

For
Adults

Eco-Expert

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6pm-7pm

*Oyster
Aquaculture
in Texas?*



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Texas has a natural oyster fishery that has varied in annual production from 1.59 to 6.81 million pounds over the past two decades. However, the general trend is declining and the future uncertain. Oyster aquaculture accounts for approximately 96% of all oysters produced globally for human consumption.

Currently, Texas is the only U.S. coastal state that has no regulatory policy for commercial oyster aquaculture. The presentation will review oyster aquaculture and what is known, or perceived, as a user conflict, such as interfering with boating traffic, by the general public.

This will be followed by an open discussion for those attending regarding what they perceive as a potential user conflict and if there are solutions to allow off-bottom oyster culture that would be agreeable to all. *Note: The photo above is of an oyster mariculture facility in Chesapeake Bay, NOT Texas.*

- Class size limited to 24 participants.
- This program is FREE and open to individuals and families, ages 12 and up.
- Walk-ins are welcome on a first come first served basis.
- To reserve a space, please register at <http://register.ccparkandrec.com>.

For more information, contact Caleb Harris at (361) 826-3947 or calebh@cctexas.com.

Meet at the Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve & Learning Center located at
2446 N. Oso Parkway, Corpus Christi, TX 78414



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