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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Cmr. Bush Releases Guiding Principles for Coastal Texas Study**

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AUSTIN —

Today, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the release of six guiding principles to help guide the process of developing the draft Coastal Texas Study.

“As we move forward with the draft Coastal Texas Study proposal, it is important for us to remember the study still remains in the draft stage,” said Commissioner Bush. “I have heard and share many concerns of the people of Texas regarding this project as drafted. While I strongly support moving forward with a coastal barrier and protection plan, we must take the communities’ concerns into account. Today, I presented a statement of principles that I would like to see incorporated into the plan. It is my hope that we can take the communities’ concerns into account and build a consensus on a plan to protect the coast.”

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# Coastal Texas Study

## Commissioner George Bush Texas General Land Office

As the non-federal sponsor it is the job of the Texas General Land Office to manage the land on the coast and more specifically the coast. In this role, Commissioner Bush is committed to the future of the coast on which his support is based.

*We must do something to protect the coast. During the public hearings in the wake of Hurricanes Ike and Harvey, the answer is not to build a wall forever. This is simply not acceptable. The Coastal Texas Study is a plan for the future. Commissioner Bush believes we can strike a balance between a sustainable lifestyle that makes Bolivar and Galveston so unique.*

1. Locate the levee system on or along the beach. A sand dune-based system which would fit with the natural ecology would be preferable. We must include nourished beaches to protect the dune levee and provide much needed sand to our already eroding beaches. I will not support any such sand levee unless adequate access to the beach is included. Consideration for property rights must be taken into account.

*The impact to the surrounding community must be minimized.*

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