

## East Texas Aquatic Work Group Meeting Summary

July 23, 2020

[View the meeting online](#). The password is: "Mussels1"

### **Updates:**

Gary Pandolfi of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) gave an overview of FWS and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) [research objectives](#) for East Texas freshwater mussels.

Bill Kirby of the Sabine River Authority gave an update on the mussels surveys his agency is funding. Kirby reported that researchers are finding greater diversity and quantity of mussels than expected.

Colin McDonald of the Texas Comptroller's office gave an update on the agency's plans to implement mussel research in 2021. The proposed work will focus on the FWS and TPWD research objectives including mussel distribution, habitat association and genetics. He asked if anyone had any feedback or questions about this planned research to contact him by Friday, July 31, 2020 at [Colin.McDonald@cpa.texas.gov](mailto:Colin.McDonald@cpa.texas.gov).