

Drought Impact and Recovery in Texas Estuaries Workshop

Wednesday, January 30, 2013 – Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston 77027

PROGRAM

- 8:00 – 8:30 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 8:45 **Welcome – Goals for the Day, Summary of Participant Surveys**
Myron Hess, Texas Water Programs Manager/Counsel, National Wildlife Federation
- 8:45 – 9:15 **State Agency Drought Monitoring Efforts and Data**
Carla Guthrie, Bay and Estuaries Program Team Leader, TWDB
Cindy Loeffler, Water Resources Branch Chief, TPWD
- 9:15 – 10:15 **Noteworthy 2011 Drought Observations and Discussion**
Moderator: David Bradsby, Water Quantity Program Leader, TPWD
Panelists:
Benthos Sampling–Paul Montagna, Endowed Chair for Ecosystems and Modelling, Harte
Unusual and Invasive Species–Leslie Hartman, Matagorda Bay Ecosystems Leader, TPWD
Salinities in Sabine Lake–Terry Stelly, Ecosystems Biologist, TPWD
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:15 **More Noteworthy 2011 Drought Observations and Discussion**
Moderator: Carla Guthrie, Bay and Estuaries Program Team Leader, TWDB
Panelists:
Commercial Fishing and Oysters–Lance Robinson, Upper Coast Regional Director, TPWD
Rangia Mortality in San Antonio Bay–Norman Johns, Water Resources Scientist, NWF
- 11:15 – 11:45 **Drought Indices in Texas Estuaries**
Kenneth Dunton, Professor Department of Marine Sciences, UT Marine Science Institute
- 11:45 – 12:00 **Matagorda Bay Example and Breakout Session Overview**
Bryan Cook, Water Quality Supervisor, Lower Colorado River Authority
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch and Presentation: Drought in Texas**
John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas State Climatologist
- 1:00 – 2:45 **Breakout Sessions: Monitoring Data Needs and Opportunities for Collaboration**
Upper Coast Moderator: Ed Oborny, Principal and Project Manager, BIO-WEST, Inc.
Middle Coast Moderator: Bryan Cook, Water Quality Supervisor, Lower Colorado River Authority
Lower Coast Moderator: Cindy Loeffler, Water Resources Branch Manager, TPWD
- 2:45 – 3:00 **Break**
- 3:00 – 3:45 **Reports from Breakout Session Moderators and Discussion**
- 3:45 – 4:00 **Wrap-Up and Drawing**
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