



## **Stump Removal Guidelines/Process**

For

**Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Hydroelectric Lake Dunlap, located in Comal and Guadalupe Counties, Lakes McQueeney, Placid, Nolte located in Guadalupe County, and Lake Gonzales (H-4) and Lake Wood (H-5) located in Gonzales County, Texas.**

1. Coordinate with the GBRA at offices located at 933 E. Court St., Seguin, Texas.
2. Complete a construction application detailing the scope of the project, method of removal, method of disposal, mitigation measures to ensure no adverse impacts to water quality/aquatic species. Fee structure under assessment. An interim fee is set at \$50 and the inspection must be scheduled a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours in advance.
3. Additional approvals may be required from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Issuance/approval of a GBRA construction application to remove stumps/trees does not relieve the requestor from any liabilities or permit requirements from other state or federal agencies.
4. General Guidance:
  - a. Removal is generally limited to areas immediately in the vicinity of the requestors on-water facility (i.e. dock). GBRA may allow consideration for removal of certain stumps at the request of a lake-wide or homeowners association on the respective lake and in good standing.
  - b. Request for stump/tree removal will be considered on a case-by-case basis considering potential impacts to water quality, aquatic species, and best management practices.
  - c. Removal is generally limited to individual stumps/trees that are considered a navigational hazard or obstruction or those that pose an imminent danger to health, safety, and welfare.
  - d. Trigger for a U.S. Army Corp of Engineer Section 404 permit is the discharge of dredged or fill material into a waters of the United States. Contact GBRA for guidance documents.

e. Habitat restoration/mitigation measures to be considered include:

i. February 1 through May 31 (fish spawning) – no dredging; no removal of substrate.

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ii. Consider fish habitat replacement/restoration; positioning brush or rip/rap to promote improved habitat for fishing.

5. Violations of these regulations is a Class C Misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of \$25 to \$500.


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