



President's message

by Michael Homer Jr.

I hope you all have had a wonderful summer thus far, and it seems hard to believe we are almost into fall. This summer has been a hot one, and I am looking forward to some cooler weather and ramping up our fall sampling in the TPWD Inland Fisheries – Abilene office. For me, summer has been productive between juggling family life, fisheries outreach, summer surveying, and assisting with the SDAFS 2019 planning. One highlight of my summer was finally getting my family our first boat and being able to venture to local lakes on some fishing ventures. However, our catch rates very much reminded me that fishing is truly as much an art as it is a science, and I have much more to learn. Another highlight was being able to serve as an educator for 2018 Bass Brigades at Warren Ranch in Santa Anna, Texas. For some time, TCAFS has provided annual financial support to this fisheries conservation camp for late middle school and high school students, which many chapter members serve as educators to teach skills in leadership, fisheries sampling, fish identification, and more.

Some familiar faces in the membership have also had some notable achievements this summer. President-Elect, Dr. Dan Daugherty, was recently appointed as Editor-in-chief for *North American Journal of Fisheries Management*. Also, chapter member and President of the Fisheries Habitat Section of AFS, Tom Lang, received the TPWD Employee Recognition Award for Conservation for his collaborative efforts on the Lake Wichita Lake Revitalization Project. If you have had any achievements, please share them with the EXCOM or with the Newsletter Committee. Our members are constantly doing excellent work advancing fisheries research and conservation, and the chapter would love to hear about it.

Soon enough, the 2019 SDAFS meeting will be here. Many members have been diligently working to prepare for the upcoming meeting at Moody Gardens in Galveston. I am thankful for efforts by our Planning Committee their determination to make 2019 SDAFS meeting a successful and memorable event. This meeting is going to be awesome, so you should not miss it!

As we approach the meeting, I encourage you to consider the opportunities for involvement. Soon, the Planning Committee will be calling for abstract submissions for presentations in symposia and technical sessions as well as the posters session. There will also be a variety of education sessions for both students and professionals, networking and student mentoring, and opportunities to assist with the meeting. Also, fundraising for student scholarships is a major task for the membership, which the Publicity and Exhibits Committee is seeking donations for the auction and raffles. If you have any items that you would be willing to contribute, please contact our committee chairpersons, Stephen Curtis (Stephen.Curtis@tpwd.texas.gov) and Stephanie George (sgeorge@tamu.edu).

Everyone, thank you for all that you do to make this chapter great!



2019 SDAFS meeting details

<https://units.fisheries.org/tx/tc-meetings/2019-meeting-home-page/>

Registration:

You can register online at https://units.fisheries.org/tx/sdafs_2019_registration/ or if you're "old school" you can use a paper form instead [https://units.fisheries.org/tx/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/09/SDAFS-2019 Meeting Registration Form.pdf](https://units.fisheries.org/tx/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/09/SDAFS-2019_Meeting_Registration_Form.pdf)

The deadline for early registration is 1 December, 2018

Early, regular, and on-site registration rates for attendees and exhibitors are listed below:

Type	Early Rate (by 12/1/2018)	Regular Rate (12/2/18-1/21/2019)	On-site Rate (1/22/19 - 1/27/19)
AFS Member*, Professional	\$210	\$275	\$340
AFS Nonmember, Professional	\$310 (become an AFS member and save)	\$380 (become an AFS member and save)	\$460 (become an AFS member and save)
AFS Member*, Student	\$85	\$95	\$105
AFS nonmember, Student	\$115 (become an AFS member and save)	\$125 (become an AFS member and save)	\$135 (become an AFS member and save)
1-day AFS Member*, Professional	\$105	\$140	\$170
1-day AFS Nonmember, Professional	\$150	\$200	\$250
1-day AFS Member*, Student	\$50	\$60	\$80
1-day AFS Nonmember, Student	\$60	\$80	\$95
Guest Ticket (for breaks and socials)	\$80	\$100	\$150

* To receive the "AFS member" registration rate, you must be a current member of the American Fisheries Society (AFS). You will be required to provide your AFS member ID number upon registering.

