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Paul Hammerschmidt became Director of the Texas Artificial Reef Program, a function of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Coastal Fisheries Division, in 1998. He is also responsible for coordinating the regulatory and rule-making process for the Division, the Coastal exhibits for the Texas Wildlife Expo, and the Division's education and outreach programs. Paul began work with TPWD in January 1974 as a Wildlife and Fisheries Technician. He rose through the ranks from area biologist for the San Antonio Bay System to Science Director at the Perry R. Bass Marine Fisheries Research Station. He transferred to the Austin TPWD Headquarters in 1993. Paul received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology from University of California, San Diego and a Master of Science Degree in Fisheries Science from Texas A&M University.

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