



**Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership/Friends of Reservoirs
Annual Meeting
25-28 October, 2014
Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, Athens, TX**



The Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership (RFHP) and Friends of Reservoirs (FOR) are pleased to announce that their 5th Annual Meeting will take place at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens, TX, 25-28 October 2014. TFFC, <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/>, is a state-of-the-art visitor's center with a working fish hatchery and an aquatic plant nursery on-site and is home to the Texas "ShareLunker" program.

A workshop is planned for all-day Saturday, October 25th, ending at noon on Sunday, October 26th. The agenda for the workshop is fluid at this time but we are planning a series of presentations on the latest Best Management Practices for reservoir habitat restoration work. We will have professionals from around the country discuss techniques being used to reduce sedimentation and turbidity, improve water quality, restore shoreline habitat, culture and plant native aquatic vegetation, along with innovations in adding brush and/or commercially available artificial structure. We invite FOR partners in attendance to discuss their projects. Grant writing techniques and approaches will also be discussed. Attendees will be treated to a hands-on look at the extensive aquatic plant nursery on-site. We are planning an on-site free banquet and social for Saturday evening. This will be a great opportunity to network with other conservation-minded folks. We encourage FOR members to bring along representatives of other conservation-minded groups who are not yet FOR members.

RFHP's Annual Business Meeting will be held on Monday, October 27th with the morning of October 28th set aside for additional discussions. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Plus-Royal Mountain Inn in Athens at the rate of \$79.99 + tax. We are asking all attendees to book their own rooms by calling the hotel at (903) 292-1750. Use the Booking Code "Fishery Center" to reserve your room and to receive the discounted rate. Rooms must be booked by **September 19** to receive the discounted rate. **FOR will pay for the room charges for FOR members (one room per FOR group) as a way to reduce travel costs and encourage participation.** We ask that attendees double up in rooms when possible. Please RSVP to Jeff Boxrucker at jboxrucker@sbcglobal.net so we can get an accurate head count for planning purposes.

For those of you flying to Texas, it is best to book into Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW). Athens is about 1.5 hour drive from the airport. Contact Jeff at the email above and we may be able to arrange a car pool in lieu of renting a car. Looking forward to a great meeting and hope to see you there.