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## Texas fishermen, non-profit help those impacted by Louisiana hurricanes

Commercial fishermen partner with Lighthouse Charity Team to distribute fresh fish to families in need

GALVESTON, TX, December 18, 2020 – Today, a partnership between <u>Lighthouse Charity Team</u>, a Texas non-profit that provides food and other support following disasters and other emergencies, <u>Katie's Seafood Market</u> and local Galveston fishermen is providing fresh, sustainably-caught fish to families affected by Hurricanes Laura and Delta in Cameron, Louisiana. Hurricane Laura was the strongest storm on record to hit southwest Louisiana and a mere six weeks later, Hurricane Delta made landfall as a Category 2 just 12 miles east of Laura's path.

"Lighthouse Charity Team is proud to partner with Katie's Seafood Market and the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance to help our fellow neighbors in Louisiana, who have a long road of recovery ahead after this past hurricane season," said Scott Gordon, president of Lighthouse Charity Team. "We're giving them a home-cooked meal, which isn't just good for your appetite, it's good for your body and soul. We want to show them that people still care."

Lighthouse Charity Team is distributing more than 800 meals to the community today after Katie's Seafood Market offloaded and processed American red snapper caught aboard the fishing vessel Alice Mae by Galveston fisherman Captain Bill Wright Jr.

"This is about people helping people," said Buddy Guindon, owner of Katie's Seafood Market in Galveston. "This program helps fishermen make a living and keeps people fed. We're proud to be part of this, especially with the challenges 2020 has thrown everyone's way."

The partnership is overseen by the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance, the largest organization of commercial grouper and snapper fishermen in the Gulf. The program is supported by Catch Together, a nonprofit which raises funds to strengthen fishing communities and fishermen across the country who prioritize sustainable fishing practices. Catch Together is supporting similar efforts in Florida and other regions including Alaska, Maine, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.







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## About the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance

The Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance is the largest organization of commercial grouper and snapper fishermen in the Gulf of Mexico. We represent the interests of commercial fishermen and other stakeholders who want to bring sustainability and accountability to fisheries management, in addition to engaging in a variety of fisheries support and philanthropic endeavors.