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New &
Noteworthy

It has been a busy spring and chaotic summer for the Aquatic Education staff, contractors and volunteers.

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that I let you know Steve Campbell, TPWD Aquatic Education Specialist for North Texas, passed away unexpectedly from natural causes on Saturday, July 14. His quick wit, humor, friendship, along with his wealth of experience, will be missed by our TPWD family, the Aquatic Education Program and all those who knew Steve. His final Baited Breath article on page 13 was penned a few weeks prior to his death.

We welcome two new staff members who have joined the Aquatic Education team, Greg Akins and Caleb Harris. Greg Akins joined TPWD on March 1 and is based in Dickinson. Caleb Harris joined TPWD on June 11 and is based in Austin. Please join me in welcoming Greg and Caleb to the TPWD Aquatic Education team.

The agency implemented a new volunteer management software system this spring. Staff hosted the Annual Area Chief meeting in April. Read more about these topics in the following pages.

Contractors hosted 32 Go Fish! Learn-to-fish at Texas State Parks events this spring and summer.

Volunteers have been conducting numerous workshops, classes and clinics across the state this spring and summer. Events include an attempt to break the World

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Ceci Sotomayor, a breast cancer survivor from El Paso, celebrates with her volunteer fishing guide, Mary Rohrer, after catching and releasing a fish at the Casting for Recovery retreat in Boerne. The retreats offer women the opportunity to share their cancer journey with others and create their own support group in a non-clinical setting. Photo by Susan Gaetz.

To Fish is to Hope

The Texas Program of Casting for Recovery

SUSAN GAETZ – Volunteer Program Coordinator,
Texas Program of Casting for Recovery

Casting for Recovery (CFR) is a non-profit organization seeking to enhance the quality of life of women with breast cancer by providing retreats that combine instruction in the sport of fly fishing with counseling and medical education. The retreats are offered at no cost to the participants and are an opportunity for women at any age, or stage of treatment, to address survivorship issues. The retreats allow women whose lives have been profoundly affected by breast cancer to gather in a natural setting, learn a new skill, gain support from others in similar circumstances and have a fun respite from day-to-day cares.

Founded in 1996, the CFR program is the unique brainchild of a reconstructive breast surgeon and a professional fly fisher. Physically, the therapeutic motion of fly-casting is similar to the exercises that doctors prescribe after surgery or radiation.

To date, CFR has served more than 5,100 women across the country and its programs are executed by over 1,500 volunteers who organize and run the individual programs. The retreats offer women a respite from their disease and an opportunity to share their concerns, ask their questions, and become empowered on their recovery continuum while learning an

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New & Noteworthy

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Guinness Records for the most anglers in Brownsville, Fly Fish Texas at TFFC and more.

Congratulations to **Brenda Shaver** who was honored as Teacher of the Year for Hutsell Elementary! Brenda is also a TPWD Area Chief and Angler Instructor. Brenda was founder of the Annual Hutsell Elementary School "Take Me Fishing" Youth Fishing Tournament since its beginning six years ago. The event held in March had 299 participants and 101 volunteers!

Keith Miller successfully completed his year-long quest to catch a fish-a-day on March 31 in Waco. He has inspired some of his youngest neighbors to catch a fish-a-week during their summer break. Keith has continued his personal quest and recently marked his 500th day. Watch the video about Keith on the TPWD

YouTube Channel or read about him in the June issue of *Texas Parks & Wildlife* magazine.

We also have some new and revised teaching resources. You may have seen the freshwater habitat mat – now we have a saltwater version. We have revised our dilemma and true/false cards, we have dubbed them "De-Bait" cards. There is a total of 32 cards in the set and available online on the Instructor Resource webpage. The mats and cards will also be included in our Angler Education Instructor kits.

There's an App for That

Out fishing this weekend? Looking for fishing reports, freshwater regs or want to report a fish record? Check out TPWD mobile-friendly fish website, <http://tinyurl.com/texfish>

New Boating and Fishing Regulations



Zebra mussels line the shore near Lake Texoma Fisheries Station in upper Little Mineral Creek arm. Photo by TPWD Inland Fisheries District 2A.

Effective May 17, 2012, boaters on lakes Texoma and Lavon are asked to drain all bait buckets, livewells, bilges and any other systems or receptacles that could contain water before leaving the lake. This is to prevent accidental transport of zebra mussel larvae, which are too small to be seen without a microscope.

Request a package of free Invasive Species wallet-sized info cards from our office to share with your class participants and fellow anglers.

Anglers who collect bait fish in the Red River, Sulphur River and Big Cypress Bayou may not transport live, non-game fishes away from those water bodies. This is to prevent the accidental spread of silver and bighead carp, which are known to exist in those riversheds. Juvenile fish of those species can easily be confused with bait fishes such as shad. This regulation applies to the Red River below Lake Texoma downstream to the Arkansas border, Big Cypress Bayou downstream of Ferrell's Bridge Dam on Lake O' the Pines (including all Texas waters of Caddo Lake) and the Sulphur River downstream of the Wright Patman dam.

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To Fish is to Hope, continued

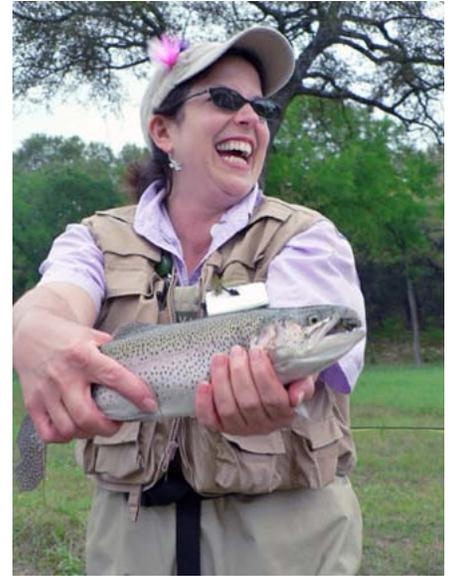
entirely new skill. The attendees have the opportunity to learn more about survivorship, share their journey, and create a dynamic support group. Through classroom sessions, group discussions and in-service presentations, the focus is on wellness and an improved quality-of-life.

The format of the weekend retreat is a two and a half day event during which participants are offered direct instruction on fly casting, fly-fishing and knot tying. They attend several medical and psychosocial sessions where participants have the opportunity to discuss the physical and emotional issues that arise during breast cancer treatment and recovery. These sessions include presentations on the recovery process and such topics as lymphedema, nutrition, exercise and leading a healthy physical life post breast cancer diagnosis.

The Texas Program of Casting for Recovery began in 2005 and has held 10 retreats to date. Two retreats are held each year, a spring retreat at Joshua Creek Ranch in Boerne (west of San Antonio) and a fall retreat at Still Water Lodge in Glen Rose (southwest of Fort Worth). Any woman who has or has had breast cancer, and resides in Texas, is eligible to apply for either retreat. Fourteen women are randomly selected to attend each retreat and all meals, lodging, counseling, instruction and supplies are provided at no cost to participants.

The next Texas retreat will be held in Glen Rose on November 9-11, 2012. Please visit the Casting for Recovery website – www.castingforrecovery.org – for more information or to apply for a retreat.

