



## **Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.**

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# Media Field Trip

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## ***A 25 Square Foot Island Is Restored To A 5-Acre Bird Sanctuary***

**WHO:** The Texas General Land Office and the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP)

**WHAT:** This is the first time in the history of South Texas that a small fragment of an island has been restored to almost 5 acres of pioneer substrate land. After four months of construction and a strategic planning phase, this \$1.5 million restoration project will become a nesting home and sanctuary for many colonial waterbird species. Dredged material from the bay was used to restore the island and the shoreline has been stabilized in limestone rock that serves as a reef and protective barrier. The focus of this project is to restore lost island habitat and to protect existing rookery islands.

**Please join us on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> for a media field trip to see the newly restored, and the largest island in Nueces Bay. Special arrangements have been made to take the media out on boats to view this incredible enhancement project in Nueces Bay.**

Officials from the Texas General Land Office, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and the CBBEP will be present to commemorate the restored rookery island. Please mark your calendars for this history-making preview of the largest island in Nueces Bay. You won't believe it until you see it!

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 7, 2002  
10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Whitespoint Road in Portland (You will be receiving a map on March 5 with directions)  
FMI: 361-885-6246 or 361-946-6077

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