** Includes registration for one attendee.

Hotel information:

Moody Gardens Hotel and Conference Center (<https://www.moodygardenshotel.com/>) is honoring **state and federal lodging rates** for government employees. For **non-governmental attendees**, the hotel is offering a discounted rate of **\$139.00 + tax** per night. That block rate expires on **1 January 2019**.

Reservations:

- **State and Federal employees:** Reservations **must** be made by calling (888) 388-8484 between 6 AM and 12 AM, seven days a week.
- **Non-governmental attendees:** Reservations can be made online at: <https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=14179&nights=1&checkin=01/24/2019&group=AFISHSOC12019> or by telephone by calling (888) 388-8484 between 6 AM and 12 AM, seven days a week. To receive the group rate, please ask for the **Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society room block**.



Continuing education workshops - Friday, 25 January 2019:

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (morning slot)	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (afternoon slot)
Fine Tuning Techniques for Alligator Gar Research (8am–5pm)	
Fish Kill Investigation: Methodology Workshop (8am–5pm)	
Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Restoration Best Management Practices (8am–5pm)	
Finfish Ageing Workshop (8am–5pm)	
BioBase Workshop and Field Demo: Automated aquatic habitat mapping technologies (8am-12pm – onsite class; 1pm-5pm – field demo at marina is optional)	
Leading at all Levels in AFS (8am–12pm)	Getting Hired - What Students Need to Know (2pm–5 pm)
Nature, Wildlife and Landscape Photography: Tips and Techniques (8am–12pm)	Effective Peer Review for AFS Journals (1pm–5 pm)
Engagement Techniques to Improve Communication with Stakeholders and Policy Decisions (8am–12pm)	Social and Traditional Media Tactics for the Natural Resource Professional (2pm–4pm)
Acoustic Telemetry Workshop (8am–12pm)	Uncomfortable Conversations: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (1pm–5pm)

Student information:

Free student rooms: SDAFS supports a limited number of complimentary hotel rooms for students attending the 2019 SDAFS meeting. Rooms are shared 3 or 4 students per room. In order to be considered for a free room, students must be a current AFS member and volunteer to assist TCAFS during the 2019 SDAFS meeting. Student room request questionnaire:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDI3UA52JVh_X8PwOO4Ch4OzE4USwzBSP5IWkgv3TEpHRtig/viewform

Student-Mentor Lunch: Students and fisheries professionals can interact through the Student-Mentor Lunch at the 2019 SDAFS meeting at noon on Saturday, 26 January, 2019. To participate sign up at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdO1WFN2VIVMagXp7vJIOEHmQoqXo_Un5QcJPvLhvybw6dSCQ/viewform

Best Student Presentation and Best Student Poster Awards: Students interested in competing for the Best Student Presentation and the Best Student Poster at the 2019 SDAFS Meeting should indicate so with their abstract submission. Finalists for the Best Student Presentation and Best Student Poster will be selected based on submitted abstracts and notified prior to the meeting. Each selected finalist will be required to give his or her presentation in the Best Student Presentation Symposium on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Submissions for Best Student Poster will be judged during the Poster Session on Friday, January 25, 2019.

CALL FOR PAPERS

2019 Annual Meeting of the Southern Division American Fisheries Society

January 24 – 27, 2019
Galveston, Texas



Abstracts for consideration in an oral symposium, oral contributed, or poster session are requested for the 2019 annual meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society. The meeting will be held Thursday through Saturday, January 24 – 27, 2019, at Moody Gardens Hotel and Conference Center, Galveston Island, Texas. Please submit your presentation abstract online using Google Docs at the hyperlink below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdARK-cb5IWevSWB1zoktqSe9j605VvRjB1ra_Tx3SVJwAQkg/viewform?c=0&w=1

A list of the meeting's symposia can be found at <https://units.fisheries.org/tx/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/10/Symposia-Description-Document.pdf>

Authors will be notified of acceptance and scheduling shortly following the submission deadline. Please note that oral presentations using MS PowerPoint® will be scheduled in 20-minute time slots; therefore, you should plan for a 15-17-minute presentation and 3-5 minutes for questions. Poster presentations will be limited to a maximum size of 48"x48" and presenters will be required to provide their own thumbtacks to display posters.