The CFR Texas program is locally funded, promoted, organized and executed by an all-volunteer staff. For more information, to volunteer, or make a donation, please contact Susan Gaetz, Program Coordinator for CFR Texas, at (512) 940-0246 or susan@susangaetz.com.



Christina Petoff-Casal of San Antonio shows a rainbow trout caught on a fly rod at the Casting for Recovery retreat at Joshua Creek Ranch in Boerne. The motion of fly casting is good therapy for soft tissue stretching, which is often affected by surgery or radiation for breast cancer. Photo by Mary Rohrer.



Photo by Susan Gaetz.

FOR THE
GENTS



The Texas program of Casting for Recovery began in 2005, providing 11 retreats to date in both Boerne and Glen Rose. The retreats are provided at no cost to the participants, who are selected at random. Any woman who has or has had breast cancer is eligible to apply.

REEL RECOVERY is a national non-profit that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer. Like Casting for Recovery, this national program is designed to be both experiential and reflective. The next Texas retreat is scheduled for October 28-30 in Boerne. For more information, www.reelrecovery.org

New Boating and Fishing Regulations, continued

New Fishing Regulations effective September 1, 2012 include:

- For persons fishing from a dock, pier, jetty or other man-made structure in a state park, the only allowable fishing method is pole and line. On these structures, a person may use no more than two poles at once.
- For fishing devices that require **gear tags**, tags will be valid for 10 days instead of 30.
- Throwlines and freshwater minnow traps will be added to the list of devices that require gear tags.
- **Lake Naconiche** (Nacogdoches County) will open for fishing September 1 with an 18-inch minimum length limit on largemouth bass. The combined daily bag limit for all species of black bass will be five fish. Fishing

with juglines, trotlines or throwlines will not be allowed on this lake.

- Three lakes that currently have special length limits for largemouth bass will revert back to the statewide minimum of 14 inches:

Aquilla Reservoir (Hill County) – minimum length will change from 18 to 14 inches.

Proctor Lake (Comanche County) and **Fort Phantom Hill** (Jones County) – minimum length will change from 16 to 14 inches.

- The daily bag for striped bass on **Possum Kingdom Reservoir** (Palo Pinto County) will increase from two to the statewide limit of five fish. Minimum length for stripers will remain 18 inches.

For more info, www.tpwd.state.tx.us/regulations/changes13.phtml

Moving into the Digital Age

KAREN MARKS –
Aquatic Education Manager

Have you moved, changed your email address or phone number? Now you can easily update your contact information on TPWD's new volunteer management system using your home computer or smart phone.



Volunteers are an important component of the agency, providing over 978,000 hours annually valued at \$16.5 million. Volunteers are a vital resource not only for our education programs, but also for our state parks and citizen science programs.

This spring TPWD rolled out a new volunteer web portal for all of its volunteers. Aquatic Ed staff have nick-named this new system “Sam-e” short for Samaritan E-Coordinator. Samaritan software is used by many other organizations including the USO, Nevada Department of Wildlife and the National Wildlife Federation.

Aquatic Ed, Coastal Fisheries, Sea Center Texas and State Parks are a few of the early adopters of this software management system for our agency. Eventually Texas Master Naturalists and other TPWD programs may begin to use the system too.

With any change, there is a learning curve, especially for staff who have been busy transferring data and learning the new reporting systems; so please be patient with us during this transition time.

What does this mean for you?

The good news for volunteers is that it is easy to use.

Existing TPWD Angler Ed volunteers have been imported into the system and should have received a recent email notification with instructions on how to create a new User ID and password for their “profile.”

If you have not received an email, please contact your local Aquatic Education Specialist or the Austin office for assistance.

New volunteers can now register online and submit permission for a criminal background check—no more paper forms. However, to

become a certified Angler Ed Instructor, a new volunteer must still attend a training workshop—afterwards, their records will be updated to reflect their certification status.

Once a volunteer has their “profile” set up, they can sign up for “Opportunities” online. So if you have a free weekend and want to volunteer, simply visit the website and sign-up for an opportunity.

For our current Angler Education volunteers, if you have an upcoming event and need volunteer help, let our office know and we’ll set up the “Opportunity” to help you recruit volunteers.

Eventually you will report your Angler Ed classes and hours online. Stay tuned for more info about this second phase. For now, continue to submit your supply orders, and class/event reports complete with the participant records, with your and your assistant volunteer names, signatures and hours worked to our office via mail, fax or e-mail.

The new agency-wide system has been in research and development for the past two years by the TPWD Volunteer Management Committee, which includes representatives from all agency divisions who utilize volunteers. Committee members also included HR and IT representatives and internal auditors who helped to make sure the system met state and federal reporting guidelines. The system is web-based and offers a safe and secure method to recruit, report and document the great work of our volunteers.

Check it out at TPWD's main web page on the “Get Involved” section at the top. www.tpwd.state.tx.us/involved/volunteer

Meet Caleb Harris ...



Howdy. I am Caleb Harris, the new Aquatic Education Specialist for TPWD for the Central Texas area; I started on June 11th. I have been involved in the Angler Education Program as a volunteer and instructor since August 2011. I come to TPWD from public education. I taught chemistry and aquatic science at Del Valle High School for several years. Prior to teaching I was involved in sport fishing tourism.

I've been a lifelong angler, happiest when I'm outside on the water. The only way I haven't caught a fish is noodling... doesn't mean I haven't tried though. John Muir once said, *"I care to live only to entice others to look at nature's loveliness with understanding."* I have a passion to educate people about nature, and we have a big

task. Once I took my aquatic science class on an optional rafting trip down a short portion of the Colorado river. As we came to our take out point, an 18 year old senior in my raft exclaimed, "hey, that isn't where we put in at!" I nearly fainted, but held my composure and asked her how she thought the river flowed if we were going to end up back at the same spot? She had already been through our hydrology unit, but I repeated the lesson there on the raft. She seemed to understand this time. "Oh", she said, "I get it now, rivers flow downhill". Then her neighbor hit her and said, "yeah dummy, all rivers flow downhill, except for the Nile." I nearly fainted again.

We have an important job, not just to teach people to catch fish, but to reconnect people to the natural world around them. Our young people are growing up without the faintest idea or experiences of the outdoors. It is important for so many reasons, from conservation to human health, that we reconnect people to nature. I look forward to working with our fabulous team of volunteers to enrich the lives of people by teaching them that life really is better outside.

... and Greg Akins



Allow me to introduce myself. I am Greg Akins, your new Aquatic Education Specialist in the Houston area.

I grew up in Los Angeles, California not knowing a lot about fishing like most kids. I went fishing with my parents whenever they had free time. We crabbed and fished in the marinas of California and made lots of gumbo because my parents were from Louisiana. They personally thought no one could make gumbo better! During our

vacation trips to Louisiana, my dad would take me fishing to "preach" about things that he always wanted to tell me when my mother wasn't around. He felt free to talk while fishing; it was the ultimate father-son bonding time.

So finally, I got away from the "preaching" and off to college in Tennessee where I attended Tennessee State University. I had friends that I fished with in Tennessee, but I missed the ocean waters so badly that when spring break came I found myself in Florida, Houston, or Ohio trying to find a new preacher!

