

MEDIA ADVISORY

Goose Island Shoreline Stabilization Project Call For Public Input

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WHO: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

WHAT: Public Meetings concerning the Goose Island Shoreline Stabilization Project

WHEN: 6:30 pm, Tuesday, January 21 and 4:00 pm, Saturday, January 25

WHERE: Goose Island State Park, Recreation Hall, Aransas County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is hosting two public meetings at Goose Island State Park to present the Goose Island Shoreline Stabilization Project and to receive public comments relevant to selecting the preferred alternative for protecting the eroding shoreline of Goose Island. Both meetings will be held at the Recreation Hall at Goose Island State Park. The first meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 21 and the second meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, January 25.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is in partnership with the Texas General Land Office and the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program to address shoreline erosion and habitat loss occurring along the southern shoreline of Goose Island at Goose Island State Park on the Lamar Peninsula in Aransas County. The goal of the Goose Island Shoreline Stabilization Project is to protect and restore wetland habitats on Goose Island by protecting the 1 mile long eroding shoreline of Goose Island and by creating smooth cordgrass marsh. A TPWD staff evaluation of 1969 and 1995 aerial photography revealed that 17.1 acres of Goose Island has eroded from the southern shoreline. This project would provide immediate and long-term protection, restoration and enhancement of the valuable wetland and aquatic habitats on Goose Island and adjacent bays.

The project team will select a preferred alternative based on results of a feasibility study and alternatives analysis funded by the Texas General Land Office's Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) program and the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program. Five alternatives are being considered to meet the goals of the project: three are for shoreline protection and two are for smooth cordgrass marsh restoration.

For further information about the Goose Island Shoreline Stabilization Project, please contact the TPWD project manager, Kay Jenkins at 361-825-3245 or the Goose Island State Park manager, Stormy Reeves at 361-729-2858.