



Mark Dumesnil

Mark Dumesnil is the Associate Director of Coastal Restoration for the Texas Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC). He has worked for TNC 19 years in various capacities all along the Texas coast from Sabine Lake on the Louisiana border to South Bay in Port Isabel. Mark holds two degrees from Texas Tech University specializing in both Wildlife Management and Rangeland Ecology. Immediately after leaving college, he spent several years working at the USDA-ARS Grassland, Soil, and Water Research Laboratory on research related to climate change. Afterwards, he left Texas to work for New Mexico State University as a rangeland specialist overseeing the university's 28,000 acre experimental ranch near Corona, New Mexico. While at TNC, Mark has participated in many aspects of coastal conservation work to include real estate transactions, preserve stewardship and infrastructure management, prescribed fire, invasive weed control, sustainable cattle grazing and row crop agriculture, wetlands and seagrass restoration, constructing living shorelines, and more recently, restoration of oyster reefs in two mid-coast Texas Bays. He has served on various advisory and management boards over the years and most recently with the Gulf Coast Joint Venture and the Mission Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve. Mark has four sons two of which are currently working in the environmental and archeology fields for private consulting firms.