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Come learn about the current review of 11 species of freshwater mussels located across the state that have been petitioned for listing as an endangered species. Information will be provided on the process that will be used to review these species for possible listing, the ecology of the mussels and what listing of these mussels could mean to the state.

Summit Agenda

1. Welcome by Comptroller Susan Combs
2. Overview of the Texas Endangered Species Act and State Status of Freshwater Mussels
Ms. Wendy Gordon - Nongame and Rare Species Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
3. Overview of the Federal Endangered Species Act
Mr. Gary Mowad - Texas State Administrator for Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4. Outline of Process to Review Freshwater Mussels for Potential Listing
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
5. The Ecology of Freshwater Mussels of Interest
Mr. Robert Howells - Senior Author, Freshwater Mussels of Texas
6. Perspectives on the Impact of Potential Listings to Texas
Ms. Melinda Taylor - Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Environmental Law Clinic, University of Texas School of Law

Dr. Neal Wilkins - Director, Texas A&M University Institute of Renewable Natural Resources

Mr. Jason Wisniewski - State Malacologist, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division, Nongame Conservation Section
7. Closing

This event will also be webcast from the Texas Senate RealMedia Live Broadcasts webpage at <http://www.senate.state.tx.us/bin/live.php>.

More information about the petitioned mussels and the activities of the Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species can be found at: www.txendangeredspecies.org