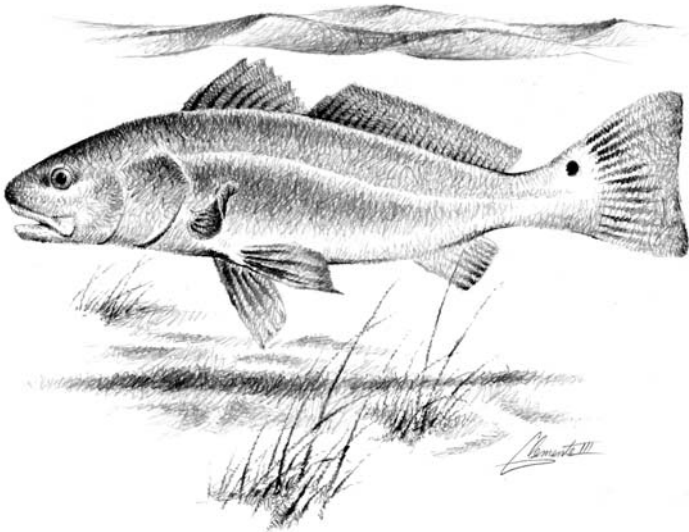


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# AGENDA

8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.

## **WELCOMING REMARKS**

Art Morris, Fishery Outreach Specialist,  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department,  
Coastal Fisheries Division

8:05 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

## **TIDES AND CURRENTS**

Dr. Tony Amos, University of Texas, Marine Science Institute – *Learn the basics of the tide-producing forces, how tides are measured and predicted, how they affect the beaches including beach widths, dune erosion, seasonal and daily changes due to tides, and other effects not directly associated with tides (weather, winds, storms, sea temperature and salinity, sargassum weed and beach management, marine debris, tourism and bird life).*

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

## **COMMON PREY ITEMS ALONG THE TEXAS COAST: A Fly Fishing Perspective**

Dr. Mark Fisher, Science Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Coastal Fisheries Division – *Common baitfish, shrimp and crabs that inhabit Texas bays will be discussed, with an emphasis on those species preyed upon by red drum and spotted seatrout. Mark will cover size, color, shape, seasonality and habitat of each, with tips on how to select or tie a fly to imitate it. This presentation will be of interest to all anglers who want to “match the hatch” along the Texas coast.*

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

## **MORNING BREAK**

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10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## **FISHING AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

*“Lefty Ray” Chapa, Kayak4redfish.com – Now that you have caught that huge fish, learn how to take a great photo of it.*

11:00 a.m. – Noon

## **INTRODUCTION TO KAYAK FISHING**

Jeff Herman, Team Ocean Kayak Pro Staff – *A survey and review of kayak fishing basics with an emphasis on safety, choosing a kayak, and suggestions on where to fish. The presentation will be based to the ACA’s “Smart Start for Paddler’s” with additional focus on fishing kayaks and planning a successful kayak fishing trip.*

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

## **LUNCH BREAK**

*On your own ... several eating establishments are within casting distance of the site.*

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

## **SURF FISHING PADRE ISLAND**

*Nick Meyer, Breakaway Tackle – Nick Meyer is a long-distance casting champion and fanatical surf angler who gives numerous presentations and seminars throughout Texas.*

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

## **READING THE WATER AND FINDING FISH UNDER ANY CONDITION**

*Captain Sally Moffett, Captain Sally’s Reef Fun Charters – This two-part presentation is about reading and understanding the “signs” of fish in shallow water. Some are very obvious, like tails and backs out of the water, but the not-so-obvious signs are even more important. Finding fish under any*

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*condition examines the variables that occur during the different seasons of the year and how anglers can use these variables to pin-point where fish are feeding.*

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **AFTERNOON BREAK**

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **TROPHY TROUT FISHING**

*Captain Robert Zapata, High Tide Fishing Adventures – Come listen to a true pro when it comes to guiding anglers. Captain Zapata has been guiding anglers in the Coastal Bend for 20 years.*

5:00 p.m. **END**



## SPEAKERS



### **DR. TONY AMOS**

University of Texas, Marine Science Institute  
Port Aransas, Texas

Tony Amos has been with The University of Texas Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas for 31 years. A Research Associate for 27 years, he retired in 2003 to continue service as a Research Fellow and Director of the ARK (Animal Rehabilitation Keep), a facility he founded for helping injured sea turtles and marine and aquatic birds 25 years ago. His oceanographic career has spanned 44 years with research expeditions to all the world's oceans and many of its seas, including 35 cruises to the Antarctic and five to the Arctic. He is a holder of the U.S. Antarctic Service Medal. In Texas he has studied several aspects of near-shore and bay and estuarine processes (circulation, currents, hydrography and tides) and conducts a long-term study of the barrier island beaches which is now in its 29th year. To date, nearly 4,000 separate surveys have been conducted, counting birds, people, marine debris, and measuring beach widths, dune erosion/accretion, sea temperature and salinity. He has installed remote tide and weather monitoring stations on several islands in the Antarctic and in the South Texas area and has developed methods to predict tides in several locations. His tide calendars are in wide use in South Texas. In addition, over 500 separate surveys have been made specifically to assess the marine debris problem. Amos has served on the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council/Marine Board's Committee on Shipborne Waste in 1993, has now been elected to be a member of the NAS/NRC Committee on the Effectiveness of International and National Measures to Prevent and Reduce Marine Debris and its Impacts. He is a member of the New York Academy of Science, the American Geophysical Union, the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network, the National Wildlife

