

Next Steps: Incorporating Information into the Surface Water Quality Standards

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Water Quality Standards

- The Texas Surface Water Quality Standards establish goals for the quality of streams, rivers, lakes, and bays throughout the state.
- Water quality standards identify appropriate **uses**, including recreation and aquatic life and the **criteria** for evaluating support of those uses.



Texas Water Quality Standards Revisions

- n Standards are revised every three years to address:
 - new information about pollutants,
 - additional data about water quality in specific waters, and
 - new state and federal regulatory requirements

Appreciation of Your Input

- n Identify sampling locations
- n Landowner access
- n Changes in stream flow
- n Historical and seasonal changes
- n Accounts of recreational activities (swimming, wading, fishing)
- n Public comments

Revisions Under Development

- n Changing Atascosa River boundaries to more closely match observed stream flow
- n Assign appropriate aquatic life and dissolved oxygen criteria
- n Assign appropriate recreation criteria

2013 Revision to Texas Water Quality Standards

- n RUAA Report comments received (August and September, 2011)
- n Advisory Meetings
 - Atascosa Stakeholder Meetings (November 2009, August 2011, August 2012)
 - Statewide Standards Advisory Workgroups (March, May 2012)
- n Proposed (April, 2013)
- n 45-day public comment period
- n Public hearing (June, 2013)
- n Comment period ended (June, 2013)
- n Adoption Agenda (October, 2013)

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