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*Now comes that  
great time of the year*

*Tyler Haley finds a big trout near Matagorda Island / Wildlife Graphics photo*



# Revitalizing Texas Bays: The Certificate of Location Program Offers a Win-Win for Conservation and Anglers

By CCA Advocacy Director Shane Bonnot

**H**ealthy Texas coastal ecosystems are vital to coastal communities, providing not only critical habitat and ecological benefits recognized by conservationists, but also supporting the thriving recreational fisheries enjoyed by anglers throughout the state. A program playing a significant role in bolstering oyster populations and enhancing bay health is the Certificate of Location (CoL) program. Recent amendments to the program by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (TPWC) and rule implementation by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) promise to further benefit Texas waters.

## What is the Certificate of Location Program?

The CoL program, dually managed by TPWD and the Texas General Land Office (GLO), leases areas in Texas coastal waters for private on-bottom oyster harvesting. Previously, this program focused solely on commercial harvest and was strictly limited to approximately 43 areas under location (2,318 acres total) in Galveston Bay. However, with advances in the 88<sup>th</sup> legislative session ([Senate Bill 1032](#)) and [recent rule revisions](#) approved by the TPWC, the CoL program can now be expanded for commercial interests and leveraged for much-needed oyster reef restoration projects.

## What Makes The CoL Program So Important?

These changes are a turning point for the management of oyster resources in Texas. The CoL program will now have the opportunity to create a more vast economic and environmental impact.

Now, organizations such as non-profits, research institutions, and NGOs can lease degraded areas (up to 100 acres/site) to carry out oyster restoration activities, following active use criteria set by TPWD. During the lease term, these areas will be closed to commercial oyster harvesting. Commercial CoLs follow similar criteria as restoration CoLs but grant the leaseholder exclusive rights to harvest oysters within their leased area. This change creates a dual benefit: dedicated restoration efforts and more sustainable commercial practices.

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## Setting a New Standard for Oyster Management

Within the oyster community, there is a deep understanding that CoLs are managed meticulously to promote sustainable harvesting. This includes the strategic placement of cultch to provide vertical relief on the reef, which supports the recruitment of oyster larvae for future harvests. This deliberate approach contrasts sharply with the sometimes-chaotic conditions on public oyster reefs.

Combined with the [successful and robust oyster](#)

[license buyback program](#), which was strongly supported by CCA Texas with a \$1M donation, the expansion of CoLs will reduce the oyster fishery's dependence on public reefs. This approach protects oyster reef complexes, emphasizing their ecological and structural importance in coastal ecosystems. Additionally, the expansion of CoLs is a necessity for oyster reef conservation, offering a viable off-ramp for commercial oyster fishermen reliant on the public reef oyster fishery. It's a win-win for Texas marine resources, anglers, and coastal communities.

The more oyster restoration efforts can be supported, the better. With 15-year lease terms and the right to renew, CoLs enhance opportunities and encourage investment in restoration, ultimately benefiting coastal fisheries and angling opportunities.

According to Rocky Chase, Chairman of the CCA Texas Government Affairs Committee, the push for restoration Certificates of Location has been a long-standing effort, achieved with the support of State Senator Lois Kolkhorst and State Representative Todd Hunter.

## Looking Ahead

Future investments in CoLs for oyster restoration and commercial interests will leverage the immense benefits oysters provide to water quality, biodiversity, shoreline protection, and carbon sequestration. Collaboration with stakeholders is crucial to ensure the long-term success of restoration efforts.

CCA Texas has pledged \$5 million specifically for oyster reef restoration and intends to utilize a significant portion of these funds under the CoLs umbrella when possible. To start, CCA Texas is working with partners such as the Matagorda Bay Foundation and Gulf Trust to identify potential locations and begin the permit application process.

The ability to now have restoration CoLs is a victory for conservation, anglers, and the future of Texas bays. Thanks in part to TPWD and GLO staff for their thoughtfulness in developing these regulations, CCA Texas is excited to witness the restoration of favorite historic reefs through the CoL program. Implementation of the CoL program puts Texas one step further in ensuring coastal ecosystems remain robust for generations to come. 🦀

# CCA Texas Funds Over \$1.2 Million for Conservation Efforts

By John Blaha, CCA Texas Director of Habitat

The CCA Texas Executive Board approved just over \$1.2 million for habitat projects, research and Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) Game Warden support at its recent August 2025 meeting. These projects included \$525,000 for Serpulid reef restoration and research efforts, \$625,000 for continued support of The Harte Research Institute's (HRI) Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation (CSSC), and \$66,660 for Region IV Game Wardens enforcement equipment.

Below is a detailed breakdown of this funding.

## Harte Research Institute (HRI) Serpulid Reef Restoration and Research Project - \$525,000

The Coastal Conservation and Restoration group, led by Dr. Jennifer Beseres Pollack at HRI, has studied the bay bottom habitats of Baffin Bay for over a decade. In 2019, CCA Texas funded \$75,000 to study and evaluate the efficacy of using alternative substrates for the restoration of Serpulid reef habitats in Baffin Bay. This initial funding has helped lay the groundwork for the beginning of restoration efforts for Serpulid reefs.

### *From Dr. Jennifer Beseres Pollack, Ph.D., Dr. Larry D. McKinney Endowed Chair for Coastal Conservation and Restoration, Harte Research Institute*

*Baffin Bay, Texas, is home to unique Serpulid reefs built by Hydroides dianthus, a species of tube worm capable of thriving in the bay's hypersaline waters. These reefs play a critical role in supporting Baffin Bay's ecosystem, serving as habitat for diverse benthic macrofauna and providing forage for economically and recreationally important fish species like Spotted Seatrout (Cynoscion nebulosus) and Black Drum (Pogonias cromis). However, Serpulid reefs have experienced significant declines in size and distribution due to wave action, propeller damage, and trampling by anglers. Restoration efforts are urgently needed to preserve and rebuild this ecologically important habitat.*

From their most recent research, which involved evaluating both recruitment tiles and bull rock for restoration purposes, they have identified the importance of internal spaces, and particularly, downward-facing

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Photo courtesy of Bringing Baffin Back

surfaces, in facilitating recruitment of Serpulid worms. In comparison, barnacle cover dominated the upward-facing surface of restoration materials. Additionally, they have found that although recruitment of Serpulid worms occurs year-round, the greatest recruitment occurs between September and December. Taken together, these results indicate that there is sufficient larval supply of Serpulid worms for restoration to be successful by providing additional hard substrate with appropriate microhabitat complexity.

The CCA Texas Executive Board approved \$525,000 for the next phase in the restoration of Serpulid reefs. This funding will cover permitting, construction and monitoring to build a large-scale research and restoration effort. This project will place 155 "Crabitats", 3D printed concrete modules, in Baffin Bay. These structures will provide the preferred areas of growth for the Serpulid worms. CCA Texas looks forward to this next step of research and restoration that deepens the understanding of these unique and ancient structures of nature that are only found along the United States Gulf Coast in Baffin Bay.

## CCA Texas Continues Support of the Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation at the Harte Research Institute (HRI) - \$625,000

CCA Texas has supported the efforts of HRI since its initial \$500,000 funding to establish the Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation (CSSC) in 2012. In 2014, CCA Texas renewed its support with a \$250,000 grant and furthered its commitment to CSSC with a \$625,000 grant at the August 2025 Executive Board meeting. This grant will be funded at \$125,000 per year for five years. CCA Texas members and leadership are proud to support these efforts that provide critical and important science that can be applied to immediate management needs for species that are being studied. Sound science is the bedrock of sound fisheries management, and CCA Texas remains committed to efforts of HRI and the CSSC.

## Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Region IV Game Wardens Awarded Critical Dollars to Ensure Protection of Texas's Coastal Resources - \$66,660

Through the vetting and approval of the CCA Texas TPWD Committee and approval of the Executive Board, CCA Texas has funded \$66,660 for Region IV Wardens. This funding will be for new power and engine conversions for five enforcement vessels in Region IV. These areas include Jefferson, Orange, Harris, Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria and Matagorda counties. TPWD Game Wardens are the front line of the protection of Texas's coastal resources, and CCA Texas is proud to continue their support of them. 🇺🇸



# HABITAT TODAY FOR FISH TOMORROW

*A Natural Partnership*



1. Sabine Lake Deep Reef Oyster Restoration
2. Sabine H120 Nearshore Reef
3. Sabine Lake Oyster Reef Expansion
4. J.D. Murphree Breakwater
5. East Galveston Bay Oyster Reef Restoration
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
17. Matagorda Nearshore Reef
18. Port O'Connor Nearshore Reef
19. HRI Nearshore Reef Enhancement Study
20. Weed Eradication for Water Flow Restoration
21. HRI Oyster Restoration Site Locator/Mapping Study
22. Matagorda Island Marsh Restoration
23. Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Restoration
24. St. Charles Bay Oyster Restoration
25. Aransas Bay Oyster Restoration
26. Goose Island Marsh Restoration
27. Copano Bay Oyster Restoration
28. Aransas Bay Debris Removal
29. Nueces Bay Marsh Restoration
30. Nueces Bay Delta Water Management Gates
31. Nueces Bay Demonstration/Restoration Oyster Reef Project
32. Corpus Christi Nearshore Reef
33. Baffin Bay's Unique Serpulid Study
34. Port Mansfield Nearshore Reef
35. Rio Grande Valley Reef
36. Bahia Grande Restoration



## CCA TEXAS AND BUILDING CONSERVATION TRUST: NEARSHORE REEFING SUPPORT

PROJECT	FUNDED AMOUNT
SABINE REEFS	\$1,503,500
RIO GRANDE VALLEY	\$1,068,000
PORT O'CONNOR	\$700,000
GALVESTON BIG MAN AND KATE'S	\$329,000
HRI NEARSHORE REEF ENHANCEMENT STUDY	\$250,000
MATAGORDA	\$200,000
CORPUS CHRISTI	\$100,000
FREEPORT / VANCOUVER	\$60,000
PORT MANSFIELD	\$50,000

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO NEARSHORE REEFING \$4,260,500**





# CCA TEXAS: LEADERS IN OYSTER REEF CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

PROJECT	FUNDED AMOUNT
AYERS REEF RESTORATION AND SHORELINE PROTECTION	\$1,126,204
CARANCAHUA BAY OYSTER REEF RESTORATION (CARANCAHUA BAY)	\$1,000,000
OYSTER REEF CREATION - ST. CHARLES BAY (ROCKPORT)	\$711,250
OYSTER RESTORATION - EAST GALVESTON BAY	\$500,000
COMO LAKE DANA COVE OYSTER RESTORATION & CREATION	\$400,000
SINK YOUR SHUCKS OYSTER RECYCLE PROGRAM	\$352,000
MESQUITE BAY OYSTER REEF MONITORING (HRI)	\$225,000
OYSTER RESTORATION - DEEP REEF SABINE LAKE	\$215,000
OYSTER RESTORATION - PEPPER GROVE / GALVESTON	\$130,000
HRI OYSTER RESTORATION SITE LOCATOR MAPPING STUDY	\$120,000
OYSTER REEF RESTORATION - ARANSAS BAY	\$75,000
OYSTER REEF RESTORATION - COPANO BAY	\$75,000
NUECES BAY DEMONSTRATION OYSTER REEF	\$60,000
GALVESTON BAY FOUNDATION OYSTER RECYCLE TRAILERS	\$10,000
SINK YOUR SHUCKS OYSTER RECYCLE PROGRAM TRAILERS	\$10,000
FUNDS APPROVED AND EARMARKED FOR OYSTER RESTORATION AND CREATION IN AREAS CLOSED TO HARVEST ON THE TEXAS COAST (BALANCE OF \$5,000,000 COMMITMENT)	\$2,931,774

TOTAL DOLLARS SPENT AND  
COMMITTED TO OYSTER  
RESTORATION AND CREATION

**\$7,941,228**



# HABITAT TODAY FOR FISH TOMORROW

## CCA TEXAS PROJECTS

\$1,600,000 | CEDAR BAYOU/VINSON SLOUGH RESTORATION

\$1,503,500 | NEARSHORE REEFING - SABINE PASS

\$1,068,000 | NEARSHORE REEFING - RIO GRANDE VALLEY REEF

\$1,000,000 | \*\*\*AYERS REEF RESTORATION AND SHORELINE PROTECTION (AYERS BAY)

\$1,000,000 | \*\*\*CARANCAHUA BAY OYSTER REEF RESTORATION (CARANCAHUA BAY)

\$711,250 | OYSTER REEF CREATION - ST. CHARLES BAY (ROCKPORT)

\$700,000 | NEARSHORE REEFING—PORT O'CONNOR

\$630,000 | \*\*\*OYSTER LAKE SHORELINE PROTECTION (WEST GALVESTON BAY)

\$552,000 | SINK YOUR SHUCKS OYSTER RECYCLE PROGRAM

\$500,000 | OYSTER RESTORATION - EAST GALVESTON BAY

\$400,000 | COMO LAKE AND DANA COVER SHORELINE PROTECTION (WEST GALVESTON BAY)

\$329,000 | NEARSHORE REEFING - GALVESTON / BIG MAN & KATE'S REEF

\$250,000 | HRI NEARSHORE REEF ENHANCEMENT STUDY

\$250,000 | DAGGER ISLAND SHORELINE PROTECTION & MARSH RESTORATION (REDFISH BAY)

\$225,000 | MESQUITE BAY OYSTER REEF MONITORING (HRI)

\$215,000 | OYSTER RESTORATION—DEEP REEF SABINE LAKE

\$200,000 | NEARSHORE REEFING - MATAGORDA

\$200,000 | SHORELINE STABILIZATION - SAN BERNARD NWR

\$200,000 | \*\*\*GORDY MARSH LIVING SHORELINE (TRINITY BAY)

\$150,000 | MARSH RESTORATION - BIRD ISLAND COVE (WEST GALVESTON BAY)

\$150,000 | \*\*\*NUECES BAY DELTA SHORELINE RESTORATION

\$138,000 | SHORELINE PROTECTION/MARSH CREATION - MOSES LAKE (GALVESTON BAY)

\$135,000 | BAFFIN BAY SERPULID REEF HABITAT CONSERVATION/RESTORATION STUDY

\$130,000 | OYSTER RESTORATION—PEPPER GROVE / GALVESTON (BCT)

\$126,204 | AYERS REEF ENGINEERING AND MONITORING PLAN (AYERS BAY / MESQUITE BAY COMPLEX)

\$125,000 | ARANSAS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SHORELINE PROTECTION (SAN ANTONIO BAY)

\$120,000 | HRI OYSTER RESTORATION SITE LOCATOR MAPPING STUDY

\$100,000 | MARSH RESTORATION - DICKINSON BAYOU

\$100,000 | NEARSHORE REEFING - CORPUS CHRISTI

\$95,000 | BAHIA GRANDE RESTORATION (PORT ISABEL / BROWNSVILLE)

