

An Assessment of the Performance of Raccoon Island Breakwater Projects



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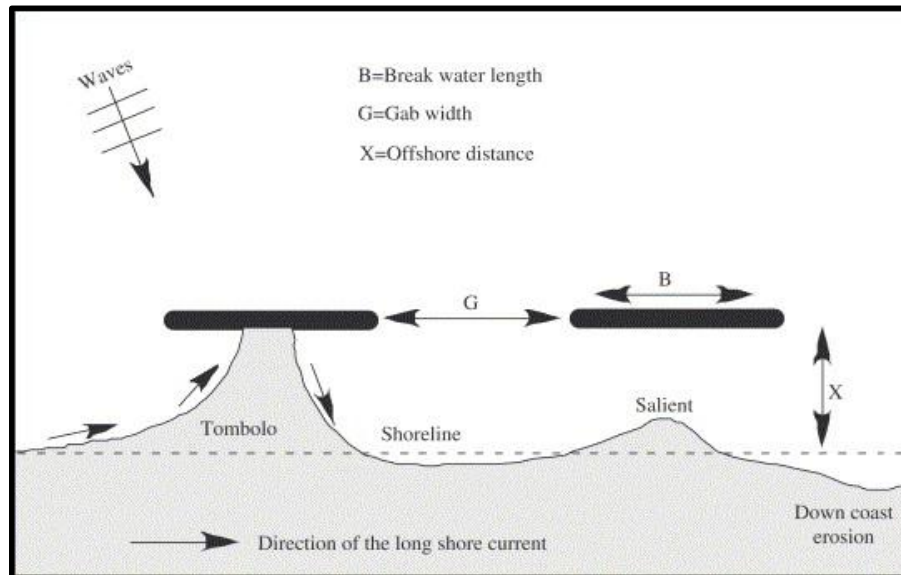
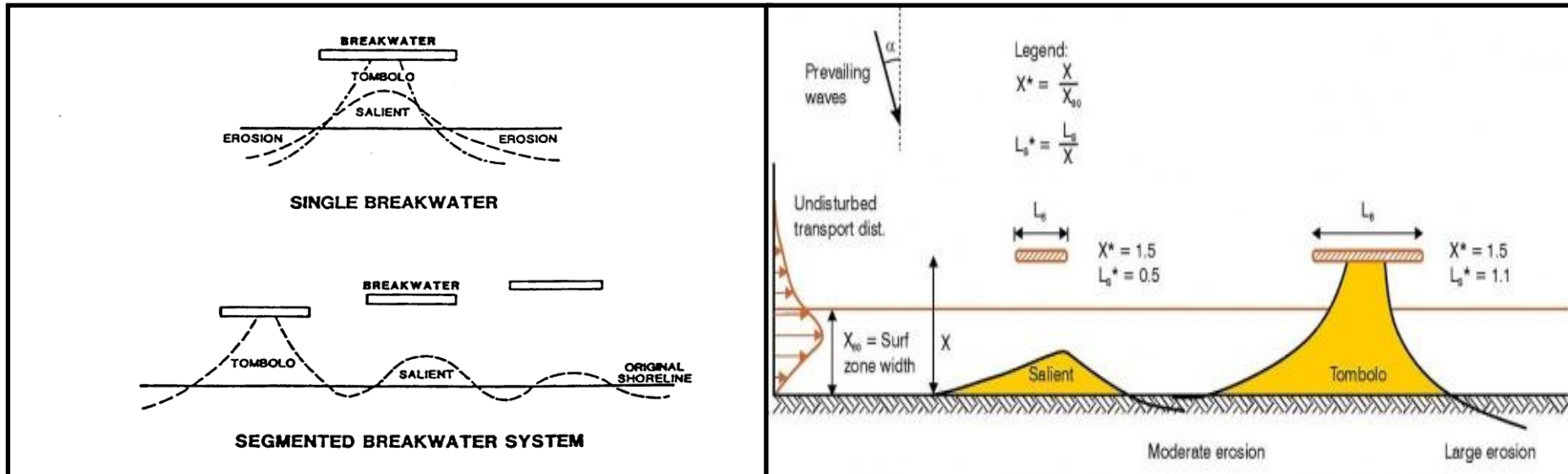


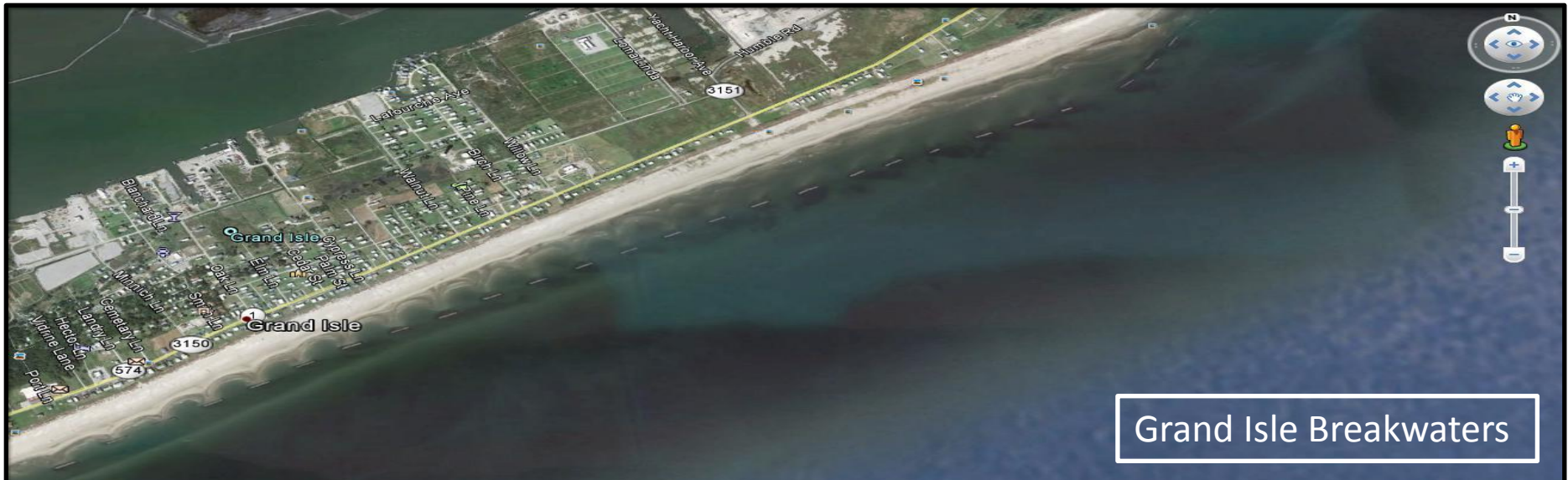
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BREAKWATER FUNCTION





