

# TEXAS AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION

## Annual Meeting

Jan 27 – 29, 2025

Bauer Community Center - Port Lavaca, TX

### PROGRAM OUTLINE

#### Monday Jan 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 Industry – TAA President Mark Kubecka

9:15 am – 10:00 am Keynote Presentation - 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

11:00 am – 11:30 am StriperHub and The National Breeding Program for the Hybrid Striped Bass Industry - Dr. Ben Reading

11:30 am – 12:00 pm Emergent Virulent *Aeromonas hydrophila* in Catfish Aquaculture: Challenges, Insights, and Control Strategies – Dr. Haitham Mohammed

12:00 pm – 1:00pm Lunch & Student Poster Session

- 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm TAA General Business Meeting
- 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
- 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm Networking Break (time to visit with sponsors & tabletop exhibitors)
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm NOAA 2024 Workshop Recap – Dr. Penny Riggs
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Sponsor Presentations
- 5:00pm – 5:10 pm Day 1 Closing/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 Banquet

**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
- 9:15 am – 10:00 am Overview of the TAMU Fish Nutrition Program – Dr. Delbert Gatlin
- 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
- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm Closing Keynote presentation - Offshore Aquaculture NOAA Update
- 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 PMAR Tour - Jim Meyn
- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Travel to Homegrown Seafood Farms
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Homegrown Seafood Farm Tour - Mark Kubecka