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Mr. Howard Itten, President
Trout Unlimited, Texas Chapter
703 Vanguard
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Dear Mr. Itten:

Reference is made to your letter of July 1, 1989 regarding your proposal to introduce watercress at a site your organization leases on the Guadalupe River for trout habitat enhancement.

Watercress is an introduced species from Europe. The species grows rapidly and often replaces other native vegetation. For this reason, the Department cannot recommend the use of this plant for the purpose you suggest. There are plants native to the immediate area that should serve the purpose you propose. I suggest you contact Jackie Poole (512/389-4363), who is a Botanist with the Natural Heritage Branch, and/or Nick Carter, Chief of the Inland Fisheries Branch of the Fisheries Division (512/389-4641), for their recommendations regarding the use of native plant species.

H.B. 1507, which recently passed the Texas Legislature, will require a permit from the Department, after January 1, 1990, for the introduction of fish, shellfish or plants into the public waters. Please keep this in mind when considering future stockings of fish into the Guadalupe or other public streams.

Thank you for your letter and for your cooperation with the Department in this regard.

Sincerely,

George C. Adams
George C. Adams
Legal Counsel and Permits Branch
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Tim: The Fishery Committee will take the necessary steps to follow up on this. Contact Bill. MIKE?

I am initiating Permit Requests