

Freshwater Mussels

Purpose of and proposed charge to advisory committee

1. Provide information on programs/activities related to water quality and water quantity that may indirectly benefit freshwater mussels of interest.
2. Review best management practices that could be utilized for protection of freshwater mussels (e.g. watershed management, land management)
3. Assist in identifying industries/entities in the state identify entities in the state that could assist in efforts to protect the mussels of interest.

Geographic areas of focus

Region of the state encompassing the historical range of the five petitioned mussels in central Texas.

Timeline for completion of work

1. Committee members appointed by May 2010.
2. First meeting in June 2010.
3. Provide input and recommendations to Task force by September 30, 2010.

Technical working group

The advisory committee will be assisted in its work by a technical working group that will help to provide information on current and needed research to increase baseline understanding of land use impacts and mussel viability.