The Proposed Closure of Rollover Pass

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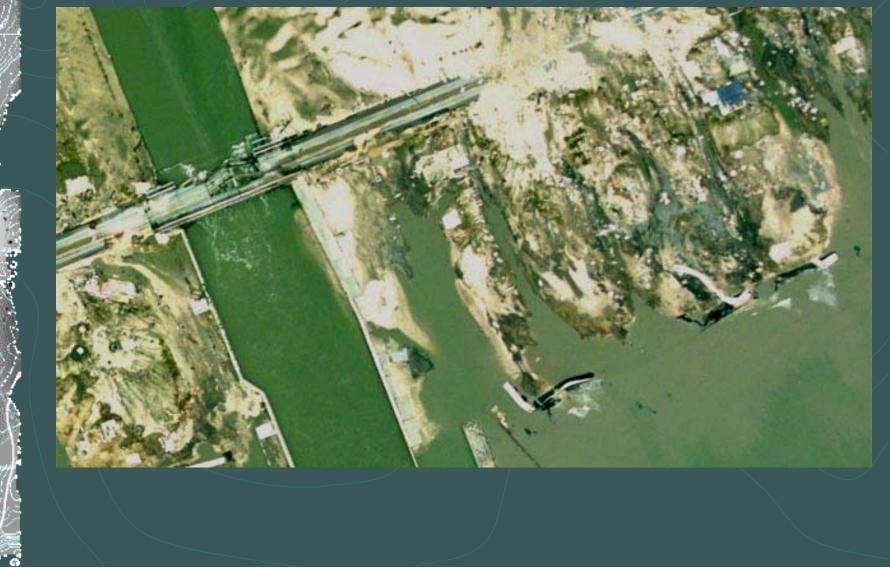
History:

Property owned by Gulf Coast Rod, Reel, and Gun Club.
Pass constructed in 1954 by TPWD as a fish pass.
Quickly started eroding unimproved banks.
Increased shoreline erosion of adjacent beaches.
Increased shoaling of GIWW.

Recent Actions:

Hwy 87 bridge nearly destroyed by Hurricane Ike.
 81st Legislature, SB 2043 gave Land Comm. authority to close man-made passes causing erosion.
 \$5.85 Million appropriated for Rollover closure.
 Must consider impacts to recreational activities.
 Alternate project funding sought through FEMA Hurricane Ike claims for damaged fishing piers.

Rollover Pass, Post-Ike



GLO Actions:

Applied for \$4.4 Million Hazard Mitigation Grant. Initiated an environmental assessment of potential Pass closure with Taylor Engineering. Met with USACE and State and Federal resource agencies. Coordinated with TxDOT, Galveston County, GCRR&GC, and Gilchrist Community Assoc. Proposed various recreational fishing alternatives. Submitted USACE permit application on January 14.

Future Steps:

Conduct public outreach for fishing mitigation ideas.
Final Determination for Pass closure.
Finalize design for Pass closure.
Finalize design for fishing mitigation amenities.
Solicit proposals from construction contractors.
Obtain USACE Permits.
Conduct Pass closure and construct fishing amenities.

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