After it was all said and done I began to see my relationship with the water was bigger than just fishing. I found my peace with the creator every time I hit the water, and the bug became a mandatory connection being one with water. This also became my connection with nature with regards to other events that I hold dear to my passions of interest. Outdoor camping, kayaking, canoeing, jet skiing, rappelling and one of my most desired fishing goals "fly fishing", all of which I am very much ready to advance with TPWD.

For the past 17 years I have worked with youth teaching about the outdoors and fishing. At the City of Houston Parks and Recreation I started a program called *"Parks Angler Adventure Program."* It was an honor to work with our city partners to help give the youth and teens some great fishing opportunities and it also gave me an opportunity to "preach" to the youth about the fundamental joy of fishing. It was a wonderful privilege to teach them about the ecosystem, how to safely handle and release fish and the safety concerns that play variable roles in the "art of fishing."

Today sparks a new day and new chapter for me as I embark upon a new vision with TPWD both personally and professionally. My goal is to work with a smile and enjoy my job, as I have over the years, and to be just as committed to seeing the smiles returned. My level of passion in Anger Education is to see more people really learn to appreciate this creation as we know it through more extensive knowledge and training about volunteer angler stewardship, fish gaming and our great outdoor programs here at TPWD.

I am personally looking forward to working with each volunteer that can teach me and preach to me about some of the great and wonderful experiences that have made you great fisherman and fisherwomen. Because let's face it, "preaching" is what brings us all together to learn from each other as I finally learned from my father's passing in 2001. Fishing stewardship is so very important to me and I have a passion for more knowledge in my new role. I look forward to supporting your existing aquatic education programs, and will let you know of "upcoming events" that we will surely need your experience and expertise. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you graciously for your continued support and commitment.



Rides and Reels — Seven Years and Counting

KATY HAMMON – TPWD Angler Education Area Chief, Teague

On the morning of the third Saturday in April, for the last seven years, groups of Girl Scouts have met at an East Texas Girl Scout Camp to learn fishing skills in a three-hour program. Each girl receives TPWD Angler Education basic certification after learning fishing knots, rigging, fish ID, casting skills and catch several fish at the “Backyard Bass Pond.”

These groups of 32 to 90 girls are taught the fishing skills by their leaders who have been recently certified as TPWD Angler Education Instructors, current TPWD Area Chiefs Beverly Lyttaker, Bill Hammon and me, along with past instructors who return to teach again “because this way is so much fun.” The instructor training is offered to all of the troop leaders prior to the event, but is not required in order to assist with the program. We usually have one or more leaders per troop who want to become certified. And there are always tasks that can be done without certification.

After a catered lunch, the young ladies are divided into three groups for the afternoon program – fishing at a pond on the camp property, doing some fishing related craft projects (including fish prints) and a horseback trail ride through oak and pine trees with blossoming dogwoods scattered along the

trails. The girls fish with worms, minnows, canned corn and artificial baits. Most of the girls bait their own hooks, too. Several of the girls catch fish (sunfish, bass and catfish) and the occasional turtle.

The girls have a great time and end of the day written evaluations, by individual girls and leaders, are always outstanding. “Rides and Reels” is included on the Council Outdoor Program calendar and spaces fill rapidly. There is a waiting list each year with troops wanting to attend. For that reason, we have taken this program with some modifications to a larger venue – the service unit (a group of several regional troops). We train instructors from the larger groups and then assist them in hosting a program for their girls at a local lake or pond – e.g. “Dads and Daughters Fishing Day” at Samuel Farm and “Fishing Day” at Stewart’s Creek Park in The Colony (Lake Lewisville).

At each of these events, the skills are taught prior to the actual fishing. Many of the dads learned how to use that expensive equipment and tackle that they had received as gifts. Of course, we can’t have the horses offsite, but it doesn’t seem to make any difference to anyone. They come and they have a great time just being outdoors, learning a new skill and having fun with their family and friends. We are looking forward to the next one.

We have also started a summer resident camp program for the Girls Scouts. This will be our second year to expand the program to cover more topics and over several days. We have added water quality studies (chemical and biological), worm farming, fish cleaning and cooking (over a campfire), etc. There are so many ways that we can expand our TPWD Angler Ed program. And the young girls love it all. Now go try your ideas for the best of fishing.

CRANK BAIT

LARRY CONDRA – TPWD Angler Education Area Chief, Abilene

There are so many different types, brands, colors and configurations of crank baits that we may only scratch the surface in this writing. Oh yes, I have my favorites and there are some I may never have used and others I have used only once or twice. Why, you ask? Probably comfort zone has a little to do with it or maybe success on my past fishing expeditions.

Let's discuss hard crank baits. Here again there are nearly as many as the sands of the sea shore. Lipless crank baits such as Cordell's Hot Spot (one of the very first baits I had success with) or the Bill Lewis Rattletrap are two of the most widely known. I have used them both for a number of years and their use can be varied. Locating fish is a good use of this type of bait. Any fish in the area can target the bait since they mostly have rattles (one is named Rattletrap, remember).

Some lipless cranks sink and can be used in a cast and retrieve, while others can be used like a jiggling spoon in deep water; still others suspend so fish suspended in the water column and not actively feeding can be presented with the bait. Another very effective method especially in the spring and summer, is to fish this bait over grass and when the hooks tangle with the grass, with a sweeping movement of the rod, jerk the bait loose from the grass.

Another use of crank baits is to explore the depths. Baits with longer bills, and there are numerous shapes and sizes of baits and bills, will be able to probe some very deep water such as 20+ feet. Of course line selection will play a big part here, too. The lighter the line, generally, the deeper the bait will run. Fluorocarbon line will sink better than mono and help keep that deep diving bait where you want it. Often very fast speed reels need to be used to help pull that bait into deeper water then slow the retrieve. The rod length and position are also important. To reach the

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deepest water with a deep diver, one may need to "kneel and reel." This is a technique using a long rod, casting as far as appropriate, then kneel, push the rod tip as deep as it will go into the water and reel like mad to drive the bait as deep as it will go as it comes to the boat.

Since bill shapes and lengths are varied, you need to know the purpose or limits of the bait you are wishing to use. You need to match the bill length and configuration to the depth you want to fish.

Packages generally have the depth the lure will run printed on them. This is helpful until an angler can recognize what the lure will do. This comes from experimentation and experience. Don't ever be afraid so much of losing a lure that you will not do a little experimentation. Heck, I have lost more than my fair share and they can be replaced, though losing one that the fish are currently biting well is maddening. A good way to tell what the lures will do is to spend time at a swimming pool casting and

retrieving. However, make sure the locals are not swimming as this can produce much ill will!

These baits come in about as many colors and configurations as any bait made, so often a "match the hatch" plan will work. If you cannot see what the fish are actively feeding on, you may have to catch one to determine this. I cannot count how many times I have caught a fish and have shad or other prey fall out of its mouth. Many baits are colored not so much to look like a bait fish but to contrast with the water color or clarity and attract the fish with flash. I fear many are simply colored as to catch the fisher person and not fish!

Things like lure shape, color, size (I have a couple of baits I have used fishing for stripers that are 12"-16" long), bill shape and length, body material, weight, and other things, I am not thinking of now, can and do have something to do with your success. Also, does the bait have noisemakers inside and do I want that extra sound? Most who have been fishing crank baits for a long time have a myriad of lures in their arsenal. I am one of those however, having one or two of every bait made is certainly not required. Learning how to use the one you want to fish is of utmost importance. Knowing how deep you want to fish as well as what the fish are currently feeding on will solve lots of questions for sure.