*****ATTENTION STUDENT PRESENTERS***** The Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society supports awards for Best Student Presentation and Best Student Poster at the annual SDAFS meeting. Students interested in competing for the Best Student Presentation or the Best Student Poster should select the appropriate symposium. Finalists for the Best Student Presentation and Best Student Poster will be selected based on submitted abstracts and notified prior to the meeting. Finalists selected for the Best Student Presentation Symposium will present on Saturday, 26 January 2019. Submissions for Best Student Poster will be judged during the Poster Session on Friday, 25 January 2019.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS: 30 NOVEMBER 2018



Seeking Donations for our Raffle and Auction!

We are seeking donations for the 2019 SDAFS Raffle and Auction to support our student scholarship program and related meeting expenses. This is going to be the largest fundraising event in the history of our Chapter – and we need YOUR help!

Are you a painter, jeweler, potter or craftsman of some sort? Not only are our members passionate about all things fisheries-related, but many of you are some of the most artistically talented people. Unique artwork has been some of our most coveted items when it comes to the raffle and auction. Please consider sharing your works of art with the Chapter as a tax-deductible donation for our annual fund-raising event.

Through the generosity of many of our members and endowed donors, we were able to award over \$15,000 in student scholarships to eleven well-deserving students in 2018. Let's keep this tradition going by supporting the future of fisheries conservation and management in the great state of Texas!

If you would like to donate an item to the Chapter or know someone who would, please contact Stephanie George (sgeorge@tamu.edu) or Stephen Curtis (stephen.curtis@tpwd.texas.gov) to coordinate your donation.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Galveston!

Stephanie & Stephen



Presentation and poster judges needed!

By Michele Nations, Award Committee Chair

I am excited about the 2019 meeting where the Texas Chapter is sponsoring the Southern Division meeting. But do you know what that means!? More people will be coming to the meeting – both from Texas and out-of-state.

Alice Best and the Program Committee will be pulling together abstracts for the presentations, and I'll be working with them to obtain information on presentations to be given at the meeting (title, authors, affiliation(s), poster or oral presentation, professional or student, and date/time/venue to coordinate judges of presentations and posters. There will be multiple presentations occurring simultaneously in different venues.

Even though there will be presentations given by people from other states, judges are needed for evaluating only the TCAFS presentations and posters. I'll be looking for a minimum of four judges for each presentation and poster.

To find judges, I'll be using newsletter articles like this one, the TCAFS listserv, and Facebook to ask for volunteers. I'll also be contacting people who have helped with the judging in previous years. Niki Ragan-Harison will also be able to provide me with individuals who indicate on the registration form if they would like to participate in judging.

Contact me if you would be interested in helping with the judging. Some people judge only one presentation or poster, and that is good – it allows a person to participate and be one of those four to judge a presentation.

I need to know of your interest as soon as you can get it to me, so I can start my list!

What information do I need from prospective judges for that list?

- Name
- Affiliation
- Email address
- Cell phone #
- Preferences
 - Professional or student presentations
 - Oral and/or posters
 - Days/times of availability Time: I fit the judging schedule to when people plan to attend—flexibility is the key to finding which presentations will make a good fit into your schedule. Posters can be judged throughout the day, with any questions answered during the poster session.
- Topics of interest: I try to match the topic of a presentation or poster with a judge's experience if possible (e.g., coastal or inland, hatchery or management, etc.), some have given me the paper or poster they would like to judge.

