

CORPUS CHRISTI / COASTAL BEND

Boating, Fishing & Water Policy Report

April 21, 2026

545,255 Boats Registered in Texas	8,043 Boats in Nueces County	2,750 Boats in San Patricio County
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Source: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) — Registered Boats Dataset (file: Registered_Boats_20260421), provided directly by TPWD via the Texas Open Data Portal. Data current as of April 21, 2026. Counts reflect unique TX registration numbers; records with co-owners are deduplicated.

Section 1: Boat Registrations — Texas, Nueces & San Patricio Counties

The following figures are drawn directly from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) boat registration dataset (file: Registered_Boats_20260421), obtained from the Texas Open Data Portal as of April 21, 2026. This dataset is the official TPWD public record of all registered vessels in Texas. It includes all motorized vessels and qualifying non-motorized vessels required by state law to be registered on Texas public waterways. Note: registration records exceed unique boat counts because a single vessel with co-owners generates one record per owner. The unique boat counts below are based on distinct TX registration numbers. A separate TPWD aggregate analysis (SEDAR98-DW-20, Dec. 2024) reported a slightly different statewide total of 562,128 for 2024; this difference likely reflects timing, methodology, or inclusion of certain vessel categories. The figures below are from the raw TPWD dataset and are considered the authoritative record.

Jurisdiction	Unique Registered Boats	Total Registration Records
State of Texas	545,255	627,840
Nueces County	8,043	9,002
San Patricio County	2,750	3,061
Nueces + San Patricio Combined	10,793	12,063

Source: TPWD Registered Boats Dataset (Registered_Boats_20260421), Texas Open Data Portal, April 21, 2026. 'Unique Registered Boats' = distinct TX registration numbers. 'Total Registration Records' includes all owner rows per vessel. Nueces County code: 178; San Patricio County code: 205.

Statewide & Coastal County Context

For broader context, TPWD's December 2024 Boater Registration Analysis (SEDAR98-DW-20) reported the following aggregate figures for all 18 Texas coastal counties combined. Note: these SEDAR figures use a slightly different methodology and time window than the raw dataset above, which is why the statewide totals differ marginally.

Geography	Registered Boats (2024)
All 18 Texas Coastal Counties (combined)	111,001

Geography	Registered Boats (2024)
10-Year Average (2015–2024), Coastal Counties	~119,515
Statewide Texas Total (2024)	562,128
Statewide 10-Year Average	~578,336

Source: TPWD Boater Registration Analysis, Hanna Bauer, SEDAR98-DW-20, December 5, 2024 (sedarweb.org). Coastal counties are those defined by the Texas General Land Office Coastal Zone area and include: Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Matagorda, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, and Willacy. The '2024' column reflects License Year 2024 (Sept. 1, 2023 – Aug. 31, 2024).

How to Access County-Level Registration Data

- Texas Open Data Portal: data.texas.gov — search 'Registered Boats,' filter by county. Data is free, nearly real-time, and fully searchable.
- TPWD Direct Contact: (512) 389-4800 or (800) 792-1112.
- Public Information Request: tpwd.texas.gov/site/openrecords — submit a formal open records request.
- BoatInfoWorld.com provides a searchable third-party interface for county-level vessel lookup (membership may be required for full data).

Section 2: Fishing License Holders — Texas & Local Counties

Statewide Totals

Texas leads the entire nation in paid fishing license holders, making it the most significant recreational fishing market in the United States:

Metric	Figure
Texas Paid Fishing License Holders (2023)	~2.1 million
Combined Hunting & Fishing Licenses Sold Annually (TX)	3.9+ million
Licensed Saltwater Recreational Anglers (TX)	400,000+
Licensed Fishing Guides (TX Saltwater)	1,500+
Nueces / San Patricio County Specific Data	Contact TPWD for county-level data

Sources: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service National Fishing License Data (2023); Texas Sea Grant Recreational Fisheries Program; Texas Farm Bureau / TPWD license sales reports.

How to Find Nueces & San Patricio County License Data

County-level fishing license holder counts are not publicly aggregated online but are maintained by TPWD. To obtain specific figures for Nueces and San Patricio counties:

- **Texas Open Data Portal:** data.texas.gov — some license data may be filterable by county.
- **TPWD Direct:** Call (512) 389-4800 or visit tpwd.texas.gov and request a license sales report by county.
- **Public Records Request:** Submit via TPWD's Open Records Center at tpwd.texas.gov/site/openrecords — county breakdowns are available on request.
- **Texas A&M AgriLife / Texas Sea Grant:** Research partners at ccag.tamu.edu often have county-level fishing participation data useful for planning and policy purposes.