Keep those lines wet and tight. Remember to keep what you can use and release the rest.



Area Chief Meeting 2012: A River Runs Through It

GREG AKINS – Aquatic Education Training Specialist. Photos by Nancy Herron, TPWD.

Area Chiefs are a small group of dedicated Angler Education instructors who have volunteered to help the Aquatic Education team recruit and train other instructors. Our goals of the annual meeting are to standardize trainings, get to know our volunteers better, honor our volunteers with recognitions and awards, and increase the capacity of our program to reach new audiences and engage them in fishing.

This year, the annual Area Chief meeting was held at the Texas Tech University – Junction Campus on the lovely South Llano River. Our theme for the weekend was “Every pebble makes large ripples.” We had 33 people attend from across the state.

Although I was the new kid on the block, I found myself having fun and blending right in with joys of fish talk, fishing, kayaking, fly fishing, fly tying and great company from all the area chiefs. Our Angler Education area chiefs are a great group of genuine people, who love what they do. From someone like me who has a passion for learning from others, I was definitely in my zone for absorbing knowledge.

The weekend started off with a field trip to the TPWD Heart of the Hills Research Field Station near Junction. The Inland Fisheries staff spoke to us about their research projects, led a tour of the indoor research laboratory and pulled an otolith from a dissected fish. Otoliths are a bony structure found in the inner ear of fish. They are sometimes used to determine the age of a fish. We also learned about alligator gars which are being harvested in record numbers



Checking out the fingerlings at the TPWD Heart of the Hills Research Station.



TPWD Inland Fisheries staff demonstrate how to pull an otolith from a fish.



Kayaking the South Llano River



Exploring the South Llano River

too soon before they're even able to reproduce. The majority of us did not know that the alligator gar is not fully developed until about five years into its growth when it finally spawns its eggs for the first time, which means if it's harvested too early, we deny its reproduction process therefore potentially destroying the population.

The conference integrated great education and fun. Talking about fun, the comical experiences, fishing stories, as well as the character of everyone, really came out during meals and around the evening campfire. Everyone laughed at each other's experiences. Participants sang Steve Campbell's fishy music around the campfire on Saturday evening including a song about Keith Miller's 365+ days of catching a fish a day project.

One of my personal highlights was going down the South Llano river "sideways." If I would

have been warned that it was a white-water rafting river, I may have thought twice about the trip! I was not prepared and because I was bringing up the rear hearing the screaming in the front of the kayak party (no names) did not make the trip ahead look good for me!! Yet my adrenaline pushed me through it, not to mention my heart rate! There were several areas in that river that you don't need a paddle, but maybe a seat belt and some anti-lock disk brakes!

In addition to fun, the conference was designed to train the trainer. The Area Chiefs had the opportunity to sit in on different training sessions, including river ecology, fish ID and food webs, and fly casting. Of course the networking opportunity was invaluable. Everyone learned about what each Area Chief does throughout the state, and no one experience was the same. I noticed that everyone was

very involved in the process which led to a very insightful, enthusiastic experience. Often the focus would turn to the wonderful experiences of their own personal journey, and to me that was a highlight – like the "Lakers" in the fourth period, minus this year of course.

Overall, the conference was a wonderful success. Everyone, staff included, received and shared so much information that when it was time to go home most of us didn't want to leave. The scenic hill country and the free running deer were so majestic it felt like a real vacation. I know as the new kid on the block, I was not the only one that would concede the next planned Area Chief Meeting has to be a real yahoo to beat this one!!!! And it was apparent that each Area Chief definitely leaves large ripples in the pond of angler education.

Volunteers take the official federal aid pledge to complete and submit Angler Education reports on time.



This word cloud was created from one of our group brainstorming activities: Characteristics of a Mentor.



2012 ANGLER EDUCATION AREA CHIEF AWARDS

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards are earned by Area Chiefs for their leadership and dedication to our Angler Education Instructor training program. The award is based on the number of instructors trained, cumulative from year to year, through January 3, 2012.

GOLD AWARD (trained 50+ people)

AKERS, JEFFREY
ALMANZAR, RAUL
CATCHING, DAMON
CONDRA, LARRY
DELAROSA, FRANK
FOBIAN, MARK
GANZE, CHUCK
GERHARDT, ED
HAMMON, KATY
HAMMON, WILLIAM
LYTTAKER, BEVERLY

MARTINEZ, OSCAR
MILLER, ANN
NEYSES, DAVID
PETRICK, MICHAEL
RAMIREZ, IRMA
RAMIREZ, REYNALDO
RAMIREZ, TERESITA
SHAVER, BRENDA
STEARNS, HAROLD
VAN DE PUTTE, TONI

SILVER AWARD (trained 25–49 people)

ANDERSON, JERE
GEBAUER, TIM
HAMON, JERRY
MCLENDON, WALTER
OAKS, BILL
PELLOWSKI, JAMES
PROTHRO, TRACY
VELA, ROBERT
WARD, IRPEL

BRONZE AWARD (trained 10–24 people)

HARRISON, GUY
JOHNSON, RICHARD
PORTWOOD, RON
WILSON, SHANE



Help Educate Texans About Water for Wildlife!

CAPPY SMITH – Aquatic Resource Education Specialist

As angler education instructors, you play a vital role in educating Texans about the fun of fishing and the role of anglers in protecting our aquatic resources. We are offering additional resources that can expand the scope of your offerings and hope that you will join us in offering this information to others.

Over the past six years, Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) has produced “The State of Water” documentary series exploring the crucial issues facing water for Texas including allocations for wildlife and aquatic habitats. This series was shown on PBS stations around the state. Our recent drought, continued population growth and increasing demands on limited water resources make this topic more important than ever. In an effort to continue to utilize these wonderful documentaries and educate the public about these issues, we are encouraging organizations and groups such as conservation organizations, community groups, civic organizations and churches to show these videos. We encourage folks to be creative! Consider hosting a video matinee, video night or a “lunch and learn” opportunity and invite the local community. Or, it could be as simple as inviting your neighbors over for a video screening. You can host a screening of one or all five of the State of Water Videos or one of the selections from “Water Stories”; a compilation of segments from our TPWD television program.

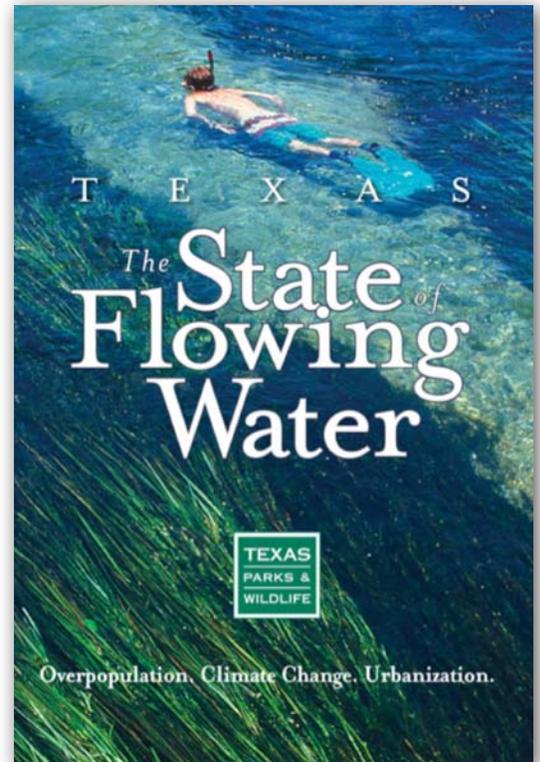
Videos include: “Texas The State of Water, Vol. 1,” “Texas The State of Water—Finding A Balance,” “Texas The State of Water—The State of Springs,” “Texas The State of

Water—The State of Flowing Water,” and “The State of the Gulf: America’s Sea.”