You might ask, "*What would my responsibilities be as a judge?*"

In judging the presentations and posters, the scoring of the criteria to be used is broken down into introduction, methods, organization, originality, technical merit, delivery and visual aids. Your responses will be your own opinion. No two responses will be the same. Once you are finished with your judging, your form will be returned to me for entering all the information into my program.

1. Introduction (10 points) - Does it provide adequate justification for doing the study? Does it grab the attention of the audience, or lose them?
2. Methods (10 points) - Is it clear what was done? Are methods described in too much or too little detail?
3. Organization (10 points) - Does the presenter follow a clear, logical, and effective sequence that gets his/her point across and keeps the audience's attention.

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4. Originality (15 points) - This is a judgment of how close the content is to the "cutting edge" of fisheries or how innovative a researcher has been in designing/conducting a study.
 5. Technical Merit (20 points) - Were the study design and analyses appropriate? Do the interpretations come clearly from the results?
 6. Delivery (15 points) - Voice quality, enthusiasm, eye contact, articulation, etc.
 7. Visual Aids (15 points) - Judgments of their simplicity, comprehensibility, and effectiveness.
 8. Other Considerations (5 points) - Not an automatic category, this is for unique or extra things that a speaker has in his/her presentation (e.g., good use of humor or metaphors).
 9. Comments - These may be used in the event of ties or provided to the presenter for help in fine-tuning their presentation.

For more information, check out the TCAFS Awards page for past award winners:

<https://units.fisheries.org/tx/tc-awards/>

Committee vacancies

Good news members. If you've been looking for opportunities to become more involved in TCAFS, there are two committees that will need new leadership. Dan Daugherty and Allison Pease will no longer be serving on the Editorial Committee and I will be stepping down from the Newsletter Committee at the end of the year after serving 14 years in that capacity. The main responsibilities for these committees are listed below:

Editorial Committee: Produces the Annual Proceedings of the Texas Chapter according to the following details:

- Develops and distributes call for papers for the annual Chapter meeting well in advance.
- Coordinates the printing of the program for the annual Chapter meeting.
- Assists President-elect with the task of procuring moderators for technical presentation sessions of the annual Chapter meeting.
- Sets deadline for receipt of manuscripts.
- Solicits reviewers and sends out manuscripts for review.
- Consolidates reviews and returns manuscripts to authors.
- Has authors resubmit final version.
- Has authors sign copyright agreement.
- Publishes Annual Proceedings online.

Newsletter Editor: Publishes a newsletter 4 times/year. Newsletter editor serves as committee chair of the Newsletter Committee, but may solicit additional committee membership as needed. If you have a creative streak and you're good at Copy and Paste, this could be just your calling.

If you're interested, contact TCAFS
President Michael Homer at 325-692-0921
or michael.homer@tpwd.texas.gov



Texas Chapter AFS EXCOM Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2018

Conference Call

by Niki Ragan-Harbison, Secretary Treasurer

Call to Order: by TCAFS President Michael Homer at 9:31 am.

Determination of a quorum: Yes, by Niki Ragan-Harbison at 9:41 am

President's Report: (Michael Homer)

- Working on submitting report to AFS governing board – having issues logging into their system to complete. Working with Eva to resolve issue.
- Helping Niki resolve HOT Grant reimbursement – have received partial reimbursement.
- Have received tax reimbursement from Hilton College Station.
- Michelle purchased remainder of t-shirt quota from online fundraiser and donated back to Chapter for fundraising.

President-Elect's Report – (Dan Daugherty):

- Next SDAFS planning meeting immediately following TCAFS to set course of action for next few months.
- Planning going well, next steps are working out details for registration and online payment.
- Room blocks are in place.
- Fundraising efforts are going well.
- Will work out meeting room requirements for different groups and additional continuing ed. sessions.
- Everything coming together and staying on/ahead of track.

Past-President's Report – (Randy Rushin, not present):

- No update.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report – (Niki Ragan-Harbison):

- Account balance: \$27,196.62
- Working on HOT Grant reimbursement – sending in last of the paperwork today.

