

# John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit Q01AP, Pelican Island, Alabama Summary of Final Recommended Changes

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**Type of Unit:** Recommended new  
Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)

**Location of Unit:** On the southeastern  
end of Dauphin Island, south of  
Mobile, in Mobile County, Alabama

**Congressional District:** 1

**Date of Final Recommended Map:** April  
10, 2015

**Number of Maps:** Unit Q01A is depicted  
on one map.

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

**Establishment of Unit:** The  
recommended new OPA Unit Q01AP  
is currently not within the Coastal  
Barrier Resources System (CBRS).

**Otherwise Protected Area Criteria:**  
Recommended new Unit Q01AP meets  
the Coastal Barrier Resources Act  
(CBRA) criteria for an OPA, which is  
defined as an area “established under  
Federal, State, or local law, or held by  
a qualified organization, primarily for  
wildlife refuge, sanctuary, recreational,  
or natural resource conservation  
purposes” (Section 12 of the Coastal  
Barrier Improvement Act; Pub. L.  
101-591). The land recommended  
for inclusion within this new unit is  
maintained for recreation as a public  
beach by the Dauphin Island Park and  
Beach Board.

**Public Comments:** The Service held a  
60-day public comment period from  
September 12 through November  
14, 2011, on the draft map dated  
September 22, 2009. For a summary  
of the comments received and  
the Service’s responses, see the  
document entitled *Summary of Public  
Comments Received on Draft Map  
for John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier  
Resources System Units Q01P, Q01A/  
Q01AP, and AL-05P and U.S. Fish  
and Wildlife Service Responses and*

*Recommendations*, which is available  
on the Service’s website at:  
[www.fws.gov/cbra](http://www.fws.gov/cbra).

**Changes between Proposed and Final  
Recommended Boundaries:** The 2008  
base map imagery that was used for  
the draft map dated September 22,  
2009, has been replaced with 2013  
imagery. The update of the underlying  
base map did not result in any changes  
between the proposed boundaries of  
Unit Q01AP depicted on the draft map  
dated September 22, 2009, and the  
final recommended boundaries of the  
unit depicted on the map dated April  
10, 2015.

**Final Recommended Unit:** The Service  
recommends creating a new Unit  
Q01AP. Included within this new unit  
are a public beach and a portion of  
the Dauphin Island Fishing Pier, both  
of which are owned by the Dauphin  
Island Park and Beach Board.

The Service’s final recommended  
map dated April 10, 2015, depicts  
changes to the CBRS that will only  
become effective if the revised map is  
adopted through legislation enacted by  
Congress.

## Pelican Island Unit Q01AP, Alabama

### Acreeage, Shoreline, and Structures:

	<i>Total Acres</i>	<i>Upland Acres*</i>	<i>Associated Aquatic Habitat Acres**</i>	<i>Shoreline (miles)***</i>	<i>Structures****</i>
Existing Unit	0	0	0	0.0	
Added to the CBRS	55	40	15		2
Removed from the CBRS	0	0	0		0
Reclassified Area	0	0	0	0.0	
Final Recommended Unit	55	40	15	0.0	
Net Change	55	40	15	0.0	2

\* 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.

\*\*\* The southern boundary of Unit Q01AP, which runs along the shoreline, is coincident with the northern boundary of Unit Q01A. To avoid double counting, this piece of shoreline has been counted as part of the shoreline of Unit Q01A, and has not been counted as part of Unit Q01AP.

\*\*\*\* Structure count derived from 2013 aerial imagery. The structures within the recommended boundaries of Unit Q01AP are park-related structures owned by the Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board. There are several other park facilities (e.g. picnic shelters) that are within the recommended boundaries of Unit Q01AP that 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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