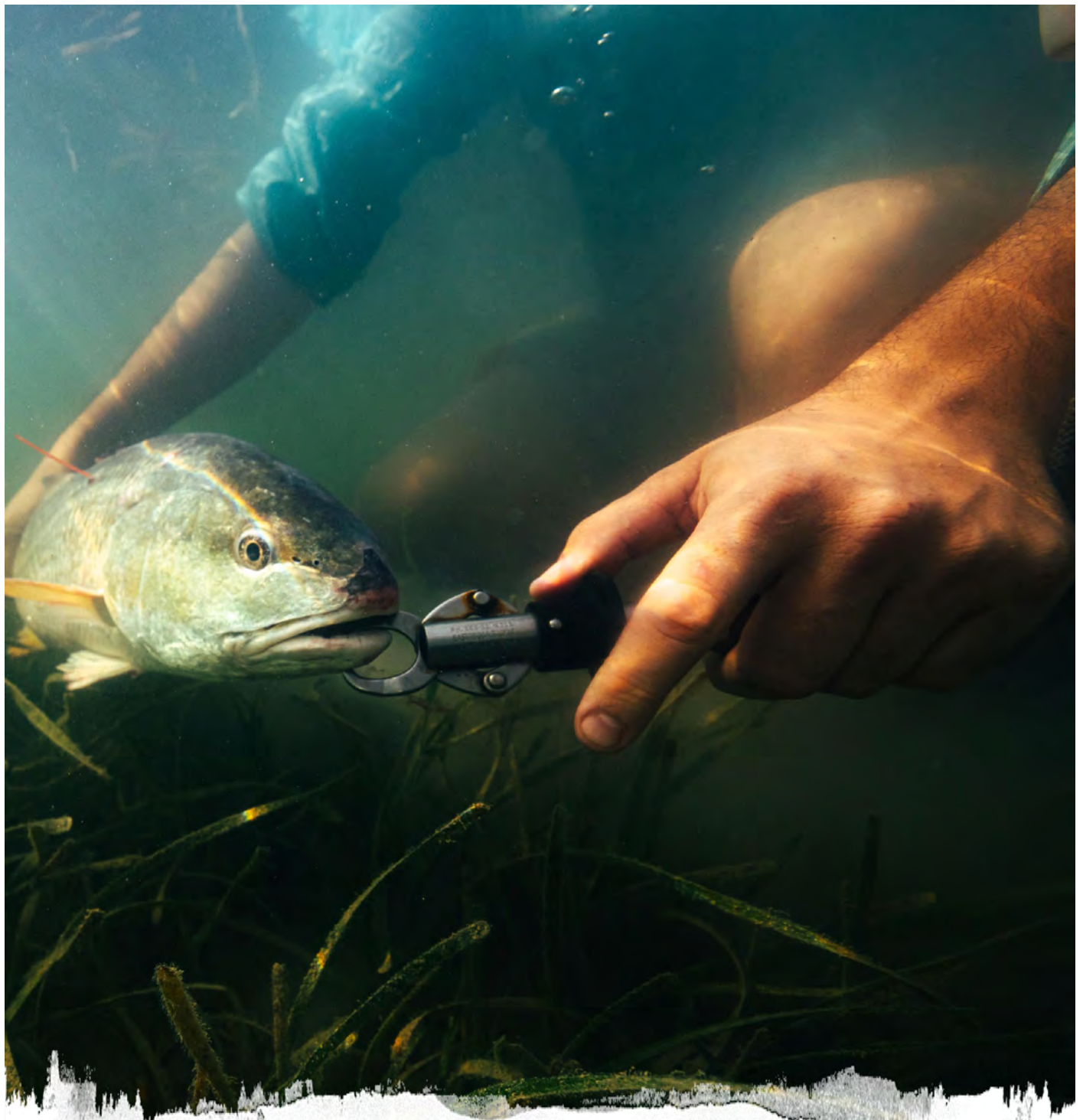
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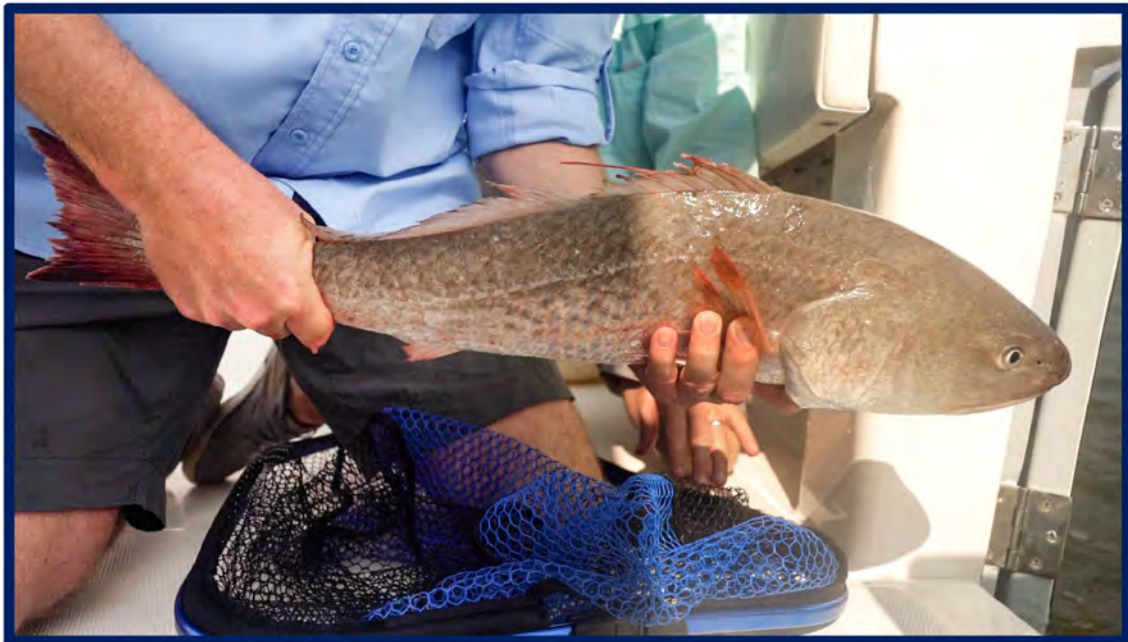


