

Texas Report
Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel
Gulfport, Mississippi
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- TPWD kicked off a giant salvinia awareness campaign April 1, 2010. Governor Perry spoke at the news conference that kicked it off and took a big interest as you can see from the photo.



- The first few meetings of the legislatively mandated Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee were held.
- Development of an approved list for aquatic and riparian exotic plants has begun. Multiple public scoping meetings have been held, and multiple staff members have been trained in risk assessment procedures. A draft list of species to be included has been developed and risk analyses are being conducted for each species on the list.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is working with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to ensure organisms used in biofuel production are safe.
- Water spinach production facilities have been inspected and a number of permits have been issued.
- The site for a salvinia weevil rearing facility has been selected in Jasper, Texas. Construction will begin very soon.
- The Texas ANS management plan is being updated for submittal to the Governor's office.