



BFA
BREAM FISHERMEN ASSOCIATION
1203 N 16th Avenue
Pensacola, Florida 32503



A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CHARTERED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Meeting Announcement

April / May 2013

REMINDER: Next Bream Fishermen Association General Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, 1 May 2013. This is an Eatin' Meeting! Doors open at 5:30 PM. Dinner served at 6:00 PM. Dinner will consist of a fish fry, cole slaw, hushpuppies, and the likes. Cost \$8.00/person*. 1615 East LaRua Street, Pensacola.

Presentations – 2 Featured Speakers

Our first speaker is Rick Copeland, Aquifer Water, a citizen groundwater monitoring program which would like to invite the BFA Membership to monitor private wells monthly. If you or your neighbors have a well on your property, you can help provide important data on saltwater intrusion in our coastal region.

Our next speaker is Ms. Samantha Sexton of the Pew Charitable Trust. Pew works to protect ocean life through conserving marine species and ecosystems. They do this by focusing on promoting sustainable fisheries, safeguarding sensitive marine habitats, and protecting vulnerable marine biodiversity. Learn how you can get involved and how Pew will be helping the BFA with their mission.

Rain Gauge Monitoring Program

Our region experienced a 20+ inch rain event within 48 hours last June (2012). Rain events affect our water quality through stormwater runoff, nutrient loading, and turbidity from erosion or the use of red clay in our riparian zones. To better understand our regional rain events and the impact on our waters, we provided our interested members with a rain gauge and a notebook with instructions. ***At this time, we ask you to bring your data so we can develop our regional maps.***

Meet Your Neighbours

Thank you BFA Membership! You are pretty darn terrific!! During our February 2013 BFA General Membership Meeting, we met a wildlife photographer named Todd Amacker, who shared his photo portfolio and invited our organization to support a creative endeavor to photo document native flora and fauna in our region. The Program is called Meet Your Neighbours, and is an international conservation campaign intended to connect communities with the wildlife & nature in their region.



Photo by Todd Amacker

Our BFA Members were so supportive of this presentation that our BFA Board decided to match any personal contribution towards this project. In this manner, the BFA has become the official sponsor and ally of Todd's initiative to photograph our areas treasures. Please keep Todd in mind when you have outdoor activities and events planned, as he is also interested in meeting and getting to know our membership and can help document species encountered.

****Please note our price for dinner has increased \$2.00***



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Want to know what the BFA has been up to?

Please attend our general membership meeting and receive an update on our activities. BFA Meeting will be Wednesday, 1 May 2013. Doors open at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Cost is \$8.00/person.

We will provide an update on several items we have been keeping up with, namely:

- The landfill in Repton, AL;
- Seismic testing & potential drilling for oil in Blackwater River State Forest;
- Escambia County Citizen Restore Committee; and
- Growing our organization.

The Bream Fishermen Association is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the conservation responsibilities as well as the recreational enjoyment of fishermen, hunters, campers and related outdoorsmen.

It is the objective of the BFA to support, develop, and implement programs that will:

- 1) Improve the quality of our environment;
- 2) Protect and maintain our present wilderness type lakes, rivers, swamps, marshes, bays, forests, and beaches in their natural undeveloped state; and
- 3) Advance the causes of plant, marine, and wildlife preservation.

Membership is open to all individuals who support these objectives. Please join the BFA by sending us your contact information (name, mailing address, phone, and email) be sure to notify us if you prefer to receive notices and announcements by mail or email, and \$10 annual dues to our mailing address: 1203 North 16th Ave, Pensacola, FL 32503

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