TPWD created the “State of Water Video Screening Toolkit” to assist you in preparing for and hosting a screening. The Toolkit also has questions to encourage discussion and conversation for use after screening the video and “Save Water For Wildlife” pledge cards to encourage wise water use by the participants following the screening. The toolkit includes fill-able publicity flyers and media release to make publicizing the event a snap. Hosting organizations may also submit their event to be listed on the TPWD on-line calendar. A host evaluation and participant sign-in sheet complete the toolkit.

If you aren’t familiar with the videos, learn more at www.texasstateofwater.org. The latest video, “The State of the Gulf: America’s Sea” can be seen on the website. The State of Water Video Screening Toolkit and related forms can be found at www.texasstateofwater.org/screening/index.php

Thanks for considering hosting an event! Feel free to pass along to other community partners if you think they would be interested in hosting a screening.



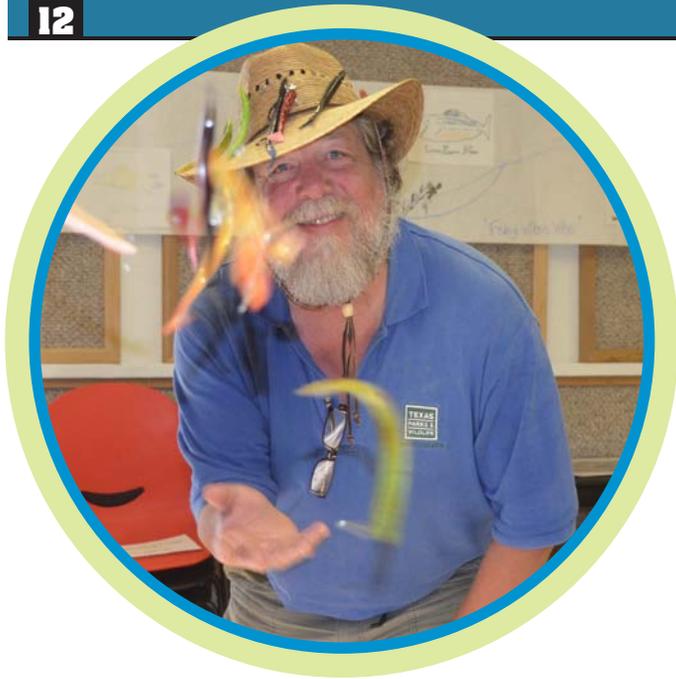
Interested? Contact Cappy Smith at cappy.smith@tpwd.state.tx.us or (512) 389-8060 for additional information. There is no charge for the videos.

EDUARDO “LALO” FLORES

1937 – 2012

Eduardo “Lalo” Flores, TPWD Angler Education Area Chief, passed away on February 6, 2012. Lalo was a charter member of the Ascarate Fishing Club, in El Paso, TX. He assisted in the Aquatic Fishing program starting in 2005, his uneasiness with teaching was why he did not take the Instructors Course till April of 2009. He regretted that apprehension after attending his first Area Chief Meeting in May of 2009. We shall miss his hot chiles that he brought to the Area chief meetings to share with anyone willing to light up their taste buds.

Lalo worked for the City of El Paso Street Department and retired after 30 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Helen Flores, their children, Edward, Richard, Shirley, Debbie and Amanda Flores; brother, Robert Flores; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



STEVE CAMPBELL

1956 – 2012

Steve Campbell, Aquatic Education Training Specialist for North Texas, passed away of natural causes July 14 while on a work assignment, doing what he loved best and did best—working with volunteers to introduce fishing to children and their families.

I first met Steve at a staff meeting at Parrie Haynes Ranch – he sat next to me on the couch in the Lone Star House (our staff home away from home). Steve convinced me to introduce myself saying “I want to be a herper like Steve!” Actually I had no desire to be a herper, but somehow he convinced me in a very short time to do this, and so our friendship began.

Even though I didn’t really care for snakes like Steve did, we did have a lot in common, although years apart we went to the same university and earned the same degree, he was on the eight-year plan I was on the 22-year plan.

We both had a love for quirky music—especially one band by the name of Trout Fishing in America. Steve loved corrupting ... um, I mean re-writing songs for our annual Volunteer Area Chief meeting. He took special delight in writing “Ann’s song” to the tune of Joy to the World in honor of our supervisor’s retirement last year.

We bounced ideas off each other—some stuck and some bounced right out the window. Every phone call or visit would include, “Did I tell you the story about...” and usually ended with “Toodles.”

Neither of us were “morning” people—which worked out well when we were on the road working. We could meet up in the hotel lobby in the morning, grunt politely at each other, I would grab my coffee and we would hit the road. No cheery chit chat, no love lost. Back at the office, we would often catch each

other working late and the conversation would go, “What are you still doing there? – What are YOU still doing there? – Go home!”

We both had a love for teaching others. We enjoyed teaching workshops together—always learning from each other, stealing each other’s ideas. Steve believed that our program should reach out to both youth and adults, including the whole family and not just the child.

We both liked to inject a sense of play into our work. Last Halloween at the Toyota Texas Bass Classic we had a blast creating a puffer fish out of a pumpkin and about 100 toothpicks. Steve would play pomp and circumstance at the end of his workshops when he handed out certificates. He loved going to the dollar store; he claimed he had to buy more squiggly safety pins, but really he was on the outlook for silly little toys or fishy knick-knacks he would carefully pick out for his workshops. And of course he leaves us his legacy of “Squiggles” which will continue to fly in classrooms across the state.

We both felt that our volunteers were much more than “just volunteers”; they are our friends and like close family. Steve would have lunch with some, attend retirement parties, or special fishing events and he would also shed a tear when sad news was passed along. Sometimes Steve would call on them to come support him, cajoling them into attending a Master Naturalist meeting so there would be a “friendly face” in the crowd.

Steve started his career at TPWD in 1996 at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in

Athens as Education Services Manager. In addition to his contributions in volunteer management and outreach, he was the resident scuba diver for the aquarium presentations at the center. Steve ultimately assumed the position of North Texas Aquatic Education Specialist, which he held up until his passing.

Those who worked with him will attest that Steve brought creativity, laughter and lasting traditions to the Angler Education program. Anyone who worked with Steve at an event would hear him call out “Fish On!” as a youngster gamely pulled up a plastic fish for Backyard Bass. He invented a host of creative and innovative ways to encourage volunteer participation and fellowship, now permanent traditions for volunteer meetings. He co-produced a series of live webcasts to hundreds of thousands of students, creating memorable characters such as “Sherlock Bones,” “Bubba T. Bat,” and “The Custodian of Time.” He trained hundreds of volunteers and coordinated the Tackle Loaner program, placing fishing equipment for ready use at 37 of our state parks and community sites.