\$91,000 | MARSH RESTORATION - BRAZORIA & SAN BERNARD WILDLIFE REFUGE

\$75,000 | OYSTER REEF RESTORATION - ARANSAS BAY (ROCKPORT)

\$75,000 | OYSTER REEF RESTORATION - COPANO BAY (ROCKPORT)

\$70,000 | MARSH RESTORATION - EGERY ISLAND (COPANO BAY/BAYSIDE)

\$70,000 | MARSH RESTORATION - MATAGORDA ISLAND

\$70,000 | NUECES BAY DELTA WATER MANAGEMENT GATES

\$60,000 | NEARSHORE REEFING - FREEPORT / VANCOUVER

\$60,000 | NUECES BAY DEMONSTRATION OYSTER REEF

\$50,000 | NEWCOMB BEND MARSH RESTORATION (TPWD)

\$50,000 | MARSH RESTORATION - GOOSE ISLAND (ROCKPORT)

\$50,000 | NEARSHORE REEFING - PORT MANSFIELD

\$50,000 | SHORELINE STABILIZATION - J. D. MURPHREE WMA

\$50,000 | SHORELINE STABILIZATION - COW TRAP LAKE (BRAZORIA COUNTY)

\$50,000 | DOLLAR BAY SHORELINE PROTECTION AND MARSH RESTORATION

\$50,000 | GALVESTON BAY FOUNDATION HEADQUARTERS LIVING SHORELINE RESTORATION

\$46,204 | AYERS REEF RESTORATION REEF PROJECT PHASE I

\$42,000 | MARSH RESTORATION - OXEN & GANG'S BAYOU (GALVESTON)

\$40,000 | KATE'S HOLE LIVING SHORELINE (CORPUS CHRISTI BAY)

\$40,000 | TRINITY BAY DISCOVERY CENTER LIVING SHORELINE

\$30,000 | SWEETWATER PRESERVE SHORELINE PROTECTIONS AND OYSTER REEF ENHANCEMENT

\$24,000 | MARSH RESTORATION - NUECES BAY (CORPUS CHRISTI)

\$20,000 | MARSH RESTORATION - SNAKE ISLAND COVER (WEST GALVESTON BAY)

\$15,000 | WEED ERADICATION FOR WATER FLOW RESTORATION (GUADALUPE RIVER DELTA)

\$10,000 | SINK YOUR SHUCKS OYSTER RECYCLE PROGRAMS TRAILER

\$5,600 | BAY DEBRIS REMOVAL - ARANSAS PASS

## TOTAL FUNDED THROUGH 2025: \$14,096,758

\*\*\*2025 PROJECTS CONTRIBUTED TO AS OF 02/04/2025\*\*\*



In 2015, the U.S. Coast Guard estimated over **760,000 red snapper** were **illegally fished in Texas** and U.S. waters by the lancha fleet from Mexico.



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**REPORT ILLEGAL FISHING IN GULF OF MEXICO:**  
 Inside 9 nautical miles – Texas Parks & Wildlife > **800.792.4263**  
 Beyond 9 nautical miles – US Coast Guard > **361.939.0450**

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Catches from illegal fishing of red snapper in Gulf of Mexico is estimated to be **greater than the entire recreational allocation**.

**WHAT TO LOOK FOR:** Panga style fishing boats, large totes and 3-4 man crew.



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## News from Harte Research Institute

Welcome to The Gulf Stream podcast, where we talk to fascinating guests that want to make the Gulf, and moreover, the world, a more sustainable and more beautiful place. Don't worry about getting bogged down in scientific jargon or academic lecturing, on The Gulf Stream we break down complex ideas into simple, yet intriguing, subjects that will help you be more informed and perhaps inspire you to create a better environment for all of us.

After all, it takes people like you to make a difference in some of the toughest issues facing the Earth today.

**VIBRIO!** [Here's a link to a powerful YouTube video](#) featuring Shane Bonnot, CCA's Advocacy Director.

Vibrio, also known as a "flesh-eating" bacteria, thrives in warmer months in waters along the Texas Gulf Coast, and can be dangerous, even deadly, if not treated early.

Harte Research Institute's (HRI) Chair for Coastal Ecosystem Processes Dr. Mike Wetz is joined on this month's Gulf Stream Podcast by Dr. James Mobley, who works with Texas A&M University's Healthy South Texas program, and Shane Bonnot, the Advocacy Director for CCA Texas, to talk about vibrio. The trio focuses on what it is, ways to prevent it and treat it, and how preparation for it should be part of your routine when going on outdoor adventures.

This season of the Gulf Stream podcast is supported by the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi Harvey Weil Sportsman Conservationist Award.

Keep Vibrio information on hand, download our see the flyer below.



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## UNDERSTANDING VIBRIO INFECTIONS TO STAY SAFE IN MARINE WATERS

### What Is Vibrio?

*Vibrio* is a group of bacteria naturally found in the bays and coastal waters of Texas. If you've been in saltwater, you've encountered *Vibrio*. *Vibrio* encompasses a number of different species, but when most people hear "*Vibrio*", they think about the rare, but traumatic flesh and limb destruction that it can cause, informally referring to it as "flesh eating bacteria."



\*ILLUSTRATION AT 25,000X MAGNIFICATION

### How can you be exposed?

Infection occurs when *Vibrio* enters the body through open wounds, even minor cuts or insect bites. Common activities like swimming, fishing, or handling raw seafood can lead to exposure. Risk of infection is most pronounced when water temperature is at or above about 70°F, although infection can occur year-round. A recent study by researchers at the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies also found that *Vibrio* populations temporarily increase sharply during Saharan Dust deposition events.

### Symptoms of a Vibrio infection

Symptoms of a *Vibrio* infection can develop rapidly, including pain, swelling, redness, and fever. In severe cases, loss of limbs or death can occur within 24–48 hours if left untreated.

### What to do if you are infected?

If you suspect a *Vibrio* infection (pain, swelling, fever), seek immediate medical attention. Inform healthcare providers about recent saltwater exposure and potential *Vibrio* infection.

## MINIMIZE VIBRIO RISKS



**Avoid Saltwater with Open Wounds:** Refrain from swimming or wading if you have cuts or abrasions.



**Use Protective Gear:** Wear puncture-resistant gloves when handling seafood and closed-toed shoes in water.



**Wound Care:** Immediately treat any wound that has been exposed to saltwater by flushing and cleaning with warm water and antibacterial cleanser; Chlorhexidine-based products such as Hibiclens® can be purchased at your local pharmacy and provide lasting antibacterial effect. Apply a topical antibacterial ointment and cover the wound with a clean dressing or Band-Aid. Fishermen, bathers, and others should carry, or have immediate access to, small bottles of Hibiclens and antibiotic ointment.



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The CCA Texas STAR Tournament has always been more than just a fishing competition. It is a celebration of conservation, community, and the shared passion Texans have for our coast. As we close the chapter on the 2025 STAR Tournament, we are filled with gratitude for the people and partners who make this incredible annual Texas tradition possible year after year.

First and foremost, we extend our deepest appreciation to our volunteers and anglers. Those of you who have selflessly given your time, energy, and resources have grown this event into the largest saltwater fishing tournament of its kind. Each year, our tagging team works tirelessly to ensure that all 126 tagged redfish are caught, tagged, and released into the water before sunrise on the Saturday before Memorial Day. These dedicated volunteers travel up and down the entire Texas coastline, from Sabine to South Padre, to make it happen. Thank you!

To every angler who participated in the 2025 STAR Tournament: Whether you were chasing a tagged redfish, competing in an inshore or offshore division, or simply enjoying a day on the water with friends and family, your participation is critical. Each cast, each fish, and each story contributes to the greater purpose of STAR, to inspire conservation through the joy of fishing. Thank you!