Grand Isle Breakwaters



Holly Beach Breakwaters

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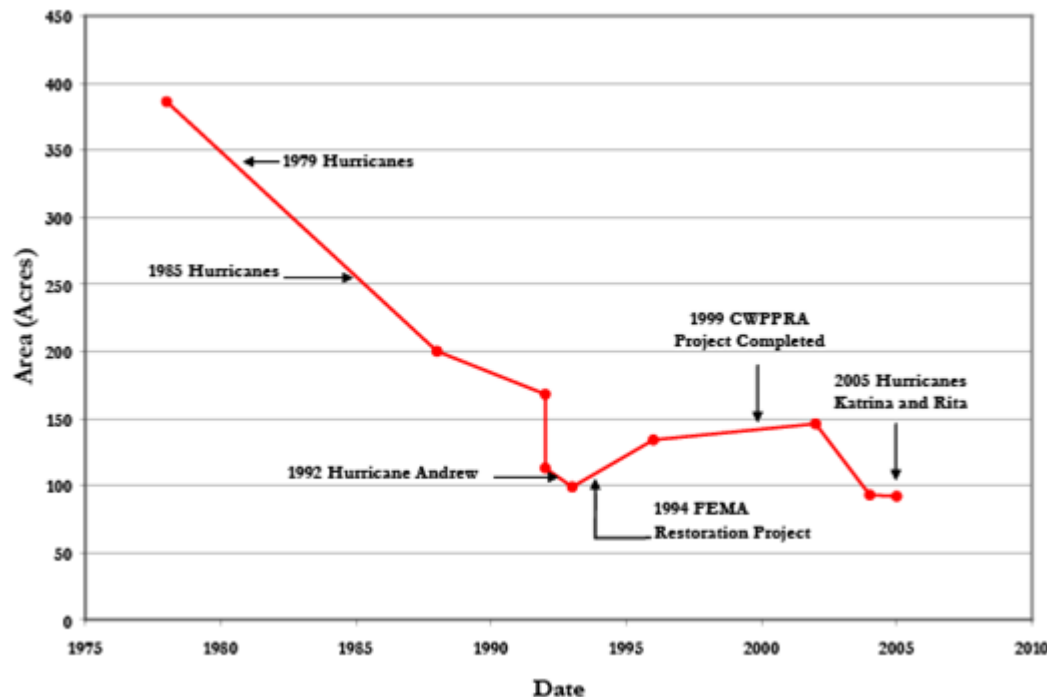


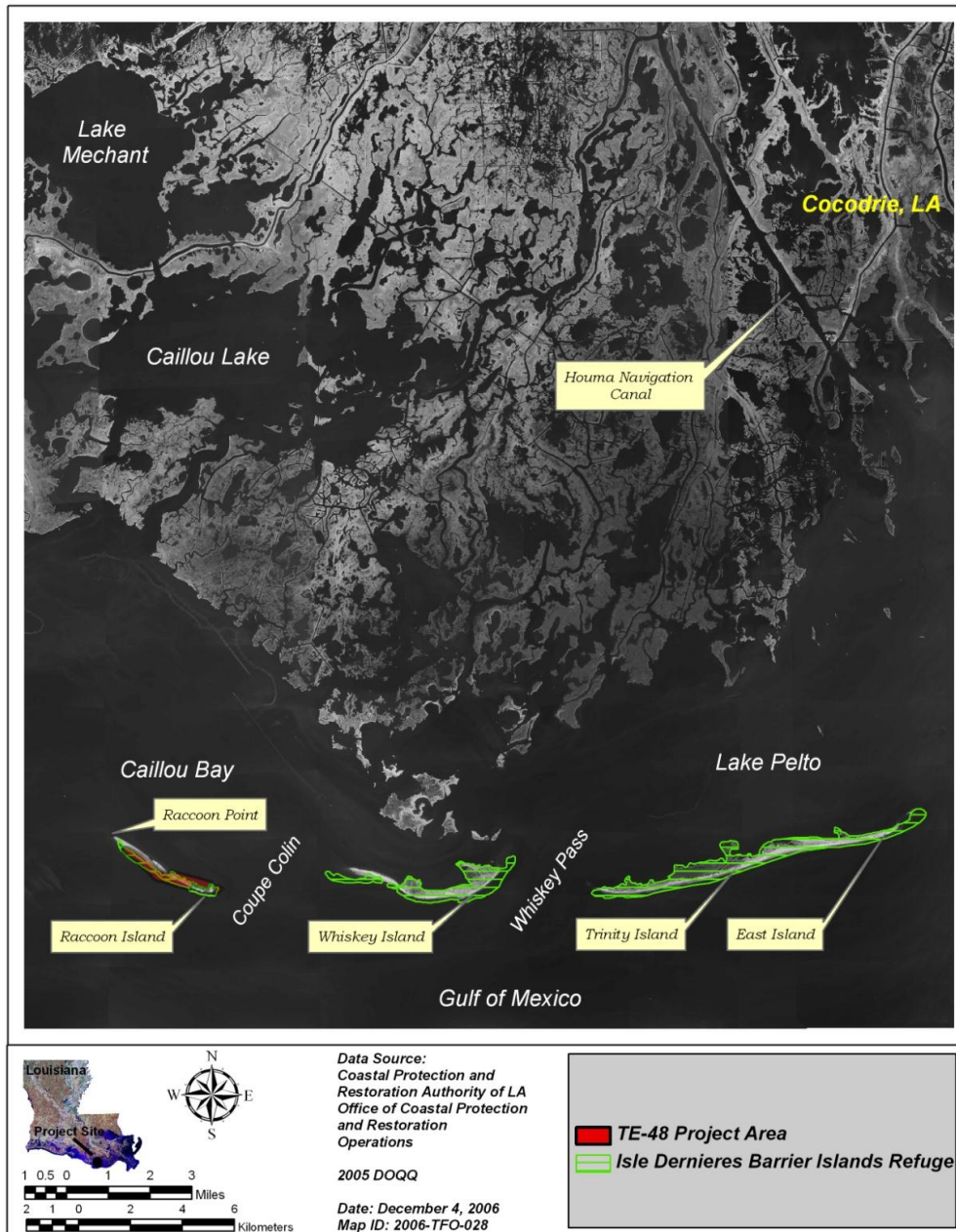
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RACCOON ISLAND INFORMATION

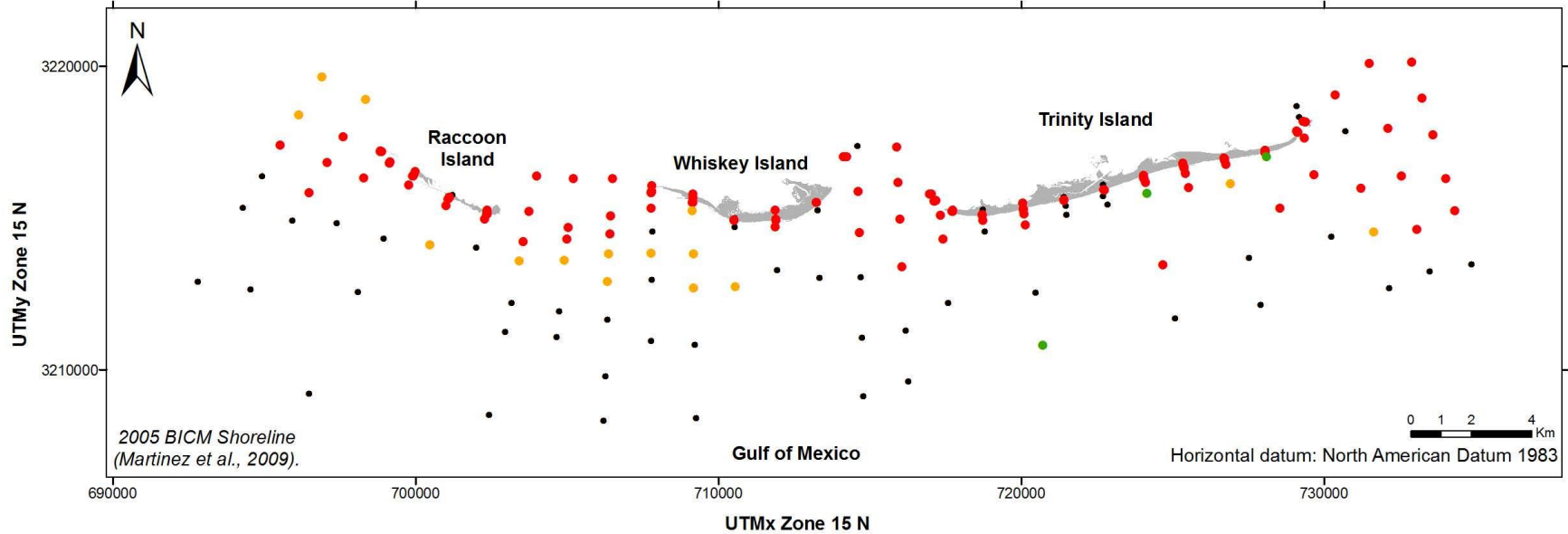
- Important Brown Pelican Nesting Colony
- Terminal Island in Isle Dernieres Barrier Island Arc
- Sand Resource Scarcity
- Net Longshore Transport to the West and Localized
- Low Wave Energy Shoreline
- Historic Shoreline Erosion Rate of 27.9 ft/yr (1855-2005)
- Area Decreased by Approximately 300 Acres from 1978-2005





