

John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit NJ-03P, Cliffwood Beach, New Jersey Summary of Proposed Changes

Type of Unit: Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)

101-591 enacted on November 16, 1990) originally established Unit NJ-03P.

to reflect changes that have occurred as a result of natural forces.

Location of Unit: Middlesex and Monmouth Counties, New Jersey

Congressional District: 6

Date of Draft Map: May 16, 2016

Number of Maps: Unit NJ-03P 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.

Historical Changes to Unit: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service modified the boundary of Unit NJ-03P (via notice published in the *Federal Register* (80 FR 25314) on May 4, 2015) to reflect natural changes that occurred in the wetland/fastland interface and along Whale Creek and Treasure Lake. The western boundary of the unit was modified to account for the accretion of the sand spit at the western end of Cliffwood Beach. These modifications were made in accordance with Section 3 of Pub. L. 101-591, which allows for modifications to the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) boundaries

Proposed Changes to Unit: The comprehensively revised draft map dated May 16, 2016, modifies the boundary of Unit NJ-03P to include within the OPA additional areas owned by the Township of Aberdeen, the Township of Old Bridge, and the State of New Jersey that are held for conservation and/or recreational purposes, as well as minor areas of privately owned wetlands where it is impractical to delineate them separately as a System Unit.

Acreeage, 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	64	25	39	0.8	
Added to the CBRS	125	48	77		1
Removed from the CBRS	0	0	0		0
Reclassified Area	0	0	0		
Proposed Unit	189	73	116	1.0	
Net Change	125	48	77	0.2	1

*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. The structure that is proposed for addition to this unit is park-related (e.g., restrooms). 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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