



Media Advisory

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Put A Tarp On Your Boat To Remove Abandoned Crab Traps!

WHO: Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) and the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP)

WHAT: The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program has provided 200 blue tarps to help Texas Parks and Wildlife remove abandoned and lost crab traps out of our bays and estuaries. TPW is recruiting volunteers to help with the crab trap removal project. Boat owners will receive a tarp courtesy of the CBBEP to protect their boats from the collected crab traps. **Please join us on Friday, February 15th at Marker 37 for a preview of how the community can help to clean up our bays and estuaries.**

On February 16 through March 3, 2002, the crab fishery will be closed *for the first time in Texas*, to the use of crab traps for both recreational and commercial crabbing. Volunteers can only legally collect abandoned crab traps from February 23rd to March 3rd. The main event for the crab trap removal project will be February 23rd at the Conn Brown Harbor in Aransas Pass, Texas.

CBBEP is dedicated to protecting and restoring the bays and estuaries in the Texas Coastal Bend. Our vision is to maintain healthy bays and estuaries that supports a thriving wildlife for residents, and visitors to enjoy.

WHEN: Friday, February 15, 2002
10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Marker 37 next to Snoopy's under the JFK Causeway

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