

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

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**Type of Unit:** System Unit

**Location of Unit:** Gulf County, Florida

**Congressional District:** 2

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

**Historical Changes to Unit:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) modified the boundary of Unit P30P (via notice published in the *Federal Register* (81 FR 13407) on March 14, 2016) to account for natural changes that occurred in the configuration of the shoreline of St. Joseph Peninsula and along St. Joseph Bay. 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 to reflect changes that have occurred as a result of natural forces.

**Proposed Changes to Unit:** The comprehensively revised draft maps dated May 16, 2016, modify the boundary of Unit P30P to better follow the boundary of St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge, owned by the Service, and T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, owned by the State of Florida.

The boundary of the unit is also modified to add to the CBRS portions of the St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve, owned by the State for conservation and/or recreation purposes. Adjacent Unit P30 also

includes portions of the Buffer Preserve, but because these areas were not held for conservation and/or recreation at the time they were added to Unit P30 in 1990, they are not proposed 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 Otherwise Protected Area (OPA) Unit P30P. Rish Park was held for conservation and/or recreation purposes at the time the area was added to the CBRS.

## Cape San Blas Unit P30P, Florida

### 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	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)		
Proposed 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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