

# John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit NJ-02, Seidler Beach, New Jersey Summary of Proposed Changes

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**Type of Unit:** System Unit

**Location of Unit:** Middlesex County,  
New Jersey

**Congressional District:** 6

**Date of Draft Map:** May 16, 2016

**Number of Maps:** Unit NJ-02 is  
depicted on one map.

**Base Map Imagery Source and Date:**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture,  
National Agriculture Imagery  
Program, 2015

**Establishment of Unit:** The Coastal  
Barrier Improvement Act (Pub. L.  
101-591 enacted on November 16,  
1990) originally established Unit  
NJ-02.

**Historical Changes to Unit:** The U.S.  
Fish and Wildlife Service modified the  
boundary of Unit NJ-02 (via notice  
published in the *Federal Register* (80  
FR 25314) on May 4, 2015) to reflect  
natural changes that occurred in the  
configuration of the wetland/fastland  
interface. This modification was made  
in accordance with Section 3 of Pub. L.  
101-591, which allows for modifications  
to the Coastal Barrier Resources  
System (CBRS) boundaries to reflect  
changes that have occurred as a result  
of natural forces.

**Proposed Changes to Unit:** The  
comprehensively revised draft map  
dated May 16, 2016, modifies the  
boundary of Unit NJ-02 to reclassify  
an area along Seidler Beach owned  
by the Township of Old Bridge as  
part of Old Bridge Waterfront Park  
to proposed new Otherwise Protected  
Area (OPA) Unit NJ-02P. This area  
was held for conservation and/or  
recreation by the Township in 1990  
at the time the area was added to  
the CBRS. The boundary of the  
unit is also modified to add to the  
CBRS areas that meet the Coastal  
Barrier Resources Act criteria for an

undeveloped coastal barrier (16 U.S.C.  
3503(g)(1)), including additional areas  
owned by the Township and a privately  
owned beach.

The portions of land owned by the  
Township that remain within the unit  
are not proposed for reclassification  
because they were acquired for  
conservation and/or recreation  
purposes after Unit NJ-02 was  
designated. Additional minor portions  
of land owned by the Township are  
proposed for inclusion within Unit  
NJ-02 where it is impractical from a  
mapping perspective to delineate them  
as OPA.

## Seidler Beach Unit NJ-02, New Jersey

### Acreage, Shoreline, and Structures:

	<i>Total Acres</i>	<i>Fastland Acres*</i>	<i>Associated Aquatic Habitat Acres**</i>	<i>Shoreline (miles)</i>	<i>Structures***</i>
Existing Unit	77	27	50	0.4	
Added to the CBRS	8	5	3		0
Removed from the CBRS	0	0	0		0
Reclassified Area	(15)	(8)	(7)		
Proposed Unit	70	24	46	0.2	
Net Change	(7)	(3)	(4)	(0.2)	0

\*Land above mean high tide.

\*\*Associated aquatic habitat includes wetlands, marshes, estuaries, inlets, and open water landward of the coastal barrier, but does not include open water seaward of the shoreline. This information is derived from an interpretation of 2015 aerial imagery in consultation with National Wetlands Inventory data and other data sources as necessary.

\*\*\*Approximate structure count derived from 2015 aerial imagery. Structures without walls and a roof (e.g., picnic shelters) and structures with fewer than 200 square feet are not included in this structure count because they do not meet the definition of a "structure" in 16 U.S.C. 3503(g)(2).

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