Teche Region- 2008 - Percent Composition Sand

Indicated by Particle Size Analysis



LEGEND

Percent Sand for Visual Estimates of $\geq 70\%$ Sand

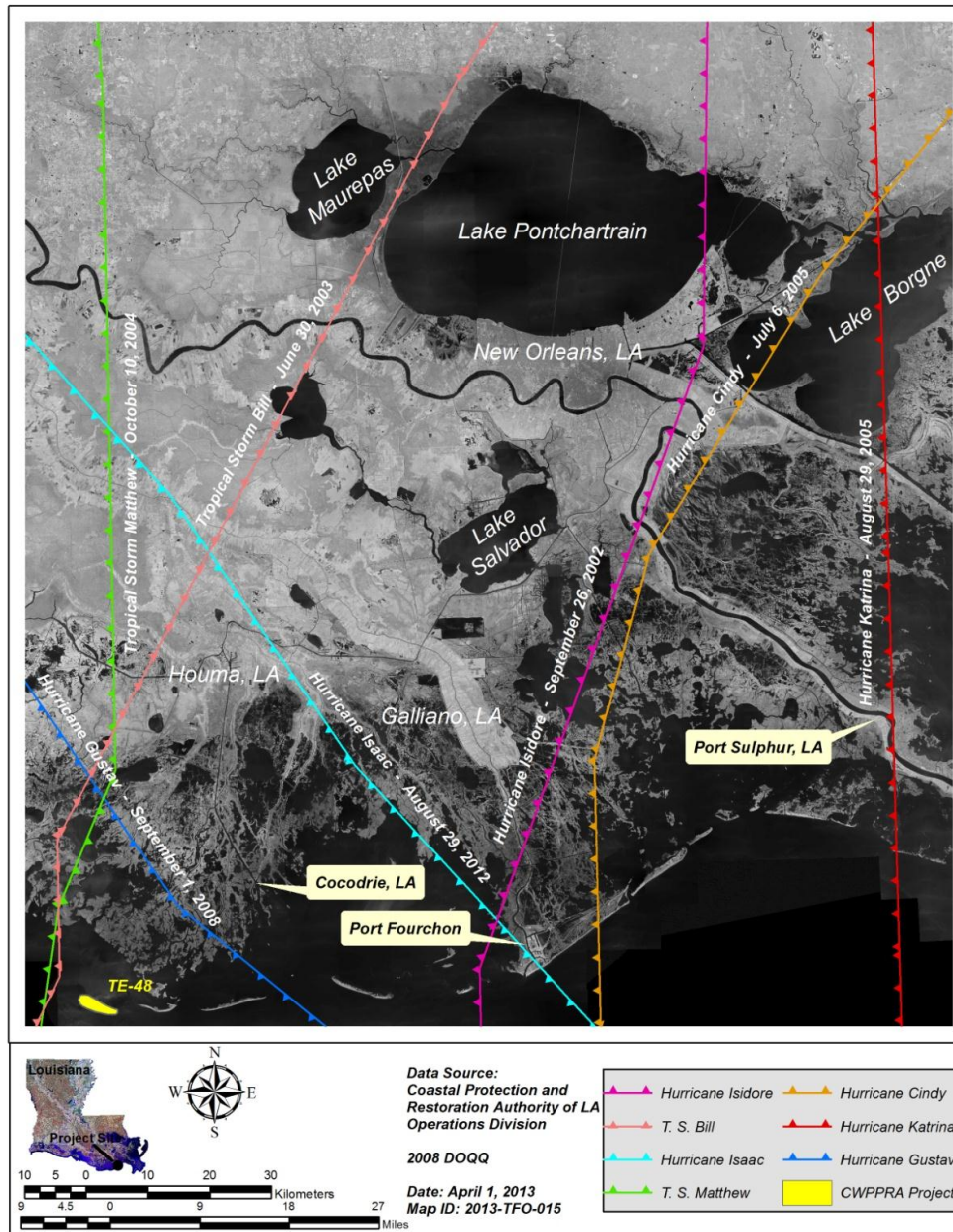
- $\leq 70.0\%$
- 70.1 - 80.0 %
- 80.1 - 90.0 %
- 90.1 - 100.0 %

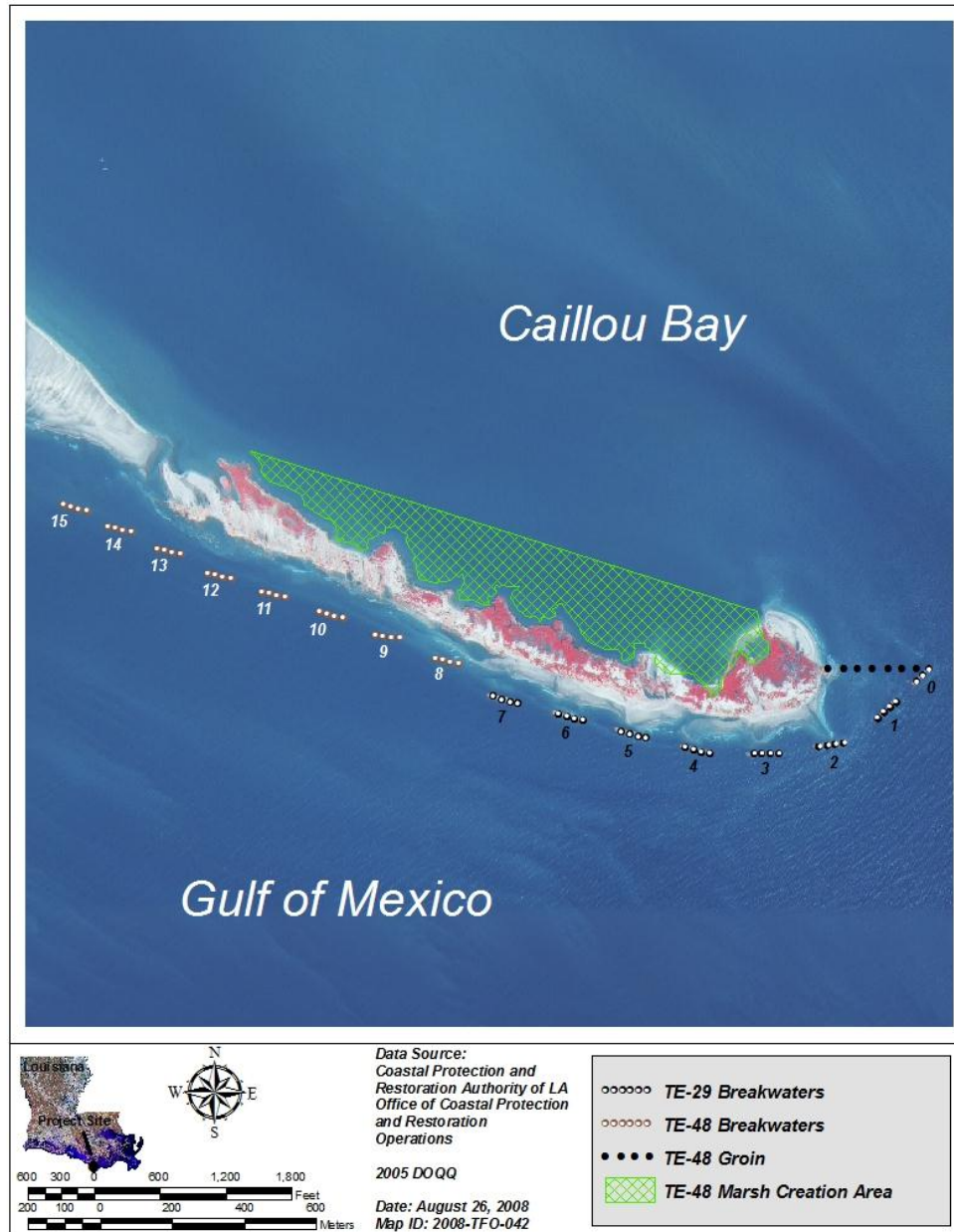
• Visually estimated at $< 70\%$ Sand
(not analyzed with particle size instrument)

Grain Size Analysis

Samples from this location were taken by surface scooping on land and by bottom grab sampling in the water. They were then analyzed visually for percent composition of sand.

