

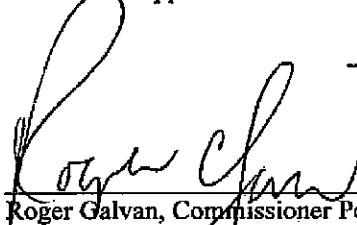
## BAY AND ESTUARY INFLOWS

- WHEREAS, freshwater inflows to the Lavaca/Matagorda and San Antonio Bay systems are important to commercial and recreational fisherman, bird watchers and other citizens living and working in Calhoun and surrounding areas; and
- WHEREAS, ~~the sportfishing industry makes a tremendous contribution to the economy of the~~ Calhoun County area through the tourism it attracts; and
- WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry provides many jobs in the Calhoun County area and supplies fresh fish to local restaurants and markets around the area; and
- WHEREAS, the Calhoun County area is an international birding destination because of the tremendous diversity of birds occurring here; and
- WHEREAS, the sport and commercial fishing industries, bird watching, and other nature-related tourism activities help support a variety of businesses in the Calhoun 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 Lavaca/Matagorda and San Antonio Bay systems; 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 Calhoun County Commissioners' Court that:

We respectfully urge Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Senator Glen Hegar, and Representative Juan M. Garcia to develop and enact legislation to protect freshwater inflows.

Passed and Approved on this the 8th day of February, 2007.

  
Roger Galvan, Commissioner Pct. #1

  
Michael J. Pfeifer, Calhoun County Judge

  
Neil E. Fritsch, Commissioner Pct. #3

  
Vern Lyssy, Commissioner Pct. #2

  
Kenneth W. Finster, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

By:   
Anita Fricke, County Clerk