

FY 2014

TXFWCO Activity Report: February/March



Paddlefish Release at Caddo Lake State Park

Ottine Dam Removal Project

The dam removal project has been delayed several times due to contracting issues, flooding, and equipment delays. The TXFWCO is now working with Robert Baca (Region 2 Engineer) to develop specifications so that the project can be put out for bid for the entire removal.



The Ottine Dam Removal Project continues to face delays and setbacks.

Capes Dam Removal Initial Meeting

On 27 March 2014, Mike Montagne met with Melani Howard (City of San Marcos), and Thom Hardy (Texas State University), to discuss the possibility of the removal of Capes Dam on the San Marcos River. Three options were discussed: removal, partial replacement, and full replacement of the dam. The group discussed funding opportunities and who should be invited to the initial planning meeting. The planning meeting will be scheduled for April or May 2014.

Note: the first discussion that the public was invited to participate in was held on Aug 21, 2014 - 5 Months after this Mar 27, 2014 non-public meeting was held.

This Mar 27, 2014 meeting took place 5 months prior to any public discussion that would have alerted the general public that the removal of Cape's Dam from the San Marcos River was being considered and funding was being sought.

Attachment J, mailed correspondence dated Aug 6, 2014, between Mike Montagne of USFWS and then-City Manager Jared Miller, shows funding was found in the USFWS' Fish Passage Program, a program originally designed for migrating salmon and coho in the Pacific Northwest and Atlantic Northeast.