

# RECREATIONAL FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

## MISSION

The Recreational Fisheries Research Institute's (RFRI) mission is to conduct marine fisheries research and to promote coastal and fisheries restoration through education and public involvement.

The RFRI collects fisheries data in conjunction with local, state, and federal government; educational institutions; other non profits; and volunteers.



## PROGRAMS

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 the RFRI placed of 2,200 tons of limestone in Bay Ronquille to create an inshore **Artificial Reef**. The reef was constructed to reduce coastal erosion and restore essential fish habitat. The coordinates for the newly constructed reef are 29° 19.983' N and 89° 50.6' W.

Angler recruitment for the Cooperative Marine Sport Fish **Tagging Program** started during April of 2005. This program is designed to utilize a diverse partnership and to employ and educate anglers, through their participation, about the importance and need for fisheries management, conservation, and coastal restoration.

A study to profile anglers that participate in fishing rodeos and investigate the **Social and Economic** impacts of these fishing rodeos on local, regional, and state economies of Louisiana was initialed during 2004 at the Faux Pas and RFRI rodeos.

RFRI aims to revitalize urban fishing. During January of 2006 the RFRI assisted in assessing the fisheries and habitat potential of New Orleans' **Bayou St. John** by releasing and observing redfish and restoring habitat.



## SUPPORT

Managing the future of fishing in Louisiana is a monumental task, and in order for the RFRI to tackle fisheries, habitat, and coastal restoration projects, funding is required. To accomplish these goals the RFRI has been set up as a non profit organization with all donations tax deductible under IRS ruling 501(C)3 for public charities. The RFRI is separate from the state and federal government.

How can you help? Participate in the RFRI's Annual Fund-Raising Events. By taking part in these events, you can become a true steward of our great natural resources and help guarantee the future of fishing for our children and grandchildren.

Without public support and awareness many projects can become fruitless efforts. We aim to demonstrate that concerned "**citizen scientist**" can make a difference.

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