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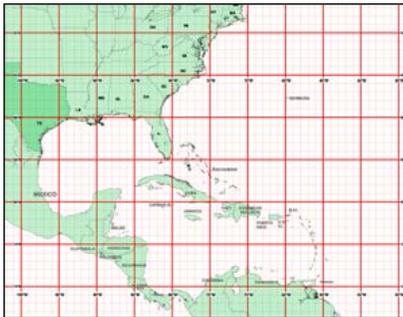
CALHOUN COUNTY

2013 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1

As widely noted over the past few days the 2013 season is expected to be active to extremely active with the number of named storms likely exceeding the historical 30 year average of 12. The forecast calls for 13-20 named storms (tropical storms), 7-11 hurricanes, and 3-6 major hurricane (category 3 or higher). BUT IT ONLY TAKES ONE where you live to change your world.

Keep in mind, tropical systems are not a point and have far reaching effects and impacts. The typical error cone shown in National Hurricane Center graphics does not represent the location of impacts, but the error in the forecast track over the past 5 years at the forecast point in time. For example the update error circles for 2013 (2008-2012) are 12hr - 33 miles, 24hr - 52 miles, 36hr - 72 miles, 48hr - 92 miles, 72hr - 128 miles, 96hr - 177 miles, and 120hr - 229 miles. **Preparation should be the same across the entire error cone regardless of where the center is expected to landfall.**

Recent destructive hurricanes have shown the ability of storm surge to inundate and destroy coastal locations (Katrina, Ike, Rita, and Sandy). The forecasted storm surge is a combination of several factors including the coastal topography, the forward motion, and intensity, and most importantly the radius (how far) the strong winds extend from the center. It is incredibly important that residents focus on the forecast of storm surge and not the hurricane category. The category is a wind based scale and does not indicate the storm surge threat. Storm surge forecast will be impact based and noted in both above mean sea level and above ground level. (excerpted email from Jeffrey Linder with the Harris County Flood Control District.



The web is loaded with internet sites you could search to learn more about hurricanes and ways your family can be prepared. Many great sites are linked to the Texas Sea Grant website for your convenience. Visit <http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/OurPrograms/HurricanePreparedness.html>.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension also has a site with information that you will find useful. Visit <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/>

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE ENCOURAGES FOLKS TO FISH IN JUNE

Go Fish! – Fishing is the Activity of the Month for June

A Video News Report is now available on our site called “Go Fish.” Catching a fish is fun for kids, but many families have questions about how to get started. That’s why some state parks are offering free fishing classes. They’ll teach you the basics through fun, hands-on activities. Texas Parks and Wildlife has this report on a program called “Go Fish” as fishing is the agency’s June Outdoor Activity of the Month. See the YouTube video at <http://youtu.be/CBlornYLod0>

Anglers of all ages should be reminded that they don’t need a fishing license to fish inside the more than 70 Texas State Parks that offer fresh or saltwater fishing from shore, pier or boat. <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/programs/familyfish/>

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SHRIMP BUTTER

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This has become a special expected treat for spreading on crackers or hot bread. Add more garlic if you like.

1/2 pound cooked and shredded shrimp
2 cloves minced garlic
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup stick-type margarine
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese
1 tablespoon dry sherry

Combine all ingredients by hand or in a food processor. Use as a topping for baked, broiled or grilled fish or spread on crackers or hot bread. Makes 1 cup butter.



COOKING WITH SEAFOOD:

June 3rd is the return of the always entertaining Leslie Hartman, with a yet to be determined flounder recipe. Game Warden Philip Bird will also be there with a presentation about our local fish and fishing regulations.

Other dates to mark are July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, and November 4. Details to follow as dates approach.

FEDS SET RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SEASON FOR GULF

The federal recreational season for Gulf of Mexico red snapper begins **June 1, 2013**, with a 2-fish bag limit. . The method for calculating the dates for the federal season for each state are available online at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/gulf_fisheries/red_snapper/documents/pdfs/2013_red_snapper_emergency_regs.pdf . In federal waters off Texas due to inconsistent regulations, **the season will be 17 days, and close on June 18, 2013, at 12:01 a.m., local time.** Texas state waters are open all year for recreational red snapper fishing with a four-fish bag limit.

MANY THANKS TO LAST MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS:

Special thanks this month to the G3 students at Travis Middle School who processed 30.4 pounds of monofilament line for recycling: Marshall & Mitchell Arlitt, Victor Carrasco, Mikayla Caughron, Jasmine DeCoronado, Mario Desilos, Drake Dyes, Renee Edwards, Logan Evans, Ryan Franke, Meroon Gorgees, Gavin Gosnell, Jennison Haubert, Sally Morales, Remi Parker, Kaitlynn Schultz, Bauer Willoughby, and Morgan Wright. Thanks also to Leslie Hartman and the Palacios Coastal Fisheries Field Office for donating the used netting for recycling instead of just throwing it away.



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"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." — Mother Teresa

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