

# Peter Cole Young



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Curriculum Vitae

#### Education

Fall 2010-Present Pursuing M.S. in Fisheries and Mariculture-Texas A&M University Corpus Christi Corpus Christi, TX

1999-2004 M.S. Biological Sciences, Minor: Spanish-Oklahoma State University Stillwater, OK

1999-1995 High School Education-Panhandle High School Panhandle, TX

#### Present Position

2010 - present

Graduate Research Assistant, Fisheries and Ocean Health Research Group, Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, TX **Advisor**: Dr. Greg Stunz, Endowed Chair for Fisheries

Thesis title: LIFE HISTORY AND MIGRATION STUDIES OF DOLPHINFISH (*CORYPHAENA HIPPURUS*): ACTIVELY RECRUITING RECREATIONAL ANGLERS FOR PARTICIPATION IN DOLPHINFISH STUDIES IN THE NORTHWESTERN GULF OF MEXICO

In addition to collecting dolphinfish specimens both at sea and at the dock for life history studies, I will be utilizing past experiences and acquaintances for recruiting recreational anglers along the Texas coast for participation in the dolphinfish passive tagging project.

Objectives: 1) Identify

- 1) Identify the major seasonal migration routes of dolphinfish along the Texas coast and
- evaluate the factors that influence these movements
- 2) Measure age and growth of dolphinfish in the Gulf of Mexico
- 3) Examine dolphinfish stomach contents to identify their major food sources in the Gulf of Mexico
- 4) Determine the age at maturity and seasonal reproductive status of dolphinfish through the examination of gonad weight and condition

Goals:

- 1) Collect at least 500 individuals for life history study
- 2) Personally tag and release at least 500 dolphinfish for migration studies
- 3) Recruit anglers to tag and release at least 1000 individuals (total) in the 2011 season

#### Research Grants

2011-2012

Dolphin-fish in the Gulf of Mexico: an investigation of migration patterns, habitat use, and life history of this important sport-fish. **Harvey Weil Sportsman Conservationist Award Trust.** G. Stunz (PI), M. Reese Robillard (Co-PI), P. Young (Co-PI) - \$10,000

## Professional Experience

2010-Present Graduate Research Assistant-Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Corpus Christi, TX

Incurred Duties: Assist with experimental logistical issues, experimental design, lab work, field collections and trials, assist with maintenance of research vehicles,

boats and equipment.

2007-Present Captain/Operator 43' Cabo Mo Azul Sportfishing Port Aransas, TX

Incurred Duties: Oversee and maintain all vessel operations including trips, required safety equipment and permits, routine washing, waxing, general upkeep, yearly haul outs, engine oil changes and maintenance, oversee mechanic operations, oversee service and maintenance of all fishing equipment, build and maintain clientele relations, build and maintain website material, keep tax records

2010-Present Founder/CEO Stickfish Solutions Port Aransas, TX

Incurred Duties: Develop and maintain investor relations, oversee development of products, and manage the budget for a small company that focuses on developing unique and highly integrated electronic devices and products that cater to the fishing

and scientific community

2005-2007 2<sup>ND</sup> Captain various offshore sportfishing vessels Port Aransas, TX

2004 Full time mate offshore sportfishing vessel, various locations along the Gulf coast Port Aransas, TX

Venice, LA

Billoxi, MS

Incurred Duties: share operating duties, routine washing, waxing and general vessel and fishing equipment maintenance and upkeep

2000-2004 Summer break full time mate on various offshore headboats and private vessels Port Aransas, TX

Incurred Duties: Care and Maintenance of boat and engines: Safe operation of vessel, wash, wax, engine oil change/analysis, engine parts change/maintenance, operate maintain all radio and safety equipment

#### Non-Scientific Publications

2005-Present Offshore contributing editor/distributor Texas Outback Magazine

Circulation: 50,000

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Description: *Texas Outback Magazine* is a full color bi-monthly published magazine available via subscription or distributed for free at various outdoor retail locations throughout central and south Texas. Articles focus on offshore fishing reports and

tourism of Port Aransas TX. tomag@satx.rr.com

2005-Present Contributing author The Big Game Fishing Journal

Description: *The Big Game Fishing Journal* is a nationally circulated full color bi-monthly published magazine available via subscription or purchase at various bookstores and tackle retail stores. Published out of New Jersey the magazine generally focuses on technical or 'how to' articles emphasizing tackle, techniques and electronic operations. Article contributions have been techniques and tactics

utilized by Texas anglers. www.biggamefishingjournal.com

2006-Present Outdoors with Peter Young, Port Aransas South Jetty Circulation: 5,000

Description: The Port Aransas *South Jetty* is the local newspaper of Port Aransas, TX available via subscription, locally, or on the web. *Outdoors with Peter Young* is a column that focuses on anything outdoor related including reports on hunting, fishing, upcoming legislation of importance, fisheries news, and stories told 'as remembered'

by legendary locals. www.portasouthjetty.com

2005-2009 Lonestar Outdoor News

Description: Lonestar Outdoor News is a weekly fishing and hunting report published

in Dallas, TX and distributed statewide. www.lsonews.com

2005-2008 Saltwater Texas

Description: Salwater Texas is a monthly newspaper with a focus on fishing photos and reports

June 10, 2007 Austin American Statesman

Description: The Austin American Statesmen is the daily newspaper for the Austin metropolitan area. The article I wrote was essentially a fishing/tourism article about the Port Aransas area titled: "Gone fishing off

the shores of Port Aransas." www.statesman.com

#### Volunteer Activities

2007-Present Port Aransas Boatmen's Association Port Aransas, TX 2009 Volunteer Captain for Port Aransas ARK turtle release Port Aransas, TX Description: The Port Aransas Animal Rehabilitation Keep (ARK) is dedicated to rescuing sick and injured animals of all kinds. In April 2009, the crew of the Mo Azul along with several ARK volunteers released 18 rehabilitated turtles back into the Gulf of Mexico 2007 Assistant Coach Port Aransas Mullets Port Aransas, TX Description: My wife and I coached the a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade soccer team for a season 2004-2000 Reading Buddy Program Stillwater, OK Description: Elementary students experiencing difficulty with reading are selected by teachers for the reading buddy program. Volunteers were paired with reading buddies to come up to the school once a week and read with the student 2004-2000 OSU Into the Streets Stillwater, OK Descriptions: Into the Streets is an OSU university wide community service project where the students provide service to the elderly and disabled citizens in Stillwater, OK

### Certifications

Description: OSU Big event is an annual citywide beautification day

Stillwater, OK

Captain Peter Young
United States Coast Guard Merchant Marine Officer
Fully Licensed Captain, 100 Gross Tons, Document Number USA000064237

American Red Cross Standard First Aid Certification American Red Cross CPR/AED Adult Certification

OSU The Big Event

2004-2000