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Texas Sea Grant Extension Service holds TAA Public Meeting for Local Shrimp and Catfish Producers

PORT LAVACA, TX, September 10, 2010 — The Texas Sea Grant College Program in Calhoun County announced that they will be holding a public meeting for local shrimp producers to complete their applications for the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Farmers Program. Shrimp producers, including boat owners, captains and crew members in Texas only have until September 23, 2010, to apply for training and benefits. This public meeting will be held on Monday September 20, 2010 beginning at 7:00 pm in the Agriculture Building Auditorium at the fairgrounds, 186 County Road 101, Port Lavaca, TX 77979.

“Applicants who qualify for assistance will receive business training through the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and cash benefits from the USDA’s Farm Service Agency that will help improve their business profitability and competitiveness,” said Mr. Rupert Butler, County Executive Director of USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Calhoun County, TX.

Program benefits include cash payments and free technical training designed to help producers develop and implement business adjustment plans. Producers that develop an approved initial business plan will receive up to \$4,000 as payment toward implementing the plan or developing a long-term business adjustment plan. Producers who subsequently develop approved long-term business adjustment plans are entitled to receive an additional cash payment of up to \$8,000 to be applied toward implementing the plan. A producer may not receive more than \$12,000, or benefit from any other TAA program, during the 36-month period following certification of a group petition. Certain travel and subsistence expenses related to attending training sessions may also be reimbursable.

This meeting is co-sponsored by the USDA-FSA, Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas Sea Grant, and Calhoun County.

For more information about this project, contact Cummins at 361-552-9747 or via e-mail at rdcummins@ag.tamu.edu.

The Texas Sea Grant College Program is a partnership of university, government and industry, focusing on marine research, education and advisory services. It is part of the College of Geosciences at Texas A&M University. For more information, visit <http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/index.html>.

The Texas Sea Grant Extension Program is a joint program of Texas Sea Grant and Texas AgriLife Extension, both outreach components of the Texas A&M University System. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic

level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. For more information, visit <http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/Outreach/extension.html>.