

Paddlefish Named "Neches" Released into Caddo Lake

Forty-seven American paddlefish were released into the Caddo Lake watershed on March 5th, 2014 as part of a multi-year, multi-partner experiment led by Caddo Lake Institute, one of TCA's Member Organizations.

Each paddlefish sports a surgically implanted radio transmitter with a unique signal that enables it to be tracked. You can join the scientists, participating schools and others in monitoring the movements of some of the fish via an interactive online tracking map, created by the US Geological Survey's National Wetlands Resource Center. One of the paddlefish, named



Neches, is sponsored by TCA's Neches River Stream Team!



For more information about CLI's Paddlefish Experiment, please see www.caddolakeinstitute.us and click on "Paddlefish".

Watch a short video about the paddlefish release at TCAatexas.org/paddlefish

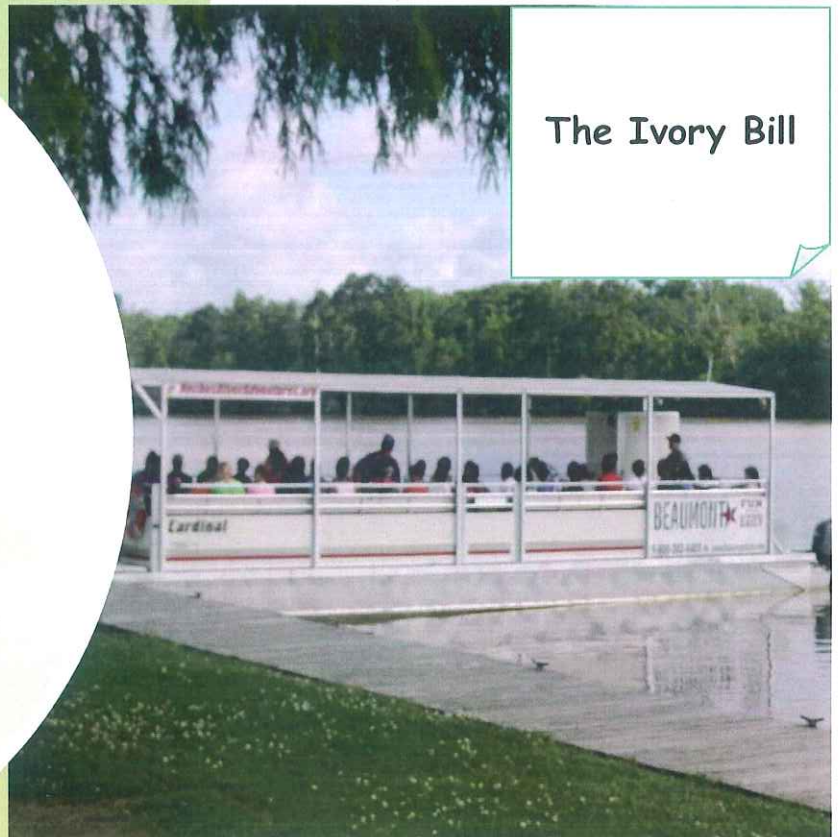
TCA's Janice Bezanson spoke about the importance of bottomland hardwood forests with KETR's Mark Haslett.

Listen to the four-minute interview at TCAatexas.org.

BTA to Give Neches River Tours

The Big Thicket Association, a Member Organization of TCA, has acquired a 45-foot pontoon touring boat called the Ivory Bill to give educational tours of the Neches River and its environs. BTA hosts public tours every Saturday at 10:00 am, leaving from Riverfront Park in Beaumont. The public tour season is March - November.

The boat is equipped with seating for 30 people, an on-board rest room, and a public address system, and is operated by a Coast Guard certified captain. BTA or the National Park Service provides a naturalist to accompany the outings.



The Ivory Bill