

RESOLUTION # R02-05
BAY AND ESTUARY INFLOWS

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WHEREAS,

freshwater inflows to the Copano and Aransas Bay system are important to commercial and recreational fisherman, bird watchers and other citizens living and working in Aransas County and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS,

the sportfishing industry makes a tremendous contribution to the economy of the Aransas County area through the tourism it attracts; and

WHEREAS,

the commercial fishing industry provides many jobs in the Aransas County area and supplies fresh fish to local restaurants and markets around the area; and

WHEREAS,

the Aransas County area is an international birding destination because of the tremendous diversity of birds occurring here; and

WHEREAS,

the sport and commercial fishing industries, birdwatching, and other nature-related tourism activities help support a variety of businesses in the Aransas County area, including hotels and restaurants, tour guide operators, marinas and boat dealers, fishing equipment and supply outlets, and bait dealers and fish houses; and

WHEREAS,

sport and commercial fishing and other tourism industries can be harmed by the failure to ensure that sufficient freshwater flows reach the Copano/Aransas Bay system; and

WHEREAS,

in light of the foregoing, it is important for our governing body to speak out strongly in favor of the Texas Legislature taking steps to protect freshwater inflows.

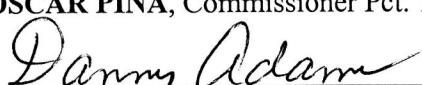
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners' Court that:

We respectfully urge Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Senator Kenneth Armbrister, and Representative Gene Seaman to develop and enact legislation to protect freshwater inflows.

Passed and Approved on this the 14TH day of February, 2005.


GLENN D. GUILLORY, County Judge


OSCAR PINA, Commissioner Pct. 1&1A


DANNY ADAMS, Commissioner Pct. 3.


FLOYD CLARK, Commissioner Pct. 2


HOWARD MURPH, Commissioner Pct. 4&4A

ATTEST:


PEGGY L. FRIEBELE, County Clerk