

Adapted from USGS Tyler, Texas. Original Scale 1:250,000.

Figure 4. Map Location of Big Cypress Creek



Figure 5. Big Cypress Creek north of US 259

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Big Cypress Creek begins in the southeastern part of Hopkins County and flows southeasterly about 72 miles into Caddo Lake and ultimately the Red River (TPWD, 1998a). The creek is impounded several times en route to Caddo Lake, forming Lake Cypress Springs, Lake Bob Sandlin, and Lake O' the Pines. This section of the creek transects the Pineywoods region of Texas between Lake Bob Sandlin and Lake O' the Pines. The mainstream of the bayou between these two reservoirs is within the target recovery area set by TPWD for the state threatened paddlefish (Pitman, 1991). The candidate segment is from a point 0.6 miles downstream of US 259 in Morris/Upshur County upstream to the Fort Sherman Dam in Camp/Titus County.

- (1) Biological Function- no significant biological function identified.
- (2) Hydrologic Function- no information available.
- (3) Riparian Conservation Area- none identified.
- (4) High Water Quality/Exceptional Aquatic Life/High Aesthetic Value- insufficient data to evaluate criteria.
- (5) Threatened or Endangered Species/Unique Communities- significant due to presence of state threatened paddlefish (TPWD, 1998b).