



Thanks for all your help.

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Upcoming Events

Working Waterways and Waterfronts National Symposium on Water Access, September 27-30, 2010, in Portland, Maine. Visit www.wateraccessus.com

Agriculture input sought at Aug. 12 meeting The Calhoun County Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is seeking input from the public.

The two agencies invite the public and any organization or agencies with an interest in agriculture or conservation to attend a local work group meeting/listening session to be **held at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 12** at the agriculture building at Calhoun County Fairgrounds, located on County Road 101.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY T.D.!



Starfish Are Sea Stars

Sea stars are found in all the oceans of the world, but we are most likely to find them in tide pools at the ocean. **They don't live in fresh water.** If you find a live one...leave it there! Take a photo to remember it by and let it go about its business. Starfish generally have a bumpy or spiky appearance on top, but turn them over and you will see their "tube feet" which help them move over rocks and sand. They also use these "feet" to open the shells of the creatures they eat - mainly clams and oysters - and then they cover it with their bodies and digest it. (<http://www.squidoo.com/seashell-identification-starfish#module86056761>)

From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

TEXAS GRILLED SHRIMP

1 ½ pounds under-10 count
Texas Shrimp
¼ cup olive oil
1 tbs cracked black pepper
2 cloves garlic
juice of 1 lemon
2 tbs chopped fresh parsley
15 slices lean bacon

Mix oil, garlic, lemon juice, pepper and parsley together in flat pan. Marinate shrimp in oil mixture for 1 hour. Prepare grill. Cut excess fat off ends of bacon slices. Wrap a slice of bacon around each shrimp and fasten with a wooden pick. Grill shrimp on medium heat for 5 minutes, turning and basting once. Shrimp are done when opaque throughout. Do not over cook. Discard bacon and serve shrimp with slaw, red beans and cornbread..

Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Help available for seafood producers

Catfish producers nationwide and shrimp producers in Texas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina have **until Sept. 23 to apply** for training and benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for

Farmers Program. Benefits include cash payments and free training to develop and implement business adjustment plans. Those whose initial plans are approved receive up to \$4,000 to put that plan into action or develop a long-term business adjustment plan. Producers who do develop long-term plans can receive up to \$8,000 to go toward implementing the plan. People cannot receive more than \$12,000 or benefit from any other Trade Adjustment Assistance program throughout a 36-month timeframe following certification of a group petition. Some travel and subsistence expenses related to training sessions might be reimbursable. Those eligible include U.S. citizens or permanent residents with green cards. Applicants must have produced and shared the risk of producing the commodity during the approved marketing year and at least one of the three marketing years immediately following the approved market year. Applicants must also meet certain requirements regarding adjusted gross income and conservation compliance. Applications are available online, at www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa/taafoms.asp Applicants submit their written forms to their local Farm Service Agency center.

Public Trust Doctrine

Communities must consider the public's right of access to the water when making development decisions. The public trust doctrine establishes that all navigable and historically navigable waters, including the lands beneath and resources within, are held in trust by the state for the public's benefit and use. The doctrine protects a range of uses, including commerce, navigation, and fishing. This doctrine is a key factor affecting coastal and waterfront development and must be considered in all land use decisions involving the waterfront. To learn more about smart growth for coastal and waterfront communities, visit <http://coastalsmartgrowth.noaa.gov/pdf/intro.pdf>

Horizon Oil Spill

To learn more and keep up with the latest facts visit <http://texas-sea-rant.tamu.edu/>

Remember: Gulf Seafood is still safe and delicious. Buy some today!

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