

Engagement Opportunities Concerning Proposed Decision on Texas's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program



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Greetings Mr. Soto,

The purpose of this email is to inform you of a proposed finding regarding Texas's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (or coastal nonpoint program, for short). The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) originally approved Texas's program, with conditions, in 2003, under Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (16 U.S.C. Section 1455b). The proposed finding would determine whether the state has now met these conditions.

NOAA and the EPA intend to announce the availability of the proposed finding for review and comment in the *Federal Register* today, February 14, 2022. We are soliciting any comments and questions that you may have regarding the proposed finding. You and your tribe are welcome to participate in the comment process. Below we have also identified an additional opportunity to learn more about the Texas coastal nonpoint program and our proposed finding, if you are interested. We also welcome any other suggestions or requests for coordination.

You can find out more about the coastal nonpoint program at coast.noaa.gov/czm/pollutioncontrol. A map of the proposed management area for Texas's coastal nonpoint program is available at glo.texas.gov/coast/coastal-management/forms/files/CoastalBoundaryMap.pdf.

Informal meeting: We invite you to request a virtual meeting to learn more about Texas's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program and the proposed decision, and to provide suggestions or concerns related to Texas's program and tribal trust resources.

Public comment period: Tribes are welcome to provide written comments during the public comment process. Written comments should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. To submit written comments, please go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and enter NOAA-NOS-2020-0168 in the search box. Click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. Written comments must be submitted by March 16, 2022 11:59 PM EST.

NOAA and the EPA welcome and appreciate your engagement on the proposed decision on Texas's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program. Comments or questions on the other topics are welcome any time, and if you are interested, we will meet with you to discuss your interests in this process.

If you have any general questions, please feel free to contact Brian Fontenot, EPA Region 6, at (214) 665-7286 (fontenot.brian@epa.gov) or me at (202) 596-5039 (allison.castellan@noaa.gov).

Best regards,

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