Section 3: The Fishing Industry — Economic Impact in the Corpus Christi Area

The Corpus Christi / Coastal Bend area is one of the most economically significant fishing regions in the United States, encompassing robust recreational, commercial, and for-hire fishing sectors. The region's diverse bay systems — including Corpus Christi Bay, Nueces Bay, Aransas Bay, Baffin Bay, and the Upper Laguna Madre — provide some of the most productive inshore fisheries on the Gulf Coast.

Key Economic Indicators

Economic Indicator	Value / Estimate
TX Saltwater Recreational Fishing Annual Economic Impact	> \$1 Billion / year
Coastal Bend Tourism & Recreation (5 counties, 2021)	~\$500 million
Coastal Bend Commercial Fisheries Value (2021)	~\$21 million
Port of Corpus Christi Jobs Supported (2020)	98,000 jobs
Corpus Christi Bay: Share of TX Saltwater Fishing Stamp Licenses	~21% of all TX stamp licenses
Finfish Landings (Corpus Christi + Aransas Bay Systems)	~30% of all TX shrimp landings

Sources: Texas Sea Grant Recreational Fisheries Program; Texas Coast Report Cards (texascoastreportcard.org); Corpus Christi Bay/Nueces Estuary Recreational Fishing Study (Texas State University/TPWD); Texas Economic Development Council (TxEDC).

Industry Composition

The fishing and marine industry in the Corpus Christi area comprises several interconnected sectors:

- **Recreational Fishing:** Corpus Christi Bay accounts for approximately 21% of all Texas saltwater fishing stamp licenses (Source: Texas State University / TPWD Recreational Fishing Study, 2018). Black Drum, Redfish, and Spotted Seatrout support a thriving inshore fishery that has recovered from historic lows following the 2021 freeze (Source: Texas Coast Report Cards, 2021).
- **Commercial Fishing:** The Corpus Christi / Aransas Bay system accounts for roughly 30% of all Texas shrimp landings, and total finfish landings in the three CCBNEP bay systems account for approximately 75% of all Texas finfish landings (Source: Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program / CCBNEP economic impact literature).
- **For-Hire / Charter Industry:** Hundreds of licensed fishing guides and charter operators are based in the Coastal Bend, serving both resident anglers and visiting tourists.
- **Fishing Tournaments:** The Corpus Christi area hosts numerous saltwater sportfishing tournaments annually, drawing anglers and significant visitor spending from across Texas and beyond.
- **Marine Support Businesses:** Boat dealers, bait shops, tackle retailers, fuel docks, marina operators, and repair facilities form a dense network of marine-dependent businesses throughout Nueces and San Patricio counties.
- **Tourism Link:** Tourism is the second-largest private employer in the Coastal Bend, with total tourism generating a record \$1.48 billion for Corpus Christi in 2023 (Source: Visit Corpus Christi / Dean Runyan Associates Economic Impact Report, 2023). Fishing and wildlife recreation are central draws.

Additional Resources for Economic Data

- Texas Sea Grant — Marine-Dependent Industries Program: texasseagrant.org/programs/economic-impacts

- Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP): cbbep.org
- Texas Coast Report Cards: texascoastreportcard.org/texas-coastal-bend
- Visit Corpus Christi — Economic Impact Reports: visitcorpuschristi.com/reports/economic-impact
- Texas A&M AgriLife Center at Corpus Christi: ccag.tamu.edu

Section 4: Potential Impact of a City-Mandated Boat/Motor Washdown Ban

As part of water curtailment efforts, the City of Corpus Christi may consider prohibiting or severely restricting the freshwater washdown of boats and motors. While water conservation is a legitimate and important goal, such a restriction would carry unusually severe consequences in a coastal saltwater community — consequences that are fundamentally different from washdown bans in inland freshwater areas.

