

Recreational Use Changes

Recreational Use-Attainability Analysis (RUAA) reports for the water bodies listed below can be found on the TCEQ RUAA webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/standards/ruaas/index>.

Recommended to retain PCR1

0202A Bois D' Arc Creek
0207 Lower Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River
(comment period open until 4/6/2025)

0303B White Oak Creek (comment period open until 4/6/2025)

0404B Tankersley Creek*

0501B Little Cypress Bayou (comment period open until 4/6/2025)

0505B Grace Creek*

0507G South Fork of Sabine River*

0512B Elm Creek*

0606A Prairie Creek*

0606D Black Fork Creek

0838C Walnut Creek*

1221A Resley Creek

1221B South Leon River

1412B Beals Creek (comment period open until 4/6/2025)

2107 Lower Atascosa River

2118 Upper Atascosa River

2118C Atascosa River

Recommended for SCR1

0214F Unnamed Tributary of Buffalo Creek
0410A Black Cypress Creek

0804K Lower Keechi Creek

*Reevaluated, previously proposed SCR1 during 2018 TSWQS revision

Recreation categories as defined in §307.3(a) of the 2022 Texas Surface Water Quality Standards:

Primary contact recreation 1 (PCR1) – Activities that are presumed to involve a significant risk of ingestion of water (e.g., wading by children, swimming, water skiing, diving, tubing, surfing, handfishing as defined by Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, §66.115, and the following whitewater activities: kayaking, canoeing, and rafting).

Primary contact recreation 2 (PCR2) – Water recreation activities, such as wading by children, swimming, water skiing, diving, tubing, surfing, handfishing as defined by Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, §66.115, and whitewater kayaking, canoeing, and rafting, that involve a significant risk of ingestion of water but that occur less frequently than for primary contact recreation 1 due to: (A) physical characteristics of the water body; or (B) limited public access.

Secondary contact recreation 1 (SCR1) – 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 1 or 2 but more than secondary contact recreation 2.

Secondary contact recreation 2 (SCR2) – 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 (NCR) – 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.