



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE GEORGE P. BUSH. COMMISSIONER

Surveying Division Coastal Boundary Survey Approval

Project:

Mad Island WMA Shoreline Protection II

Project No:

CEPRA 1612 (GLO); SD20180005 (GLO)

Project Manager:

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Surveyor:

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Description:

Coastal Boundary Survey, dated April 4 & 11, 2017, by James M. Naismith LSLS, delineating the line of Mean Higher High Water, along the northerly shore of East Matagorda Bay and the Gulf Intracoastal Water Way (GIWW), same line being the littoral boundary line of the Samuel Rhoads Fisher Survey, Abstract 36, and the northerly boundary line of East Matagorda Bay Submerged Land Tracts 4 & 5. The survey extends southwesterly, along the northerly shore of the GIWW, approximately 2500 feet from the mouth of Culver Cut and is centered on coordinates

N28°39'51" (28.664206°) / W96°00'17" (96.004969°) WGS 84.

A Coastal Boundary Survey for the above-referenced project has been reviewed and accepted; upon completion of public notice requirements, the survey will be filed in the Texas General Land Office, Archives and Records, in accordance with provisions of the *Texas Natural Resources Code*, Chapter 33.136.

Approved:

Signed:

Surveying Division

Oct. 12, 2017
Date

Approval Filed as:

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EXAS OF MERALLAND OF FICE COME. 12. **COASTAL BOUNDARY SURVEY** OF THE LITTORAL BOUNDARY OF A PORTION OF THE TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA - MAD ISLAND BEING LOCATED ON THE SAMUEL RHOADS FISHER, A-36 **ADJACENT TO STATE TRACTS 4 & 5** MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS

This report accompanies a map of survey with field notes dated April 2017.

SURVEY CONTROL: The survey along the north shoreline of the GIWW was performed using survey grade RTK base and rover GPS (Hemisphere S320 and Trimble R8). Survey was conducted April 4-5, and 11, 2017 based on NGS benchmark monument "MATAGORDA LONGITUDE STA" (PID, AM0148) (OPUS, N: 13448668.97, E: 2940137.01, Z: 10.65' NAVD88) and tidal reference benchmark "877 3146 B" (PID, DP0706) (N: 13,455,336.76, 2,957,220.10', Z:2.3' NAVD88). Static GPS observations and OPUS solutions were used to compute coordinates in the South Central Zone of the Texas Coordinate System and NAVD88 orthometric height using geoid 2012b. Datum is NAD 83 (2011), US Feet.

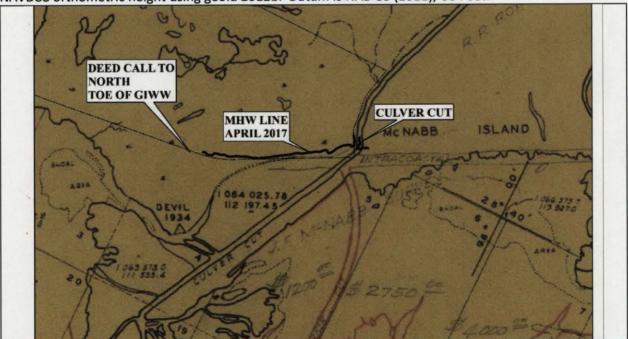


Figure 1: Project area and current shoreline position showing the Matagorda County Rolled Sketch 28.

STATE OWNERSHIP BOUNDARY: Around 1940, the Intracoastal Canal was dredged by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. Rapid human-caused buildup has occurred south of the project area across swaths of state owned bay bottom which are now uplands, mudflats, and marsh/wetlands. The boundary between historic state submerged land (Matagorda tracts 4 & 5) was determined by examining the historical record including historic topographic maps as well as United States Corps of Engineers (USACE) design maps and survey of the proposed Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW).

The 1935 historical shoreline was digitized from USACE map "Louisiana and Texas Intracoastal Waterway" found in map records 69a-76a of the Official Public Records Matagorda Texas which shows the GIWW easement and proposed channel over original surveys with the shoreline shown as it existed at the time. The GIWW easement from Pierce Estates to Matagorda County describes the GIWW footprint across the original tract of land beginning at the boundary of J.F. McNabb and S.R. Fisher Survey and terminating at the west end of the Pierce Estates tract (Mad Island Wildlife Refuge) and is filed in Volume 128, Page 357 of the Official Public Records of Matagorda County, Texas (OPRMCTX). The State of Texas lays claim to submerged land covered by the GIWW in areas where the channel was constructed along shoreline or across submerged land (per telephone conversation with GLO Surveying Services). The surveyed portion of the north shoreline of the GIWW is part of State submerged tracts (Matagorda tracts 4 & 5) and subject to the landward migration of the mean higher high water (MHHW) line.

The S.R. Fisher abstract was originally surveyed in October 1832, and must be surveyed according to the Spanish and Mexican Civil Laws which place the littoral boundary along the Mean High Higher Water (MHHW) line. The MHHW line was established along the north edge of the GIWW; this line represents the littoral boundary between state submerged land and upland owners in the surveyed area. To determine MHHW along the project area the TCOON tide gauge "Matagorda City" was used as control gauge for a 7 day tidal study. Tidal data was collected onsite (station gauge) and a MHHW elevation in NAVD88 was calculated using two onsite TBMs with OPUS solution as well as a network of checks to other OPUS solution monuments in the vicinity. MHHW elevation of 0.87 NAVD88 was calculated at the project site at Mad Island by correlating a week period of local data (station gauge) with the TCOON Matagorda City tide gauge (control gauge, installed 2012). The Matagorda local Station Datum was used to convert and correlate the onsite tidal data. MHHW elevation for Matagorda City TCOON is not published in NAVD88, nor are the leveling benchmarks published on NOAA website.