Rehabilitator's Association, the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Texas Marine Educators Association, and served as vice-chair of NSF's Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee (RVTEC). He is the Port Aransas Cooperative Weather Observer for the National Weather Service, and writes weekly for the Port Aransas South Jetty newspaper. He provides tidal predictions annually to several Texas newspapers, visitor's guides and the public at large. In 1996 he was selected as one of the "Texas Twenty" by *Texas Monthly* magazine for his work on the environment. Some say that his resemblance to Santa Claus when the old gent makes his annual visits to Port Aransas children is quite striking.



### **DR. MARK FISHER**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Rockport, Texas

Dr. Mark Fisher is currently Science Director for the Coastal Fisheries Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). He has been with TPWD for 15 years and has previously worked for NOAA in Washington, D.C., and also did underwater surveys for the offshore oil industry in the Gulf of Mexico. Mark has a B.S. in Marine Biology from Texas A&M University, a M.S. in Biology from University of Louisiana-Lafayette, and a Ph.D. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Texas A&M University. He grew up in Brownwood, Texas and has been fly fishing and fly tying since he was 16. Mark and his family live in Rockport.



### **"LEFTY RAY" CHAPA**

Kayak4redfish.com

"Lefty Ray" Chapa has retired from kayak guiding at the coast, but still guides on the Texas Hill Country streams. In 2002, he established the first school on the Texas coast to teach people how to chase redfish with a kayak. This year Captain Sally will join him once again in

teaching these classes. “Lefty Ray” was one of the first in Texas to be certified by the Federation of Fly Fishers to be a fly casting instructor and conducts fly casting sessions throughout Texas. Besides guiding he is also an award-winning outdoor photographer and writer. His websites, [www.leftyray.com](http://www.leftyray.com) and [www.kayak4redfish.com](http://www.kayak4redfish.com) offers plenty of self-help and information for beginning kayak fisherman. For the past 14 years Lefty Ray has presented a variety of slide shows showcasing the various Texas fishing opportunities. He is also on the fishing pro-staff for G. Loomis, Scientific Anglers, Galvan reels, Patagonia, Lotus Designs, Columbia Sportswear, Simms, and Surf to Summit.



### **JEFF HERMAN**

Ocean Kayak Pro Staff  
Houston, Texas

Jeff Herman is a member of Team Ocean Kayak, an ACA certified Paddling Instructor, and Kayak Editor of Harold Well’s Gulf Coast Fisherman. He has been kayak fishing for over five years, winning multiple team and individual tournaments. Sponsors include: Kistler Rods, Costa Del Mar, Scotty, Mirrolure, Pentax, Ocean Kayak, and Lendal Paddles.



### **NICK MEYER**

Breakaway Tackle  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Nick Meyer is the sole distributor of Breakaway Tackle in the USA. A long distance casting champion and fanatical surf angler, Nick gives numerous presentations and seminars throughout Texas and other places where surf fishing is popular. A member of Team Diawa Pro Staff and sponsored by Breakaway Tackle, Nick also designs surf fishing rigs, produces videos and has a monthly column in *Gulf Coast Connections*.





### **CAPTAIN SALLY MOFFETT**

Captain Sally's Reel Fun Charters  
Rockport, Texas

Captain Sally Moffett was the first fishing guide to specialize in kayak fishing on the Texas Coast and also the first female fly fishing guide there as well. She has been a Coast Guard Master Captain since 1998 and is a member of the NewWater Boatworks Pro Staff. She was a founding member of the Texas Women Fly Fishers Club and is currently an advisor to the Texas Lady Anglers Saltwater Fishing Club. She is an outdoor writer and has been featured on ESPN2 and other national and regional publications. This year, Captain Sally has authored her first book, *Saltwater Kayak Fishing the Texas Way – A Beginner's Handbook*.



### **CAPTAIN ROBERT ZAPATA**

High Tide Fishing Adventures  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Captain Robert Zapata has been guiding anglers in the Coastal Bend for 20 years. He was the host of a Spanish fishing and hunting television show for one season and has been written about in a variety of magazine and newspaper articles. Robert has appeared on various outdoor shows including Keith Warren's Outdoor Adventures and is featured monthly in the outdoor publication *Gulf Coast Connections*.





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