



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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Prediction from the Fish Lobby: When we wake up Wednesday morning after the election the shrill pundits will be proclaiming that Afghanistan had cleaner elections than the U.S. of A. Their response is, no kiddin', the Afghans used a one size fits all paper ballot replete with pictures of the candidates. Since we're an aging melting pot more capable of playin' three bingo cards at a time or three video slot machines at a time it ain't no wonder we get confused when havin' to think on an elementary level.

Just got a news release from NMFS/NOAA. The scat for brains bureaucrats have decided to give the recreationals a couple more days to fish for red snapper in the Holy waters outside of nine miles. Soooo, ya'll can fish the federal waters up until midnight Halloween cuz that's when they figure you'll have caught the 4.47 million-pound quota. Those same federal waters will reopen on April 21st next year if the Recreational Fishing Alliance hasn't sued the idiots for a saner fishery management plan.

Word from Captain Randy Rogers is that the Coastal Bays Foundation will be hosting a bay clean up next Saturday the sixth. Their lookin' for volunteers to help clean the trash out of the bay that was deposited by the summer folks. If ya want to help out give Captain Randy a holler at 956-761-1663.



Captain David Leal with Carlos Escobedo, shortstop with the White Wings with a pretty typical catch of oversized reds. Right now the bay is hot for trout and reds and the snook fishin' in South Bay is pretty good too as evidenced by Dave Sikes' article in the Corpus Caller Times. Tarpoon fishin' at the jetties is pretty good around dusk, they seem to like Hendrix's "castles made of sand slip into the sea eventually."

We welcome your fishin' photos. Drop them by 2600 Padre Boulevard on the Island, or mail them to I.B. Hooked, c/o Coastal Current Weekly, P.O.Box 2429, South Padre Island, Texas 78597. Be sure to include the name of the angler, weight and type of fish, where caught, and name of boat if applicable. Photos with SASE will be returned.