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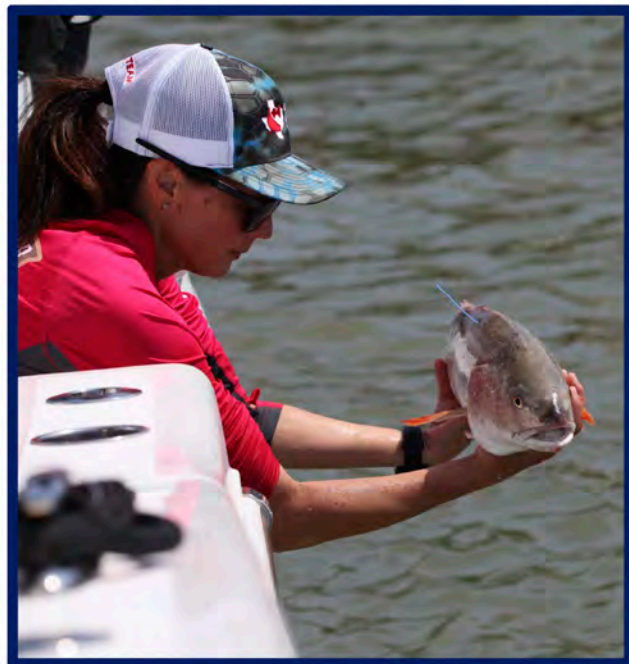
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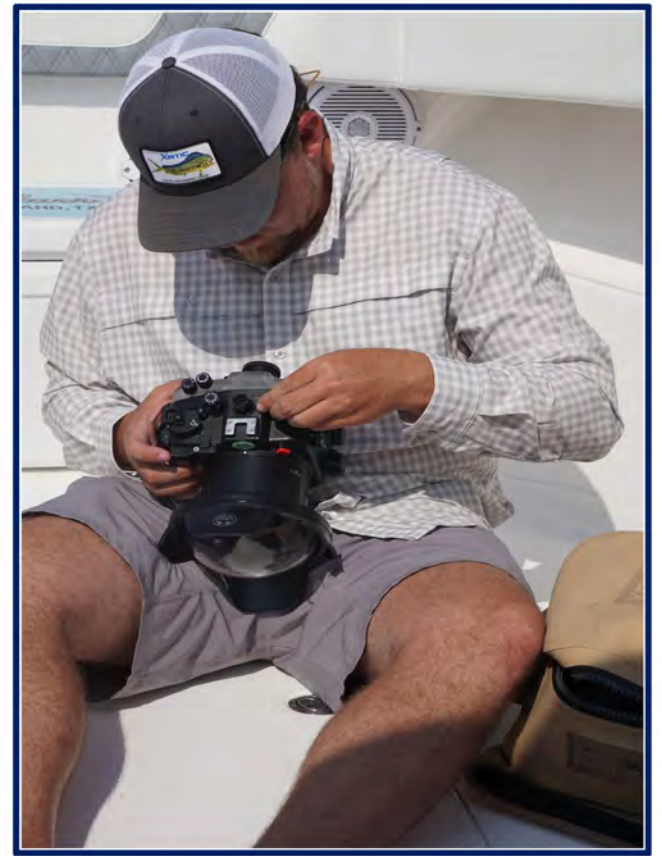




