



Texas Seagrass Conservation Plan

The Ortiz Center
Corpus Christi, Texas
June 11-12, 2009

**REVIEW WORKSHOP
AGENDA**

Hosted By



Welcome

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, and the Port of Corpus Christi Authority welcome you to the 2009 Texas Seagrass Conservation Plan Review Workshop. Upon the 10-year anniversary of the implementation of the Seagrass Conservation Plan for Texas (Plan), signed into action by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the Texas General Land Office, this workshop will provide a comprehensive look at the accomplishments of the original Plan, identify unfulfilled and new objectives, and explore future actions and partnerships to further the protection and conservation of seagrass communities along the Texas coast. Under the conservation plan, the Texas Seagrass Monitoring Workgroup has coordinated with state and federal agencies, research institutes, and non-profit organizations to meet goals and objectives in the areas of research, management, and education.

During the course of this workshop, the Workgroup invites your input on the Plan's achievements and shortcomings, and on new actions or considerations that should be adopted into the Plan. All comments from the workshop attendees will be collated and considered by the Seagrass Monitoring Workgroup as it formulates a list of recommendations regarding the Seagrass Conservation Plan for Texas. Upon the completion of this process, a proceedings document will be produced and submitted to the three state agencies (TPWD, TCEQ, and TGLO) for their consideration.

To provide follow-up to all of the workshop attendees, a summary of the workshop/post-workshop process and the final proceedings with the resulting recommendations will be posted on the workshop website as well as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's website.

The Seagrass Monitoring Workgroup and hosting agencies thank you for your time and input over the course of this workshop. We look forward to your participation as we strive to further protect Texas' seagrass communities.

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Agenda

June 11, 2009

8:00-8:30a Registration & Breakfast

8:30-9:00a *Opening Welcome*

L'Oreal Stepney
Director, Water Quality Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Larry Laine
Deputy Land Commissioner / Chief Clerk
Texas General Land Office

Carter Smith
Executive Director
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

9:00-10:00a *Keynote Address*

Bill Dennison
Chair, Tidal Monitoring & Analysis Group
Chesapeake Bay Program

10:00-10:15a *Workshop Overview*

Nathan Kuhn
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

10:15-10:30a Break

10:30-11:30a *Chapter Overviews*

Education
Karen Meador, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Jace Tunnell, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program

Research
Ken Dunton, Marine Sciences Institute, University of Texas
Patrick Larkin, Department of Physical and Environmental
Science, Texas A&M University

Management
Paul Carangelo, Port of Corpus Christi Authority
Beau Hardegree, US Fish and Wildlife Service

11:30a-12:00n *Chapter Breakout - Process Overview*

12:00-1:15p Lunch

1:15-2:45p *Chapter Workshops*

2:45-3:00p Break

3:00-3:45p *Chapter Workshops*

3:45-3:55p Break

4:00-4:45p *Chapter Workshops*

4:45-5:00p *Closing Comments*

June 11, 6:00-7:00pm

Reception - Join us for a beautiful evening at the Ortiz Center Pavilion overlooking the historic Corpus Christi ship channel

June 12, 2009

8:00-8:30a Breakfast

8:30-8:45a *Opening*

8:45-9:30a *Summary of Education Chapter Workshop -
Final Input and Comments*

9:30-10:15a *Summary of Research Chapter Workshop -
Final Input and Comments*

10:15-10:30a Break

10:30-11:15a *Summary of Management Chapter Workshop -
Final Input and Comments*

11:15a-12:00p *Closing Comments*

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