

BIOLOGICAL ADVISORY TEAM OF THE SOUTHERN EDWARDS PLATEAU HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

AGENDA

DATE: February 22, 2010
TIME: 9:00AM
LOCATION: Schertz City Hall
Bob Andrews Conference Room
1400 Schertz Parkway
Schertz, Texas 78154

Meeting #3

1. Call to Order - Richard Heilbrun, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
2. ACTION ITEM – Review and approve minutes, with any appropriate changes, from January 29 and February 8, 2010 BAT meetings.
3. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker)
4. Report from consultant team.
5. ACTION ITEM – Discussion and possible action on adopting operational procedures for the BAT.
6. ACTION ITEM – Discussion and possible action on recommending categories for addressing species in the SEP-HCP.
7. ACTION ITEM – Discussion and possible action on recommending list of species to be addressed by the SEP-HCP.
8. ACTION ITEM – Discussion and possible action on the SEP-HCP Plan Area.
9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting - Richard Heilbrun, TPWD
10. Adjourn

Backup Materials:

1. Agenda
2. Draft minutes
3. Draft operational rules
4. Draft species categories
5. TPWD Rare Species Lists for Bexar, Medina, Bandera, Kerr, Kendall, Comal, Blanco, Gillespie, and Hays counties (compiled by Loomis), with notes from February 8, 2010 BAT meeting

DRAFT OPERATIONAL RULES FOR THE SEP-HCP BAT

Actions of the BAT

- A quorum of 5 BAT members must be present to deliberate or take action.
- Alternates or proxies for appointed BAT members will not be recognized.
- A motion and second from the BAT is required before action is taken on an issue.
- The BAT will strive for consensus, but if there is more than one dissenting vote then the motion does not carry.
- Dissenting opinions may be submitted for the record, at the discretion of the dissenter.
The CAC will be informed of the vote count.

Minutes and Records

- The consultant team will take notes at meetings and prepare draft minutes for BAT consideration, amendment (if necessary), and approval at the subsequent meeting.
- Approved minutes will be posted on the SEP-HCP website.
- All materials distributed to the BAT for consideration via email or the SEP-HCP website.

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Public Comments

- Each BAT meeting will include an opportunity for public comment identified on the agenda.
- Individuals will be limited to 3 minutes of speaking time per meeting.
- The BAT will not engage in discussion during the public comment agenda item.
- Public comments at meetings will not be received outside of the posted agenda item.
- The public may provide written comments to the BAT at any time via info@sephcp.com.

Comment [CL1]: Allison Elder to research further.

Communications

- The BAT will refrain from discussing SEP-HCP business outside of a posted meeting.
- Email to and among BAT members will only be used to disseminate information.

- Comments, suggestions, and other communications from BAT members regarding SEP-HCP business outside of a posted meeting should be sent to the [BAT Chair](#), Bexar County SEP-HCP representative, and/or the consultant team.

DRAFT CATEGORIES FOR ADDRESSING SPECIES IN THE SEP-HCP

1. **COVERED SPECIES:** Species for which incidental take authorization will be obtained immediately upon permit issuance.
2. **FUTURE COVERED SPECIES:** Species that will be addressed in the SEP-HCP as if they were a Covered Species in anticipation of future listings or non-jeopardy determinations, but for which incidental take authorization may not be immediately available.
3. **VOLUNTARILY CONSERVED SPECIES:** Species for which incidental take coverage will not be sought, but for which additional conservation measures may be needed to assure a non-jeopardy determination or beneficial NEPA analysis (particularly for currently listed species that are not included as a “Covered Species”).
4. **ADDITIONAL SPECIES:** Other rare species, such as those on TPWD rare species lists, that are likely to incidentally benefit from the conservation measures implemented for the “Covered Species” and “Voluntarily Conserved Species.” Category to be used to catalog and emphasize the benefits of the conservation program on other rare species that might not have regulatory protection.