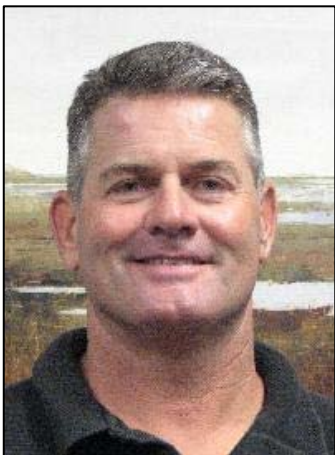


**Texas Master Naturalist Program
Cradle of Texas Chapter
General Meeting and Advanced Training
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
Texas AgriLife Extension Building
21017 County Road 171
Angleton, Texas 77515-8903**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Fun and Fellowship Snack Team Mary Helen Israel, Becky McClendon, Jimmy Salinas
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	General Meeting and Nature Notes <i>This meeting is approved for 1.00 hour volunteer time</i>
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Speaker: Scott Jones, Director of Advocacy, Galveston Bay Foundation Topic: <i>The State of Galveston Bay System Oysters with Special Emphasis on Christmas Bay and Drum Bay</i>



Scott Jones

In his position as Director of Advocacy, Scott Jones ensures that the Galveston Bay Foundation is an active participant in the public review of projects, initiatives and issues that impact the Bay – from individual wetland dredge and fill projects to seafood consumption safety to waste site cleanups. He seeks to foster communication between all users of the Bay so that negative impacts can be reduced and improvements to Bay Health can be made.

Scott has been with the Foundation since 2008. He previously worked at the Galveston Bay Estuary Program from 2000-2008, TCEQ Water Quality Standards from 1998-2000 and Galveston County Pollution Control from 1996-1998.

Scott holds a B.S. in Aquatic Biology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1993.



GALVESTON BAY FOUNDATION

The Galveston Bay Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1987 under the laws of the State of Texas. The Foundation's strength is that it involves a true cross-section of Bay interests to address issues and concerns related to Galveston Bay. It is managed by a strong Board of Directors whose members represent sport and commercial fishing groups, government agencies, recreational users, environmental groups, shipping, development, and business interests.

The mission of the Galveston Bay Foundation is to preserve and enhance Galveston Bay as a healthy and productive place for generations to come.

GBF's advocacy programs allow GBF to serve as the guardian of Galveston Bay. GBF reviews numerous projects and actively participates in the public review of those projects by attending public meetings and submitting written public comments. Its overarching goal is to encourage and actively seek solutions to conflicts among the diverse users of the Bay, and it attempts to balance the multiple uses of Galveston Bay so that the long-term interests of the Bay itself are not compromised. With its partners, GBF has successfully supported passage of state and federal legislation on behalf of the Bay: the Texas Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act, the Texas Estuaries Act, the Texas Coastal Management Program, and the Federal Clean Waters and Estuary Restoration Act of 2000.

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