Additionally, the stories that emerged from this year's tournament capture what STAR is all about. From an angler catching (and releasing) that tagged red of a lifetime, to a child's first-time fishing, to a family spending quality time on the water, these moments remind us why we do what we do. Every entry supports CCA Texas's vision of ensuring the health and conservation of our marine resources and anglers' access to them here in Texas.

We also want to recognize our sponsors; we cannot thank you enough. Your commitment to conservation

and belief in the purpose of this tournament makes it all possible. Your partnership represents more than a logo on a banner. It represents a shared vision.

The stated purpose of CCA is to advise and educate the public on the conservation of marine resources. Our objective is to conserve, promote, and enhance the present and future availability of these coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. Every one of our sponsors plays an integral role in bringing that mission to life. Thank you!

The STAR Tournament is CCA Texas's annual membership recruitment drive and a celebration of our shared coastal lifestyle. Spanning from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, more than 100 days of tournament action bring together anglers of all ages, from every corner of the state, with over \$2,000,000 in prizes and scholarships awarded annually.

Every year, STAR awards \$325,000 in scholarships to young anglers who represent the future of our natural resources. There's nothing more enjoyable than watching kids reel in their first redfish! Parents, what better way to spend more time on the water than by bringing your children along? For only \$10 each, they will be automatically entered into a drawing for a \$25,000 scholarship, regardless of whether they catch a fish or not, something to think about as we prepare for STAR 2026!

Studies show that spending time on the water with family and friends is the primary reason people enjoy fishing. In today's world, we need that special bonding time that family and friends provide. It's good for the soul! And, together, we are making a difference because the scholarships funded through STAR are helping to shape the next generation of conservation-minded leaders.

As we reflect on 2025, we are humbled by the accomplishments made and inspired by the opportunities that lie ahead. With your continued dedication and partnership, the future of the STAR Tournament and of Texas's coastal resources is brighter than ever.

On behalf of CCA Texas, THANK YOU to our sponsors for your unwavering commitment, and THANK YOU to every angler and volunteer who joined us on the water this year. The STAR Tournament is your tournament, and its success is a direct reflection of your passion, generosity, and love for the Texas coast.

Look for a rundown of all our WINNERS in the next issue of CURRENTS! 🐟

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, STAR awards \$325,000 in scholarships to those young anglers who will be the future of our precious resource. 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 you more time on the water than by bringing the kids along? For \$10 bucks each, they are 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 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 before you get on the water. First place in each will now get a scholarship of \$30,000, then \$20,000, \$15,000, \$7500, \$2500. No longer are these

valid for just "college and universities" but also "accredited 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 2024 STAR Scholarship award ceremony. [https://youtu.be/R543FGz9BBY?si=lf4\\_cSoTvFSHVAeM](https://youtu.be/R543FGz9BBY?si=lf4_cSoTvFSHVAeM)

Revisit the ABC Channel 13 special program with STAR Kids Awards.



One sequence features Zifa Guerrero, 1995 flounder winner. Zifa used her scholarship funds and now has her Masters Degree as a Clinical Psychologist.



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By entering the CCA TEXAS STAR you have a chance to win a 2025 FORD F-150 "TEXAS EDITION" XLT SuperCab, Boats, Prizes, Scholarships and more!



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## RED TAG DIVISION

**Texas Ford Dealer's (Red-Tagged Redfish Division)**  
The FIRST FIVE red-tagged redfish caught, tag clipped, fish released & tag turned in at an official CCA Texas STAR Weigh Station, who are certified as winners, will take home a 2025 Ford F150 "Texas Edition" XLT Super Cab connected to a Haynie 23' Amigo with a Mercury 150 L Pro XS Optimax and Coastline Trailer. The next Five eligible anglers who turn in a RED TAG will receive a Haynie 23' Amigo, Coastline trailer and 150 hp Mercury motor package.

Ages 15 & under will receive a \$25,000 scholarship and boat in lieu of truck/boat for the first 5 prizes., See Rule 15

## BLUE TAG DIVISION

CATCH • CLIP THE TAG AND RELEASE!

(Blue-Tagged Redfish Division)

The FIRST THREE blue-tagged redfish caught, tag clipped, fish released & tag turned in at an official CCA Texas STAR Weigh Station, who are certified as winners, will take home a 2024 22' Tran Sport Boat 220 SVT CAT (Raised Center Console), with a Mercury 150 L Pro XS Optimax and Coastline Trailer. The following 6, will receive Academy Sports + Outdoors gift card. (See Rule 17)

## INSHORE DIVISION

Eligible anglers who weigh in the HEAVIEST Sheepshead, Gafftop & Black Drum will take home a 2025 Shoalwater 19' Cat Boat, 115hp Mercury Motor & McClain Trailer. There will be 4 Runner-Up prizes (Academy Sports + Outdoors in each species Category.

## OFFSHORE DIVISION

Eligible Anglers who weigh in the HEAVIEST Kingfish, Dorado, Ling & Red Snapper will take home a 2025 Hoffpauir Polaris Ranger Crew 570EFI Polaris Pursuit Camo, Big Tex Trailer and a STAR Special Edition Trophy

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On 08/10/2025, a Galveston Warden inspected six individuals and found them to be in possession of six Amberjack during closed federal season and six red snapper exceeding the daily bag limit. Other violations included unregistered vessel and no fishing license. Cases pending.

During July, Wardens continue to patrol the Gulf of America for Shrimp Fisheries Enforcement. Jefferson County Wardens inspected several offshore shrimp boats on 07/24/25 and cited boats for turtle excluder device violations and possession of red snapper. Cases pending.

On 7/19/25, Brazoria County Wardens staked out at a vehicle and boat trailer overnight. When the boat finally made its way back in, Wardens found the individuals to be in possession of a gill net and numerous fish. Five individuals were cited for Illegal means and methods, undersized speckled trout, undersized black drum, no boat registration, no lifejackets, and no navigation lights. Cases pending.

On July 12, Harris County Wardens conducted inspections of bay shrimpers in Galveston Bay. Two boats were found with Turtle Excluder Device (TED) violations. One violation was improper bar spacing for the TED. The other violation involved improper placement of floats that would inhibit the escape of a trapped sea turtle. Cases pending.





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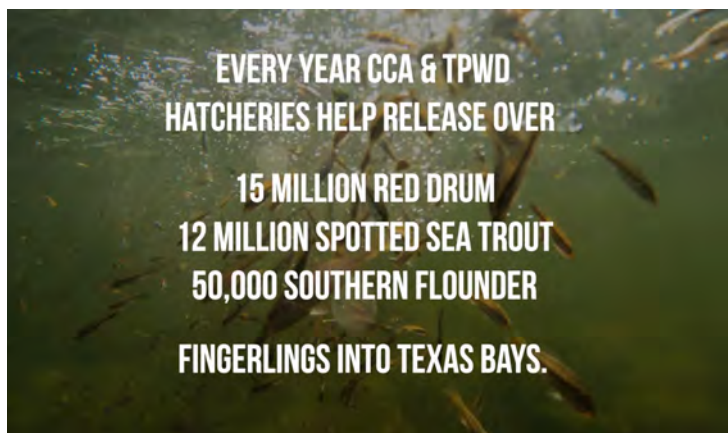


