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## **Request for Coverage**

### **Aquifer Groups Host US Fish and Wildlife Town Hall Meeting on Critical Habitat for Devils River Minnows**

**When: Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**

**Where: Kinney County District Courtroom  
Brackettville, Texas**

The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance and Kinney County Ground Zero will host a town hall meeting to inform the public about the designation of Critical Habitat for the Devils River Minnow in Kinney County featuring experts from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Joy Nicholopoulos (USFWS State Administrator), Adam Zerrenner (USFWS Field Supervisor), and Nathan Allan (Fisheries Biologist) will answer questions about the recent designation of critical habitat for the Devils River Minnow in Pinto Creek. They will also discuss how people in Kinney County can help conserve the minnow and the streams where it lives.

Annalisa Peace, executive director of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance says, "The Alliance is hosting this town hall meeting on behalf of our Brackettville member group, "Kinney County Ground Zero." "We hope the expertise provided at this forum will enable the local community to make informed decisions on matters affecting the species and Kinney County's water resources."

For more information on Critical Habitat for the Devils River Minnow:

<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/>

US Fish and Wildlife Service has published "Questions and Answers – Devils River Minnow Critical Habitat" which can be downloaded from;

<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/Documents/R2ES/DRMfCH%20Q&As%20August%202008.pdf>

The **Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance** unites 43 organizations from throughout the Edwards Region behind a comprehensive plan to protect the Edwards and Trinity aquifers, their springs and watersheds, flora and fauna, and the Texas Hill Country. For additional information visit [www.aquiferalliance.org](http://www.aquiferalliance.org).

**Kinney County Ground Zero** supports local control of Texas ground water in affiliation with West Texas Springs Alliance and the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, with partners in Brackettville and Del Rio.