Prior to working at TPWD, Steve worked as a zoo educator in Victoria and Waco, a museum educator at his beloved Strecker Museum and as a reference librarian in Waco. An avid amateur herpetologist, he co-founded the Dallas-Fort Worth Herpetological Society. He was a regular speaker on snakes and reptiles to Texas Master Naturalist chapters in Waco and the Metroplex.

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*With
Baited
Breath*

STEVE CAMPBELL
Aquatic Education –
North Texas/
Panhandle

Behold, the Lowly Spinning Reel

In my own humble opinion, the spinning reel is the Rodney Dangerfield of the fishing tackle world; it gets no respect. Hopefully this article will set the record straight and change minds across the world regarding this little used weapon of the angler's arsenal.

Seldom, if ever, is a spinning reel used by personalities on televised fishing shows. This remarkable rod and reel combination radiates elegance and grace. Allow me to focus your attention to its savvy nature and share with you what I believe makes this rod and reel combination so uniquely likeable.

The first difference noted is that the spinning reel is attached below the plane of the rod, a feature it shares with fly reels. Positioning the reel in this manner might be one of the reasons why many anglers seem reluctant to adopt this format for fishing.

One major advantage the spinning reel offers is the ability to see the line at all times. This allows for a quick diagnosis concerning line issues. A tangle can be seen easily. One may not be able to immediately ascertain how large the problems might be, but time spent searching for a root cause is greatly reduced.

Another aspect of spinning reels is their ease of use. I have encountered a number of adults at Go Fish! events who wanted to learn how to cast a spinning reel. With great delight, I showed them how to open the bail and trap the line between the index finger and rod. Then, how to bend the elbow and swing it forward, releasing the line just as the rod begins to pass the ear. I must admit to a smug smile upon my visage by the end of the day.

Please think about the body parts that are used when casting most reels and the ease of those motions. With a spin-casting reel, one releases the button by removing the thumb from its position on the reel's button. In essence, one pulls the thumb into the shape of a hitchhiker's fist. By contrast, an angler armed with a spinning reel simply points his or her index finger forward. People began practicing this motion in infancy. It is one of the first parts of an infant's body they quickly master; they learn to point to objects they desire long before they learn to wave down a passing car or truck.

One of the more interesting features of the spinning reel is its ability to quickly change from right-handed retrieve to left-handed. One simply removes the long threaded bolt from the opposite side of the crank, removes the retrieve and exchanges positions.

Having shared all of the wonderful virtues of the spinning reel with the reader, I sincerely hope that you will now join me in saying, "Behold, the FANTASTIC spinning reel."

STEVE CAMPBELL, continued

Steve is survived by his father, Leroy Campbell; one brother, Robert Engholm; three sisters, Robin Wilson and husband, Mark, Lesia McGee and husband, Randy, and Betsy Fanning and husband Greg; 13 nieces and nephews; many aunts, uncles and cousins; and many friends. A celebration of Steve Campbell's life was held July 27 in his hometown of Waco, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions in Steve's memory be made to Texas Parks and Wildlife Conservation Education, 4200 Smith School Rd, Austin, Texas 78744 or online at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/donate/ Please note Conservation Education and

Steve's name with the donation. Funds from the donations will be used to support our volunteers.

We were recently notified by the national Aquatic Resources Education Association that they have named their Outdoor Educator of the Year Award after Steve in recognition of his legacy. The description of the award states that it "recognizes a member's effort in the area of increasing public appreciation for, and understanding of, the values of aquatic resources and is a leader in providing/promoting angler education and fishing opportunities to diverse

audiences in a fun, energetic and enthusiastic manner." Anyone who knew Steve and his passion for education, understands this award is a wonderful remembrance of him.

And so Steve, I will miss you the educator, the co-worker but most of all, the friend.

In closing, I'd like to quote TPWD Area Chief Toni Van de Putte's recent condolence note, *"God, if you get tired of Steve's silly fish music, just toss him back to us."*

~ Karen Marks

UPCOMING EVENTS



Aquarium and Hatchery Tours

See saltwater aquariums showcasing the diversity of the Texas coast and tour the redfish hatchery. Accessible for the mobility impaired. View aquarium fish feedings every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Catch & Release Fishing Events by Reservation

Reservations for group events are available the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in the mornings. Reservations must be made at least three weeks in advance and require a \$50 refundable deposit. Only groups with 10 to 20 participants between the ages of 7 and 16 are eligible to schedule an event. Sea Center will provide the rods, reels, equipment and volunteers to assist the group. To inquire about available dates contact Patty Cardoza at (979) 292-0100 or by email at seacenter@tpwd.state.tx.us

September 15, 2012

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Youth Fishing Event

Pack your sunscreen, hat, lawn chair and fishing gear for catch-and-release fishing at our marine fish hatchery and visitor education center. Open to guests 16 years old and younger accompanied by an adult. Bring your own gear and bait with barbless hooks. No corks, artificial bait or treble hooks. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to assist first-time anglers. Held at Sea Center Texas, 300 Medical Dr., Lake Jackson, TX. Accessible for the mobility impaired. Contact Connie Stolte, (979) 292-0100

October 20, 2012

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Entry Level Fly Fishing Class

Spend a day learning the basics of fly fishing including fly tying, fly casting, aquatic ecology, regulations/ethics, saltwater fishing tactics and actual fishing practice. This workshop, sponsored by the Sea Center Fly Fishers, is open to anyone (ages 12 or above). Participants should wear comfortable clothing for outdoor activities and bring a sack lunch. The course will be held at Sea Center Texas, 300 Medical Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas. Accessible for the mobility impaired. Minimum of 12 participants required for the class to make. Maximum class size is 24. Preregistration is required and will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Friday, October 05, 2012. To register, contact Patty Cardoza at patty.cardoza@tpwd.state.tx.us or (979) 292-0100 ext. 21 with the names of each participant, age if under 18, email address and telephone number. \$5 fee due at registration per participant.

October 28, 2012

1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Sea Center Spooktacular

Sea Center Texas will hold its 6th annual Halloween Spooktacular event on Sunday, October 28, 2012. Children and adults are encouraged to dress up in their favorite costume and participate in craft activities, face painting, games, picture taking and trick-or-treating throughout the visitor center. All children are encouraged to participate in a costume contest beginning at 2:30 p.m. Winners will receive a trophy and various prizes. Local businesses are invited to donate candy for the event. Admission is free; there will be a \$5 fee for those wishing to participate in craft activities. Contact Brittany Zepeda, (979) 292-0100.

For complete calendar and updates, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/seacenter

UPCOMING EVENTS

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE



TEXAS FRESHWATER FISHERIES CENTER

September 29, 2012

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bluegill Family Fishing Tournament

Join us for a fun-filled day of trying to catch the biggest Bluegill here at our center and on Lake Athens. The tournament awards prizes for the heaviest stringers of sunfish, but the event is really about adults and children having fun fishing together. Call for details or to pre-register.