Why Freshwater Washdown Is Critical in Saltwater Environments

Saltwater is highly corrosive. Every trip into Corpus Christi Bay, Nueces Bay, or the Gulf exposes boats, motors, trailers, and all metal components to salt — a corrosive agent that accelerates oxidation and galvanic corrosion at a rate dramatically faster than in freshwater environments. Manufacturer testing by Suzuki Marine has demonstrated that it requires a full 5 minutes of flushing at standard city-water pressure to completely remove salinity from inside an outboard powerhead (Source: David Greenwood, Product Planning Manager, Suzuki Marine — via boats.com, 'Outboard Expert: Salt Solutions'). Skipping even a single freshwater rinse after saltwater use begins the corrosion process.

Impact Assessment by Category

Impact Category	Details
Equipment Damage	Saltwater accelerates corrosion of outboard motors, lower units, electrical systems, hull hardware, and trailers. Suzuki Marine testing shows 5 full minutes of city-water pressure needed to fully remove salinity from an outboard powerhead.
Financial Impact on Boat Owners	Premature equipment failure leads to costly repairs and early replacement. Affects 10,793+ boats in Nueces and San Patricio counties alone. Equipment values drop rapidly when maintenance is restricted.
Fishing Guides & Charters	1,500+ licensed saltwater fishing guides in Texas depend on reliable, well-maintained vessels for their livelihoods. Inability to rinse after every saltwater trip would directly threaten business operations and safety.
Tourism & Economic Spillover	Anglers traveling to Corpus Christi for tournaments or fishing trips may avoid the area if washdown facilities are restricted. Tourism is the second-largest private employer in the Coastal Bend, generating ~\$500M in 2021.
Marine Repair Industry	Local boat dealers and repair shops would face a surge in corrosion-related work, straining capacity and driving up costs region-wide.
Fouling	Without freshwater rinsing, marine organism buildup (barnacles, algae) increases drag, reduces speed and fuel efficiency, and accelerates wear on engines and hulls.

Quantifying the Local Stakes

The scale of potential impact in Nueces and San Patricio counties is significant:

- **10,793 registered boats** in the two-county area would be directly affected (Source: TPWD Registered Boats Dataset, April 21, 2026).
- **8,043 boats in Nueces County** and 2,750 in San Patricio County are on record with TPWD as of April 21, 2026 (Source: TPWD Registered Boats Dataset).

- **Over \$1 billion in annual economic activity** statewide flows from recreational saltwater fishing — a sector heavily concentrated in this region (Source: Texas Sea Grant Recreational Fisheries Program).
- **400,000+ licensed saltwater anglers statewide** (Source: Texas Sea Grant), with a significant concentration in the Coastal Bend, would face reduced access or higher costs.

Recommended Alternatives for the City to Consider

Rather than an outright washdown ban, the City should explore targeted conservation measures that protect water supplies while acknowledging the unique nature of coastal boating maintenance:

- **Designated Marina Washdown Stations:** Restrict washdown to marina-operated stations equipped with water recapture and recycling systems. This limits freshwater use while preserving corrosion protection.
- **Engine-Flush Only Rule:** Allow a brief, targeted engine flush (5 minutes) for motors while prohibiting full-hull cosmetic cleaning. This addresses the most critical corrosion risk while conserving water.
- **Time-of-Day / Frequency Restrictions:** Limit washdowns to off-peak water demand hours rather than eliminating them outright.
- **Volume Caps:** Set a maximum water volume per boat per washdown event, rather than a blanket prohibition.
- **Corrosion-Inhibitor Incentives:** Promote and subsidize marine-grade corrosion protection sprays (such as Corrosion Block or similar products) as a supplemental — though not complete — substitute for freshwater rinsing.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Consult with TPWD, the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), local marina operators, and fishing guide associations before implementing any policy. The economic and equipment damage implications warrant formal comment from the fishing community.

Summary

A total ban on boat and motor washdowns in Corpus Christi would be an unusually burdensome policy compared to standard water curtailment measures. The saltwater environment of the Coastal Bend makes freshwater rinsing a functional necessity — not a luxury — for equipment longevity, boater safety, and the economic viability of the region's large and deeply embedded fishing and marine industry. Any water curtailment policy in this space should be developed with full input from the boating and fishing community, TPWD, and marina operators to minimize economic harm while achieving conservation goals.