Samples that were estimated to be greater than 70 percent sand were quantitatively described using laser particle size diffraction methods.





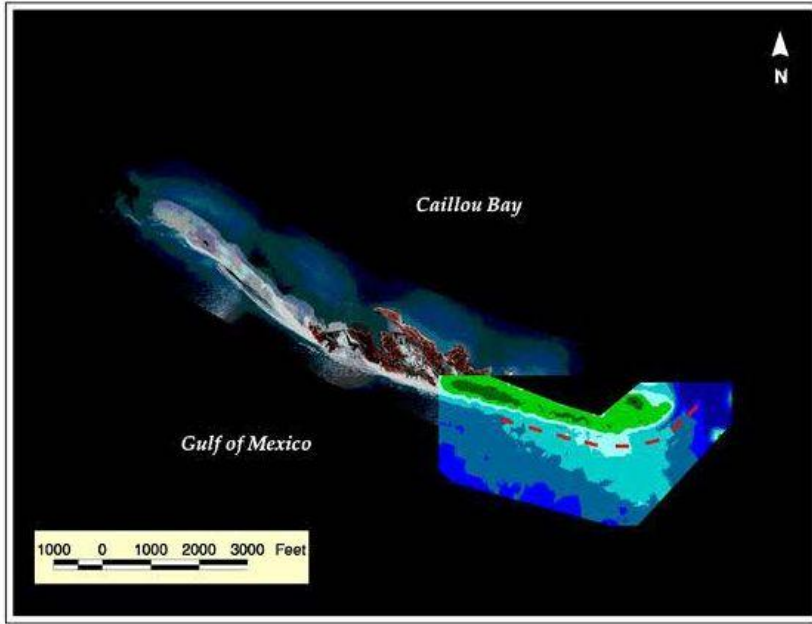
RACCOON ISLAND BREAKWATER PROJECTS

- Raccoon Island Breakwaters Demonstration (TE-29) Project
- PPL 5 Five Year CWPPRA Demonstration Project (NRCS)
- Constructed 8 Segmented Breakwaters from APR 1997-JUL 1997
- Breakwater Dimensions:
 - 300 ft from Shoreline (X)
 - 300 ft in Length (B)
 - 300 ft Gap Widths (G)
 - 4.5 ft Crown Elevation
- TE-29 Breakwaters Still Functioning

- Raccoon Island Shoreline Protection/Marsh Creation (TE-48) Project
- PPL 11 CWPPRA Project (NRCS)
- Phase A: Constructed 8 Breakwaters & a Groin from JAN 2006-SEP 2007
- Breakwater Dimensions:
 - 250 ft from Shoreline (X)
 - 300 ft in Length (B)
 - 160-300 ft Gap Widths (G)
 - 4.5 ft Crown Elevation
- Groin Dimensions: 926 ft in Length and 4.5 ft Crown Elevation
- Phase B: Created 63 Acres of Marsh from SEP 2012-APR 2013

TE-29 CONCLUSIONS

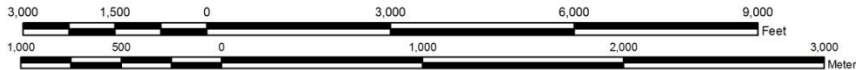
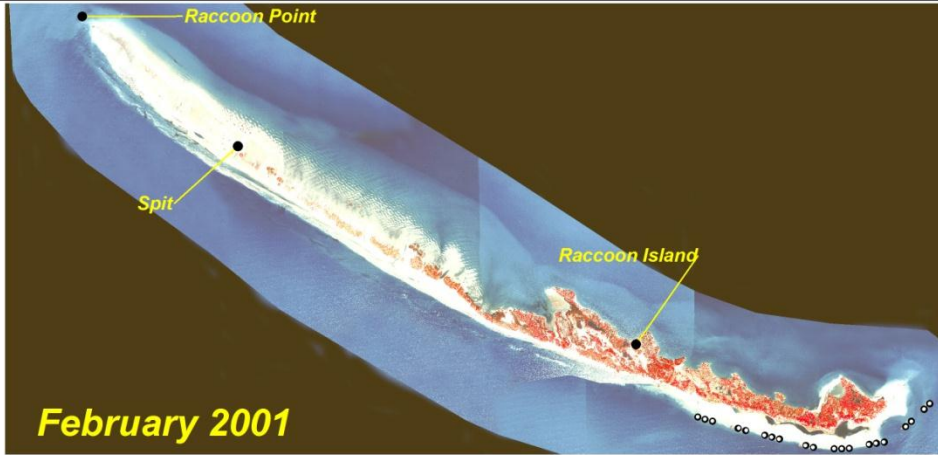
- Successful in Increasing Sediment Volume due to Nearby Sand Shoal
- Deep Channel Formed in Lee of Breakwaters #0 and #1
- Down Drift Impacts to the West



February 1998



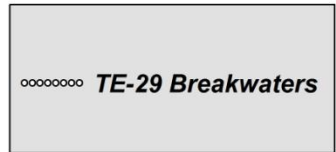
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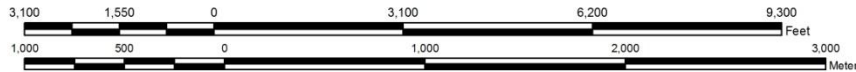
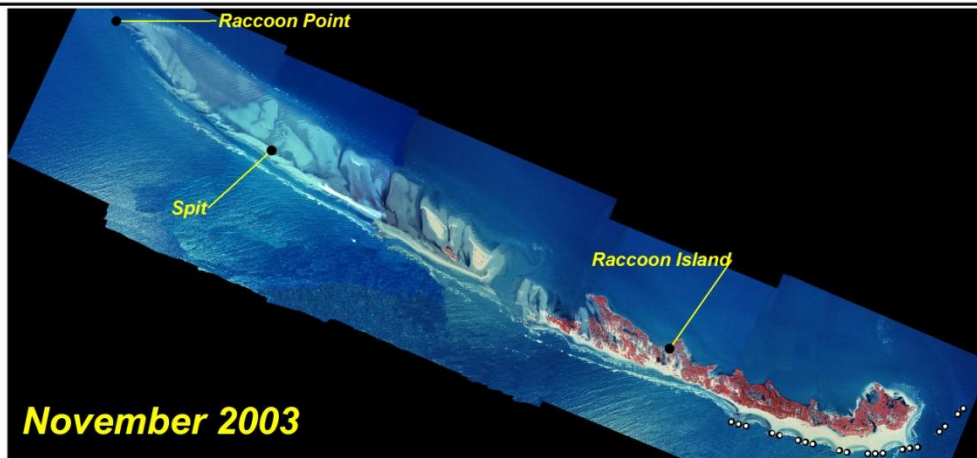
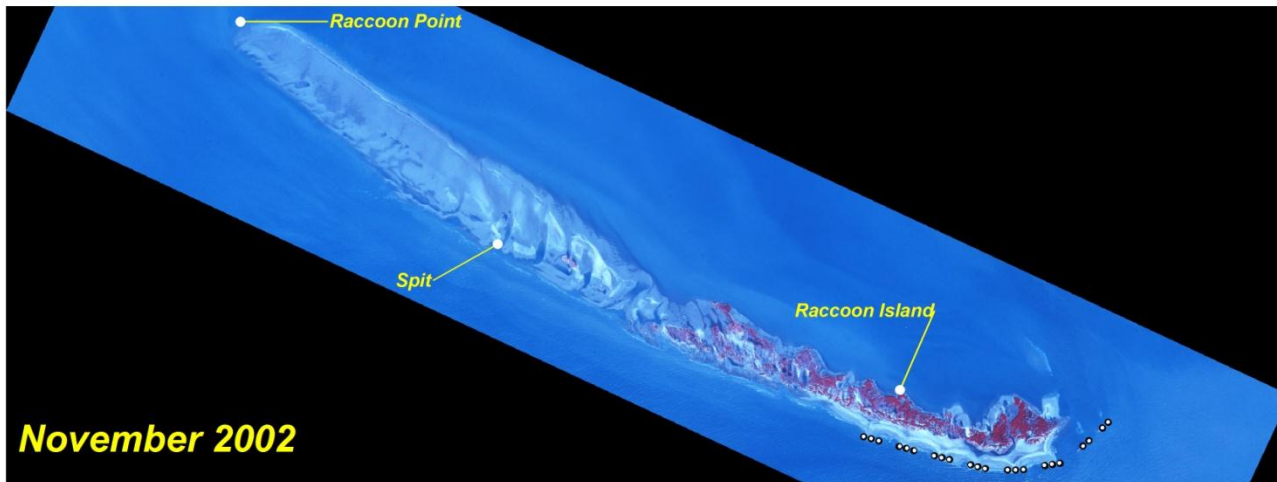


