



October & November Volunteers

Since I dedicated this section last month to thanking Dale Bidy for going above and beyond the call of volunteerism, I need to thank some other important folks from October as well:

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November was a short month for my programs since I took a two-week

vacation to England and we all enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday. Yet, I still need to thank some folks for helping out: Jack La Barge, Mike Mitchell, Dale Bidy, and Nathan Henderson.

Upcoming Events

6th Annual **Texas Transportation Forum** set for January 3-5, 2011 in Austin. Visit http://www.txdot.gov/txdot_library/new_letters/txdot_update/2010/default.html for more information.

55th Annual **Houston Boat Show**
January 7-16, 2011 @ Reliant Center
<http://www.houstonboatshows.com/>

Texas Aquaculture Association
41st Annual Conference & Trade Show, *Bay City Civic Center*
January 26-28, 2011. Details at:
[http://www.texasaquaculture.org/Conference-2011.htm](http://www.texasaquaculture.org/Conference%202011/Conference-2011.htm)



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Scotch Bonnet

One of the many shells found on our gulf beaches, usually in pieces. So prize any whole ones you come across. The Scotch Bonnet (*Phalium granulatum*) is also found along the Atlantic Coast from North Carolina to Brazil. The shell was so named because of its resemblance to the caps worn by Scottish peasants, and because the coloration resembles a Scottish plaid or tartan. The Scotch Bonnet is a gastropod, in the same class with such mollusks as snails, slugs, and limpets. <http://ncpedia.org/symbols/shell>

From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

SEAFOOD CHALUPAS

1 cup leftover or fresh cooked fish, crab meat or shrimp
2 cups shredded lettuce
½ cup grated Cheddar cheese
4 crisp, flat tortillas
1 can (8oz.) refried beans
1 chopped tomato
Salsa, avocado slices

To crispen tortillas, bake at 350 degrees for 3 minutes. Spread beans on each tortilla. Then layer with seafood, lettuce, tomato and cheese. Pass the salsa and sliced avocados. Makes 2 servings of 2 chalupas each.

International Seafood and Health Conference & Exhibition

Last month in Melbourne, Australia, a group of event organizers, had the opportunity to bring together seafood and health professionals to advance seafood's profile as the world's healthiest protein. As head of industry training and education for the Australian Seafood Cooperative Research Centre, and CEO of Seafood Experience Australia, Roy Palmer understands how difficult it can be to educate consumers about seafood, especially with all the misinformation surrounding it. "Our research suggested that we needed to do more than just cover the scientific studies on fish, fish oils, etc. The aim is still to promote the

exciting independent scientific work but also to cover the misunderstandings about seafood sustainability and the opportunities that the oceans give us."

Learn more at

<http://www.seafoodsource.com/newsarticle/etail.aspx?id=4294999942>

New TAA deadline is Dec. 23, 2010

This second petition, with its own separate 90-day application period, provides shrimpers another opportunity to apply for TAA benefits **if they were unable to apply within the first application period.**

Gulf Seafood is safe to eat

Gulf seafood is safe to eat, but overall environmental problems may remain for years as a result of the Gulf oil spill, oceanographers and other scientists confirmed at a Texas A&M University roundtable. Participating in a roundtable titled "The Gulf Oil Spill: Lessons Learned, And What Lies Ahead," the researchers from various Texas A&M University departments and other A&M System-affiliated agencies and universities stressed that all tests show seafood from the Gulf poses no health problems. "It's all safe to eat, there's no doubt about it," said Sammy Ray, an oyster expert from Texas A&M-Galveston. "I ate a bunch of oysters myself last night. Nothing is wrong with Gulf seafood." Panelists said that it might be years before the full extent of damage to the Gulf is known. The

spill dumped an estimated 170 million gallons of oil into the Gulf before it was sealed on Sept. 19. More of the article at <http://tamunews.tamu.edu/2010/10/29/gulf-seafood-safe-but-oil-spill-effects-still-not-known/>

Ad Hoc Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Review Advisory Panel

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is currently recruiting members to serve on an Ad Hoc Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Review Advisory Panel. The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management Act (Magnuson Act) requires the Council to include provisions for the regular monitoring and review of the operations of the program, including determining progress in meeting the goals of the program and the Magnuson Act, and any necessary modification of the program to meet those goals, with a formal detailed review five years after program implementation. The Ad Hoc Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Review Advisory Panel will aide the Council in conducting the five-year review. More info http://www.gulfcouncil.org/news_resources/Press%20Releases/AdHocIFQReviewRecruit.pdf

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