

Recreational Use Attainability Analysis for Aransas Creek

Wrap Up and Next steps
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Time Frame & Milestones

- May 29, 2012
 - Public meeting
- August 31-September 1, 2012
 - First field Survey
- September 28, 2012
 - Second field Survey
- April 30, 2013
 - Summary of Findings Public meeting
- May 1-30, 2013
 - Public comment period for Technical report

Next Steps

- Public comment on the Technical report will be May 1st – May 30th
- NRA will address any discussion from tonight and any comments that are received through public comment period and make appropriate changes to document
- TSSWCB will forward the RUAA report and supporting documentation to TCEQ, prior to June 30, with a cover letter reflecting the path forward and recommendations discussed tonight

Next Steps cont.

- TCEQ will evaluate RUAA report and conduct their own public comment process
- TCEQ will then evaluate the Report and any comments received and formulate a staff recommendation to either change or not change the water quality standards for Aransas Creek
- TCEQ staff recommendation on whether or not to change the water quality standards as a result of the RUAA will be discussed through the public process for the next Triennial review (2014) of the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (TSWQS)
- EPA will approve or reject any revision to the TSWQS

Tiers for Recreational Use

- Primary Contact Recreation (126 cfu /100 mL)
 - Involves significant risk of water ingestion
 - Wading children
 - Swimming
 - Tubing
- Secondary Contact Recreation 1 (630 cfu/100 mL)
 - Commonly occur but have limited body contact incidental to shoreline activities that pose a less significant risk of water ingestion
 - Fishing
 - Motor boating/canoeing
- Secondary Contact Recreation 2 (1,030 cfu/100 mL)
 - Activities that occur less frequently than secondary contact recreation 1 due to physical characteristics of the waterbody and limited access
- Noncontact Recreation (2,060 cfu/100 mL)
 - Activities that do not involved a significant risk of water ingestion such as those with limited body contact incidental to shoreline activity
 - Birding
 - Hiking/biking



Please submit comments to:

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All comments must be received by 5 p.m., Thursday, May 30, 2013, and should reference Aransas Creek RUAA

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