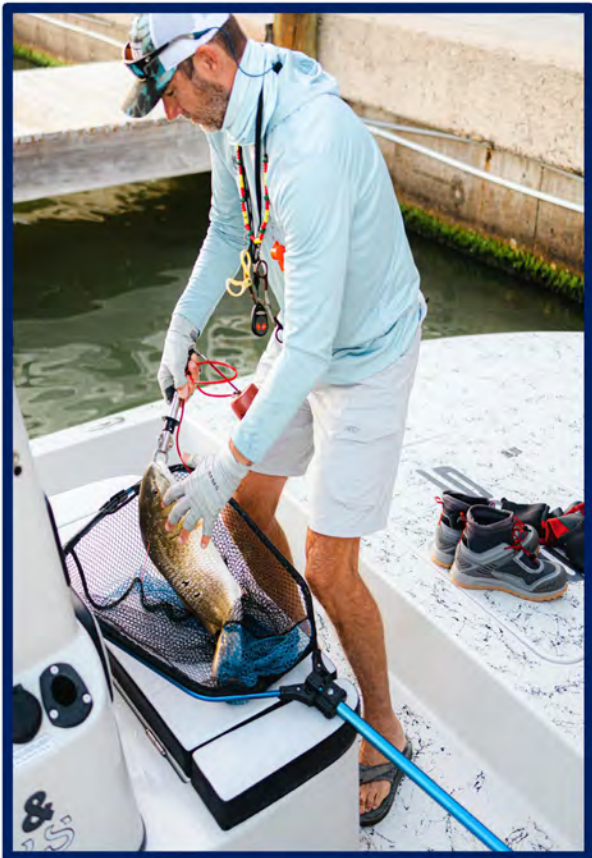
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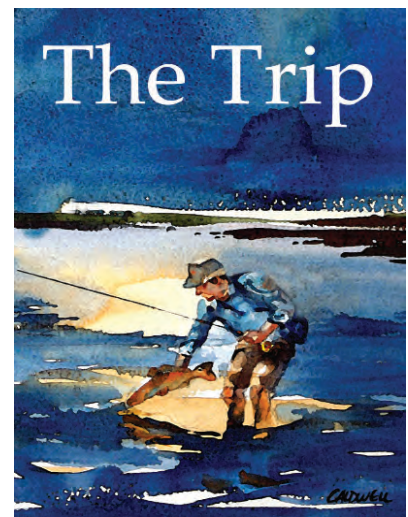
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# Coastal Conservation Association

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

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

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



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 STAR ENTRY FEE: \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Tournament entry fee. Must be a current CCA member.  
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 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
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