

Recommendations for Recreational Use Changes

TCEQ Water Quality Standards Update

Recreation categories as defined in §307.3 (a) of the 2010 Texas Surface Water Quality Standards:

Primary contact recreation -- Activities that are presumed to involve a significant risk of ingestion of water (e.g. wading by children, swimming, water skiing, diving, tubing, surfing, and the following whitewater activities: kayaking, canoeing, and rafting).

Secondary contact recreation 1 – Activities that commonly occur but have limited body contact incidental to shoreline activity (e.g. fishing, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, and motor boating). These activities are presumed to pose a less significant risk of water ingestion than primary contact recreation but more than secondary contact recreation 2.

Secondary contact recreation 2 – Activities with limited body contact incidental to shoreline activity (e.g. fishing, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, and motor boating) that are presumed to pose a less significant risk of water ingestion than secondary contact recreation 1. These activities occur less frequently than secondary contact recreation 1 due to physical characteristics of the water body or limited public access.

Noncontact recreation – Activities that do not involve a significant risk of water ingestion, such as those with limited body contact incidental to shoreline activity, including, birding, hiking, and biking. Noncontact recreation may also be assigned where primary and secondary contact recreation activities should not occur because of unsafe conditions, such as ship and barge traffic.

Primary contact recreation

0502B Caney Creek
1204A Camp Creek
1211A Davidson Creek
1212A Middle Yegua Creek
1216A Trimmier Creek
1218 Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek
1222B Rush-Copperas Creek
1222E Sweetwater Creek
1223 Leon River Below Leon Reservoir
1242C Still Creek
1242F Pond Creek
1242J Deer Creek
1245 Upper Oyster Creek
1248C Mankins Branch
1255 Upper North Bosque River
1302 San Bernard River Above Tidal
1302B West Bernard Creek
1305 Caney Creek Above Tidal
1431 Mid Pecan Bayou
2109 Leona River
2202 Arroyo Colorado Above Tidal

Secondary contact recreation 1

0404 Big Cypress Creek Below Lake Bob Sandlin
0404B Tankersley Creek
0404C Hart Creek
0502A Nichols Creek
0512A Running Creek
1202H Allen's Creek
1222A Duncan Creek
1242B Cottonwood Branch
1242D Thompson Creek
1242P Big Creek
1246E Wasp Creek
1247A Willis Creek
1302A Gum Tree Branch
2004A Aransas Creek

Secondary contact recreation 2

1223A Armstrong Creek
1255E Unnamed Tributary to Goose Branch
1255G Woodhollow Branch