George Rubalcaba, L.S.L.S. calculated 0.58' NAVD88 for MHHW in 2008 for the same project area as well as for another site 6 miles southwest of this project in 2005 also along the GIWW. MHHW along the banks of the Colorado river at Bragg's Cut was calculated at 1.35' in 2010 relative to the mentioned Matagorda Longitude Sta benchmark (2010 elevation was 10.8' NAVD88). The 2010 MHHW at Bragg's Cut adjusted to updated elevation at the Matagorda Longitude Sta. benchmark (10.65' NAVD88, geoid 2012A) would be 1.2' NAVD88.

Onsite datums were calculated by adjusting short term onsite observed amplitude and mean water level height to established control gauge datum values. Adjustments are determined by comparing a coinciding short observation period (April 4-11, 2017) for both gauges and adjusting the onsite observed values to the control gauge long-term epoch parameters. As referenced for this survey, the elevation of MHHW along the site shoreline was 0.87' NAVD88.



Figure 2: Onsite (station) tide gauge setup on a piling alongside the GIWW on existing breakwater adjacent the north GIWW shoreline of Mad Island.

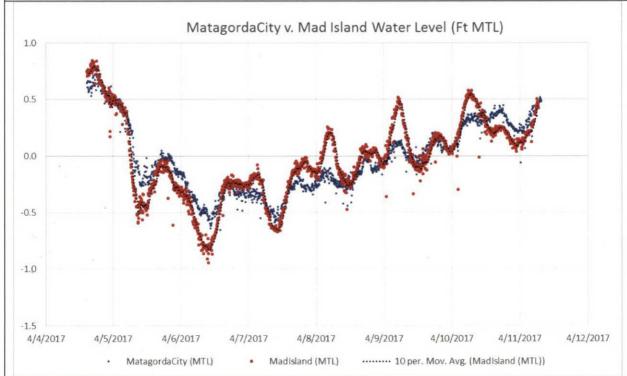


Figure 3: Graph of temporary Bayside station tide gauge (station) data superimposed over NOAA Copano data; same sample period (March 21-27) and vertical datum (NAVD88)

FIELD NOTES for the MHHW line and littoral boundary along a portion of the Samuel Rhoads Fisher, A-36, adjacent to the GIWW and state tracts 4 & 5, Matagorda County, Texas. MHHW line along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) in this area represents the littoral boundary between state submerged tracts (Matagorda tracts 4 & 5) and upland owner. Distances, bearings, and coordinates are grid, North American Datum of 1983 (2011), South Central zone of the Texas Coordinate System;

Beginning at a point (N: 13,436,902.30, E: 2,923,728.83) on the MHHW line of the S.R. Fisher Survey A-36 as described in the Texas General Land Office records from which NGS reference monument "MATAGORDA LONGITUDE STA" (N: 13,448,668.97, E: 2,940,137.01, Z:10.65) bears N 54°21'17" E a distance of 20,191.16' (7,268.82V);

thence N 70°42'47" E along the MHHW line a distance of 61.94' (22.30V) and for the following calls;

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thence S 69°28'51" E a distance of 66.22' (23.84V);
thence N 72°03'40" E a distance of 99.29' (35.74V);
thence N 25°17'18" E a distance of 67.81' (24.41V);
thence N 65°07'39" E a distance of 58.58' (21.09V);
thence N 77°27'53" E a distance of 100.67' (36.24V);
thence N 63°02'12" E a distance of 80.48' (28.97V);
thence N 88°19'12" E a distance of 85.61' (30.82V);
thence N 59°42'10" E a distance of 188.87' (67.99V);
thence N 67°12'37" E a distance of 130.73' (47.06V);
thence N 59°16'35" E a distance of 81.95' (29.50V);
thence N 72°28'59" E a distance of 203.26' (73.17V);
thence N 62°49'58" E a distance of 108.79' (39.16V);
thence N 56°24'43" E a distance of 202.67' (72.96V);
thence N 53°43'50" E a distance of 190.98' (68.75V);
thence N 56°23'44" E a distance of 307.03' (110.53V);
thence N 46°31'21" E a distance of 103.52' (37.27V);
thence N 57°53'46" E a distance of 95.06' (34.22V);
thence N 69°40'58" E a distance of 71.42' (25.71V);
thence N 56°11'34" E a distance of 214.56' (77.24V);
thence N 53°47'46" E a distance of 144.89' (52.16V);
thence N 76°57'51" E a distance of 33.96' (12.23V);
thence N 42°23'15" E a distance of 141.90' (51.08V);
thence N 74°14'10" E a distance of 53.04' (19.09V);
thence S 48°00'09" E a distance of 60.54' (21.79V);
thence N 81°02'12" E a distance of 32.80' (11.81V);
thence N 37°55'23" E a distance of 73.04' (26.29V);
thence N 21°52'24" E a distance of 117.54' (42.31V);
thence N 38°33'50" E a distance of 158.70' (57.13V);
thence N 51°49'08" E a distance of 118.21' (42.56V);
thence N 63°03'25" E a distance of 61.29' (22.06V);
thence S 71°19'04" E a distance of 51.23' (18.44V) to a point along the MHHW line of Culver Creek;
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thence N 48°27'05" E continuing along the west bank of Culver Creek a distance of 37.84' (13.62V) and for the following calls;

thence N 00°27'08" W a distance of 29.26' (10.53V); thence N 24°50'13" W a distance of 101.13' (36.41V); thence N 34°47'02" W a distance of 112.70' (40.57V) which is the **end point** (N: 13,438,827.51, E: 2,926,584.69) from which NGS reference monument "**MATAGORDA LONGITUDE STA**" bears N 54°00'49" E a distance of 16,748.72' (6,029.54V).

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