



NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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As jointly determined by the Implementing Committee and the EAHCP Program Manager (FMA § 7.9.3.b), the Research Work Group has been formed to suggest refinements to the proposed methodology of Refugia research projects that will occur in 2022. The Research Work Group is comprised of members selected from the EAHCP Adaptive Management Science Committee and other experts. A virtual meeting of the **Research Work Group** for the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan is scheduled for **Monday, December 6th, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. on Microsoft Teams.**

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Members of this Work Group include: Tom Arsuffi, Conrad Lamon, Chad Norris, and Floyd Weckerly

At this meeting, the following business may be considered and recommended for committee action:

1. Call to order – Establish that all members are present or represented.
2. Virtual meeting logistics and meeting overview.
3. Public comment.
4. Review of Research Workgroup Goals and an overview of the 2021-2022 research activities.
5. Presentation and discussion of results from the 2021 Refugia research project:
Genetic Assessment of Texas wild-rice (Zizania texana), presented by USFWS staff.

Purpose: To provide the Research Work Group with the opportunity to hear and discuss the results of the genetic analysis for wild and refugia populations of Texas wild-rice and their management implications.

Action: To obtain input from the Research Work Group regarding the results from the genetic analysis completed on wild and refugia populations of Texas wild-rice.

6. Presentation and discussion of methodology proposed for the 2022 Refugia research project: *Analysis of genetic diversity of the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle*, presented by USFWS staff.

Purpose: To allow the Research Work Group the opportunity to provide comments on the methodology proposed to evaluate genetic diversity of the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle population.

Action: To obtain input from the Research Work Group regarding the proposed methodology for analyzing the genetic diversity of the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle.

7. Presentation and discussion of methodology proposed for the 2022 Refugia research project: *Continuation of 2021 study: Captive propagation and longevity of the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle*, presented by USFWS staff.

Purpose: To allow the Research Work Group the opportunity to discuss 2021 results and provide comments on the methodologies proposed to further increase propagation, survival rates, and longevity of captive Comal Springs riffle beetle individuals.

Action: To obtain input from the Research Work Group regarding the methodologies proposed to further enhance captive propagation and survival rates of the Comal Springs riffle beetle.

8. Consider possible future meetings, dates, locations, and agendas.
9. Questions and comments from the public.
10. Adjourn.