

1990 Costal Barrier Improvement Act

Analysis

Fish and Wildlife Service Unit L06 Designation (1990)

As part of the CBIA of 1990 the Service recommended additional areas for inclusion into unit L06. We again feel that technical errors were made during this process.

Our concerns with the 1990 designation process are as follows:

The Service did not perform a detailed infrastructure review prior to mapping.

Our examination of the background materials shows little effort to review the development status of the newly included areas of unit L06.

The Service, in 1982, found a full complement of infrastructure to exist in this area.

In 1982 the FWS noted that the *two excluded areas in the Northeast area* of the proposed System unit had a *full complement of infrastructure*. We do not understand how a full infrastructure could exist in 1982 but not be relevant in 1990.

The Service did not perform did not perform a conservation review prior to mapping.

The language in 1990 CBIA maintains that conservation areas that are “*within the boundaries of an area established under Federal, State, or local law*” may be designated as “Other Protected Area”.

We note that with adoption of the newly corrected draft map, the only lands left within the 1990 addition are public and private properties established as conservation zones under Onslow County ordinances along with a few private in-holdings.

The 1982 Onslow County Zoning Map identifies these conservation zones. A small area of developable lots along the upper inlet (in 1982) no longer existed due to erosion.

North Topsail Beach believes the proper designation should have been as “OPA”.