October 25, 2012

6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Halloween at the Hatchery

Local businesses and organizations will hand out free candy, and the center will be decorated throughout with a Halloween theme.

For complete calendar and updates, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/tffc

Toyota Texas Bass Classic and Outdoor Festival

September 28-30, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Lone Star Convention and Expo Center
9055 Airport Rd., Conroe, Texas 77303

FREE! Extraordinary live music and events that will appeal to the whole family. This will include a variety of hands-on outdoor-related games and activities at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Adventures Area, incredible food and a fishing industry expo featuring seminars and the latest in fishing equipment, gear and accessories. Merchandise will be available for purchase. The Toyota Texas Bass Classic is a world-class bass fishing tournament, featuring the top tournament bass anglers in the world, along with a festival to include exceptional entertainment and a variety of family and industry activities. This event directly benefits the youth outreach programs of TPWD. More information at www.toyotatexasbassclassic.com



Welcome, New Instructors!

January - June, 2012

We encourage you to team up to teach. It's fun, easy, and a great way to support each other.
Call the Austin office for contact information if you would like to team up with one of these new instructors.
If we have accidentally left someone off, please let us know.

WILLIS HUDSON	ALLEN	JAMES FELTS	CORPUS CHRISTI	JOSE RIVERA JR.	EL PASO
EDWIN SCHROETER	AMARILLO	ASHLEY FINCANNON	CORPUS CHRISTI	MICHELLE RODARTE	EL PASO
BILLY BARAJAS	ARLINGTON	RODNEY GAMEZ	CORPUS CHRISTI	FRANCISCO	
ELYSE DARA	ARLINGTON	DELBERT GATLIN	CORPUS CHRISTI	ROSALES-RODRIGUEZ	EL PASO
RYAN HONKOMP	ARLINGTON	DANIEL GONZALEZ	CORPUS CHRISTI	EBERNOEL RIVALCABA	EL PASO
PATRICK LEMON	ARLINGTON	BARRON HONEA	CORPUS CHRISTI	KITTY SALGADO	EL PASO
ANGEL MARTINEZ	ARLINGTON	GEOFFREY RABINOVICH	CORPUS CHRISTI	STEVEN SANCHEZ	EL PASO
DAVINA BROOKS	AUBREY	MICHAEL ROBERTSON	CORPUS CHRISTI	MARQUIS WASHINGTON	EL PASO
MATTHEW BATES	AUSTIN	ROBERT VEGA	CORPUS CHRISTI	BELINDA GARZ	ELSA
MARK CORRY	AUSTIN	SCOTT WALKER	CORPUS CHRISTI	DEVONNA EADDY	FLOWER MOUND
NICK HIRSCH	AUSTIN	WILLIAM MITCHELL	CRANDELL	DANIEL CALLAWAY	FORNEY
KASEY MAGEE	AUSTIN	PETER MARTIN II	DALLAS	ADRA ANDERSON	FORT WORTH
SHAWN PIKE	AUSTIN	JEANNIE COURTWRIGHT	DALLS	LORIE BUTLER	FORT WORTH
MICHAEL SALAZAR	AUSTIN	ASHLEY HOLT	DE SOTO	JENNIFER DAYE-RAMOS	FORT WORTH
MARCIA CHRISTIAN	BELTON	ZACH ELLEDGE	DENTON	MIKIA FRANKLIN	FORT WORTH
THOMAS CHRISTIAN	BELTON	BETHANY GALSTER	DENTON	MICHAEL KING	FORT WORTH
CARLA HARMON	BELTON	ANDREW STEWART	DENTON	DAN LEAL	FORT WORTH
BERNARD MCDEVITT	BELTON	JENNIFER GARCIA	EDINBURG	BRITTANY PRESTIDGE	FORT WORTH
HECTOR AGUILAR	BROWNSVILLE	MANUEL GARCIA, JR	EDINBURG	RODNEY SHARP	FORT WORTH
NICOLE BENTON	BROWNSVILLE	MARTHA HOKE	EDINBURG	SHARON WILSON	FORT WORTH
KRISTINE BURKHART	BROWNSVILLE	IVAN ACOSTA	EL PASO	TYRONE DORSEY	FRESNO
MELISSA CANCINO	BROWNSVILLE	ALEXIS ALVAREZ	EL PASO	ERIC ANDERSON	GAINESVILLE
AUGUSTIN CARRERA	BROWNSVILLE	ALDEN AMARO	EL PASO	KYLE PACINI	GALVESTON
CINDY CHO	BROWNSVILLE	THOMAS ANDERSON	EL PASO	DAN MILLER	GEORGETOWN
JESSICA COVOH	BROWNSVILLE	FRANCISCO ARELLANO	EL PASO	TRAVIS PAYTON	GLENDALE
JOHANNA ESPARZA	BROWNSVILLE	EDGAR CALDERON	EL PASO	RUSSELL HENRY	GRANBURY
GRICELDA EUFRACIO	BROWNSVILLE	LUPE CASTILLO	EL PASO	JAMES RODRIGUEZ	GRAND PRAIRIE
VANESSA GARCIA	BROWNSVILLE	MIGUEL CASTRO	EL PASO	SHAWN COYLE	GREENVILLE
JARED GUTIERREZ	BROWNSVILLE	JOSE CHAPARRO	EL PASO	JOSE RUIZ	HALE CENTER
SHALIMAR HESTERBERG	BROWNSVILLE	GUSTAVO CHAVEZ	EL PASO	MELISSA CANTU	HARLINGEN
KASSANDRA INFANTE	BROWNSVILLE	CYNTHIA CORONADO	EL PASO	ERNESTO CAZARES	HARLINGEN
CRYSTAL MARTINEZ	BROWNSVILLE	EMMANUEL CORREA	EL PASO	REBECCA CRUZ	HARLINGEN
JULIO MARTINEZ	BROWNSVILLE	FAY COTHAM	EL PASO	ALICIA DE LEON	HARLINGEN
CONNIE MATA	BROWNSVILLE	VICTOR LECHUGA	EL PASO	NORA DE LEON	HARLINGEN
MARCO MILAN	BROWNSVILLE	BRYAN LEGARRETTA	EL PASO	ROBERTO GALLAGA	HARLINGEN
BLANCA NOVELO	BROWNSVILLE	GERARDO LIRA	EL PASO	VICTOR GONZALES	HARLINGEN
PRISCILLA RIVALCABA	BROWNSVILLE	JENIESE LONG	EL PASO	JACOB GUTIERREZ	HARLINGEN
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DORA TAMAYO	BROWNSVILLE	MANNY MATEO	EL PASO	ANDRES HERNANDEZ	HARLINGEN
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VINCENT LECCA	BUDA	JUAN MORALES	EL PASO	JOSE LEAL	HARLINGEN
BRANDON HICLES	CANUTILLO	BRANDON MUGRAGE	EL PASO	MARY LOWANCE	HARLINGEN
ASHLEY WOODALL	CARENERO	FELICIA NEELEY	EL PASO	EZELINA MARROQUIN	HARLINGEN
IVONNE BLANDON	CORPUS CHRISTI	DENISE NUNEZ	EL PASO	VERONICA MENDEZ	HARLINGEN
JOSE CHAVEZ	CORPUS CHRISTI	ISAAC OLIVA	EL PASO	MARIA MESA	HARLINGEN