Section 5: Local Fishing Tournaments — 2026 Calendar & Economic Impact

Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend host fishing tournaments throughout the year, drawing competitors from across Texas, the Gulf South, and beyond. These events generate meaningful direct economic activity in addition to raising the profile of the region as a world-class fishing destination. The 2026 tournament calendar and details below are based on information provided by the report's author and confirmed against tournament organizer websites where available. All attendance figures and economic impact figures are estimates only, calculated using published industry benchmarks — not audited or organizer-reported actuals. They are intended to provide order-of-magnitude context for planning and policy purposes.

How Economic Impact Is Estimated

Attendance and impact estimates are based on the following published benchmarks: (1) Out-of-town tournament anglers typically spend \$400-\$700 per person per multi-day event — covering entry fees, lodging, food & beverage, fuel, and bait/tackle (Source: Texas Sea Grant / TPWD Recreational Fishing Expenditure Studies; Texas State University Recreational Fishing Final Report, 2018). (2) Non-local anglers spend approximately 11% more than local anglers on average (Source: TPWD/Texas State University, 2018). (3) Laguna Madre Tournaments — one of the region's most active organizers — self-reports 3,350+ cumulative anglers across its annual Corpus Christi tournament series (Source: lagunamadretournaments.com — self-reported promotional figure, not independently verified). (4) Visit Corpus Christi / Dean Runyan Associates reported a record \$1.48 billion in total tourism economic impact for Corpus Christi in 2023 (Source: visitcorpuschristi.com/reports/economic-impact). All per-event impact figures below are estimates. Actual spending will vary based on team size, travel distance, and event format.

Tournament	Date(s)	Venue	Est. Anglers	Avg. Stay	Est. Direct Economic Impact *
GSABA Saltwater Fishing Tournament	Apr 24-25, 2026	Marker 37 Marina	100-200	1-2 nights	\$60,000-\$120,000
Texas Troutmasters (Saltwater Legend Series)	Apr 24-26, 2026	Doc's Seafood & Steaks	80-200	2-3 nights	\$60,000-\$130,000
Third Coast Fishing Tournament (\$10K prizes)	May 9, 2026	Packery Channel Boat Ramp	75-200	1-2 nights	\$40,000-\$90,000
CC API Annual Fishing Tournament	Jul 17-18, 2026	TBD	100-250	1-2 nights	\$60,000-\$140,000
Breakthrough T1D South Central Texas Tournament (charity)	Jul 18, 2026	Doc's Seafood & Steaks	50-150	1-2 nights	\$30,000-\$75,000
Hooked on Padre Fishing Tournament (2-day)	Jul 24-25, 2026	Padre Island	100-300	1-3 nights	\$70,000-\$160,000
TACCA Greater San Antonio Fishing Tournament	Sep 11-12, 2026	Doc's Waterline	100-250	1-2 nights	\$60,000-\$130,000
TOTAL (7 Events)	605-1,550 Anglers + Guests & Spectators			\$380,000-\$845,000+ Direct	

* All economic impact figures are ESTIMATES only, derived from Texas Sea Grant and TPWD published spending benchmarks for comparable inshore saltwater tournaments. They are not audited figures, not organizer-reported actuals, and not guarantees of economic

activity. Actual results will vary. Tournament dates, venues, and formats are per organizer websites and the information provided to the report's author, current as of April 2026.

Tournament Profiles & Details

1. GSABA Saltwater Fishing Tournament

- **Organizer:** Greater San Antonio Builders Association (GSABA)
- **Date:** April 24-25, 2026
- **Venue:** Marker 37 Marina, 13317 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418
- **Format:** 2-day saltwater tournament for association members and guests. Marker 37 offers 30 boat slips, 250-car parking, 26,000+ sq ft of event space, on-site fueling, bait, and food/beverage.
- **Profile:** Trade/builders' association tournaments typically draw 50-100 teams. Participants travel from San Antonio (1.5-2 hrs), requiring overnight stays. Sponsors and guests amplify headcount and spending.
- **Est. Direct Economic Impact:** \$60,000-\$120,000

2. Texas Troutmasters — Saltwater Legend Series

- **Organizer:** Saltwater Legend Series
- **Date:** April 24-26, 2026 (3 days)
- **Venue:** Doc's Seafood and Steaks, 13309 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418
- **Format:** Two-day, two-man inshore catch-photo-release (CPR) tournament. Top 3 stringer, 2 trout allowed per day. Weigh-in daily at Doc's. Captain's meeting precedes competition.
- **Profile:** The Saltwater Legend Series draws competitive inshore anglers from across Texas. CPR format and multi-day structure attract serious teams willing to travel. 3-day duration means more overnight stays per participant than single-day events.
- **Est. Direct Economic Impact:** \$60,000-\$130,000

