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Media Advisory

FREE By-Catch Reduction Devices To Local Shrimpers From CBBEP

WHO: The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP)

WHAT: The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program is helping local bay shrimpers to comply with new regulations that require the use of an approved By-catch Reduction Device (BRD) for all trawls that went into effect September 1, 2001. The new regulation, issued by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD), is an all-out effort to provide a way for fish and other species to escape from the nets.

The By-catch Reduction Device (BRD) is for all trawls except bait shrimp and recreational trawls. Placement of the BRDs on the net, dragging speed, net pick-up methods, and the BRD design help to substantially reduce or minimize the loss of shrimp from the net.

Eligibility requirements for a **FREE BRD** include: a current TPWD Bay Shrimping Boat license, eligibility for a 2002 Bay Shrimping Boat license, and residence in Aransas, Nueces, San Patricio, or Kleberg Counties. Each individual license holder will be entitled to one **FREE BRD** while supplies last.

WHEN: **Monday, October 29th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Corpus Christi**
Tuesday, October 30th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Rockport

WHERE: **People's Street T-Head Band Shell Area – Corpus Christi, Texas**
Fulton Harbor – Rockport, Texas

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