

Monofilament Recovery and Recycling in Texas



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Have you seen those big white PVC tubes at your favorite jetty, pier, or lake? You know the ones who

We did some fishing to answer these questions when the Ascarate Fishing club in El Paso asked us a

The Monofilament Recovery and Recycling (MAR) program is a grant-funded project that does not make or maintain the

If you or your group would like to adopt a site that is often littered with fishing line, follow these steps to

1. Contact [Texas Sea Grant](#) to obtain and complete a volunteer agreement form
2. Purchase the materials [from US web site](#). There is a great price list under \$15/bin. (Note: Ex

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3. Set up a schedule to clean it out and take the monofilament to a local recycler. Many tackle stores have a recycling bin.
4. Report your data to Texas Sea Grant. The page to report how much you collect!

According to their website, <http://www.seagrant.tamu.edu/monofilament/>, they have collected 782 pounds of monofilament in 2014, 558 in 2013, and 1060 miles of 12-pound



On a side note, Angler Ed Area Chief Michael Scherer made some miniature bins (using 1/2 inch PVC)

TPWD Angler Education staff are eager to help volunteers get involved with this program, so feel free to

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