

On March 27th, Texas Parks and Wildlife officials voted in favor of lowering the daily bag limit on speckled trout from 10 per day to 5, in all state waters from the current boundary in the south end of the Land Cut to HWY 457. Effectively, this means all estuaries from East Matagorda Bay south to Brownsville will be under a 5-fish limit, as will all surf and nearshore waters adjacent to those bays. This law will go into effect on September 1st of this year. For people like me, who've called for a lower limit for many moons, in print and every other way we can think of, this is a welcome development. According to TP&W research, reducing the limit by one half should mean we have twice as many trout over 25" to fish for within a relatively short period of time. I certainly see that as a good thing! In the near, future, I will be able to change the verbiage on my websites, to eliminate reference to my enforcement of a limit stricter than the state's. I hope this is good for business. I know a healthier fishery with more big trout will be!