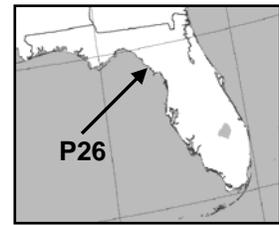


John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P26, Pepperfish Keys, Florida

Type of Unit: System unit
Location of Unit: West of Gainesville on the Gulf Coast, in Dixie County
Congressional District: 2
Establishment of Unit: Coastal Barrier Resources Act (P.L. 97-348) enacted on 10/18/1982
Historical Changes to Unit: There have been no changes to the boundaries of Unit P26 since its designation in 1982.
Existing Boundary Description: The boundary of Unit P26 falls entirely in open water around the three islands making up Pepperfish Keys.
Proposed Changes to Boundary: The landward boundary of Unit P26 is adjusted northward to include the associated aquatic habitat located behind Pepperfish Keys.
Additional Comments: The associated aquatic habitat behind Pepperfish Keys extends onto the

mainland; however, the proposed Unit P26 boundary does not include the associated aquatic habitat on the mainland because it is within the Jena Unit of the Big Bend Wildlife Management Area. At this time, the associated aquatic habitat within the wildlife management area is not proposed for addition to the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System as an otherwise protected area (OPA) because sufficient information has not been collected to determine its eligibility as an OPA. The Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve is located along some 150 miles of the northeast Florida Gulf of Mexico coast, including the waters surrounding Pepperfish Keys. This aquatic preserve is not proposed for reclassification as an OPA because Volume 15 of the Department of the Interior’s 1988 Report to Congress: Coastal Barrier Resources System, Recommendations for Additions to or Deletions from the Coastal



Barrier Resources System stated that in Florida, Aquatic Preserves and Outstanding Florida Waters do not meet the definition of “otherwise protected.”

Acres, Shoreline, and Structures:

	<i>Total Acres</i>	<i>Fastland Acres¹</i>	<i>Associated Aquatic Habitat Acres²</i>	<i>Shoreline (Miles)</i>	<i>Structures³</i>
Existing Unit	683.8	0.0	683.8	3.1	
Added to the CBRS	501.3	0.0	501.3		N/A
Removed from the CBRS	0.0	0.0	0.0		N/A
Reclassified Area	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	
Proposed Unit	1,185.1	0.0	1,185.1	3.1	
Net Change	501.3	0.0	501.3	0.0	N/A

¹ Land above mean high tide
² Includes adjacent wetlands, marshes, estuaries, inlets, and nearshore waters
³ Structure count not conducted; no fastland added or removed