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1998 DOQQ
2001 Aerial Imagery

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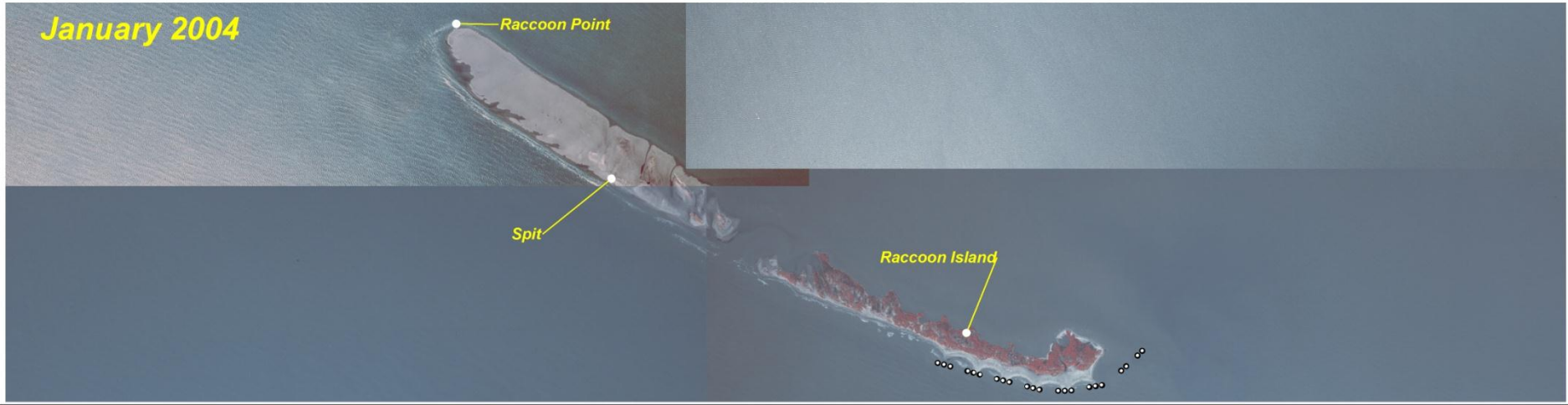
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2002 Aerial Imagery
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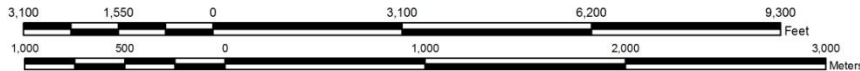
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January 2004



November 2005



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2005 DOQQ

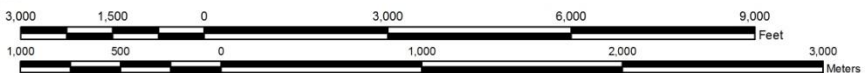
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September 2007



October 2008



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2007 NAIP
2008 DOQQ

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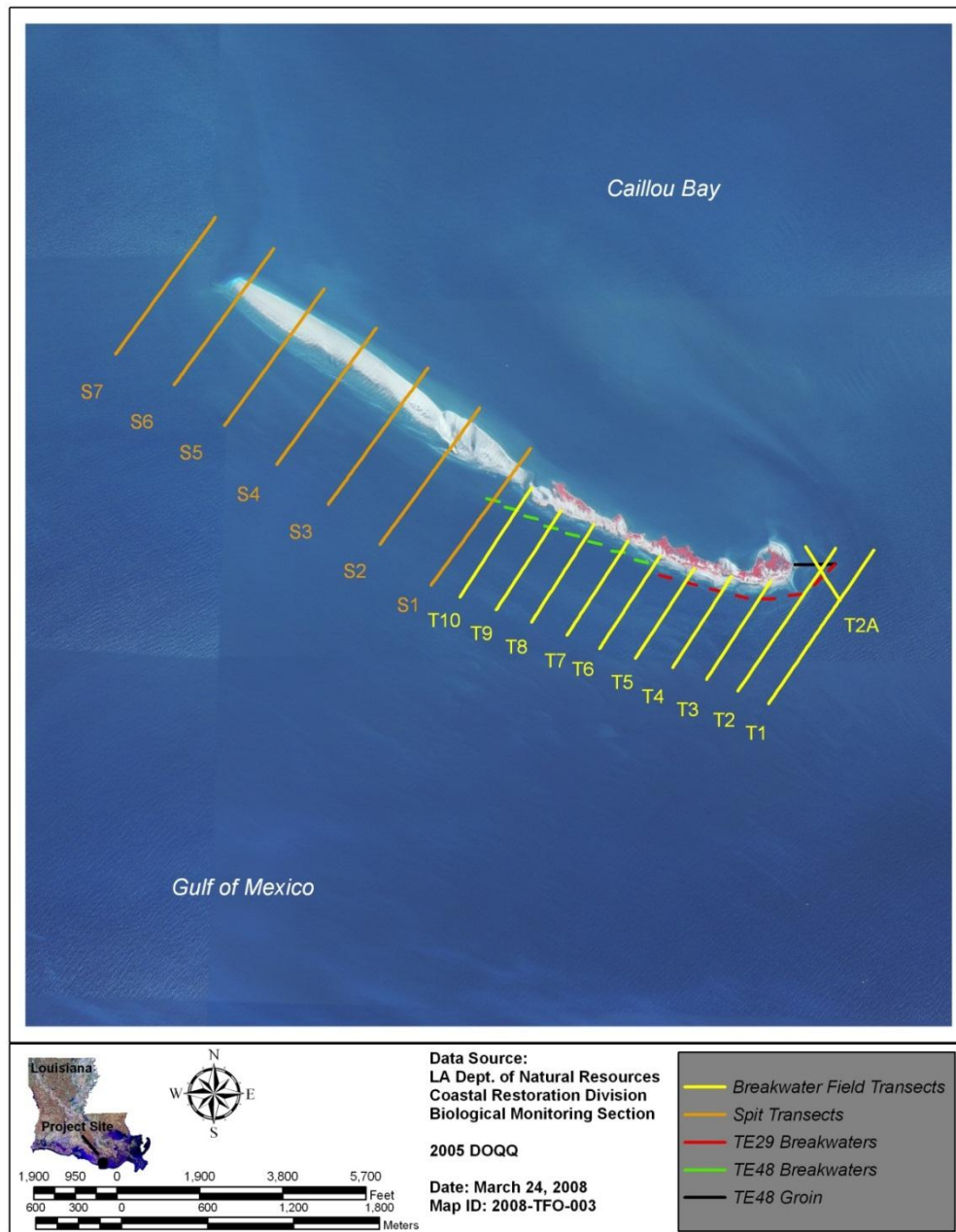


