



## TEXAS AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

January 21-23, 2009 —  
Bay City Civic Center

Brian Brawner and Peter Woods are putting together the technical sessions this year, which promise to be informative, interesting and thought provoking. More information on the technical session agenda will be available on the TAA web site at [www.texasaquaculture.org](http://www.texasaquaculture.org) as it becomes available.

They have planned a great program for those attending including::

- Informative speakers
- Trade show
- Breakfast each morning
- Walkin-talkin lunches each day
- TAA crawfish/shrimp boil Thursday evening
- Great prizes, raffle, and silent auction



WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) is a 4-H youth natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management to junior and senior level (ages 8-19) youth in the United States. WHEP won the 1996 Wildlife Society Conservation Education Award. The Wildlife Society is the professional organization that certifies wildlife biologists nationwide. <http://www.whep.org/>

Participants in WHEP learn to:

- identify common wildlife foods
- judge quality of wildlife habitat from aerial photos
- recommend wildlife habitat management practices
- develop a rural wildlife management plan
- develop an urban wildlife management plan

This is a wonderful program to promote in Calhoun County. Help me pass the word.



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*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*



### MATAGORDA ISLAND LIGHT

Location: MATAGORDA  
ISLAND/MATAGORDA BAY  
Station Established: 1852  
Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1852  
Operational? YES  
Automated? YES 1959  
Deactivated: n/a  
Foundation Materials:  
STONE/BRICK/CONCRETE  
Construction Materials: CAST IRON  
PLATE/BRICK LINING  
Tower Shape: CONICAL  
Markings/Pattern: BLACK  
Relationship to Other Structure:  
SEPARATE  
Original Lens: THIRD ORDER 1852  
<http://www.uscg.mil/history/weblighthouses/LHTX.asp>

# ANGELS ON HORSEBACK

1 pint fresh oysters  
½ teaspoon Garlic salt  
bacon slices, cut in thirds  
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley  
wooden toothpicks

Drain oysters. Place an oyster on each piece of bacon. Sprinkle with parsley and garlic salt. Wrap bacon around oyster and secure with wooden toothpick.

Place “angels” on broiler rack, about 4 inches from heat source, and broil 3 to 4 minutes. Turn carefully and broil on other side if desired. Cook only until bacon is done, being careful not to overcook oysters.

Makes about 25 hors d'oeuvres.

## KAYAKING

We finally have maps in the kiosks and markers in the water to match the maps, thanks to several volunteers that helped this spring and summer. The next step is adding an audio component to the area. A script is currently being developed so that visitors to the beach and marsh area will soon be able to tune their car radios to an AM station to learn about the local history, wildlife, habitat, and beach safety information. Eventually this information will also be available for

downloading to MP3 players from the internet. If you need a map, drop by the extension office at the fairgrounds.

## FLOUNDER IS HOT TOPIC

Many of you know that Texas Parks & Wildlife has hosted a series of coast-wide public scoping meetings to discuss potential changes to existing flounder regulations. At the meetings, Coastal Fisheries Division staff presented the most recent data trends regarding the flounder fishery. Public input will be utilized in preparation of the Statewide Hunting and Fishing Regulation packet which will be proposed at the TPWD Commission meeting in January 2009. If you would like to make comments about the flounder issue, contact the following:

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## WANTED: USED MONOFILAMENT

Monofilament Recovery and Recycle Program (MRRP)  
<http://mrrp.tamu.edu/index.html>

Ten outdoor bins and 5 indoor collection sites have been established thus far with volunteer support and maintenance. The county solid waste and recycling center is involved as well as several business and individuals. Our first box of fishing line returned to Berkley Fishing in Iowa for recycling weighed over 11 pounds. That's a lot of used fishing line that will not endanger wildlife, foul props, or sit in the landfill! Call me for details.

## QUESTIONS?

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