

# Corpus Christi Bay National Estuary Program

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## Fast Facts

Includes 3 of 7 estuaries in Texas: Aransas, Corpus Christi, and upper Laguna Madre.

12 county region known as the Coastal Bend is more than 11,500 square miles; over 22,500 square miles in drainage basin.

Population of nearly 600,000 projected to double within 35 years.

Nation's 6th largest port and 3rd largest petrochemical complex.

More than 490 species of birds and 234 species of fish.

Bay-related economic activities provided over \$4.1 billion in sales, \$2.3 billion in value-added, and generated more than 53,000 jobs for local residents (1995).



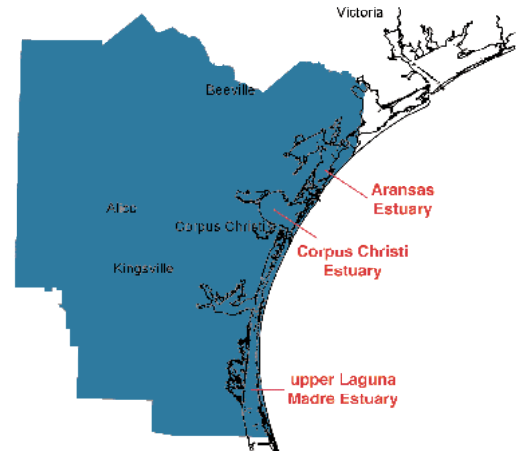
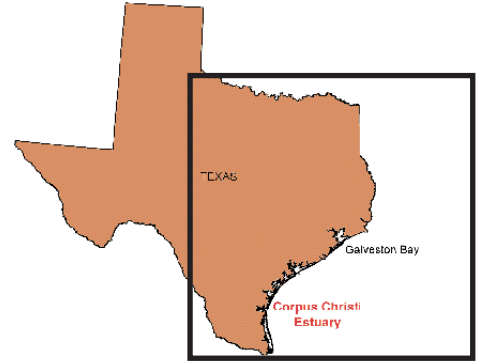
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## Status Update & Next Steps

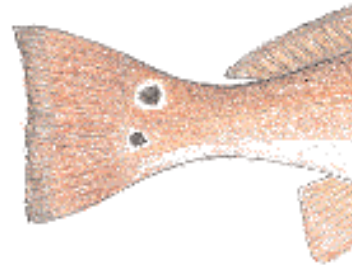
Seven priority issues are being addressed: altered freshwater inflows, condition of living resources, loss of wetlands and other estuarine habitats, degradation of water quality, altered estuarine circulation, bay debris, and public health issues.

Using a collaborative, consensus-building process, the program is working toward:

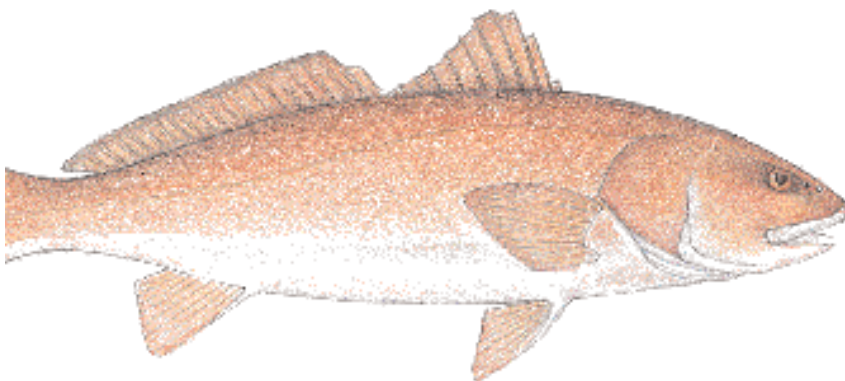
- a politically acceptable strategy to achieve the freshwater inflow needs of the estuaries;
- completion of a long-term (20 to 50 year) dredged material placement plan that incorporates beneficial use concepts to the maximum extent possible;
- habitat conservation and management at the regional, landscape scale; and
- completion and acceptance of a "total loadings" plan for the bay system that will reconcile projected regional population growth and the bay system's poor flushing capacity.



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# Association of National Estuary Programs

The Association of National Estuary Program (ANEP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible stewardship and a common vision for the preservation of our nation's bays and estuaries.

## ANEP's Mission

Bring consistency to estuarine data collection and management, and turn data into useful information that is consolidated into meaningful status and trends at the national scale. Ensure that data are reliable, objective, and goal-directed. Achieve recognition of the critical roles for continued monitoring and assessment.

Educate the public on the meaning and practical application of "responsible stewardship." Ensure that the public understands the long-term nature of solutions to the environmental problems now facing bays and estuaries.

Achieve mutual support and coordination among all coastal programs. Enhance communication among NEPs and between NEPs and other coastal programs. Report both successes and failures to Congress and the American public, while understanding that through 'adaptive management' we can achieve effective management of our nation's bays and estuaries.

Seek explicit congressional support and commitment to implement Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans (CCMPs). Capitalize on the hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours invested thus far, nationwide, and recognize the important role that Management Conferences play as a continuing forum for all stakeholders.

Achieve sufficient federal funding to strengthen the federal/state/local and public/private partnerships that have been fledged across the nation. Achieve stable funding for core program operations, project implementation, and local government pass-through dollars as incentive for regional, multi-jurisdictional cooperation.

