



### Many Thanks

February was another successful month of programs and partnerships. The biggest by far was the building of the miniature puddle duck racers that were sponsored by local businesses to benefit the annual teacher's bonus fund at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School. I would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous support:

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at the Port Lavaca Chamber of Commerce.



### Texas Monofilament Recovery & Recycling

*Reel Anglers Recycle*

If you want to know more about this program or become involved in the effort, please call my office at 361-552-9747. I would love to talk with you.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TPWD Hunting & Fishing Regulations Hearing, March 10, 2011** in the Ag Auditorium. Starts at 7:00 pm **THIS HEARING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

**Adopt-a-Beach Spring Clean up** Save the date and come out to help clean our local beaches on **April 30, 2011**. We will have trash bags and gloves for your use at both Magnolia Beach and Kingfisher Beach in Port O'Connor. To find more information and other sites across the coast visit <http://www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach/>



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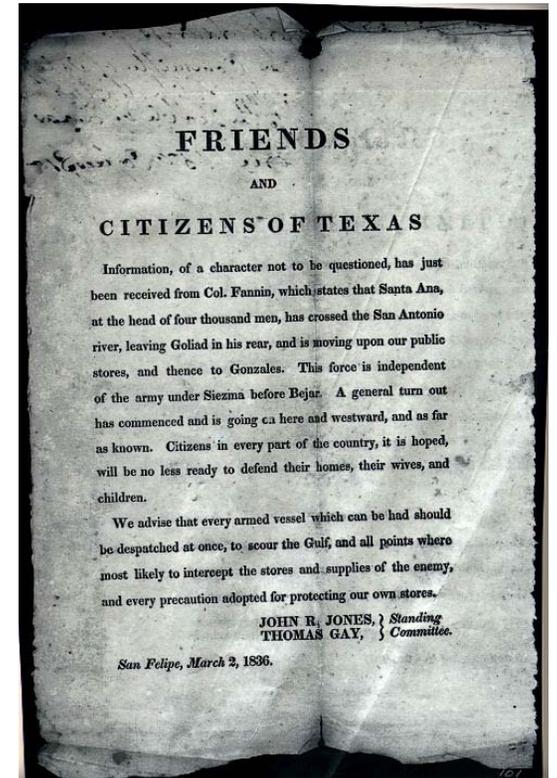
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## Coastal & Marine Resource News

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**HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY & TEXAS INDEPENDENCE!**



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From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

## **BOILED CRAWFISH**

12 to 15 pounds live crawfish fish  
1 cup salt  
2 tbsl cayenne pepper  
1 package (3 oz) crab and shrimp  
boil mix

In a 10 gallon stew pot, bring water, crab boil, salt and pepper to a boil. Add crawfish and boil for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and let crawfish soak for 10 minutes. This allows meat to absorb flavors, so do not shorten soaking time. Drain and serve immediately. Makes 4-6 servings.

### Coastal Coordination Council

Established in 1991 by the 72nd Legislature, the Coastal Coordination Council (Council) is a 12-member interagency board responsible for administering the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP), linking federal, state, and local activities along the coast. The CMP provides common goals and policies to guide state and federal management of Texas' coastal natural resources, such as critical coastal erosion areas and coastal wetlands.

The 12-member Council is composed of one member from each of the seven

state natural resource agencies, four members appointed by the Governor who represent specific coastal interests, and one non-voting member representing the Texas Sea Grant College Program. Ex officio members serve during their terms in office while appointed members serve two-year, overlapping terms.

(<http://www.glo.texas.gov/GLO/boards-and-commissions/coastal-coordination-council/index.html>)

The Coastal Coordination Council was up for sunset review in 2010. The Sunset staff made recommendations that would have continued the Council for the standard 12-year period and directed it to make some improvements, such as developing a 5-year Texas Coastal Plan with annual updates to the Legislature and aiming grant funding to meeting Plan goals.

However, the Sunset Advisory Commission decided to revise those recommendations and abolish the Coastal Coordination Council, with transfer of its functions to the General Land Office (GLO), and with establishment of a Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee to the GLO.

If the Legislature does not act (or the Governor vetoes its action), the Coastal Coordination Council will be abolished as of September 1, 2011. If you value the Texas Coastal Management Program and would like to have input on the Sunset Commission's decision,

contact your local representative to the Texas legislature and/or chair of the House/Senate Natural Resources Committee. Urge them to continue the Coastal Coordination Council for another 12 years. (*Linda R. Shead, Texas Coastal Partners*)

### Volunteer Service in Calhoun County

Four hundred and thirty (**430**) volunteers contributed **15,941 total hours** of service to the AgriLife Extension Office in Calhoun County during 2010. Using an after-tax hourly wage rate of \$20.85 per hour value, this service in our county comes to a total of **\$332,369.85**. This is an incredible testament to the value placed on the programs we conducted last year.

On behalf of our Ag agent Chance Crossland, IPM agent Stephen Biles, 4H agent Charles Seely, and myself, I want to **thank all our volunteers, participants, and Commissioner's Court** for their tremendous support of our Extension Office and its programs in 2010. We are looking forward to a fabulous 2011 here in Calhoun County.

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