

Coastal & Marine Resource News

Calhoun County
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HAPPY LABOR DAY!



9/26 from 9-NOON@ Magnolia Beach

Keeping Texas beaches clean and safe is an economic as well as environmental priority. Coastal tourism, a \$7 billion industry, and commercial fishing, a \$1.9 billion business, demand clean beaches and a healthy gulf to thrive. The program strives to raise public awareness; educate citizens about the source of debris; and generate public support for state, national and international action to clean up coastal waters. The Texas Adopt-A-Beach Program, an all-volunteer effort, is dedicated to preserving and protecting Texas beaches. Learn more at <http://www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach/>

Come join us at the Crabbin' Bridge!

Melissa Graff, Jim & Tammy Gilbert,
Dallas Franklin and Pam Meyer.

THANKS to the Seadrift Sail and Yacht Club for the ongoing Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Project involving the personal-sized collection bins, especially: Jack LaBarge, Debbie Dugan, Jackson & Jasmine Gordon, Jessie & MaryLu Lopez, and Ralph Belter(our brochure model).

THANKS also for the continued efforts on **KYAK** from Jim O'Neil, Jim Munro, Sherrie Krause, Mike Mitchell and the Burts, the transmitter hosts.

One more **THANK YOU** to the Marine Advisory Committee for their continued support: Norman Boyd, Philip Bird, Terry Witaker, Jim Munro, Herb Whitliff, Sherrie Krause, Shelly Crow, Teri Austin, Kay McPherson, and Jack LaBarge.

WOW!!



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MANY THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS:

August was an incredible month for volunteers! **109.75 volunteer hours were donated** to help with outreach and education of our coastal community. **WOW!** Doesn't even begin to cover the magnitude of your generosity of time and talents. I am very fortunate to have each and every one of you.

THANKS to the Texas Master Naturalist Mid-Coast Chapter for helping assemble personal-sized monofilament bins, especially: Norman Hirsch, Suzie Ross, Barb Threatt, Lynne Hughs, Helen Boatman, Diane Pletcher, Leslie Hartman, Robert Augerstein, Larry Henneke, Frankie Fox, Ray Kirkwood and Sherrie Krause.

THANKS to the Magnolia Beach Task Force as we plan for the Adopt-a-Beach Fall Clean up: Ken & Priscilla Burts, Barry & Tami Atkins, Bob Weir, Thomas & Genny Stone, Teri Austin,

ROCKPORT RED SAUCE

1 cup ketchup
3 tbs lemon juice
1 tbs horseradish
½ tsp celery salt
½ tsp liquid hot pepper sauce

Makes 1 cup of sauce. Serve with boiled shrimp or crab claws.

NEW SHARK REGULATIONS ARE NOW IN EFFECT

Anglers may want to catch up with the new shark regulations going into effect September 1st. The new regulations increased the minimum total length for most shark species from 24 inches total length to 64 inches total length, except for Atlantic sharpnose, blacktip and bonnethead sharks, which will remain at 24 inches total length.

For the allowable shark species, the bag limit will remain one shark per person per day, with a two shark possession limit. In addition, a prohibited list (zero bag limit) is for the following 21 species: Atlantic angel, Basking, Bigeye sand tiger, Bigeye sixgill, Bigeye thresher, Bignose, Caribbean reef, Caribbean sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Sandbar, Sand tiger, Sevengill, Silky, Sixgill,

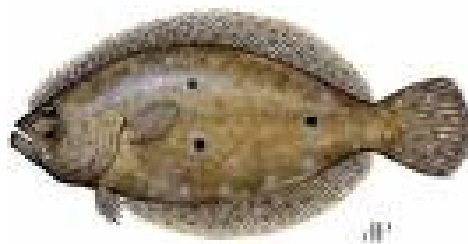
Smalltail, Whale, and White. Those listed in bold are the most common in our area.



Local workshops have been held; the key is identifying the prohibited species, and differentiate between the 24-inch and 64-inch minimum size species. To help you learn your sharks there is a good federal placard found at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/sharks/2008/Rec_shark_ID_placard_09_04_2008.pdf or you can buy a great shark identification book published by Rhode Island Sea Grant available at <http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/bookstore/>

AND NEW FLOUNDER RULES

The new regulation reduces the recreational bag limit from 10 to 5 fish, and the commercial bag limit from 60 to 30 fish. Hook and line anglers will be permitted a 2 flounder daily bag limit during the month of November, with take by all other gear prohibited.



PADDLE CRAFT LICENSING

Texas Parks and Wildlife Commissioners approved a change that would allow paddle craft operators to receive a saltwater guide license by demonstrating certification or proof of completion of a TPWD boater safety course and CPR/First Aid training, and completion of the American Canoe Association (ACA) Coastal Kayak Day Trip Leading Assessment *or* British Canoe Union (BCU) Four Star Leader Sea Kayak Certification.



More information on these new rule changes by Texas Parks and Wildlife can be found on their website, including this press release <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/newsmedia/releases/?req=20090326f&nrtype=all&nrspace=2009&nrspace>

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