

## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

### John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) Unit M12P, St. Phillips Island, South Carolina Summary of Final Recommended Changes

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

**County:** Beaufort

**Congressional District:** 1

**Final Recommended Maps:** The final recommended CBRS maps depicting this unit are:

- Draft map [45-021B](#) dated April 29, 2021
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- Draft map [45-023B](#) dated April 29, 2021

**Base Map Imagery Source and Date:** United States Department of Agriculture, National Agriculture Imagery Program, 2019

**Public Comments:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) held a 60-day public comment period on the proposed boundaries for this area from January 4 through March 5, 2021. No comments specific to Unit M12P were received.

**Changes between Proposed and Final Recommended Boundaries:** There are no changes to Unit M12P between proposed and final recommended.

**Recommended New Unit:** The area recommended for inclusion within new OPA Unit M12P is not currently within the CBRS.

Included within new OPA Unit M12P are the following area(s):

- The northern portion of Old Island Heritage Preserve/Wildlife Management Area (owned by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources), located between Old House Creek and Story River northwest of Fripp Island
- Old House Creek between Old Island and Fripp Island

For information about the Service's guiding principles and criteria for assessing CBRS boundary modifications, visit [www.fws.gov/cbra/maps/Boundary-Modifications.html](http://www.fws.gov/cbra/maps/Boundary-Modifications.html).

## Unit M12P Summary of Recommended Changes (continued)

### Acreage, Shoreline, and Structure Information:

The table below includes the acreage, shoreline, and structure changes associated with the recommended boundary of Unit M12P.

	<i>Total Acres</i>	<i>Fastland 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	2,128	334	1,794		0
Removed from the CBRS	0	0	0		0
Reclassified Area****	0	0	0		0
Proposed Unit	2,128	334	1,794	0.0	
Net Change	2,128	334	1,794	0.0	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 National Wetlands Inventory data.

\*\*\*Approximate structure count derived from base map imagery. Gas and liquid storage tanks, structures without walls and a roof (e.g., picnic shelters), structures with fewer than 200 square feet, structures that are not affixed to a permanent site (e.g., recreational vehicles), and structures that are not located principally above ground are not included in this structure count because they do not meet the statutory definition of a "structure" (16 U.S.C. 3503(g)(2)).

\*\*\*\*Reclassification means to change either all or a portion of a System Unit to an Otherwise Protected Area, or vice-versa.

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