



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

In 1995, Texas voters approved Proposition 11, which amended Article VIII, Section 1-d-1 of the Texas Constitution to permit agricultural appraisal for land used to manage wildlife. H.B. 1358 implemented the constitutional amendment by making wildlife management an agricultural use that qualifies the land for agricultural appraisal. In 2001, the Legislature passed H.B. 3123, requiring the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to develop and the Comptroller to adopt rules for the qualification of agricultural land in wildlife management use. Cox|McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc. (CMEC) can help you meet these specific requirements and successfully navigate the evaluation process.

CMEC works with ranchers, farmers, and private landowners to **preserve and enhance wildlife resources** for future generations.

If you are a landowner actively using your land to propagate a sustaining breeding, migratory, or wintering population of indigenous wild animals for human use, including food, medicine, or recreation then you may qualify for a wildlife-use tax evaluation. Wildlife management **benefits rural landowners** who want to have their own place in the country without having to continue costly and time consuming agricultural practices. A wildlife management plan also appeals to landowners and managers who want to increase their profits from a hunting enterprise or increase their land's intrinsic value for the enjoyment of nature.

A few of the many benefits associated with active management of lands for wildlife are:

- Livestock or fencing requirements are not required, which saves you time and money;
- Enhanced recreational value, which increases your gains from hunting or eco-tourism ventures;
- Improved wildlife habitat, which increases the value of your property, and decreases the need for long term management; and,
- Increased wildlife diversity, which maintains wildlife populations for future generations to enjoy.

Unlike others who find it acceptable to apply a generic management plan to many properties, CMEC provides you with a unique, tailor-made, ecological resource determination **based on the individual goals of each landowner** and the specific need of each property. Our management plans are focused on the enhancement and conservation of your properties' natural resources.

The following services may be provided by CMEC on an individual, as-need basis or as part of an extended wildlife management plan.



- Personal, on-site meetings between landowner and CMEC biologist;
- On-site field inspection of your property;
- Identify the needs and goals of the landowner and desired uses of the property;
- Establish clear objectives for wildlife considerations;
- Provide recommendations to be included in a written management plan;
- Scheduled or on-call site visits to implement management activities or interpret results of observed management; and,
- Creation of custom maps of your property to include identified ecological resources and locations of recommended wildlife management activities.

CMEC believes in **active communication** with the landowner through the entire management and implementation process. This enables our team to work out the logistics of implementing recommended management activities so as to expedite your success.

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