

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

0299A Sweetwater Creek
1226K Little Duffau Creek

Secondary contact recreation 1

0101A Dixon Creek
0214B Buffalo Creek
0230A Paradise Creek
0505B Grace Creek
0507G South Fork of Sabine River
0512B Elm Creek
1226E Indian Creek
1226F Sims Creek
1226H Alarm Creek
1226M Little Green Creek
1255F Unnamed Tributary of Scarborough Creek
1255I Dry Branch

Secondary contact recreation 2

1255A Goose Branch
1255B North Fork Upper North Bosque River
1255C Scarborough Creek