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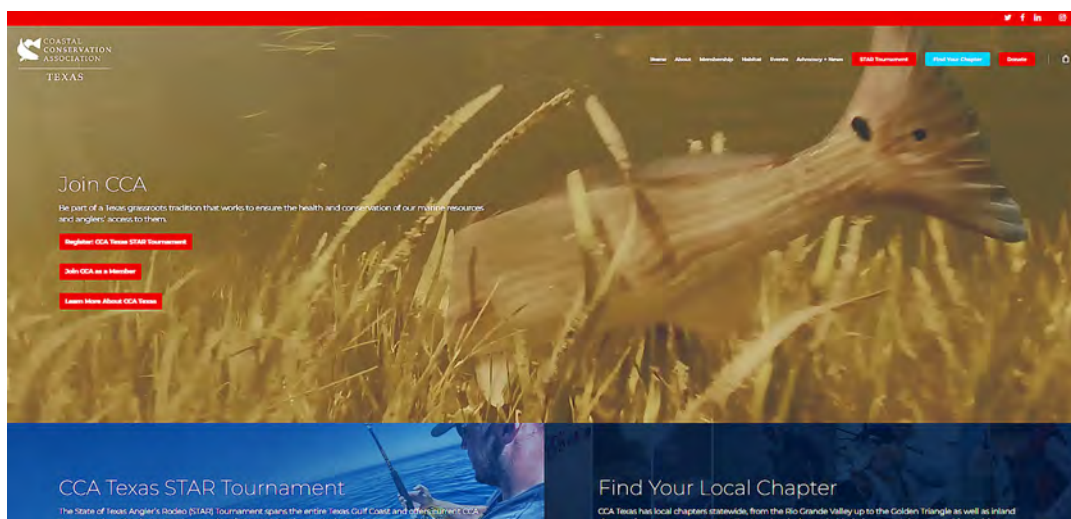
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Conservation in Action 🌊 Golden Triangle, Sabine-Neches, and Orange Chapters  
🌊 Annual McFaddin Beach Clean Up

THANK YOU to these incredible chapters and their committed partners. And, of course, a HUGE shout out to all the dedicated volunteers who came out to make a positive impact on our Texas Coast! More people helped out this year than in any of this event's previous ones...it's amazing to see this annual event continue to grow!

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🌊 Attention: Last Call for Feedback from Tarpon and Snook Anglers

Our GREAT friends at the @SportfishCenter have been conducting a quick 5-minute survey with the goal of helping to identify juvenile tarpon and snook nursery habitats along the Texas coast and they're getting ready to close the survey. The information gathered will be used to shape conservation strategies with the ultimate goal of creating more opportunities to catch these prized fish in the future. Take the quick survey!

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As this is being written, we are expecting one of the early cool fronts for the year! Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the heat of Summer will be behind us, we will be enjoying the full transition to Fall, and the biggest decision will be: Should we fish or hunt this weekend?!

We will be hosting our last Anglers' Night Out for the year on Tuesday, October 21. Our speaker is going to be Capt. Gabe Peregrine "Jetty James" from "Out Cast Fishin Charters". He will be giving an update on what's happening in the Galveston Bay System and sharing tips on how to have a successful Fall-Early Winter fishing season. The meeting will be held at Big Horn BBQ in Pearland and the speaker will start at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks go out to Capt. Scott Wallace from "Wallace Guide Service" for coming out to speak at our September "Anglers Night Out"! He made an excellent presentation

about "Mid Coast Fishing", chasing trophy specs and redfish.

As we wrap up our chapter activities for 2025, we want to say, thank you again, to all who came out to support CCA and the Alvin Pearland Chapter this year. It's all about the resources we enjoy, conserving them, and sharing them with our kids for generations to come!

The best way to stay up to date with our latest chapter events is to follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/alvinpearland.cca> or go to our Chapter Website at <https://ccatexas.org/find-your-chapter/alvin-pearland/>.

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CCA Austin Board Members are working on new games, raffles and auctions items for the **next CCA Austin Banquet on May 7, 2026**. Each year we want our banquet to be a new experience for our guest. Our goal is to bring awareness to CCA and raise the funds needed to continue the mission of CCA!

Mark your Calendars for upcoming events: October 1, 2025 is our next Hooked on Clays at Capital City Clays. On November 6, 2025 join us at Casino Night which is a free event at Warren Wildlife Gallery (more information to follow). Starting next year, on February 26, 2026 will be the Bourbon Tasting at Warren Wildlife Gallery (more information to follow) and finally on **May 7, 2026 is our CCA Austin Annual Fundraising Banquet at the Palmer Event Center**.

CCA Austin Board members participated in the ICC Tournament in Port Aransas at the end of July and placed in 3rd. With over 300 CCA Board members from all over the state participating it was a great way to meet other



CCA Austin Board Members from the 2025 ICC fishing tournament



board members and have a great time fishing. Thank you to the Staff of CCA Texas for putting on this event every year.

If you are interested in learning more about CCA Austin Chapter or would like to volunteer on the Board of CCA please reach out to Alex Blackburn, President at [atblackburn3@gmail.com](mailto:atblackburn3@gmail.com) or Cheryl Smith at [cherylccaustin@gmail.com](mailto:cherylccaustin@gmail.com). We welcome new members!!!!

The Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at Warren Wildlife gallery, 1401 Bouldin Ave, Austin TX 78704.

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As summer changes to Fall, the weather cools and the fishing heats up. Our monthly meeting will be on October 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the Brazos Center Pavilion. Please join us, for banquet planning time. We need you to help put on an awesome banquet.

Our annual banquet for 2026 has been moved to a **NEW DATE! Mark your calendar for Feb 6, 2026, at the Brazos Center in Bryan, TX.**

Remember to take someone fishing and create lifetime memories. For more information or to be added to our monthly email, contact: John Ben Strother at (979) 220-1738

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The Corpus Christi Chapter is not slowing down! We have a busy fall planned! I would like to welcome the following individuals to our Executive and Advisory Board: Executive Board - Secretary Karol Blake and Treasurer Forrest Whitaker. New Advisory Board Members - Mimi Guthrey, McKenna Reinsch, Walter Wilson, Anna Castillo and Marissa Meyers

I am proud to announce that our college club (TAMUCC – Islander CCA) recently completed their third Oso Bay cleanup project and removed a significant amount of debris to include 68 bags of trash, 1 car bumper and a desk from Oso Bay along Ocean Drive. Islander CCA was formed four years ago and has become an integral part of our chapter events as well as taking an active role in coordinating and participating in other events to support our bay systems and local community.

As of the submission deadline of this chapter update, our 21st Anniversary Babes on Baffin was just two weeks away! We will provide a more thorough update after the event but want to take the opportunity to thank those who have already done so much to make it successful.

We have had an overwhelming outpouring of support from our community partners this year and already have a record number of sponsorships! Thank you to our long-time and new sponsors alike – Laguna Wealth Services, Whitecap North Padre Island, Gulf Coast Growth Ventures, Coastline Properties, Shoalwater Boats, Premier Yamaha Boating Centers, ASRC Industrial, Grunden's, Padre Dermatology, Recycling Waste Reduction, Luxe Realty,



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Also, thank you to our dedicated volunteers who make this event possible. Our volunteers are truly the lifeblood of this event, and we could not do it without you! We are also excited to partner with the Harte Research Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to incorporate a new tagging aspect to the tournament.

**The Poco Rojo Kid Fish will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the CCA/TPWD Marine Development Center.** We would once again like to thank **Flint Hills Resources** for stepping up as title sponsor for this event. More information to come soon!

Mark your Calendars. The **2026 Corpus Christi Chapter Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2026 at the Hilliard Center (formerly American Bank Center).**

As always, let us know if you're interested in volunteering! For questions, contact Heather at [ccacorporuschristi@gmail.com](mailto:ccacorporuschristi@gmail.com) or call (361) 882-5199.

