

**TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ORDER NO. 012-003**

The Executive Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department finds that zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) present an immediate danger to aquatic species regulated by the department and hereby ORDERS the adoption of emergency rules to contain zebra mussels in all impounded and tributary waters of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River upstream from the Lewisville dam. The Executive Director authorizes the immediate submission of Notice of Emergency Rulemaking in the *Texas Register*.

This order is issued pursuant to §12.027 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and is effective immediately. The adopted regulations shall be effective as provided in the regulations and as provided by other law.

Signed this the 30th day of July 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carter Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "C".

Carter Smith

Executive Director

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department