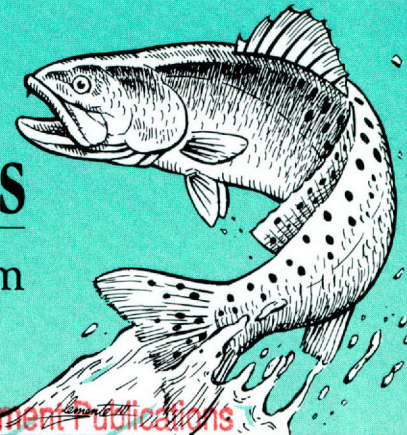


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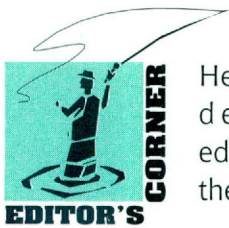


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Hello, to all of you dedicated angler education instructors out there.

This is the first issue of the angler education program newsletter. There will be many more to come. First, let me introduce myself to you. I am Chris Lena, Angler Education Coordinator, Texas Parks and Wildlife. I am thrilled to be in this capacity bringing excitement and hard work to the program. I have been employed with the Department since February 1987.

I spent six years in Coastal Fisheries, on the Galveston Bay system, collecting data for the resource program. I worked four years in Public Lands, on our wildlife management areas, promoting enhanced public access, programs and events. I also conducted many

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New 4-H Sportfishing Program Reels in Adult Leaders

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by Tamara Trail, Extension - Conservation Education

Sixty-two adult leaders from across the state gathered in Palacios for the kick-off of the 4-H Sportfishing Program. The diverse crew of county extension agents, volunteer leaders and agency personnel participated in a weekend of training, idea sharing and FUN. The training was sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Sea Grant and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program.

In addition to general topics such as leadership, mentoring and youth development, each leader was trained in one of five disciplines: angling skills, tacklecrafting, coordination, people and fish, and fisheries biology/aquatic ecology. Fun and fellowship included activities such as fish printing, lighted pier fishing and a trip to Redfish Unlimited Redfish Farm. By the end of the weekend, leaders had discovered how a 4-H Sportfishing club or program can hook kids on angling while providing them with a connection to the outdoors and the natural resources of Texas.

For more information on the 4-H Sportfishing Program, contact any of the three state-level support members at their numbers:

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Editor's Corner, continued

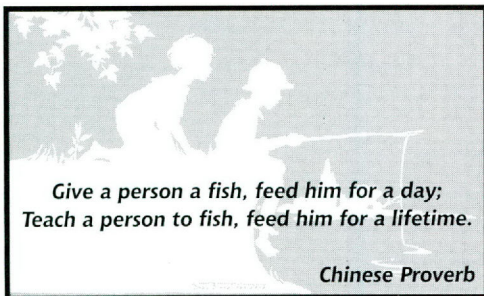
certification classes including angler, boater and hunter education in the state park system.

My hobbies include fishing, hunting, trapping, bird watching and gardening. A large percentage of my time has been spent in conservation efforts—implementing wildlife management practices such as food plots, doing prescribed burning and, my favorite, placing nesting boxes for wood ducks.

The goal I have for angler education is to reach countless youths and adults with the tools for an effective and stimulating program. Tools include the 4-H Sportfishing, "Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs," KIDFISH and "Pathways to Fishing" programs. Each of these play a unique role. All relate to each other well to use angler education as the basic framework.

The angling knowledge that each and everyone of us has to offer is a tremendous asset to the program. Fishing can be enjoyed by all age groups and by all backgrounds and capabilities of people throughout our state, throughout the year. Seeing the thrill of excitement on people's faces is all we need to grow a vibrant, contagious program. Let's make it happen!

Chris Lena



*Give a person a fish, feed him for a day;
Teach a person to fish, feed him for a lifetime.*

Chinese Proverb

Dear Angler Education Instructor:

If you would like to see workshops on the following topics or an area of interest that you may have in mind, please check the appropriate boxes.

IN-SERVICE

- Fishing, Laws, Ethics, and Responsibilities
- Tacklecrafting
- Angling Skills
- Aquatic Resource Management

ADVANCED IN-SERVICE

- Freshwater Fishing
- Saltwater Fishing
- Flyfishing
- Other: _____

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Welcome New Instructors

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Kerry Allison, Waco
David Mask, Garland
Whitley Connally, Lorena
Roy Sparkman, Elm Mott
Randy Dressen, San Antonio
Susie Kiker, San Antonio
Mike Poston, New Braunfels
Rhonda Schuster, San Antonio
Bill Harshaney, San Antonio
Sandra Chamartin, New Braunfels
Nancy Davis, Lumberton
Thomas Bowser, Port Arthur
Leonard Palombo, Port Arthur
Charles Whatley, Lumberton