FERNANDO MORA	HARLINGEN	ROBERTA COOK	LEWISVILLE	JESSICA MARTINEZ	PLAINVIEW
JAVIER OLIVO	HARLINGEN	MIRTIS (TONY) HANSARD	LEWISVILLE	GARY MATTHEWS	PLAINVIEW
ELIUD RODRIGUEZ	HARLINGEN	HEATH NARAGEN	LEWISVILLE	JAMATH SHOFFNER	PLAINVIEW
IDA ROMERO	HARLINGEN	SANDRA JENNINGS	LIPAN	MELISSA RUSSELL	PLANO
DANIEL SANCHEZ	HARLINGEN	KYLER ELLISON	LOCKNEY	CARRIE LENTZ	RICHMOND
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LEOPOLDO SAUCEDO	HARLINGEN	MARIA SALINAS GARCIA	LOS FRESNOS		
GABRIEL TREVINO	HARLINGEN	JUAN CHADIS	LUBBOCK	JUAN CABALLERO	RIO HONDO
JAIME VALDEZ	HARLINGEN	ANDY COGNASI	LUBBOCK	JAMES BRINKLEY	ROCKWALL
CLARK VIEGAS	HARLINGEN	WESLEY DUGGINS	LUBBOCK	HILLARY BARTEE	ROSENBERG
SPENSER ADAMS	HEATH	LORENZO EDEN	LUBBOCK	SHELIA DAVIS	ROSHARON
WILLIAM AUST	HOUSTON	ARMANDO GARCIA	LUBBOCK	WILLIE DAVIS	ROSHARON
BRANDON BANKS	HOUSTON	DANNY GARCIA	LUBBOCK	MIRIAM JORDAN	SALADO
VIRGINIA CLANAHAN	HOUSTON	FRANK GARCIA	LUBBOCK	JUAN AMAYA	SAN BENITO
ANTHONY CLARK	HOUSTON	MARIO GUTIERREZ	LUBBOCK	ASHLEY CAMACHO	SAN BENITO
STEPHEN DIXON	HOUSTON	FELIPE HEREDIA	LUBBOCK	MARIA GRACIA	SAN BENITO
GENNIFER EHMLING	HOUSTON	TONY MALDONADO	LUBBOCK	BERTHA HINOJOSA	SAN BENITO
KYLE FERGUSON	HOUSTON	REYNALDO MARTINEZ	LUBBOCK	DENISE MOLINA	SAN BENITO
EVA GARZA	HOUSTON	CHRISTYN MARTINEZ		JENNIFER MOLINA	SAN BENITO
FRANK GIBBS	HOUSTON	Y GARCIA	LUBBOCK	SHERILYN ALLEN	SANGER
KELVIN JOHNSON	HOUSTON	TEODORO OLBERA	LUBBOCK	ESMERALDA BADILLO	SANTA ROSA
TROY JONES	HOUSTON	PETE PINA	LUBBOCK	DAMARCUS TERRELL	SEABROOK
TREVOR MOORE	HOUSTON	GEORGE STOCKHAUSEN	LUBBOCK	BRIAN BAILEY	SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
NESTOR PEREZ	HOUSTON	RAYMOND THACKREY	LUBBOCK		
BRIAN SHERWOOD	HOUSTON	MOSES TORRES	LUBBOCK	KYM NORSWORTHY	SPRING
MARK WEISENHORN	HOUSTON	MONICA DESJARDINS	LUCAS	CHESTER NICHOLS	STAFFORD
MICHAEL THOMAS	HUMBLE	CEDRIC CARTER	MANSFIELD	RAYMOND MACHOVSKY	TEMPLE
JAMES COPE	HURST	NALLELY FUENTES	MCALLEN	JACOB ANGEL	TEXAS CITY
MARY MELTON	HUTTO	ELENITA PABALINAS	MCALLEN	ZACHERY MCCOY	TEXAS CITY
SARAH BREITSCHOPF	KATY	BRANDON ROWLAND	MCALLEN	MICHAEL ROGERS	TEXAS CITY
SHANE BRUNSON	KATY	VICTOR VAZQUEZ	MCALLEN	JORDAN ROSE	TEXAS CITY
FERNANDO ECHEVERRI	KATY	DERRICK BRUTON	MCKINNEY	ANGELIKA FULLER	THRALL
CORY MCFARLAND	KATY	DANIEL AVILA	MERCEDES	MICHAEL KASPER	TOMBALL
NANCI MCFARLAND	KATY	NINA CARRIERO	MERCEDES	JAMES STINSON	TRENTON
CARL MENDEZ	KATY	CHRISTINA LONGORIA	MERCEDES	JOSH HALL	VALLEY VIEW
EMILY STEWART	KATY	CARMEN MARTINEZ	MERCEDES	GREGORY WALLER	VALLEY VIEW
CURTIS WILKERSON	KATY	ELISA MARTINEZ	MERCEDES	JOHN JENNINGS	WEATHERFORD
DARRYL CAMPBELL	KEMPNER	ELSA MENDOZA	MERCEDES	CARLOS ALVARADO	WESLACO
LISA SOSTACK	KINGWOOD	CRISOFORO PENA	MERCEDES	LETICIA CARDENAS	WESLACO
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Hill Country River and Stream Angler Survey Underway

AUSTIN — Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Inland Fisheries Division is partnering with Texas Tech University's Department of Biological Sciences and the TTU Llano River Field Station to conduct a four-month survey of anglers who fish Texas Hill Country rivers and streams.

The survey will determine recreational angling effort (time spent fishing), gather information on angler attitudes and opinions, and evaluate the economic impact of angling in the region's rivers and streams.

Anglers who have fished a Hill Country river or stream during the past 12 months are encouraged to participate in the survey. Information from anglers who target Guadalupe bass, the state fish of Texas, is of special interest. TPWD is engaged in an ongoing effort to restore and

preserve Guadalupe bass populations in the Llano, Blanco, Pedernales, San Antonio and James river watersheds.

Anglers can participate in the survey through a link on the TPWD fishing web page at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/ or directly at <https://www.research.net/s/HillCountryFishingSurvey>. Additional river and stream fishing-related websites will also be asked to add a link to the survey in the near future. As an incentive to participate, anglers completing the survey will be eligible to win either a spinning rod and reel combo (\$200 value) or fly rod and reel combo (\$300 value). A drawing for the two rod and reel prizes will be held in January 2013. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and results are completely confidential. All results will be aggregated so individual responses will be anonymous.

Counties of interest include Bandera, Bexar, Blanco, Brown, Burnet, Comal, Coleman, Edwards, Gillespie, Hays, Kimble, Kendall, Kerr, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Medina, Menard, Mills, Real, San Saba, Travis, and Williamson. Major rivers include the Blanco, Colorado, Guadalupe, James, Llano (north and south forks), Medina, Pedernales, San Antonio, San Marcos and San Saba. A map showing the entire area of interest is included at the beginning of the survey. Anglers fishing smaller rivers, streams and creeks within the area of interest, are also encouraged to participate. Information gathered from the survey will ultimately be used to help guide future habitat restoration efforts, efforts to expand fishing access, and other actions by TPWD to enhance fishing opportunities in rivers and streams in the Hill Country and throughout Texas.

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