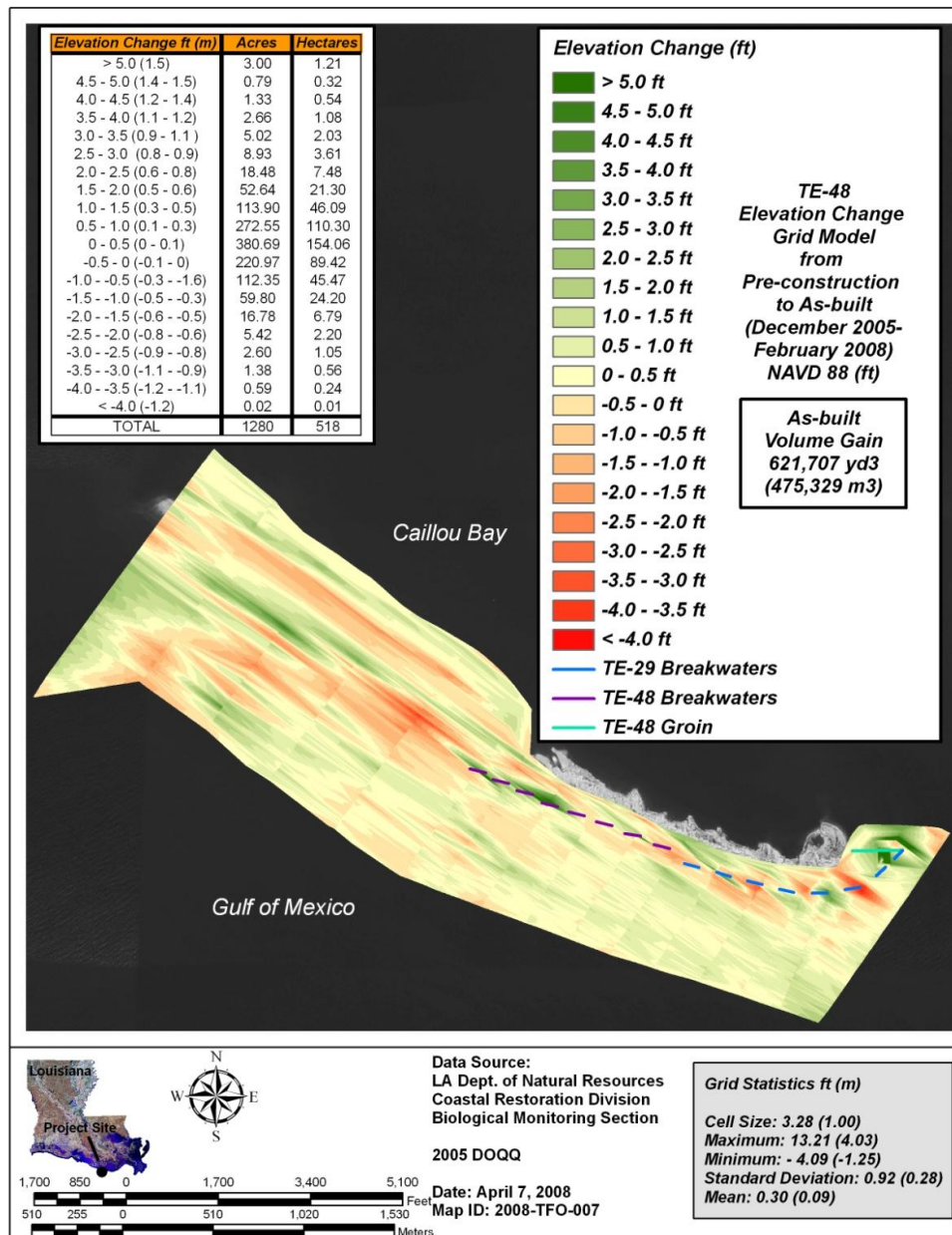
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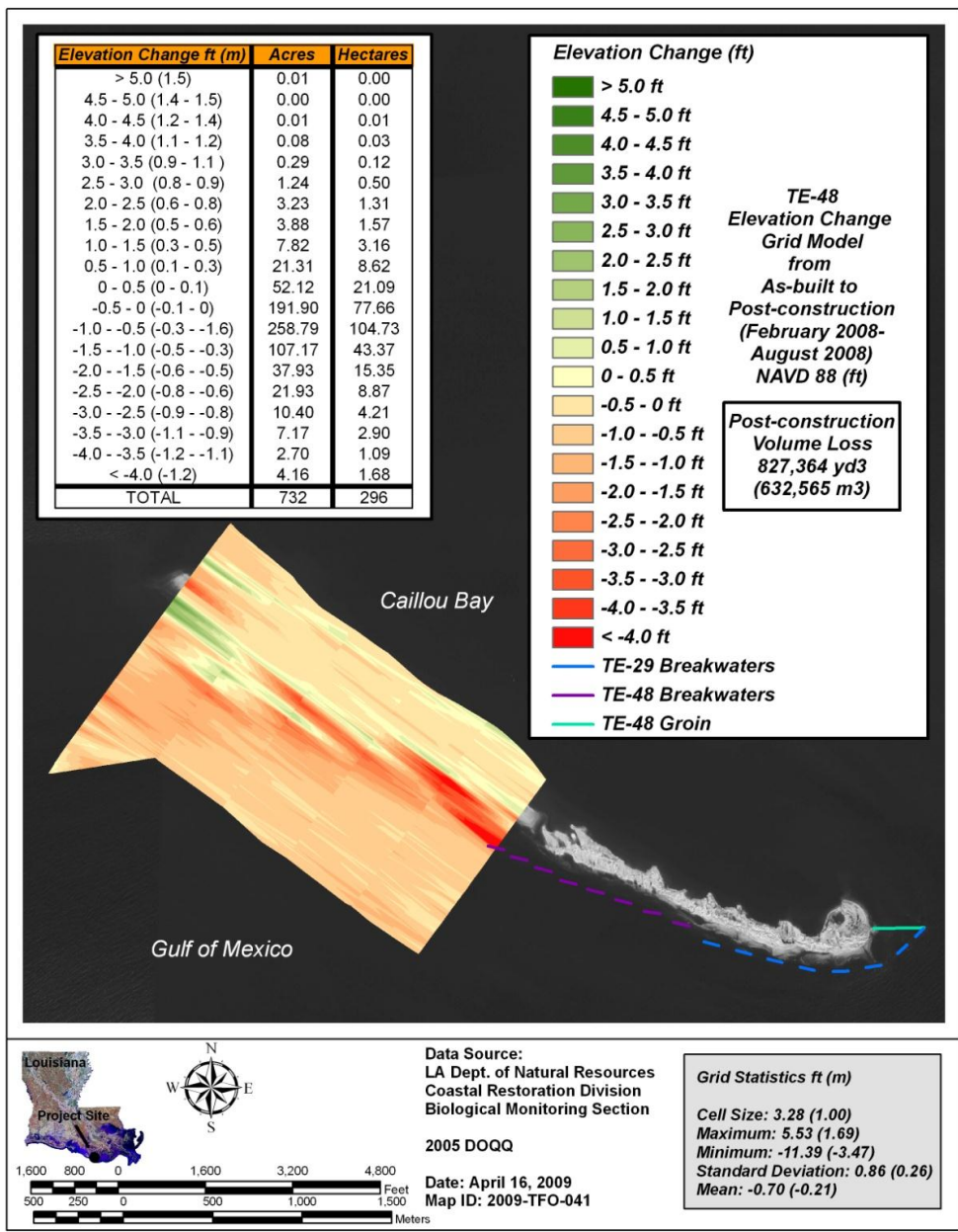
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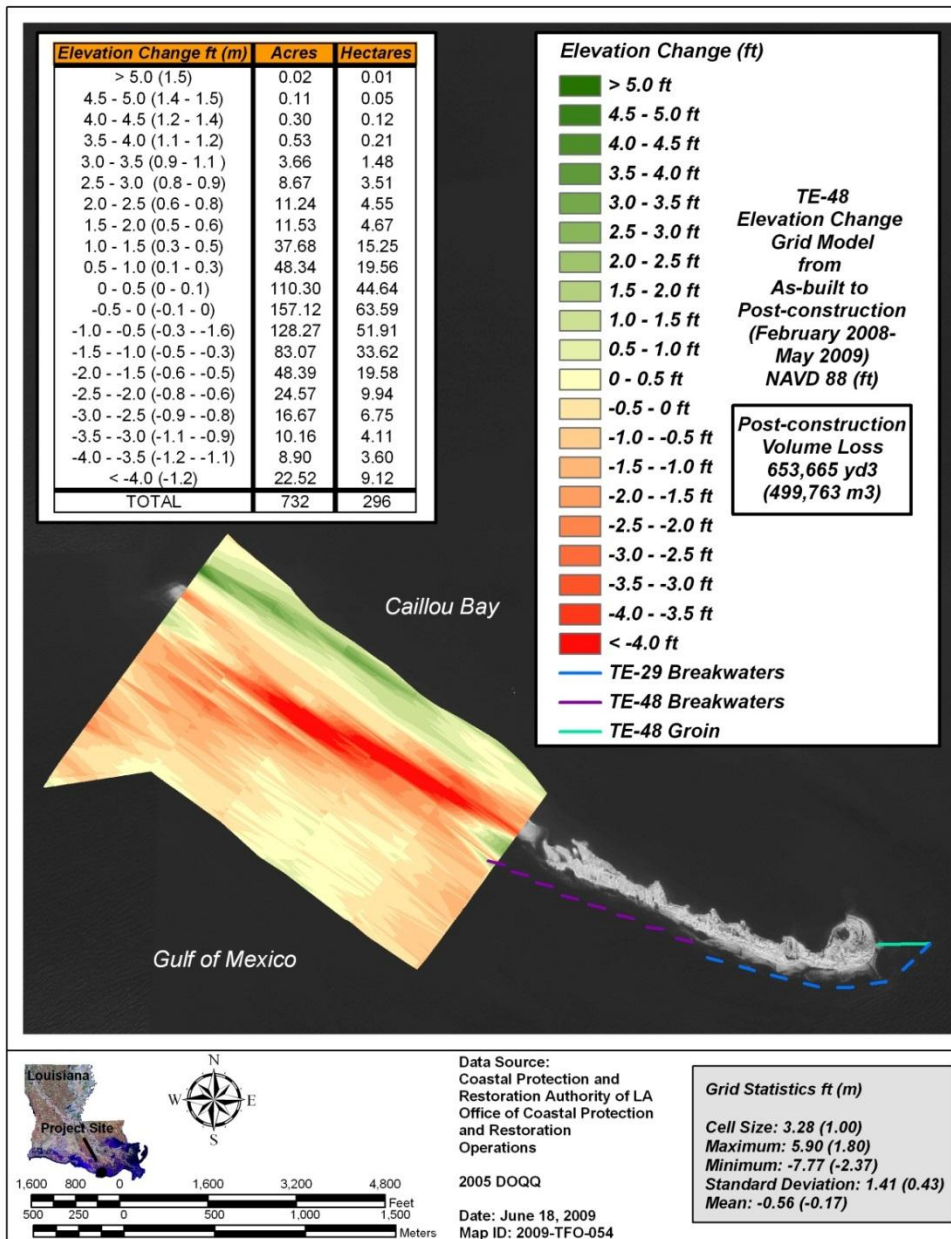
