

# TEXAS AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION

## Annual Meeting

Jan 27 – 29, 2025

Bauer Community Center - Port Lavaca, TX

### PROGRAM OUTLINE

#### Monday, January 27

- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Shooting Competition at Gulf States Aquaculture - all proceeds support Texas Aquaculture Association student scholarships
- 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm President’s Reception

#### Tuesday, January 28

- 8:00 am - 8:30 am Registration Opens/Breakfast Available
- 8:30 am – 8:40 am Welcome
- 8:40 am - 9:15 am Opening Remarks/State of the Texas Aquaculture Industry - TAA President Mark Kubecka
- 9:15 am – 10:00 am Keynote Presentation: What the Fish? 2023 2024 2025 Farm Bill- National Aquaculture Association Executive Director Paul Zajicek
- 10:00 am – 10:30 am Networking Break
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am Managing Harmful Algal Blooms Using Humic Acid. - Dr. Todd Sink, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- 11:00 am – 11:30 am StriperHub and The National Breeding Program for the Hybrid Striped Bass Industry - Dr. Ben Reading, North Carolina State University

- 11:30 am – 12:00 pm Emergent Virulent *Aeromonas hydrophila* in Catfish Aquaculture: Challenges, Insights, and Control Strategies – Dr. Haitham Mohammed, Texas A&M University
- 12:00 pm – 1:00pm Lunch Provided and Student Poster Session open 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm
- 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm TAA General Business Meeting led by TAA Vice President Brian Brawner
- Association Report
  - Financial Report
  - Scholarships & Awards
- 1:45 pm – 2:10 pm Sea Grant Oyster Aquaculture Overview – Mario Marquez, Sea Grant
- 2:10 pm – 2:45 pm Palacios Marine Agricultural Research Update – Jim Meyn, PMAR Chief Executive Officer
- 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm Networking Break (time to visit with sponsors & tabletop exhibitors)
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm 2024 Texas Aquaculture Workshop Recap and Discussion of Future Objectives– Dr. Penny Riggs, Texas A&M University
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Sponsor Presentations
- Chris Smith with Orion Solutions
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- 5:00pm – 5:10 pm Day 1 Closing Remarks/Day 2 Preview: TAA Executive Director Kay Johnson Smith
- 5:10 pm – 6:00 pm Happy Hour & Student Poster Session
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm TAA Annual Association Member’s Banquet – Dinner Sponsored by Homegrown Seafood

**Wednesday, January 29**

- 8:00 am – 8:30 am Breakfast Available
- 8:30 am – 9:15 am Overview and Current Status of the Texas Parks and Wildlife’s Coastal Fisheries Enhancement Program – Dr. Chris Mace, Director of the Fisheries Enhancement Program
- 9:15 am – 10:00 am Overview of the TAMU Fish Nutrition Program – Dr. Delbert Gatlin
- Use of Glycine as a Functional Amino Acid in the Diets of Hybrid Striped Bass and Red Drum-Blaine Suehs

- Development of Technologies using Black Soldier Fly Larvae to Efficiently Convert Seafood Processing Waste into Value-Added Marine Feed Ingredients- Dr. Pedro Carvalho

10:00 am - 10:30 am	Networking Break (time to visit with sponsors & tabletop exhibitors)
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Strengthening Aquaculture Through Economics and Marketing Research: Progress Report – Dr. Shraddha Hegde, Texas A&M University
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Closing Keynote Presentation - Offshore Aquaculture NOAA Update Kieley Hurff, Regional Aquaculture Coordinator with NOAA Fisheries’ Southern Regional Office
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Travel to Palacios Marine Agricultural Research (PMAR)
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Palacios Marine Agricultural Research Tour - Jim Meyn, PMAR CEO
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Travel to Homegrown Seafood Farms
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Homegrown Seafood Farm Tour Mark Kubecka, Business Manager Homegrown Seafood