



# NEWSLETTER

May, 2008

The next monthly meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.  
Oak Ridge Restaurant

## **Town Hall Meeting**

A "Town Hall" meeting for area lake property and business owners was held on Friday, June 13, 2008 at the Land's End Volunteer Fire Department Station with approximately 170 people in attendance. Speakers were Kevin Story, District Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Howard Elder, Vegetation Expert, and Bill Kirby from the Sabine River Authority.

There is a concern for the increasing number of invasive vegetation in Texas public reservoirs. Vegetation comprehension surveys are conducted on public reservoirs every four years; the most recent survey done on Lake Fork was August 2, 2007.

Information was provided on the different aquatic vegetation, both native and invasive plants such as (1) Correctly identifying vegetation species, (2) Identifying the level of concern as: Tier I Immediate Response, Tier II Maintenance, Tier II Watch Status, (3) Identifying prevention and treatment techniques, and (4) Choosing appropriate management options.

Control treatments that are used (1) Bio-control uses living organisms to control particular plants, (2) Herbicide treatment which is expensive and can be counterproductive by killing beneficial plants, and (3) Physical removal which is very labor intensive.

Organizations and individuals wishing to conduct vegetation management activities in public water must first submit a Treatment Proposal for review by TPWD and local controlling entities. Applications must be submitted 14 days prior to the scheduled treatment; permits are not required to treat private water, such as ponds on privately owned land. The proposal form and other useful information are provided in the "**Guidelines for Control in Public Waters**" at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs>.

A special "Thank You" goes to T. J. Henshaw for providing the use of the Lake Fork Volunteer Fire Department Station for the meeting and for the refreshments that were served.

## **Live Release Boat Schedule:**

Skeeter Tournament - June 21<sup>st</sup> - Rick McDougal will be the driver and boat captain, Larry Lewis will help.

Skeeter Tournament - June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sam Scroggins will be the driver and boat captain, Stan Kuhn will help.

Media Tournament – June 21-22, 2008

Axton's Bass Tournament – June 27-29, 2008 (Boat will be needed on the 28<sup>th</sup> only)

Farmers Insurance for March of Dimes – June 28, 2008

McDonald's Catfish Splash – July 12-13, 2008

A driver and at least one other person are needed for the live release boat on June 28<sup>th</sup>, if you can help please contact Micheal Rogge.

## **Axton's Bass City Tournament**

The first annual Lake Fork Texas Top Teams Bass Tournament is schedule for June 27-29, 2008. The top 15 teams from Saturday's qualifying tournament will fish on Sunday and weight all bass, even the slot fish, an official observer will be in each boat. For more information and entry forms call 1-877-525-4698 or go to their web site [www.axtonsbasscity.com](http://www.axtonsbasscity.com).