

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) Unit SC-09P, Hunting Island, South Carolina Summary of Final Recommended Changes

Type of Unit: Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)

County: Beaufort

Congressional District: 1

Existing Map: The existing CBRS map depicting this unit is:

- Map [45-021A](#) dated December 6, 2013

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

- Draft map 45-021B dated April 29, 2021
- Draft map 45-022B dated April 29, 2021

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

Establishment of Unit: The Coastal Barrier Improvement Act (Pub. L. 101-591) enacted on November 16, 1990, (56 FR 26304) originally established Unit SC-09P.

Historical Changes: The CBRS map for this unit has been modified by the following legislative and/or administrative action:

- *Federal Register* notice (79 FR 21787) published on April 17, 2014, in accordance with Section 3 of Pub. L. 101-591

For additional information on historical legislative and administrative actions that have affected the CBRS, see: www.fws.gov/cbra/Historical-Changes-to-CBRA.html.

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 SC-09P were received.

Changes between Proposed and Final Recommended Boundaries: There are no changes to Unit SC-09P between proposed and final recommended.

Final Recommended Changes: The final recommended changes to Unit SC-09P are described below.

Recommended Additions:

- Wetlands and small areas of fastland that are privately owned and subject to a conservation easement (held by the Beaufort County Open Land Trust), located on Harbor Island along U.S. Highway 21 (Sea Island Parkway)
- A portion of U.S. Highway 21 on Harbor Island south of the Harbor River
- Minor areas of undeveloped fastland and wetlands that are both publicly and privately owned and not held for conservation and/or recreation, located on Harbor Island along U.S. Highway 21

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- Portions of the Fripp Inlet channel and the bridge connecting Hunting Island and Fripp Island (parts of which are currently within the OPA) and small areas of privately owned wetlands along the northern shoreline of Fripp Island that are not held for conservation and/or recreation

Other Modifications/Information:

- Small areas of fastland and wetlands, including five structures, that are privately owned and not held for conservation and/or recreation are currently within OPA Unit SC-09P. These areas are inholdings (i.e., private land within the exterior boundaries of a conservation and/or recreation area) of Hunting Island State Park and are not proposed for reclassification to a System Unit.
- Minor areas of wetlands that are publicly owned and not held for conservation and/or recreation are currently within OPA Unit SC-09P, located on Harbor Island along U.S. Highway 21. These areas are not proposed for reclassification to a System Unit.

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