

Texas Instream Flow Program  
**Lower Sabine Update Meetings**  
Orange, TX - May 6 & 7, 2008  
Many, LA – July 29, 2008

**Small Group Break-out Session Responses:**

- Input from each breakout group is summarized below, grouped according to topic (topics were generated by agency staff after grouping responses with similar ideas).
- Duplicate and similar ideas have been summarized and recorded only once.

**Question posed: What do you value about the Sabine?**

Natural beauty and aesthetics

Natural beauty

Aesthetics, components of river that make it attractive to ecotourism

Undeveloped nature

Natural hydrograph

Maintenance of the natural environment in and along the river

Wildlife

Plant life in and around river (including riparian areas and cypress swamps)

Habitat (including swamp ecosystems)

Maintaining native fisheries resources

Biodiversity

Ecological integrity

Floodplains

Ability of the river to maintain itself in a healthy condition

Maintenance of the natural environment along the coast

Freshwater inflows to coastal areas, marshes, bays (lakes), estuaries and timing of inflows

Estuaries for seafood (imbalance of freshwater could cause problems)

Sediments and nutrients delivered to the coast

Features of water flow

River flow

High volume / flow

Natural hydrograph

Lake levels (Toledo Bend Reservoir)

Recreation

Recreation, including access to and maintenance of recreational resources

Boating

Water skiing

Fishing

Hunting

Sports

Water for humans and economic development

Agriculture

Forestry

Industry

Water supply

Hydropower

Ecotourism

Commercial fisheries, including blue crabs

Increased property values because of river

Source of economic development (present and future)

Employment opportunities

Ecosystem Services

Good water quality for humans and fish and wildlife

Assimilation capacity

Improved air quality because of large, healthy riparian areas

Resource for both Texas and Louisiana

Multi-state resource