CCA Texas and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) are looking for volunteers to help with pre-construction and post construction fishing surveys for the East Galveston Bay Oyster Reef restoration project. This $3.7 million project will restore approximately 140 acres of oyster reef in the East Galveston Bay System. The areas targeted for restoration include 1 location on Hannah’s Reef, 2 locations on Pepper Grove and 2 locations on Middle Reef.

This is effort is an important piece of the project and we need plenty of volunteers. You will be a fishing scientist and your efforts will be critical in understanding the benefits of oyster reef restoration up and down the Texas coast. The fishing periods will be seasonal periods during the months of June to August, September to November, December to February and March to May. Pre-construction efforts will take place through the end of 2013 and post construction efforts will take place beginning June 2014 through 2015.

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