SDAFS 2019 Update – (Craig Bonds, not present; Mike Homer for CB)

- Voting for Southern Division officers ends Aug. 1st.
- Encourage everyone to vote.

Committee Reports

Awards/ History/ Social Media – Michele Nations (present)

- Not much to report.
- Looking for award nominations – send nominations to Michelle!

Continuing Education – Lynn Wright (present)

- Five workshops for SDAFS so far with some additional in the air.
- Greg Conley is interested in doing a fish kill workshop.
- Current list of workshop topics: all things gar, effective peer review, leadership at all levels, getting hired – what students need to know, communications/social media
- Workshops in the air: fish kill, human dimensions, plus one more

Editorial – Dan Daugherty (not present) and Allison Pease (not present)

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- 2016 meeting proceedings are on the website.
 - Working on 2017 and 2018 Proceedings – want to (and shouldn't be a problem to) get them up before the SDAFS meeting..

Endowments – Dave Terre (present)

- Endowment Account Balance: \$338,395.74 – 0.36% growth for the year, which is decent.
- Met with the financial advisor and our portfolio is balanced appropriately – we're doing well.

Internet – Sarah Haas (present) and John Taylor (present)

- Nicole Rankin is primary A/V person, but Sarah will be playing a significant role.
- Will have student volunteers – Nicole wants to train them on Friday for A/V roles. Number of volunteers needed is not known yet.
- Seven concurrent sessions will be running on Saturday and Sunday, and we will need seven laptops, maybe a couple of extras – preferably TPWD laptops with 30-day free trial of Camtasia loaded. (Need admin rights to load software – Sarah has access and can load it on all.)
- One concern to be addressed is whether computer ports and audio connections are compatible – may need to purchase adapter.
- Kevin Storey helping coordinate laptops and projectors – has 10-12 lined up.

Issues – Mark Webb (not present) and Niki Ragan-Harbison (present)

- No report.

Membership – Debbie Wade (not present)

- No update
- Would like to have a booth space in vendor hall for TX Brigades at SDAFS.

Newsletter – Kevin Storey (present)

- No report.
- Would like feedback on when next newsletter should be sent out – end of summer/first of fall was consensus.

Nominating – Dan Bennett (present)

- Two candidates for Secretary/Treasurer – John Clayton and Natalie Goldstrom.
- One candidate for president so far – Tom Lang. Need more candidates.
- Dan Daugherty suggested to recruit Kirk Winemiller to run.

Pond Management – Greg Binion (not present)

- Not present

Publicity/Exhibits – Stephen Curtis (present) and Stephanie George (present)

- Tom Lang heading up committee – taking on sponsorships; Randy Rushin working on exhibitors aspect.
- Have ~\$15,000 in sponsorships currently and continuing to push for raising money.
- Big goal is to have as much laid out prior to meeting to reduce chaos the day of arrival.
- Working on acquiring fishing trip donations.
- Kent Krank has been secured as auctioneer for the banquet.

Scholarships – Jennifer Butler (not present; Mike Homer for JB)

- Has drafted the new scholarship application. Seeking feedback on draft.

Student Outreach – Josh Perkin (not present; Stephanie George for JP)

- No update.
- Has been in touch with Alice Best on student/mentor pairing and student opportunities.
- Wants to follow up with Mike Homer to make sure he has “ducks in a row” before the meeting.

Student Subunit Chapter Reports;

- None present. No updates.

Old Business:

- Update to Chapter Bylaws and Procedures, Niki Ragan-Harison
 - Updates have been submitted to AFS.
 - Update as of 8/28: Niki spoke with John Boreman, the AFS Constitutional Consultant, and he suggested additional changes to our bylaws that will require another vote by our membership.
- Diversity and Inclusion
 - Looking at ways to include more private industry and various aspects of fisheries-related professionals

New Business:

- Have received request by AFS to make \$500 donation to the Atlantic City meeting.
 - Agreed to not donate but continue to support the Society by supporting student TCAFS member participation in the Society's annual meeting.
 - Possibly support Skinner Award fundraising in future with item donation or "get away" package.

