



Undercurrents

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A Word from the Executive Director

Fellow CCA Members,

Communication methods have changed rapidly and dramatically in the first decade of the twenty-first century. CCA Alabama's *Undercurrents* newsletter, published three times a year, has gone through two major upgrades during my brief tenure, and now it's time to take another step forward.

Our printed newsletter had two major drawbacks. First, it became increasingly expensive to produce an attractive mailing piece we could be proud enough of to send to our members. Second, the trend in communication is toward electronic media and away from printed pieces. With electronic communication we can publish more frequent correspondence to our members, and we can publish information in a format that allows the reader to select the articles he or she wants to read in depth by clicking on a link.

This is one of the first of the electronic publications you'll be receiving from CCA Alabama. Hopefully, you'll be getting timely information in an attractive format that is easy to scan. If you see an article you'd like to read more completely, click the link and you're there.

Please let us know your thoughts and ideas for improving the way we provide information about CCA Alabama that interests you. Pass the word on to those members who have not given us their email addresses.

What we're doing, working together, is making a big difference in our recreational fishery. This new venture in communication will allow us to communicate what we're doing, and it will provide considerable savings that will go directly to marine conservation here in Alabama. Thanks for being a part of CCA Alabama.

Ed Williamson
Executive Director

CCA Alabama Intern has a Busy Summer



What did Aleah White do on her summer vacation? - The Wofford College student from Stapleton, AL, completed a meaningful conservation project.

[Learn more...](#)

Largest Pier on the Gulf of Mexico Opens to the Public



Where's the longest pier on the Gulf of Mexico located?

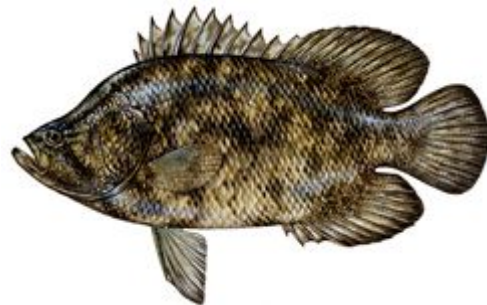
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CCA Life Membership Continues to Grow

CCA life members are a special group of individuals who firmly believe in the mission, message and method CCA incorporates in all its endeavors. Since 1983, life members have helped keep CCA Alabama at the forefront of every marine conservation debate in the state, and remarkable results have been achieved.

Shouldn't YOU be on [this list](#), too?

Triple Trouble



More anglers are pursuing blackfish in Alabama coastal waters. Does

Planned Giving and CCA

CCA State Treasurer, Mark Eiland, explains why it makes sense to include CCA in your charitable giving plan.

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Who Won the Boat?



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that spell trouble for the species?

[Click here](#) for Dr. Bob Shipp's interesting article on this popular target.

License Tag Update



[Click here](#) to find out where we stand!

CCA Files Lawsuit to Stop Gulf Grouper Giveaway

Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) has filed a lawsuit in federal district court in Fort Myers, Florida, challenging the adoption and implementation of Amendment 29 to the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Management Plan approved by United States Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke on August 30. Amendment 29 gives away a majority share of Gulf grouper to the commercial fishing industry through a catch share program. "CCA has stated from the beginning that this management action is fundamentally flawed," said Chester Brewer, chairman of the CCA National Government Relations Committee. "In moving forward with Amendment 29, the federal government has disregarded multiple provisions in the Magnuson Stevens Act designed to govern the impacts of such action on other participants in the fishery. The only ones considered in this amendment are the commercial fishermen."

[See full press release](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 22, 2009: Western Shore Bay Blast!

Location: Gates of Fowl River, 11765 Cedar Point Road (a/k/a Dauphin Island Parkway) Theodore (next to the Pelican Reef and Fowl River Bridge)

Time: 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Ticket Cost: \$50/single - \$75/couple (includes one CCA membership)

Food - Refreshments - Entertainment - Silent Auction and Prize Drawings - Casual Attire

Questions: Call (251) 478-3474

Thursday, November 5, 2009: Mobile Chapter Fall Cocktail Party!

Location: Mobile Mardi Gras Museum, 355 Government Street, downtown Mobile

Time: 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Ticket Cost: \$125/single or couple (includes one CCA membership)

Heavy hors d'oeuvres by Clifton Morrisette - Refreshments - Live & Silent Auctions - Prize Drawings - Business/Casual Attire

Questions: Call (251) 478-3474

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