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### **PORT FREEPORT CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF TAKE-A-CHILD FISHING TOURNAMENT VIRTUALLY**

**FREEPORT, TX (May 18, 2020)** – For 20 years, Port Freeport has proudly hosted the annual Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament (TACFT) with the support and generosity of sponsors and volunteers. To protect the health and safety of our community and abide by recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the 20th Annual TACFT will be held virtually throughout the month of June.

“The Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament is a long-time tradition for Port Freeport,” said Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO. “We are excited to present the tournament this year in a format that families are able to participate while protecting their health and well-being.”

The community event will feature a month-long youth tournament for Brazoria County residents allowing families to fish at the time and location of their choice. Participants will register online for the tournament, then submit a photo or short video of themselves and their catches for a chance to win a top prize through a random drawing, as well as 20 other participation prizes.

An important aspect of the annual tournament is the ability to give back to the community. The Brazoria County Dream Center will receive a donation of 10 canned goods per registered participant. No entry fee for participants is required for this year’s virtual fishing tournament.

“On behalf of the Port Commission, I would like to thank the sponsors and volunteers for their generosity which has made this event a success year after year,” stated Port Commission Chairman Shane Pirtle. “We look forward to another strong participant turnout and seeing

everyone's submissions for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this special community event.”

Port Freeport's website has a dedicated page ([www.portfreeport.com/tacft2020](http://www.portfreeport.com/tacft2020)) highlighting this year's sponsors, details regarding online registration, and tournament rules. In addition, the webpage gallery will feature contestant fishing photos or video submissions. Bait will be provided while supplies last and may be collected at Bridge Bait in Freeport with a copy of the registration confirmation.

On July 1, 2020, at 12 p.m., a Facebook Live drawing will be held to select a winner from each age group for the top prize. Every registered participant residing within Brazoria County is eligible to win one of the 20 participation prizes.

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in chemicals, 19<sup>th</sup> in total tonnage, and 26<sup>th</sup> in containers. A 2019 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institution revealed that nationally the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 279,780 jobs and has a total economic output of \$149 billion. The Freeport Harbor Channel serves BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., CMA CGM, Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Freeport LNG, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Horizon Auto Logistics, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Seaway Crude Pipeline Company, Tenaris, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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