Adjourn: Dan Daugherty made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Mike Homer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:34 am.

Additional Old Business added by Mike Homer after call:

- One thing I forgot to report is the Chapter's efforts to support the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA). Last month, I sent a letter reviewed by our EXCOM on behalf of the Chapter to each of the state representatives. While I have not received any direct responses, the potential legislation is gaining support. As of right now, seven representatives have co-sponsored RAWA, and 79 representatives are co-sponsoring nationally. The Chapter has been working with Drue Winters at AFS to assist with contacts of the state representatives, but TCAFS has been asked to encourage the membership to conduct our own individual contacts by signing letters of support for the Act, writing/calling our state representatives, and setting up a meeting to discuss the Act with our representatives. Much ground work has been done already by some members of the chapter to garner support for RAWA, but I encourage you to act if you have not done so. More details on how to take action are listed on the AFS website (<https://fisheries.org/recovering-americas-wildlife-act/>) and the TX Alliance for America's Fish & Wildlife website (<http://www.txwildlifealliance.org/>).





Outstanding Fisheries Worker Nominations Request

By Michele Nations, Awards Committee Chair
<https://units.fisheries.org/tx/tc-awards/>

Every year the Awards Committee solicits nominations for the Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year in eight categories. The awards are based on fisheries-related work accomplished in Texas and can span more than one year.

- Fisheries Administration
- Fish Culture
- Fisheries Education
- Fisheries Management
- Fisheries Research
- Fisheries Technical Support
- Fisheries Student
- Special Recognition in Fisheries Work



Michele Nations (left, Awards Committee Chair) and Dave Buzan (right, TCAFS President) pose with Matthew Acre, winner of the Outstanding Fisheries Worker-Fisheries Student and the Harry Tennison Scholarship given by the Sportsmen's Club of Ft. Worth (Corpus Christi, 2017, photographer Kevin Storey).

Nominations can only be made by TCAFS members, and the nominee must also be a member. However, the exception to this is for the category of Special Recognition in Fisheries Work where only the one who submits the nomination must be a TCAFS member. This Special Recognition award can be for an individual or organization.

The nomination form for the 2019 meeting can be found on the TCAFS Awards page:

<https://units.fisheries.org/tx/tc-awards/>. Once it has been filled out, email it to me at mnations2019@gmail.com. You can send in a nomination for more than one category.

Due date for nomination submission is **December 5, 2018**.

The nominees for the different categories may meet one or more of the following accomplishments.

Fisheries Administration:

- Development of innovative management programs, research activities, or facilities that significantly affect fisheries management and conservation on a regional or statewide level.
- Leadership in implementation of regulations or management programs that address regional or statewide fisheries issues.
- Development of new sources of funding for fisheries programs.
- Leadership in the development of public outreach or recognition/award programs.
- Significant and effective promotion of fisheries management and conservation activities on a regional or statewide level.

Fish Culture:

- Development of techniques that produced fish more safely, more efficiently, or more economically.

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- Development of methods that produced species not formerly cultured.
 - Development of techniques that produced more fish.
 - Participation in the development of equipment that benefitted fish culture.
 - Promotion of fish culture.
 - Participation in the production of a record number of fish (may be station or species specific).

Fisheries Education:

- Development of an innovative approach to fisheries education as illustrated through development of a new or revised course or curriculum.
- Publication of a journal article, extension publication, book, or book chapter that contributed significantly to fisheries education.
- Contribution of notable service in public education programs.
- Development of educational media (software, video, etc.) that contributed significantly to fisheries education.
- Outstanding contribution to the profession through service as an officer or other leader of an educational organization (e.g., the Education Section of the American Fisheries Society).

