

Houston Toad Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
First Meeting – January 27, 2010

Items Discussed

- Programs available to assist Houston toad mitigation and recovery efforts (attached).
- Status of the Houston Toad and current research (e.g., Houston Zoo, Texas State University).
- Discussion of the role of 1-d-1 agricultural appraisals in participation in Habitat Conservation Plans.
- How to provide information to affected communities and counties on dealing with endangered species issues (i.e. information on developing an HCP)

Next steps for advisory committee

- The next meeting of the committee will be on March 11, 2010 in Bastrop.
- Agenda items will include:
  - An update from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the programs they have to assist in Houston toad recovery.
  - Discussion on how individuals and other counties can take part of Habitat Conservation Plans.
  - Background on the process Bastrop County went through to implement the Lost Pines Habitat Conservation Plan
  - Background information on the statutory provisions regarding 1-d-1 agriculture valuation and participation in Habitat Conservation Plans.

Recommended action for the task force

- In response to the last item discussed at the advisory committee meeting, the task force along with Texas AgriLife Extension should work to develop an “Endangered Species 101” presentation that can be placed on the task force website and shared with interested groups across the state.