

*Angler-Biologist Meeting:  
Common Interests, Shared Purpose*

*Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center*

*Athens, Texas*

*August 7-8, 2010*



**MEETING SCHEDULE**

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**Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Welcome and Introduction.....	10:00 am
Presentation Session .....	10:15 am to 12:00 pm
Lunch.....	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Presentation Session (Continued).....	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Town Hall Question/Answer Session.....	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
TFFC Tour (self-guided).....	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Dinner and Guest Speaker.....	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Social and Fundraiser Auction .....	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

Angler-Biologist Bass Tournament at Lake Athens .....	6:00 am to 10:00 am
Fishing Tournament Weigh-in Demonstration .....	10:15 am to 11:00 am
Fishing Tournament Awards Presentation.....	11:00 am to 11:30 am
Adjourn.....	11:30 am

# FISH HABITAT SESSION

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10:00 *Welcome – Common Interests, Shared Purpose*  
Craig Bonds (TPWD)

## **Past/Present Examples of Angler-Biologist Collaboration**

10:15 *Lake Holbrook Habitat Enhancement Project*  
Aaron Jubar (TPWD) and Lake Holbrook homeowner/angler

10:30 *Fish Attractor Projects in Central Texas Reservoirs*  
Stephan Magnelia and Angler

10:45 *Lake LBJ Native Aquatic Plant Enhancement Project*  
Stephan Magnelia and Angler

11:00 *Lake Quitman Water-hyacinth Removal Project*  
Kevin Storey and Bass Club volunteer

11:15 *Partnering with Bow Anglers to Reduce Grass Carp Numbers in a Public Lake*  
Dan Bennett and Bow Angler

11:30 *Seven Coves Bass Club Lake Conroe Native Aquatic Plant Enhancement Project*  
Mark Webb (TPWD) and Ron Gunter (7 Coves Bass Club)

11:45 *Sam Rayburn Giant Salvinia Round-up*  
Howard Elder (TPWD) and Leslie McGaha (Texas BASS Federation Nation Invasive Species Coordinator)

12:00 *Adjourn for lunch (provided on site). Presentations resume at 1:00 pm.*

## **Future Opportunities for Collaboration**

- 1:00     ***National Fish Habitat Action Plan and Fish Habitat Partnerships***  
Dave Terre (TPWD)
- 1:15     ***The Native Aquatic Plant Nursery at TFFC***  
Richard Ott (TPWD) and Marshall Treadwell (East Texas Woods and Waters Foundation member)
- 1:30     ***San Jacinto Watershed Opportunities (including lakes Houston, Conroe, Raven, and Sheldon)***  
Mark Webb (TPWD)
- 1:45     ***Break – presentations resume at 2:00 pm***

## **FISH-CARE AND TOURNAMENT SESSION**

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- 2:00     ***ShareLunker Program: Handling Big Bass, Selective Breeding, Research Studies, and Interesting Facts***  
Allen Forshage (TPWD)
- 2:15     ***Largemouth Bass Swim Bladder Deflation (i.e., Fizzing) Study: Techniques and Strategies***  
Randy Myers (TPWD)
- 2:30     ***Use and Importance of Tournament Angler-Supplied Data in Texas***  
John Dennis (TPWD)
- 2:45     ***Economic and Biologic Impacts of Bass Tournaments: Case Studies in Texas***  
Todd Driscoll (TPWD)
- 3:00     ***Keeping Bass Alive: from Hookset to Live-Release***  
Gene Gilliland (Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation)

3:30 ***Summary/Wrap-up***  
Tim Cook (Texas BASS Federation Nation Conservation Director)

3:45 ***Break – Angler-Biologist Q/A Session begins at 4:00 pm***

## **QUESTION-ANSWER SESSION**

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4:00 ***Town Hall Q/A Session***  
Panelists; Moderated by Craig Bonds (TPWD)

## **TFFC TOUR**

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5:00 ***TFFC Self-Guided Tour***

## **DINNER AND SOCIAL**

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6:00 ***Dinner (provided)***

6:30 ***Guest Speaker***  
Alton Jones (BASS Elite Series Professional Angler)

7:00 ***Evening Social/Auction***

9:00 ***Social Ends***

# **ANGLER-BIOLOGIST FISHING TOURNAMENT**

Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

Lake Athens

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- 6:00    *Angler-Biologist Bass Tournament start time*
- 10:00    *Fishing Tournament Ends (anglers turn in fish-weight cards)*
- 10:15    *Fishing Tournament Weigh-in and Fish-Care Demonstration*
- 11:00    *Fishing Tournament Awards Presentation*
- 11:30    *Adjourn*