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Well, we are finally getting a break in the summer heat, and I like it! Temperatures are cooling down and so is our chapter's schedule and WOW what a summer we had! Great turnouts and good times were had at all our events this summer.

Our CCA Fort Bend committee members have been on the ball this year making plans and coming up with new ideas for the 2026 banquet. Be on the lookout for our Banquet boat and details.

Our CCA Fort Bend Chapter is planning a fall fishing trip to Rockport in October. This is a great time for us to have some good fellowship, good grub, good fishing and find our honey holes for next year's ICC.

We have a few guest speakers lined up for some open meetings coming up and hopefully in the next issue I will have the schedule lined up and will share the dates.

On behalf of the Fort Bend Chapter I would like to give a special Happy Thanksgiving to everyone that reads our issue of the currents.

I'd like to give special thanks to Joe's Oyster Bar & Grill in Rosenberg for letting us hold our monthly meetings there and to Sportsman's Boat and RV Storage for their support of our chapter. Remember, take a kid fishing! They just may grow up and return the favor. Till next time...

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Looking for a way to get involved with a local chapter of CCA? Now is your chance! The CCA Greater Sugar Land Chapter is hosting along with Riverstone Communities the next Kid Fish event coming up and is scheduled for Saturday, October 11 at Riverstone Communities Clubhouse (18353 University Blvd.) in Sugar Land. We are expecting over 100 young anglers in attendance and once you see a youngster catch their first fish and their big ole Texas smile you will be glad you volunteered. The Kid Fish events are free for the residents of Riverstone and will



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*Greater Sugarland Kidfish coming up*



host young Anglers up to 14 years old. We furnish them the rods and reels along with bait all stored in our Kid Fish trailer. We arrive around 7:30 a.m. and registration starts at 9:00 a.m. with the fishing starting at 10:00 a.m. and going until noon, followed by awards.

Plans are under way for our **Annual Banquet to take place on Thursday April 9, 2026, at the Stafford Centre.** It's not too early to be a sponsor for the banquet. We will be serving up outstanding boiled crawfish and fried fish from our friends at Cajun Cookers along with a full bar. The banquet gets bigger and better every year so mark that date on your calendar and reserve your table early.

If you would like to get involved with the Greater Sugar Land CCA Chapter, feel free to contact myself at [greatersugarlandcca@gmail.com](mailto:greatersugarlandcca@gmail.com) or attend one of our Board Meetings. The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. and takes place at Los Gallitos Restaurant (12030 Murphy Road, Stafford, TX). We would love to have you join us and get involved.

Follow us on [Facebook at Greater Sugar Land CCA Chapter](#). Until next time, get out on the water and enjoy good times and tight lines.

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The chapter board is getting ready to meet soon to start planning for the **2026 CCA Helotes Banquet. Mark your calendars for March 19, 2026.** Can you believe this will be our 9th banquet? We always want to thank those that have supported CCA via our fundraisers: Burnin' Bush, Burkholder AC & Heating, DeWinne Equipment, Mesa Equipment, Premier Boating Centers, Ron Hoover RV & Marine Centers, Texas Lawman Security & Traffic Control Services, Tietze Plumbing, Alamo Family Practice, Frost Bank, Ortho San Antonio, The Gun Shack, Crawford Electric, Pedrotti's Ranch, and many more who have joined us every year at our event. Please support those that support us. CCA Texas is funding some great projects with the money we've raised right here in Helotes. Most recently contributing \$1 Million towards the Oyster License

Buy Back Program. We are blessed to be in a generous community that is behind CCA's conservation movement. Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) and your email for updates on the 2026 banquet and how to get tickets. Lastly, take a kid fishing, it will put a smile on their face and yours.

**Highland Lakes**  
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The Highland Lakes Chapter of CCA Texas wishes all CCA members a great fall fishing season. The crowds and doldrums of summer are giving way to an incredible time of year to hit your favorite coastal haunt for the running of the bulls and some great memories with family and friends. **As we look ahead to spring, keep in mind that our next chapter banquet will be on April 16, 2026,** so put us on your calendar for another great gathering of fellow anglers and a good time on Lake Marble Falls. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the 2026 Banquet, please contact Tim Franke, President, for information on how we can provide excellent visibility during and after the banquet to over 1,000 nearby CCA Members.

In other news, we will contact all area-wide members with a survey to gauge your level of interest in a 2026 area Golf Tournament and Sporting Clays event. As one of the newest CCA Texas Chapters, we want to hear from and listen to all area members so that we can provide activities and venues beyond the very important annual banquet that are well suited to your interests. By listening to you, we hope to create more opportunities for CCA to become a bigger part of your outdoor sporting activities throughout the year, and to particularly connect you with more local anglers to share future fishing adventures with.

For more information about our chapter, contact Tim at the number or email above. Our board meets for a meal and discussion on the second Tuesday of most months at a restaurant in Marble Falls. Every CCA Member is invited to join us and become a contributing Board Member. We would love to have you work with us to make Highland Lakes CCA the best it can be! Tight lines out there and remember to take those kids fishing!

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Thank you to all who supported and attended our Chapter Banquet. We had a full house and a great time at Saint Arnold's Brewery. A special thanks to some of our sponsors, Rheem Water Heaters, DW Distribution, Davis Heat and AC, RedCo, AllPoints Surveying, Builders Post Tension, Southwest Sales, Toner Home Performance, Weyerhaeuser, IES Residential, MSF Electric, and Newmark Homes.

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*The 16th Annual Lower Colorado Chapter Banquet*

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The 16th Annual Lower Colorado Chapter Banquet lit up the Bay City Civic Center on Friday, August 1, 2025. The house was packed wall to wall, and the evening was filled with food, fun, and outstanding support for our mission.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the sponsors who stepped forward in a big way to ensure this year's success. Special recognition goes to our platinum and prize sponsors: **Gulf Coast Ace Hardware, Capital Farm Credit, Rusty Hook Ranch, Equipment Share, Trilogy Access Mats, Cribbs Concrete, Texas Plate Fabricators, Air Tech Electric, Ward Real Estate, Trans Sport Boats, Antony's Auto Werx, Guardian Precision Services, LLC, Busha Boat Works, Full Stringer Realty, Jax Services LLC/Top Water Real Estate, and Wayne's Bait Camp.** A BIG thank you as well to our silver and bronze sponsors—you make a difference!

Equally important, we recognize our tireless volunteers who worked before, during, and after the banquet. Their efforts set the stage for an evening that went off without a hitch.

The live auction was as spirited as ever. Bidders battled



it out in "top-this" style, driving up the excitement as they competed for terrific prizes including fishing trips with Matagorda County's finest captains. The prize everyone wanted? A chance to fish in the highly coveted Lower Colorado Guides Cup.

This year also saw a wave of new attendees whose enthusiasm added to the buzz in the room. Between the high-energy bidding, the outstanding fajitas from Vallarta Mexican Grill, and that unforgettable chocolate cake for dessert, it was truly a night to remember.

Mark your calendars now for **Friday, August 7, 2026. That's when we'll gather again for the 17th Annual Banquet and Auction.**

Next up: The Lower Colorado Chapter's Guides Cup Tournament. Our lucky auction winners will soon be on the water with their chosen captains, competing in one of the Texas CCA's most exciting tournaments. The showdown for the title of TOP GUIDE in the Matagorda Bay system promises to be a fierce and fun event.

