

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Culture, Recreation & Tourism

TIME & DATE: To begin 15 minutes after adjournment of 10:00AM joint-hearing
Wednesday, July 18, 2018

PLACE: E2.010

CHAIR: Rep. John Frullo

Charge 1: Review the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's and the Texas Historical Commission's roles in the response to Hurricane Harvey. Evaluate the economic, recreational, and biological impacts and needed repairs from Harvey as they relate to applicable state agencies and the following areas and industries under the purview of the Committee:

- a. State parks
- b. Wildlife and fish
- c. Historic sites and buildings
- d. Art and cultural resources
- e. Travel and tourism
- f. In addition, provide recommendations on how to allow for a timely recovery of these areas from Harvey, and how to mitigate the impact of, and adequately prepare for, future natural disasters.

Charge 2: Study the feasibility of establishing and mobilizing a volunteer contingency of private boat owners through the boat registration and license database administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to assist first responders in search and rescue efforts in natural disasters like Hurricane Harvey.

Invited Testimony Only.

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