Dr. Greg Stunz’s expertise as an advocate, angler, instructor and public speaker is only outpaced by his renowned abilities as a marine scientist and professor at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi Harte Research Institute and as the Director of the Center for Sportfishing Science and Conservation. He currently sits on the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and, among many other endeavors, has led the movement to better leverage technology for data collection and fisheries impact analysis. Beyond that enviable and diverse set of accomplishments, he has been featured regularly catching and tagging some of the most powerful and iconic sharks on the planet on Discovery Channel’s Shark Week (which just simply makes him a lot cooler than the rest of us).

Greg works in an all-too-unusual nexus created by combining a deep appreciation and expertise in marine science with a passionate drive to advocate for proper management of the marine ecosystem. As a much sought-after public speaker, he travels the country addressing a wide array of gatherings on topics ranging from tagging sharks to the benefits of artificial reefs to the effectiveness of catch-and-release techniques.

“Greg is a conservationist in the truest sense. He is keenly aware that sound science and good policy management are inseparable, and has dedicated his life to mastering both,” said Pat Murray, CCA president. “Our oceans need more Greg Stunz’s.”

Greg’s love of fishing anchors his dedication to ocean resource conservation, and launching from the convenient sling of his backyard boat dock, he regularly fishes the bays and flats of Texas’ middle coast. He is a hardcore wade fisherman who is as comfortable stalking a grass flat as analyzing a fish stock, and he refuses to lose touch with either piece of the puzzle. His years in the lab, teaching, conducting field work and doing extensive tagging studies on some of our sport’s most revered sportfish make him an expert’s expert and his thankless hours in the moldy confines of fisheries management meetings prove he’s a true believer.

“I am truly blessed to work in a field that coalesces my career and personal passion – sportfishing,” Dr. Stunz says, “Being an avid angler and outdoorsman gives me a unique perspective in defining the most pressing scientific problems needing solutions, and it also guides my conservation principles, since I directly experience and am acutely aware of the perspectives of the recreational angler.”