As always, stay tuned for upcoming news and events from the Lower Colorado Chapter of Texas CCA—the only chapter that proudly represents and supports all of Matagorda's bays, lakes, rivers, and creeks.

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Left: CCA Mainland Chapter hosted Capt. Steve Hillman at our latest Anglers' Night Out. Center: Cooper Mitchiner, 7, Dickinson, TX, caught a 27 3/4" 7lbs 9.75 oz. Redfish. Right: Cousins Cannon and Colt doing some bream fishing, photo submitted by CCA North Texas Chapter

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North Texas CCA is excited to announce that we will be back at 3R's Ranch in Prosper on Thursday, April 23, 2026 for our 4th Annual CCA North Texas Chapter Banquet. The committee is moving full steam ahead to bring you our biggest banquet yet. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are available now, and table sales begin in October. Follow CCA North Texas on Instagram at [@cca\\_ntx](#) for banquet updates and tickets. For more information on our banquet, or to volunteer with the committee, please contact chapter president Brian Donovan at [Brian@firstlightprint.com](mailto:Brian@firstlightprint.com) or CCA Texas representative Garrett Boehnemann at [gboehnemann@ccatexas.org](mailto:gboehnemann@ccatexas.org).

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It has been an extremely busy two months here at the Redfish Bay Chapter. We held our Anglers' Night Out on August 19 where we had a great turnout and held an election of officers for the new year. Along with the Anglers' Night Out, we held the Beeville Fish Fry on September 18. Early estimates indicate that it was a new attendance record along with a new fundraising record. I want to thank all of the chapter members for their efforts to make the Fish Fry such a great success, and a special thank you to the Fish Fry Donors and Underwriters listed below: Anastasia Musick, Capt. Kia Survance-Gotcha Fly Fishing, Power Tech Propellers, Baffin Bay Floating Cabins, Capt. Ruben Suniga, Ron Hoover Marine & RV, Baker, 3 Ranch Hunts, LLC, Flint and Flame Cutlery, Steve Whitlock, Capt. Benny Judice, Jack Taylor and Family, Unique Services Costa Rica, Capt. David Miller, Paco Riestra, Weatherby Corp., Capt. Greg Elrod and Yeti Corp.

We are hoping to have at least one more Anglers' Night Out between now and the end of the year, so keep your eyes and ears open for an announcement of a date and time. The weather is starting to cool off, and the fishing is heating up so take the opportunity to introduce a friend, neighbor, and possible even a kid to the wonderful world of FISHING...

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Greetings from RGV! We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Anglers' Night Out (ANO) event, taking place on November 13, 2025, at the Howling Rabbits Beerworks



(1200 Auburn Ave suite 350, McAllen, TX 78504) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. To secure your spot, please RSVP via email, which will be sent to all CCA RGV members shortly, and join us for an evening of appetizers and drinks on us. Additionally, that night, we will also be holding a raffle with 10 guns and will draw 10 lucky winners. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 each or 6 for \$100.

Also, our board members are working diligently to plan the 2026 banquet, which is rapidly approaching, now less than five months away. We invite you to make plans and mark your calendars to attend the **banquet on February 6, 2026, at the Mission Event Center**. The main prize for the 2026 banquet raffle this year is a Can-Am Defender Max Lone Star edition (provided by F&T Valley Motor Sports), sitting on top of a 16-foot Fort Bragg Utility Trailer with tandem axles with a ramp (provided by Mid Valley Trailer Sales). The runner-up prizes include a Build Your Own Deep Root Custom Rifle for second place, a CCA Lifetime Membership with the 2026 Gun of the Year for third place, a Trout Table for the 2027 Banquet for fourth place, and a Turtlebox for fifth place. Tickets are available for purchase at \$50 each, with special offers for multiple-ticket purchases: three tickets for \$100 or twenty tickets for \$500. To secure your tickets, you can visit The Sportsman (in San Benito), F&T Valley Motor Sports (in Pharr & San Benito), or contact any CCA RGV Board Members.

Lastly, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to **L&F Distributors** for their unwavering support and commitment as the Multi-Year Exclusive Title Advertiser of the Rio Grande Valley Chapter!

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San Gabriel Chapter Update: Reeling in Record Success for Conservation. The San Gabriel Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) continues to make waves in our mission to protect Texas' marine resources while fostering a vibrant community of anglers and conservationists. This quarter, we celebrated a landmark achievement with our 23rd Annual Banquet and are already casting our sights on future events to advance our conservation goals. Here's a look at our latest accomplishments and what's on the horizon.

**23rd Annual Banquet: A Record-Breaking Triumph:** On August 7, 2025, the San Gabriel Chapter hosted its 23rd Annual Banquet at The Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel and Conference Center, welcoming more than 700 attendees for an unforgettable evening of camaraderie and conservation. The event was a resounding success, setting a chapter record for fundraising earnings, which will directly support CCA's efforts to preserve Texas' coastal ecosystems. From thrilling auctions to inspiring moments of connection, the night showcased the strength of our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Title Sponsor, Don Hewlett Chevrolet, and all our sponsors, whose generous support made this milestone event possible. Special thanks also go to our dedicated volunteers and attendees, whose passion fuels our mission. **Mark your calendars for next year's banquet on August 6, 2026**, as our Banquet Planning Committee is already working to make it even bigger and better.



CCA San Gabriel Chapter Board and Planning Committee from our recent 23rd Annual Banquet



We're actively seeking new committee members to help us continue breaking fundraising records—contact us to get involved!

Planning Begins for Fall Anglers Night Out: Excitement is building as we kick off planning for our fall Anglers Night Out (ANO) event, to be held in Georgetown, TX. While the date is still being finalized, we're preparing for an evening packed with engaging presentations and fantastic door prizes. Our ANO will feature an outstanding presenter who will inspire and educate our community on marine conservation and angling. Stay tuned for more details, and join us for a night of fun, learning, and commitment to protecting our fisheries.

A Grateful Community: The success of our events reflects the dedication of our volunteers, the generosity of our sponsors, and the enthusiasm of our attendees. Together, we're making a tangible impact on Texas' marine resources, from habitat restoration to sustainable fishing advocacy. The San Gabriel Chapter invites all members to join our next meeting to share ideas and help shape our future initiatives.

For more information about upcoming events or to join our Banquet Planning Committee, contact the San Gabriel Chapter via [Facebook](#). Let's keep conservation first and ensure a thriving coastal legacy for generations to come!

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Greetings to all, Trinity Bay's 35th Chapter Banquet was HUGE success thanks to everyone that joined us. We have a bunch of people to thank, so please bear with us. Our Platinum Sponsor, **Sunbelt Valves**, has been a huge CCA Trinity Bay Chapter Sponsor for years. We can't thank John enough for his continued support. Joining this year at the Platinum Sponsor level are **SMP and 4D Construction Services**. These three companies, all of them, long-time supporters of Trinity Bay CCA, really jump start our

banquet. Whether you realize or not, you guys are the bedrock of our banquet. Thanks for laying the foundation for our success.

Thompson Renovation & Construction was our Title Sponsor. Salty Texan returned as our koozie sponsor, USA Debusk sponsored our Hat Raffle and Topwater Energy Solutions made sure everyone got a margarita. Also, a big thanks goes out to the 350 or so friends of CCA that took time out of their lives to join us for great spicy Cajun shrimp, raffles and auctions. Every dollar helps ensure our resource live long after we are done fishing. Next Month I will focus on our Texas Slam Sponsors.

Thanks to the generosity of Captain Ken Terry, Jim LeMasters and the rest of the Chapter Board, we handed a rod and reel and some tackle to a boatload of youth in attendance. Our future is in their hands now. Ken and Jim shy away from the spotlight but they truly show up when it matters. Thanks so much. Thanks to Garrett and the rest of CCA Texas staff that make putting this party on seamless and almost stress free.