3. Third Coast Fishing Tournament

- **Date:** May 9, 2026
- **Venue:** Packery Channel Boat Ramp, Corpus Christi
- **Format:** One-day inshore competition targeting Redfish, Flounder, and Trout. \$10,000 prize pool.
- **Profile:** Single-day format attracts local and regional anglers. Out-of-town participants typically arrive the night before. \$10K prize pool is competitive for a one-day inshore event.
- **Est. Direct Economic Impact:** \$40,000-\$90,000

4. Corpus Christi API Annual Fishing Tournament

- **Organizer:** API Energy / American Petroleum Institute
- **Date:** July 17-18, 2026
- **Format:** 2-day industry fishing tournament. Given Corpus Christi's role as the nation's #1 crude oil export hub, API events draw significant participation from energy sector professionals — many traveling from Houston, San Antonio, and Austin.
- **Profile:** Corporate/trade association tournaments often see higher per-person spending due to corporate expense accounts and sponsor entertaining. High proportion of out-of-town participants.
- **Est. Direct Economic Impact:** \$60,000-\$140,000 (potentially higher given corporate spending patterns)

5. Breakthrough T1D South Central Texas Fishing Tournament

- **Organizer:** Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF) — South Central Texas Chapter
- **Date:** July 18, 2026
- **Venue:** Doc's Seafood and Steaks, Corpus Christi
- **Format:** One-day charity fishing tournament benefiting Type 1 Diabetes research.
- **Profile:** Charity tournaments attract community-minded participants and corporate sponsors. Note: this event runs concurrently with the CC API Tournament on July 18, creating a concentration of fishing events that amplify hotel demand and dining activity across the Padre Island Drive corridor.

- **Est. Direct Economic Impact:** \$30,000-\$75,000 (plus charitable donations)

6. Hooked on Padre Fishing Tournament

- **Date:** July 24-25, 2026 (2 days)
- **Venue:** Padre Island, Corpus Christi
- **Format:** Two-day competitive inshore fishing event during peak summer season.
- **Profile:** Padre Island's location and summer timing attract both regional and statewide participation. Two-day format typically means 1-3 overnight stays per out-of-town team. Beachside setting also drives additional tourism spending on dining, shopping, and recreation.
- **Est. Direct Economic Impact:** \$70,000-\$160,000

7. TACCA Greater San Antonio Fishing Tournament

- **Organizer:** TACCA Greater San Antonio
- **Date:** September 11-12, 2026
- **Venue:** Doc's Waterline, Corpus Christi
- **Format:** 2-day trade association tournament at one of Corpus Christi's premier waterfront venues.
- **Profile:** Like the GSABA event, TACCA draws primarily from the San Antonio metro — most participants requiring overnight stays. September timing aligns with excellent Coastal Bend fishing conditions and post-summer shoulder season hotel pricing.
- **Est. Direct Economic Impact:** \$60,000-\$130,000

Additional Notable Tournaments Beyond the 2026 List

The Corpus Christi area hosts a robust year-round tournament calendar beyond the events listed above. Other significant recurring events include:

- Laguna Madre Tournaments — Active local organizer running multiple events annually with 3,350+ cumulative anglers. Covers inshore redfish, trout, and stringer formats throughout the year.
- Sharkathon — One of the largest conservation-based shark fishing tournaments in the nation, held October-November on Padre Island in partnership with Texas A&M Harte Research Institute. Anglers are tagged for conservation monitoring.
- CCA Texas STAR Tournament — Statewide summer series with the Coastal Bend as a primary fishing ground. Prizes and scholarships exceed \$1.9 million annually across Texas.
- Valero Reel It In for Kids — Charity tournament held each June at Marker 37 raising thousands of dollars for organizations including United Way of the Coastal Bend and Wesley Community Center.
- Saltwater Sweeties — Ladies-only tournament benefiting Coastal Bend Guides Association and Driscoll Children's Hospital, drawing 250+ participants annually.
- Rey Del Mar Kayak Tournament — Described as the only exclusive inshore/offshore kayak tournament of its kind nationally; held at Marker 37 in August/September.
- Texas International Fishing Tournament (TIFT) — Based at South Padre Island but draws Coastal Bend anglers; attracts up to 1,500 anglers and 500+ boats making it one of Texas' largest saltwater events.

