

Guadalupe River Basin Habitat Conservation Plan

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The Aransas Project (TAP)

VS

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality

- TAP alleged that TCEQ was not managing river flows and freshwater inflows into the Gulf in accordance with the ESA.
- Decreased flow was causing “take” of the Whooping Cranes



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- Guadalupe Blanco River Authority joined the case in support of TCEQ
 - state permitting system
- GBRA expended ≈\$7 million in legal fees
- District Court found in favor of TAP
- 5th Circuit finds in favor of TCEQ/GBRA



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Environmental Stewardship Is

- Proactive rather than Reactive
- Positive Exposure and PR
- Leading by Example
- Cheaper than litigation
 - Even settled cases can be reshaped, retooled and resubmitted



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Freshwater Mussels of the Guadalupe Basin

USFWS Endangered Species Act Candidates



Guadalupe orb
(*Cylconaias necki*)



False spike
(*Fusconaia mitchelli*)



Guadalupe fatmucket
(*Lampsilis bergmanni*)



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Services



ESA

Stability of:
Wastewater
= Water Supply
Hydro Dams
Operations



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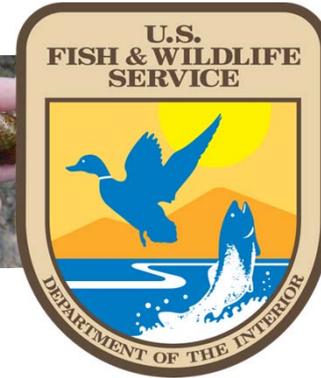
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- Board Resolution of Support – pledge of funding
- Section 6 non-traditional grant application
- Stakeholder engagement
- RFP for Lead Contractor



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