Fisheries Management:

- Development of management plans or strategies or implementation of management practices (reservoir or pond management plans, pre-impoundment work, habitat work, and development of urban fisheries). This would include private water work.
- Education of the public in areas of fishing or fisheries management (conducting fishing clinics, educational programs, contact with various media, development of brochures, newsletters, bulletin boards, fliers, popular articles, etc.).
- Coordination with different agencies (cities, counties, or federal government) or reservoir controlling authorities to develop or implement management strategies.
- Participation in professional scientific organizations in the fisheries field to include offices held, committees served on, or other activities accomplished for the organization.

Fisheries Research:

- Research contribution should add to the understanding of a biological problem or to solving a resource problem.
- Research contribution can be basic, applied, or a combination.
- Research contribution should have been disseminated, in order of importance, as a peer-reviewed article in a journal, non-peer-reviewed publication, or an oral presentation.
- Participation in professional and public organizations in the fisheries research field which comment on, instruct, or review research activities.
- In order of importance, the nominee's role in a research project should be directing the project or program, establishing the project or program, analyzing data, or conceiving the project or program.

Fisheries Technical Support:

- Development of new or improved design and/or construction of equipment used in field sampling, culture operations, lab analysis, etc.
- Participation in outstanding or unique management, research, or culture activities, which contributed significantly to the fisheries profession.
- Participation in programs to educate other fisheries workers or the public (fishing clinics, seminars, articles, brochures, etc.).

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- Accomplishments resulting in new or improved techniques or greater efficiency (data compilation and analysis, improved lab techniques, more productive fish culture techniques, improved fish sampling techniques, etc.).

Fisheries Student:

- Must be a Chapter member.
- Illustrates outstanding academic achievements as a student in Texas.
- Conducts a student project or graduate research that advances the science of Texas fisheries.
- Performs research supporting organizations and/or groups working with Texas fisheries.

Special Recognition in Fisheries Work:

- Nomination can be made only by Chapter members.
- The recipient may or may not be a member.
- The recipient may be an individual or an organization.
- Recognition should be based on fisheries-related work done in the State of Texas but can span more than one year.
- Work does not have to fit into the seven categories listed above.

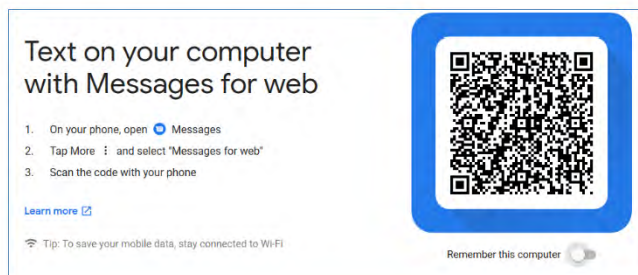


Freebies for the busy fisheries professional!

❖ Messaging from the desktop

Google recently introduced Messages for Web, a native function giving users the ability to send texts, SMS and MMS, from a computer. Third-part apps are available to do the same thing, but this ability is now a core part of Messages. This establishes a secured connection between your Android phone and your computer.

Setup is easy. First navigate to messages.android.com in your web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Safari). You'll be presented with a site showing a QR code. On your phone, open the Messages app, click the three dots in the upper right corner and choose "Messages for Web". Tap the "Scan QR code" button and aim your camera at the code in your browser. Check the "Remember this computer" in your browser. Messages for Web connects to your phone and syncs all your current messages.



To learn more go to <https://www.xda-developers.com/send-text-messages-pc-android-messages-for-web/> or <https://www.howtogeek.com/356726/android-messages-for-web-what-it-is-and-how-to-use-it/>

Join the Texas Chapter

If you are interested in joining or renewing your membership to the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, you can get membership materials at our web site, <http://sd.fisheries.org/tcafs/> or by contacting Deborah Wade, Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, 5550 FM 2495, Athens, TX 75752, (903) 670-2234, Deborah.Wade@tpwd.state.tx.us

If your e-mail address has changed, please contact us with an update so you can continue to receive the chapter newsletter.

Members are encouraged to make submissions to the Newsletter Editor by mail or e-mail to one of the addresses listed below.

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