Texas General Land Office

Notice and Request for Public Comments

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office has determined that Rollover Pass, located on Bolivar Peninsula in Galveston County, contributes to significant erosion to the adjacent shoreline. Such determination is authorized by TEX. NAT. RES. CODE § 33.613(a)(1) and is a prerequisite to the modification or closure of the Pass. The Commissioner will undertake the closure of Rollover Pass, which is not a public navigational channel constructed or maintained by the federal government, using funds appropriated for this purpose by the legislature, as well as other funds as available. TEX. NAT. RES. CODE § 33.613(a).

The Commissioner invites public comment on the proposed plan to replace the loss of public recreational opportunities that result from the closure of Rollover Pass, as required by TEX. NAT. RES. CODE § 33.613(b). This plan was developed in consultation with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Galveston County and local stakeholders. The Commissioner has assessed the feasibility of installing fishing piers, boat ramps, and other facilities that provide recreational opportunities. The Commissioner concluded that a concrete fishing pier on the Gulf side is the most appropriate and feasible project to replace recreational fishing opportunities.

The Rollover Pass Recreational Amenities Plan (“Plan”) can be viewed at: www.glo.texas.gov/coastal. The Texas General Land Office will take public comments on the Plan for a thirty-day period following the date of this notice’s publication in the Texas Register. The Commissioner will consider all comments timely received in finalizing the Plan. Any comments or questions should be directed to Walter Talley, Texas Register liaison, Texas General Land Office, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711, phone number (512) 475-1859, facsimile number (512) 463-6311, or email to walter.talley@glo.texas.gov. Written comments must be received no later than thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice in the Texas Register.

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