

Commissioners to request protection for bays

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Matagorda County commissioners passed a resolution Monday to request the Texas Legislature's protection of bay and estuary freshwater inflows.

"Although we prosper economically from our bays with fishing, beaches, tourism - we also want to take steps to protect the health and quality of our water," said Prct. 2 Commissioner George Deshotels.

The resolution urges Sen. Glenn Hegar, Rep. Mike O'Day, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Gov. Rick Perry to develop and enact legislation to protect freshwater inflows to maintain a productive estuary system.

"The freshwater inflows to the Matagorda and Lavaca Bay system are important to commercial and recreational fishermen, bird watchers and other citizens living and working in Matagorda County," the resolution reads.

Deshotels said the commissioners also needed to send a message to the public that bay and estuary health was a priority of the county government.

With LCRA-SAWS in its fourth year of a six-year study, Deshotels told the court it was important to show that county commissioners supported this protection and supporting legislation.