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### **PORT FREEPORT HOSTS 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TAKE-A-CHILD FISHING TOURNAMENT**

**FREEPORT, TX (May 9, 2018)** – On Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Port Freeport hosted the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament (TACFT) at the Freeport Municipal Park. The tournament provides an opportunity for the Port and sponsors to give back to the community. Over 240 local young anglers with their families brought the total attendance to more than 600 people. With over 370 cans collected, the entry fee of a canned good helps fill the pantry at the Brazoria County Dream Center.

“Port Freeport is honored to host this annual event. With the help of our sponsors and volunteers, it provides an opportunity for youth in our community to not only go home with great prizes, but also spend quality time outdoors with family and friends”, said Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO, Phyllis Saathoff.

Registrants are divided into two age groups, and first through third place prizes are awarded to both groups. First place winners were awarded a laptop computer, printer and accessories. Second and third place received Visa gift cards. Each registrant received a t-shirt, patriotic folding chair and a goodie bag. They also had an opportunity to win one of over 100 door prizes.

“With the generosity and support of the many sponsors and dedicated volunteers, this event continues to be successful year after year. The commissioners and I are proud to be part of this community tradition.” stated Port Commission Chairman Paul Kresta.

The young anglers caught a variety of fish and presented a total of 539 at the weigh-in. Port Freeport would like to thank everyone who attended and congratulate this year’s winners:

#### Blue Fins Category (Ages 3-8)

First Place – McKenzie Mouton, Second Place – Isabella Hlavinka, Third Place – Parker Urban

Yellow Fins Category (Ages 9-14)

First Place – Abby Pillar, Second Place – Ryan Dirzanowski, Third Place – Reid Dusek

Port Freeport would like to extend a thank you to all the volunteers for their dedication and the following sponsors for their generosity: *Platinum* - AAA Asphalt Paving Inc.; Brown & Gay Engineers Inc.; Doyle & Wachtstetter, Inc.; Freeport LNG; HDR Inc.; LJA Engineering Inc.; Moffatt & Nichol; Ports America, Inc.; Sorrell Construction; Tegrity Homes; Vulcan Materials Company; *Gold* - BASF Corporation; Blueline Shop & Copy Center; Brazos Pilots Association; City of Freeport; Horizon Terminal Services; McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.; Raba Kistner Consultants; Red Hook Terminals; Sunstates Security LLC.; Terracon; *Silver* - Bay - Houston Towing Co.; Bracewell LLP; Buchanan Electrical Services; Chiquita; Cordoba Law Firm, P.L.L.C.; Dole Fresh Fruit Company; Freeport Mooring & Marine, Inc.; Freese and Nichols; G&H Towing Company; J.R. Wagner Memorial Foundation; LEAF Engineers, A PBK Company, Inc.; McDonough Engineering Corporation; Promotions Unlimited; Weighing Technologies, Inc.; WSP USA, Inc.; *Sponsor* - Alvin Sun-Advertiser; Bay Star Group; Bell Dental; Brazoria County Septic Service; Bridge Bait; Bridge Harbor Yacht Club; Castleberry Insurance; DarKer Side Dj's; First State Bank; Gulf Coast Engraving; Gulftex Vending & Coffee Services, Inc.; Kennemer, Masters & Lunsford, LLC; Magaly Malambri Photography; McCarthy Building Companies; Ravi Singhania, Port Commissioner; Sea Center of Texas; SI Group; Southern Shaved Ice; Texas Port Ministry; The BreVard Company; U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 64; Vernor Material and Equipment Co., Inc.

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**PHOTO CUTLINE:** Port Freeport Commissioner Rudy Santos and Executive Director/CEO Phyllis Saathoff presents 1<sup>st</sup> place through 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards to tournament winners in blue fins and yellow fins divisions.