

John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P30P, Cape San Blas, Florida Summary of Final Recommended Changes

Type of Unit: Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)

Wildlife Refuge, owned by the Service, and T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, owned by the State of Florida.

Location of Unit: Gulf County, Florida

Congressional District: 2

Date of Final Recommended Maps:

October 7, 2016

Number of Maps: Unit P30P is depicted on two maps.

Base Map Imagery Source and Date: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agriculture Imagery Program, 2013

Establishment of Unit: The Coastal Barrier Improvement Act (Pub. L. 101-591 enacted on November 16, 1990) originally established Unit P30P.

Public Comments: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) held a 45-day public comment period on the draft maps dated May 16, 2016, from July 7 through August 22, 2016. There are no comments specific to Unit P30P. For a summary of the comments received on other units and the Service's responses, see the document entitled *Summary of Public Comments Received on Draft Maps for John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Units P30/P30P and P31/P31P, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Responses and Recommendations*, which is available on the Service's website at: www.fws.gov/cbra.

Changes between Proposed and Final Recommended Boundaries: There are no changes between the proposed boundary of Unit P30P depicted on the draft maps dated May 16, 2016, and the final recommended boundary of the unit depicted on the maps dated October 7, 2016.

Final Recommended Changes to Unit:

The final recommended maps dated October 7, 2016, modify the boundary of Unit P30P to better follow the boundary of St. Vincent National

The boundary of the unit is also modified to add to the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) portions of the St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve, owned by the State for conservation and/or recreation purposes. The Service's assessment indicates that these areas are appropriate for addition to the CBRS because they meet the Coastal Barrier Resources Act definition of an OPA (Section 12 of the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act; Pub. L. 101-591). Adjacent Unit P30 also includes portions of the Buffer Preserve, but because those areas were not held for conservation and/or recreation at the time they were added to Unit P30 in 1990, they are not recommended for reclassification to Unit P30P.

Additionally, the boundary of the unit is modified to reclassify William J. Rish Recreational Park, owned by the State, from System Unit P30 to OPA Unit P30P. The Service's assessment indicates that Rish Park is appropriate for reclassification because it was held for conservation and/or recreation purposes at the time it was added to the CBRS in 1982.

The Service's final recommended maps depict changes to the CBRS that will only take effect if the updated maps are adopted through legislation enacted by Congress.

Cape San Blas Unit P30P, Florida

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	2,748	1,688	1,060	7.3	
Added to the CBRS	164	28	136		0
Removed from the CBRS	0	0	0		0
Reclassified Area	59	76	(17)		
Final Recommended Unit	2,971	1,792	1,179	8.1	
Net Change	223	104	119	0.8	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 2013 aerial imagery in consultation with National Wetlands Inventory data and other data sources as necessary.

***Approximate structure count derived from 2013 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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