

Sabine and Neches Rivers and Sabine Lake Bay Basin and Bay Area Stakeholder Committee Charge

- Submit to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) comments on and recommendations regarding the Sabine-Neches BBEST's recommended environmental flow regime no later than June 1, 2010.
- All Stakeholder Committee meetings must be open to the public.
- The Stakeholder Committee (and the Environmental Flows Advisory Group [EFAG]) may not change the environmental flow analyses or environmental flow regime recommendations of the Sabine-Neches BBEST.
- Review of the Sabine-Neches BBEST's environmental flow analyses and environmental flow regime recommendations must consider them in conjunction with other factors, including the present and future needs for water for other uses related to water supply planning in the Sabine-Neches River Basins and the Sabine-Neches Estuary (Sabine Lake).
- The Stakeholder Committee shall develop recommendations regarding environmental flow standards and strategies to meet the environmental flow standards and submit those recommendations to the TCEQ and to the EFAG.
 - In developing these recommendations, the Stakeholder Committee will operate on a consensus basis to the maximum extent possible.
- In recognition of the importance of adaptive management, *after submitting recommendations regarding environmental flow standards and strategies to meet the environmental flow standards to the TCEQ*, the Stakeholder Committee will, with the assistance of the Sabine-Neches BBEST, prepare and submit for approval by the Advisory Group a **work plan** that:
 1. Establishes a periodic review of the basin and bay environmental flow analyses and environmental flow regime recommendations, environmental flow standards, and strategies, to occur at least once every 10 years;
 2. Prescribes specific monitoring, studies, and activities; and
 3. Establishes a schedule for continuing the validation or refinement of the basin and bay environmental flow analyses and environmental flow regime recommendations, the environmental flow standards adopted by the TCEQ, and the strategies to achieve those standards.