

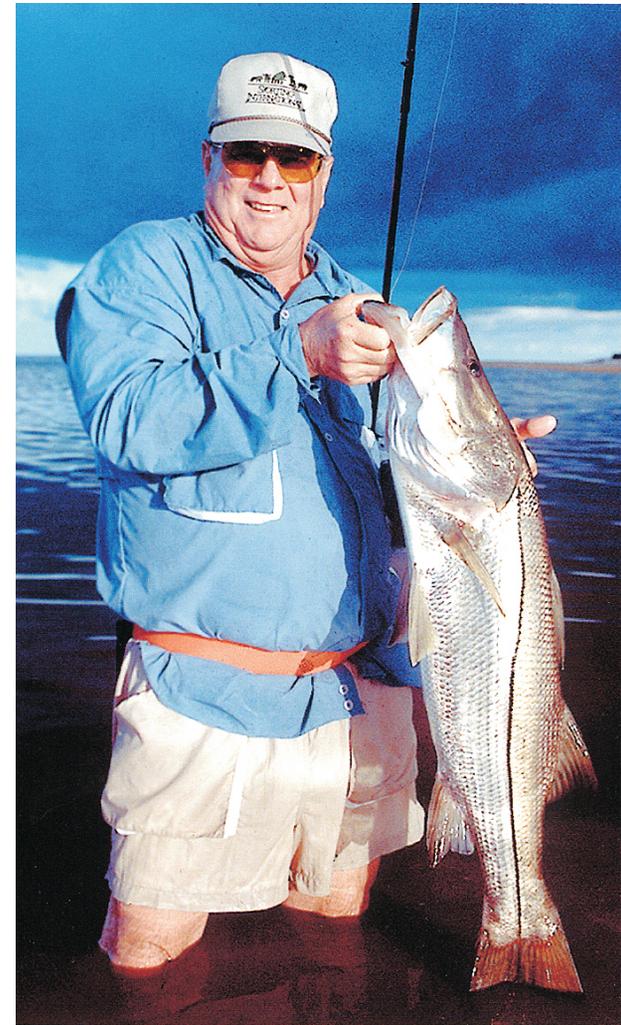
# Charles H. Lyles Award Recipient 2001

## Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Past Charles H. Lyles Award Recipients

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<i>Charles H. Lyles</i>	<i>1984</i>
<i>Theodore B. Ford</i>	<i>1985</i>
<i>J.Y. Christmas</i>	<i>1986</i>
<i>John Breaux</i>	<i>1987</i>
<i>John Ray Nelson</i>	<i>1988</i>
<i>I.B. "Buck" Byrd</i>	<i>1989</i>
<i>Hugh A. Swingle</i>	<i>1990</i>
<i>John A. Mehos</i>	<i>1991</i>
<i>J. Burton Angelle</i>	<i>1992</i>
<i>Louis A. Villanova</i>	<i>1993</i>
<i>Theodore H. Shepard</i>	<i>1994</i>
<i>Edwin A. Joyce, Jr.</i>	<i>1995</i>
<i>Tommy D. Candies</i>	<i>1996</i>
<i>Walter M. Tatum</i>	<i>1997</i>
<i>Thomas L. Heffernan</i>	<i>1998</i>
<i>Trent Lott</i>	<i>1999</i>
<i>James M. Barkuloo</i>	<i>2000</i>

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Walter W. Fondren, III was born in Houston, Texas on April 29, 1936. As a young man, he achieved great fame in Texas athletics. Mr. Fondren was named as the winner of the Texas Sportswriters' "High School Football Player of the Year Award" in 1953. He went on to play football at the University of Texas where in 1955 he was selected as first team All Southwest Conference halfback. After graduating from the University of Texas in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science in geology, Mr. Fondren was selected in the National Football League draft by the Los Angeles Rams.

Football wasn't the only sport in which Walter Fondren excelled. He qualified as an amateur and played in the legendary British Open golf tournament. He is a member of the Texas Football Hall of Fame and the University of Texas Hall of Fame.

In 1957 Walter married Fran Leland, also of Houston, and today they have six children and many grandchildren. He spends a lot of time at the family ranch outside of Columbus, where he and Fran are planning a retreat area for their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Fondren is a member and past Chairman of the Board of the Fondren Foundation and is currently a member of the board of Directors of Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. Mr. Fondren served on the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council as a member from 1982 through 1992. He served as Council Chairman from 1989 to 1990 and on the Billfish Advisory Committee from 1994 to present. He is also on the Board of Directors of the International Game Fish Association and on the Board of the Billfish Foundation.

Coastal Conservation Association Texas, formerly known as the Gulf Coast Conservation Association, was formed in 1977

by a small group of concerned recreational fishermen. Since then, it has grown to include 15 chapter states along the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic seaboard, becoming the Coastal Conservation Association. The organization's primary goals, from the onset, have been the conservation and protection of our nation's marine resources from all threats, including over-fishing and habitat loss. Through the inspired work of thousands of volunteers, the organization has been a driving force towards these goals. A founding member and past Chairman of the Board of CCA Texas is Walter Fondren, III, who also served as the Chairman of the national Board of CCA.

Through his work on GCCA and later CCA, Walter Fondren was a guiding force to help reestablish the red fish to our coastal waters so anglers today and future generations can continue to enjoy this great gamefish.

Few have done more for marine recreational fisheries than Walter Fondren.