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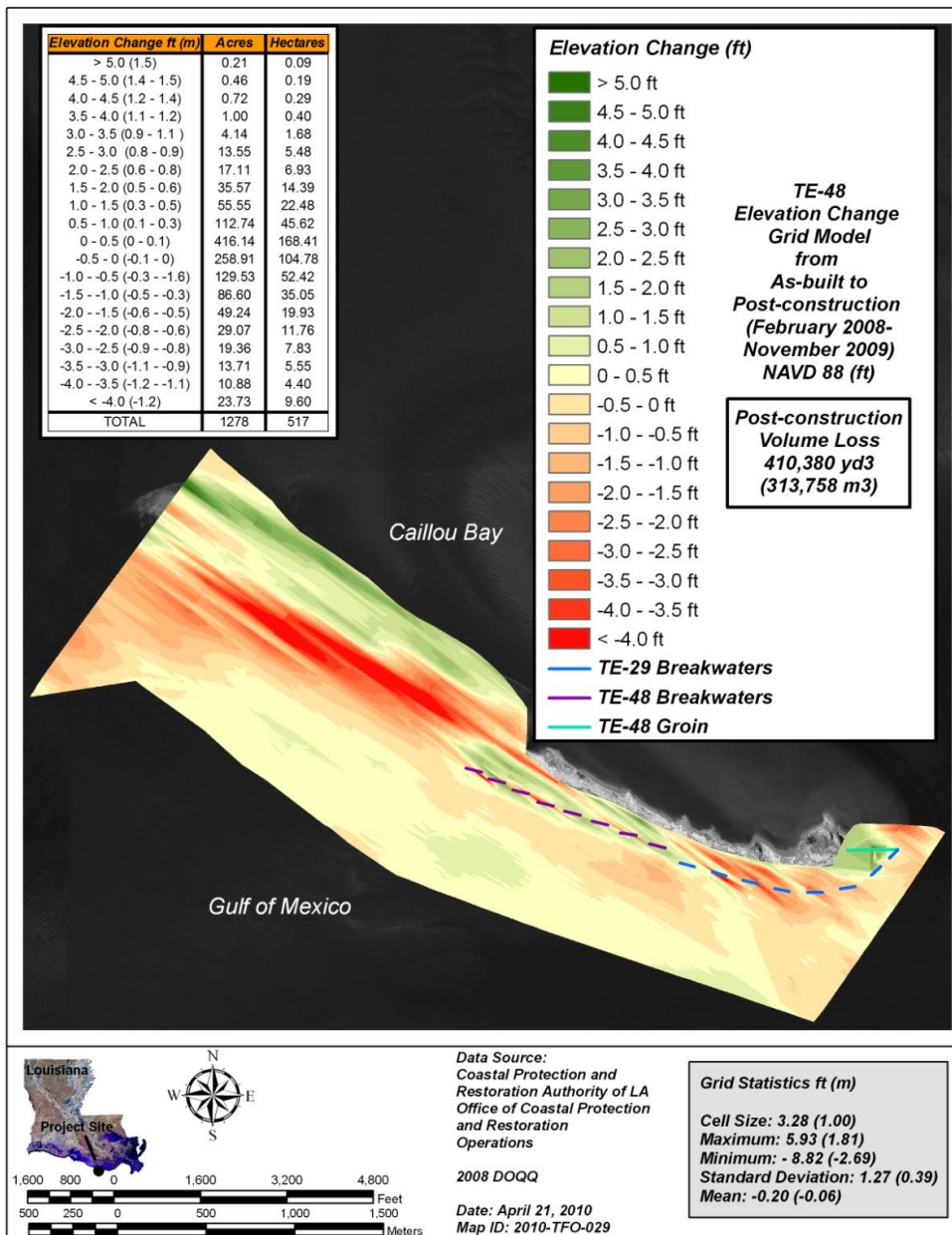
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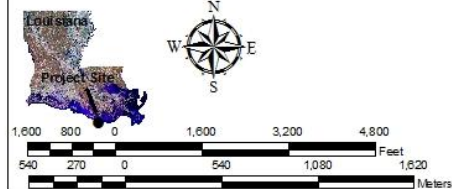
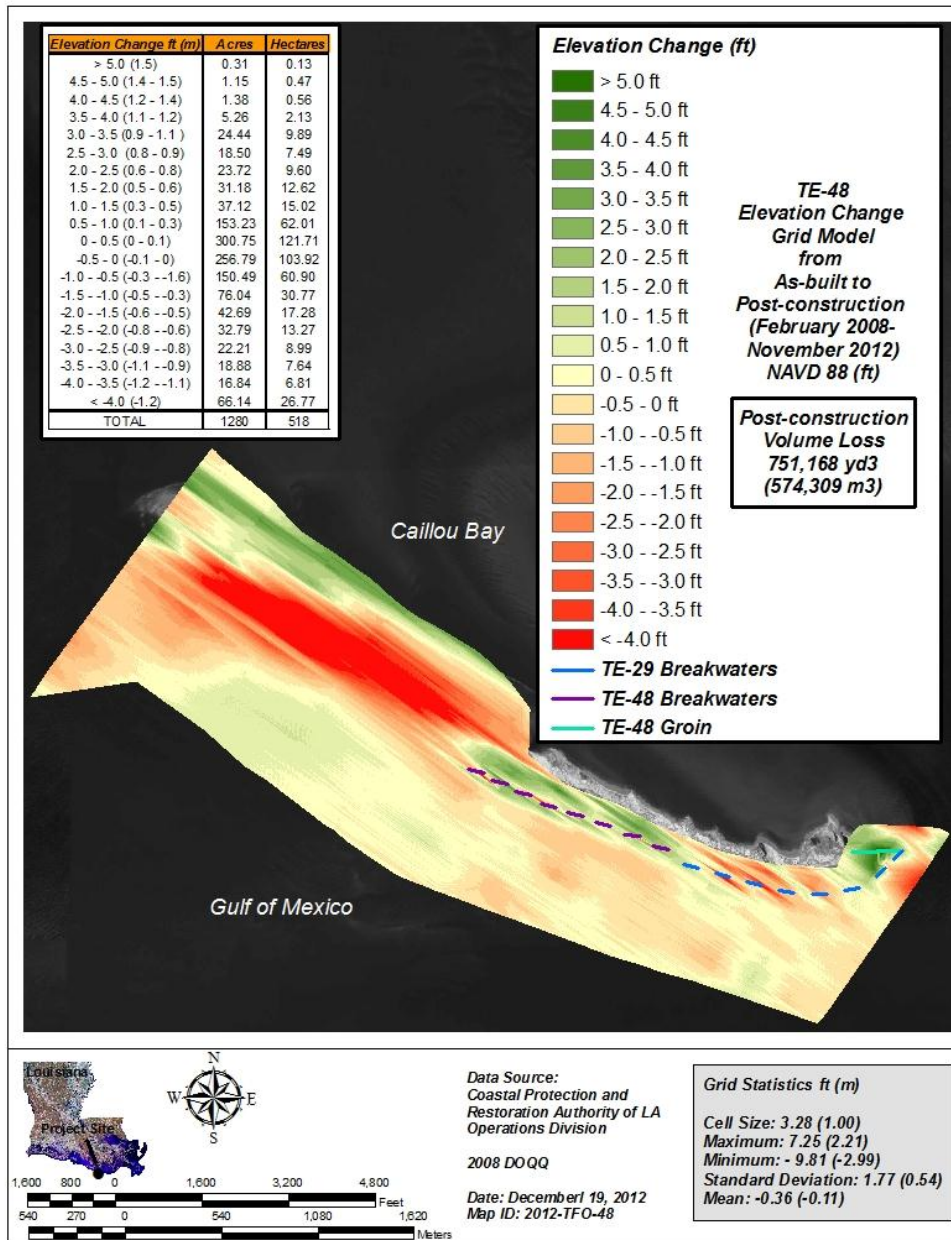










