



**Results of the December 2008 Workshop
on
Environmental Flows in the
Cypress River Basin**

Senate Bill 3

TCEQ shall

adopt appropriate **environmental flow standards** for each river basin ... that are adequate to support a sound ecological environment, to the maximum extent reasonable considering other public interests and other relevant factors.

and

establish an amount of unappropriated water, if available, to be **set aside** [in each river basin] to satisfy the environmental flow standards to the maximum extent reasonable when considering human water needs.

December Work on Senate Bill 3

Goals

Environmental Flow Regimes:

Reviewed and revised the Building Blocks.

Environmental Flow Standards:

Developed Recommendations based on the Building Blocks, physical limitations and goals of stakeholders.

Results: Envi. Flow Standards

Big Cypress Bayou: A numerical standard:

The revised building blocks as limited by the 3000 cfs maximum flow rate from Lake O' the Pines and existing water rights.

Black Cypress Bayou: A narrative standard:

Maintain in as natural condition as possible. Standard more protective than regime.

Little Cypress Bayou: A hybrid standard:

The building blocks, except for flood flows for which there is a narrative standard that flood flows should not be further reduced significantly in timing, duration or magnitude.