SEPTEMBER

Hubert Thomas, Houston
Robert Brittain, Houston
Rosanne Brittain, Houston
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Craig Wurdeman, Cypress
Mike Wisnoskie, Spring
Rachel Cochran, Stephenville
Debra Drennan-Wyatt, Stephenville
Tammy Evans, Mineral Wells

Craig Preiss, New Braunfels
Joe Edd Workman, Mineral Wells
Keith Hiser, Stephenville
Bert Crabtree, Stephenville
Greg Daskocil, Holland
Wade L. Busby, Schertz
Royce Farrar, Waelder
Jay Henson, Dublin
Donny Choate, Cisco
Trent Tidwell, Stephenville
Jason Baker, Stephenville
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Thomas McFall, Jasper
Amy Howell, Stephenville

Did you know... about Sport Fish Restoration Programs?



This program is a partnership between federal and state government, industry and anglers. When you purchase sporting goods, you pay for excise taxes collected by the U.S. Treasury from manufacturers. Disbursement of these monies to the states is made by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Aid based on water area and number of licensed anglers. From the nearly \$400 million excise taxes collected annually nationwide, Texas receives the maximum 5% apportionment of around \$20 million. This money pays up to 75% of fish project costs

approved in accordance with legislation and other associated regulations. The state share must be derived from a non-federal source such as license fees.

Through the manufacturers' excise tax, which is imposed on many sport fishing items, anglers and boaters provide the funds for the Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux Act) trust account. Motorboat fuel taxes, import duties on tackle and boats, special fuel taxes on small engines, and trust fund interest accrual add to the account. The states must use these

monies on substantial sport fish restoration, wetlands conservation, aquatic education and boating access projects. In Texas, surveys and management of sport fishes are provided for 1.7 million acres of streams and reservoirs, as well as 3.4 million acres of coastal waters. Over 317 million sport fishes are produced and stocked annually. There are 135 boat ramps providing boater and angler access. Aquatic education provides support to 1,300 active instructors and to 250 schools certified for presenting the "Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs" program.

1997 Restoration Dollars at Work in Texas: \$13,661,447

Economic Benefits of Fishing to Texas*

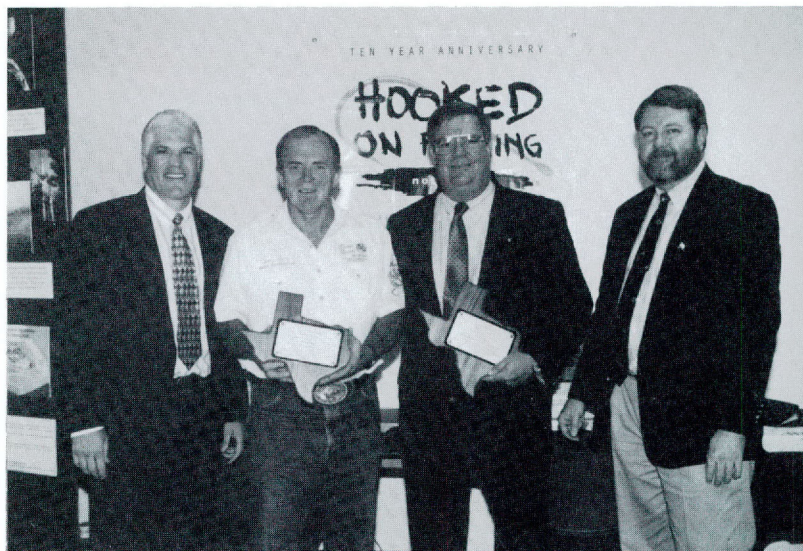
	Fishing	Hunting
Number of Anglers and Hunters (16 and older)	2,613,000	911,000
Total Expenditures	\$2,900,000,000	\$1,400,000,000
Average expenditures / person	\$1,098	\$1,551

*Based on the 1996 Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-associated Recreation.

Your continued involvement in support of the Sport Fish Restoration Programs is important. The success of Texas' fishery efforts directly depends on these dedicated federal funds and your license fees. Your purchase of fishing equipment and motorboat fuel keeps your outdoor traditions alive.

Hooked on Fishing – Not Drugs

During the regular TPWD Commission meeting on June 6, 1997, Jerry Grote, Co-Chairman, and Holt Taylor, State Chairman, to "Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs", are presented appreciation plaques for the outstanding dedication and contributions to the state-wide program over the years. Pictured in the photo, left to right, are Steve Hall, Education Director, TPWD, Jerry Grote, Holt Taylor and Dr. Larry D. McKinney, Ph.D., Senior Director, Water and Resource Protection, TPWD. Congratulations, Jerry and Holt, for an outstanding job.



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Tips, Tackle, & Tasty Tidbits

Have a great fishing tip? How about an interesting article? Maybe you just want to pass on that mouth-watering recipe for all to enjoy. All information sent will be listed in upcoming issues of the newsletter and will be greatly appreciated.

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