

EXHIBIT M

JUNE 13, 1968.

Hon. JOHN CONNALLY,
Governor of the State of Texas,
Austin, Tex.

DEAR GOVERNOR CONNALLY: The Board has received a copy of the Corps of Engineers report recommending improvements to the Port Aransas-Corpus Christi waterway which was transmitted to you with General Cassidy's letter of May 31, 1968.

Our staff has been aware of the results of the study for some time, and is currently preparing detailed comments on the report to provide to the Texas Water Rights Commission. Our staff review indicates the proposed improvements to be feasible and in the public interest. We recommend your favorable consideration of the project.

Sincerely,

HOWARD B. BOSWELL.

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TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT,
Austin, Tex., June 12, 1968.

Hon. JOHN CONNALLY,
Governor of Texas,
Austin, Tex.

DEAR GOVERNOR CONNALLY: This is in reference to the Review of Reports on Port Aransas-Corpus Christi Waterway, Texas (45-Foot Project) which was transmitted to this Department by Mr. D. T. Graham, Chief, Engineering Division, Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, by letter dated May 9, 1968.

This Department concurs with the opinion of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as given on page 42 that "project damages to fish and wildlife habitat would be insignificant."

Yours sincerely,

J. R. SINGLETON, *Executive Director.*

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TEXAS WATER QUALITY BOARD,
Austin, Tex., June 14, 1968.

Re Port Aransas-Corpus Christi Waterway Project

Hon. JOHN CONNALLY,
Governor of the State of Texas,
Austin, Tex.

(Attention Mr. Terrell Blodgett, Administrative Assistant).

DEAR GOVERNOR CONNALLY: The Port Aransas-Corpus Christi Waterway Project (45-foot project) by the Corps of Engineers has been reviewed by my engineering staff. We concur with the statement made on Page 23, Paragraphs 54 and 57, that there are no pronounced pollution problems and that an additional flushing system is not warranted at this time.

We are currently working with the industries and others, who are discharging into the channel, on upgrading effluent quality so that pronounced pollution problems do not develop. As more development occurs and traffic increases, it is possible for flushing and/or other systems of water quality control to become necessary.

With the increased traffic that will result from this project, wastes from watercraft would tend to cause problems. This aspect of water quality should not be overlooked. The discharge of sewage, oil, bilge, and ballast waters will contribute to the pollution of the area waters, thereby affecting aquatic life and discoloring vessels, piers, docks, etc. Therefore, we would encourage the appropriate local authorities to adopt and/or establish regulations that would regulate the discharge of pollutants from watercraft into these waters. This is a matter of interest to both the state and local authorities, and in the absence of local action, this agency would expect to take appropriate action in this