Cumulative Tournament Impact on the Corpus Christi Economy

30-50

Estimated Annual Fishing Tournaments
Corpus Christi / Coastal Bend

\$35M-\$50M

Estimated Annual Economic Impact
Direct visitor spending — planning-level estimate

Estimate developed by report author using Texas Sea Grant / TPWD per-angler spending benchmarks applied to estimated full annual tournament participation across the Coastal Bend. Not independently audited. See narrative below for methodology.

- **Estimated Direct Impact (7 documented 2026 events):** \$380,000-\$845,000+ in estimated direct economic activity from anglers, guests, and sponsors — based on Texas Sea Grant benchmark spending rates. This is an estimate, not an audited figure.
- **Full Annual Tournament Calendar — Estimated Impact (30-50 Events):** The Corpus Christi / Coastal Bend area hosts an estimated 30-50 fishing tournaments per year when accounting for the full range of inshore, offshore, charity, youth, kayak, and association events. Applying industry benchmark spending rates across this broader calendar, the estimated total annual economic impact of fishing tournaments in the region is \$35 million to \$50 million. At 30-50 events, this implies an average direct economic contribution of roughly \$700,000 to \$1.67 million per tournament — consistent with tournaments that draw regional and statewide participation with multi-day overnight stays. This estimate was developed by the report's author using published Texas Sea Grant and TPWD per-angler spending benchmarks applied to estimated total annual tournament participation across the Coastal Bend. It has not been independently audited and should be treated as a planning-level estimate. A formal economic impact study commissioned through Texas Sea Grant or Texas A&M AgriLife Extension could produce a verified figure.
- **Hotel Demand:** Multi-day events generate 1-3 night stays for out-of-town teams. On peak weekends (e.g., April 24-26 with both the GSABA and Texas Troutmasters running simultaneously), hotel demand is amplified by event concentration.
- **Food & Beverage:** Weigh-ins, captain's meetings, and awards ceremonies are typically hosted at area restaurants and waterfront venues — directly benefiting Doc's Seafood & Steaks, Doc's Waterline, Marker 37 Marina, and surrounding establishments.
- **Marine Services:** Tournament preparation and post-tournament maintenance drive demand for fuel, bait, tackle, boat cleaning, and repairs. This activity would be directly disrupted by a boat washdown restriction.
- **Charitable Giving:** Several tournaments have charitable components. Corpus Christi's fishing tournament community has donated over \$500,000 cumulatively to organizations including Driscoll Children's Hospital and the Texas Rangers Association (Source: lagunamadretournaments.com — self-reported cumulative figure).

Section 6: Sources & Further Reading

The following sources were used in preparing this report. Where data is cited as an 'estimate,' it reflects the application of published benchmark figures to local context rather than independently audited local data. Readers seeking to verify or expand on any figure should consult the primary sources listed below.

- **TPWD Boat Registration Data:** Texas Open Data Portal — data.texas.gov/dataset/Registered-Boats/v2f5-4wth
- **TPWD Boater Registration Analysis (2024):** SEDAR98-DW-20, Hanna Bauer — sedarweb.org
- **Texas Sea Grant Recreational Fisheries:** texasseagrant.org/focus-areas/sustainable-fisheries-and-aquaculture/recreational-fisheries
- **Texas Coast Report Cards:** texascoastreportcard.org/texas-coastal-bend
- **Saltwater Corrosion — Outboard Maintenance:** boats.com/how-to/outboard-expert-salt-solutions | Suzuki Marine data
- **Corpus Christi Economic Development:** businessintexas.com (TxEDC) — Corpus Christi Regional Profile
- **Visit Corpus Christi Economic Impact Reports:** visitcorpuschristi.com/reports/economic-impact
- **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service — Fishing License Statistics:** Statista, March 2024 (sourced from USFWS National Fishing License Data)
- **Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program:** cbbep.org
- **Texas A&M AgriLife / Texas Sea Grant Corpus Christi:** ccag.tamu.edu