

Hello everyone,

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I have not had much to do with the BBASC committee since the last meeting at the Breckenridge Recreation Center in Edna. I had talked to Myron a couple of times after that meeting when I received emails of the future meetings. I didn't figure me being there would help much. Everyone knows how I feel about getting water down to the lower basin and bays and estuaries. What's going on now is very wrong and will sadly prove itself in the much nearer future than everyone thinks. Unless "thinking at the top" changes, there won't be much help. I commend the ones fighting the battle and trying to do this the political way. The rain we got down on the coast in April was a blessing. It was too late for the oysters for this season but if the water temperature was high enough in the bays, it should have helped the oyster spawn. It definitely helped the shrimp in the estuaries; we now have a crop that looks better than in maybe the last ten years. Of course this still remains to be seen, the gulf season doesn't open until July 15, but still what's been caught in the bays has looked very encouraging. A steady flow of fresh water year round is what the bays have needed for quite a while, while this isn't happening; it would be nice to see more people take the coastal basins more serious than just a nice fishing trip or vacation. One day it's not going to be a nice place to go. A lot of people think the drought is a short lived event that will go away and in time everything is going to be fine. These people are wrong. The water shortages are here, have been here for quite a while, and are not going away. So if we can't equally share the water among people and the environment, then we certainly have not done the job that we were supposed to do. It's been a terrible year for us financially but I'm sure there are many in the same boat after this drought. I told Steve Box I would make it to La Grange, but other than telling you guys the water that fell on the bays in April helped very much, I really can't help that much, I'm fiber glassing a 60' shrimp boat for my brother-in-law right now and I really need to be there because he's running out of time to get this boat ready for the July 15 opening. Like I said in the first meetings that I spoke at, we must not short change the bays and estuaries, and that's exactly what we did, go figure.

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