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SEA takes a proactive stand on Flounder Regulation Changes

The local non-profit group, Saltwater-fisheries Enhancement Association (SEA) has issued a statement of position concerning possible changes in Flounder Regulations.

This position was developed after many volunteer hours attending Texas Parks & Wildlife scoping meetings, flounder workgroup meetings and a special meeting with TP&W Coastal Fisheries Division, to address a portion of our group with information on the data and findings from the Coastal Fisheries Division. In addition SEA reviewed information from Dr. Joan Holt with UTMSI in Port Aransas, Texas on raising flounder in captivity.

SEA is asking that Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission on behalf of our 7,000 plus members statewide, consider closing floundering in the month of November only to both recreational and commercial fishermen by all means and methods and implementing a year round reduction in bag limits/possession limits by 50% for both recreational and commercial fishing. This will allow the proper spawning and movement of the flounder to optimize the potential for increasing the stability of this species. We also encourage Texas Parks & Wildlife to apply a sunset clause on this with review in 2014.