

The literature summary prepared by Hicks provides a good overview of hypotheses and issues regarding possible impacts of freshwater inflows on whooping cranes. In light of the litigation recently filed by The Aransas Project against TCEQ complaining of diversions of water in the Guadalupe and San Antonio River Basins, GBRA anticipates that there likely will be other overviews and investigations of flow-crane linkage theories. Thus, the Hicks summary should be considered as just one input to the discussion of whooping crane ecology, and should not be considered as establishing the complete record regarding cranes upon which the EARIP process should depend.