

New Gear: Smart investment in tough times

Investing in **new gear** can **reduce fuel consumption** up to 15,000 gallons a year.

When investing in new gear consider:

A switch to **steel cambered trawl doors** and **sapphire nets** that could mean:

- Average fuel savings of 20% a year
- Longer lasting doors and nets
- Less wear on engines
- Lower maintenance costs

Better performing **bycatch reduction devices (BRDs)** that could mean:

- Lower bycatch, less discarding
- Fewer crushed shrimp
- Faster sorting
- Expanded markets for sustainable product



Don't forget: In May 2009, new rules may require your BRDs be replaced or modified for vessels fishing federal waters.

To learn more, contact Tonya Wiley (281-534-0131) or Art Morris (361-825-3356) at Texas Parks and Wildlife, or Gary Graham (979-345-6131) at Texas Sea Grant.

New gear will save you fuel and money.



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