

COASTAL & MARINE RESOURCE NEWS

CALHOUN COUNTY



RED SNAPPER SEASON?

The 2014 Gulf of Mexico red snapper recreational season in federal waters is 9 days, opening at 12:01 a.m., **June 1, 2014**, and closing at 12:01 a.m., on **June 10, 2014**. The red snapper bag limit is 2 fish with a 16-inch minimum total length size limit. **Yes, you just read that right. 9 days. 2 Sundays, 1 Saturday.** I honestly don't know why they are bothering to have a season at all. Chances are it will be too windy here for anyone to get off shore to federal waters during that short window. Good luck.

ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1ST



<http://seagrant.noaa.gov/News/FeatureStories/TabId/268/artmid/715/articleid/237/Its-Hurricane-Preparedness-Week.aspx>

Beginning with the 2014 Atlantic hurricane season, NHC will issue the Potential Storm Surge Flooding Map for those areas along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts of the United States at risk of storm surge from a tropical cyclone. This experimental product provides valuable new information on the storm surge hazard associated with tropical cyclones, by highlighting geographical areas where inundation from storm surge could occur and the height above ground that the water could reach. The map depicts inundation levels that have a 10 percent chance of being exceeded, and can be thought of as representing a reasonable worst-case scenario for any individual location.

The first map will usually be issued at the same time as the initial hurricane watch or, in some cases, with a tropical storm watch. The map is based on the latest forecast track and intensity for the tropical cyclone, and takes into account likely forecast errors. The map is subject to change every six hours in association with each new NHC full advisory package. Due to the processing time required to produce the map, it will not be available until about 45 to 60 minutes following the advisory release. To learn more about this and other new products from NOAA visit www.nhc.noaa.gov/news/20140320_pa_2014seasonChanges.pdf.

For general hurricane preparation information visit www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/, <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>, texas-help.tamu.edu/004-natural/hurricanes.php, and <http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/OurPrograms/HurricanePreparedness.html>.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT MONTH

Sorry folks but I will not be putting out a newsletter in July this year. I am taking a vacation. I will be out of the office (and out of the country) from June 26 through July 14th. I will not be checking email, voice mail or anything else until after my return.

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A tasty way to use a bit of leftover seafood is to combine it with a myriad of ingredients to create a quick Mexican treat.

1 cup leftover or fresh cooked fish, crab meat or shrimp
2 cups shredded lettuce
1 chopped tomato
4 crisp, flat tortillas
1/2 cup grated Cheddar cheese
1 can (8 ounces) refried beans
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 each.

Tip: Make a crab meat substitute by poaching a coarse textured fish like king mackerel in crab boil.



COOKING WITH SEAFOOD

June 16, 6:00 p.m. @ Bauer Exhibit Building, County Fairgrounds. Rex Mayes with TPWD is coming to teach us about alligator gar and feed us some delicious samples of this strange freshwater creature.

July 21st: Jack La Barge will treat us to one of his kitchen favorites: Seafood Pizza using shrimp, crab and a white sauce. .

August 18st: TBA (but I'm working on having alligator....we will see what happens.)

NATURE TRAIL IS HERE!



Take the short trip to Little Chocolate Bayou Park and check out the new nature trail and the outdoor classroom. Remember to not walk on the plants and do not enter the fenced-in areas. If the ground is muddy, please turn around and come back another day. People do more damage to this critical habitat through their carelessness. Map at www.stxmaps.com/go/little-chocolate-bayou-park.html

MANY THANKS TO MAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

May was a very busy month with mangrove trees and wetland restoration work. Special thanks to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School's 8th graders, the Alcoa Foundation and their employees from Point Comfort who are "Restoring our Planet" with their work on the Nature Trail and Outdoor Classroom at Little Chocolate Bayou Park.

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*"Do it big,
do it right,
and do it
with
style"—
Fred Astaire*

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