Lastly, I want to thank the 20+ guys that worked on this banquet all year. We are a well-oiled machine, and you folks make it look easy. Big shout out to TBay CCA Board. Time to start on our 36th Annual Banquet. Come join us on the first Thursday of the month for our planning meetings. Call me for details.

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*Great CPR from 2019: Rick Spillman caught and released this back bay boss of a redfish on a remote marsh, while Adam Gilvarry captured a Great Photo.*





# Great Photos 2025

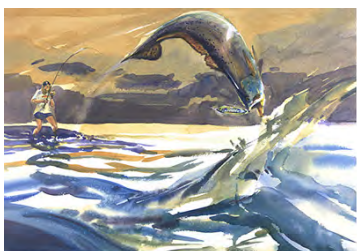
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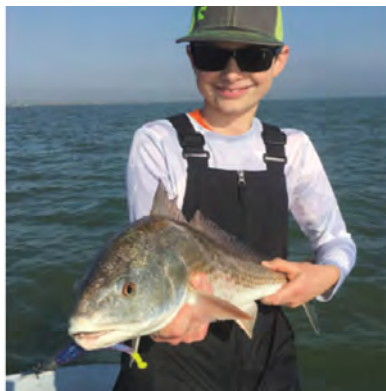


## Let's Go Retro!

October, 2019: Great Humor and CPR photo by Chris Bird. "That's our Dachsund, Coral, watching as we CPR'd about 12 slot reds in Keller Bay."

"Nathan's first keeper red," from 2018.

Below, Great Scenic, "The Gathering" from Annette Syring.



## Let's Go Recent!

David 'Beaudreaux' Singleton says "That's my granddaughter wadefishing in the pool. Start 'em young!"





## Upper Coast

**Capt. Ralph Frazier**

*A big trout smashes your topwater—*

Oh my gosh, we finally made it to October. Fishing is phenomenal, the most exciting time of year in our Galveston Bay system. There are lots of fish on the reefs, but you'll catch big fish on the shorelines and even bigger fish on the jetties. Fish are all over; Trinity Wells, the gas wells at Bolivar, the jetties, but above all, fishing the birds is my favorite way to locate the fish. Keep an eye on the horizon for those clouds of hungry gulls and remember to ease up to the action very quietly.

Your whole crew should have a great time. Live shrimp are a guaranteed offering, however, shrimp imitation lures and top waters are two of my favorites when working the birds. Might take a lot of casts versus live bait, but if you haven't experienced the special rush when a big trout smashes your topwater, now's the time.

Wadefishermen this time of year will be catching a lot of trout with live bait in less than two feet of water, but you'll get a much better-quality fish with that old gold spoon or topwater plug, and you won't injure as many small fish. Whether you're fishing deep or on a shoreline or under a mob of birds, the quality of the catch goes up when using artificial lures. Watch for slicks and oily-looking areas on the water.

As always, look after your crew, help anyone who might need it and take a kid fishing—but always wearing a life vest. Remember the limits, return the big ladies and small fish, and have a wonderful fall. — **Capt. Ralph Frazier** 281-337-0321 [fraziersguideservice.com](http://fraziersguideservice.com) Cap'n Ralph has been enjoying life as a Galveston Bay guide for 53 years and holding.



*Tyler Haley releases a personal best. Photo by Wildlife Graphics.*

## Middle Coast

**Capt. Stephen Boriskie**

*Fall Fishing: Abundance Defined*

When someone asks me, "What's your favorite time of year to fish?" my answer has never wavered: October and November. There's abundance in everything this season — schools of bait, number of anglers, and, most importantly, the sheer variety of fish. Speckled trout, redfish, black drum, flounder, sheepshead — if it swims, chances are it's biting right now.

Yes, Fall is a busy time for most, but the best days are right around the corner. With a little help from Mother Nature, the water is cooling, tides are rising, and the October moon is about to work its magic. More water means more oxygen, which means fish come alive — and so do the anglers. Shorter days give fish more recovery time under cover of night, setting the stage for spectacular daytime action.

But here's the catch — you have to be here to enjoy it. Make it a plan, not a wish. Dust off that boat or call your favorite Captain and carve out time for yourself and your family to enjoy this angling paradise.

Walk a reef, stalk a lonely shoreline, and feel the thump of a hookset under crisp autumn skies.

At Mid Coast Outfitters POC, we're seeing a healthy mix of clients — some sticking with bait in the boat, others wading with lures — all sharing in the same thrill.

Let's make this fall one for the record books. Circle those dates, grab your gear, and get here while the bite is hot. The fish won't wait, and neither should you. —

**Capt Stephen Boriskie** Mid Coast Outfitters POC

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*A fishy conversation before a dual CPR. Photo courtesy of Capt. Boriskie.*

## Lower Coast

**Capt. Bryan Robinson**

*Lower humidity and happy fish*

It's finally that time of year again. Fall is in the air! Cooler temperatures, lower humidity and happy fish! Summertime low tides will be behind us allowing higher tides to reach some backwater bays.

Look for fish to be moving into these areas in search of fresh food. Small shrimp and crab patterns in natural colors should work well for the fly fishermen who are poling these flats. Drifting and wading will also be productive. The trout bite has been really good all summer and will continue through the fall. TPW's regulations have really helped the Lower Laguna Madre. We have seen a good number of large fish and plenty of juveniles.

Look for areas that have turtle grass mixed with potholes in 2-3 foot of water. Cooler water temperatures will have the fish laid up on darker bottoms that hold the warmth. Work a 3-4" plastic lure through these flats in a white/chartreuse color.

Of course the top water bite will be great too! I like to use a larger top water bait in a bone color during this time of the year. So don't winterize that boat just yet. Best time of the year to be on the water is upon us! Grab the kiddos and some tackle and get out there. Adios! — **Capt. Bryan Robinson** 956-241-5520

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



*Konnor Robinson with a LLM specimen that fell for a crab pattern. Photo by Capt. Robinson*



# Paula's Classic Fish Saute

4 fresh trout fillets / Seasoning of choice / 1 sleeve Ritz type crackers, crushed / 1 cup garlic croutons, crushed / 2 eggs well beaten  
3 Tbsp olive oil / 2 Tbsp butter

Pat fillets dry and season well on both sides. Completely cover each with the beaten eggs, then dredge in the cracker/crouton mixture. Saute in the butter/olive oil in a large skillet over medium. High heat, turning once when browned. 2 minutes on each side. Fillet should flake easily. Enjoy!



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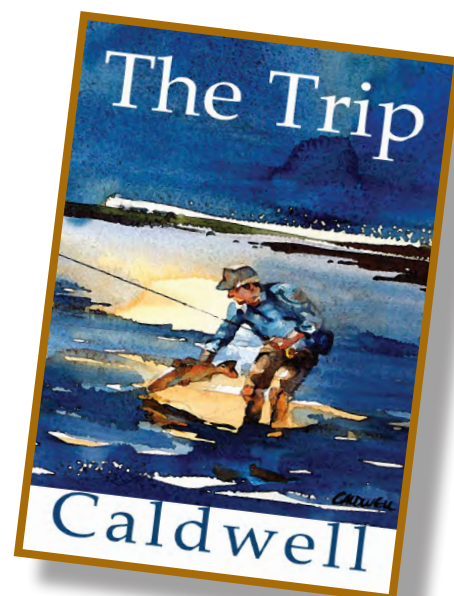
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