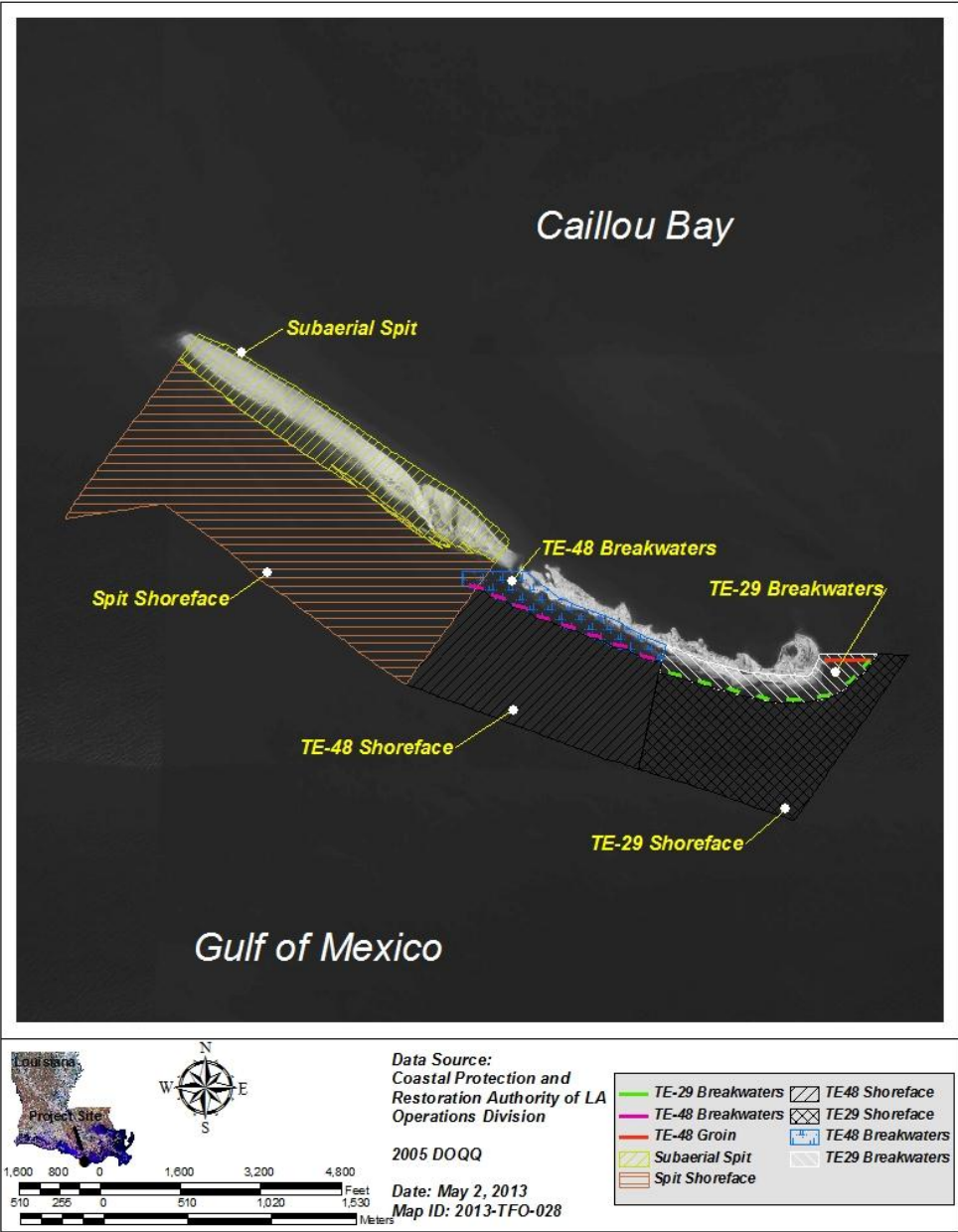


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2008 DOQQ

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Grid Statistics ft (m)
Cell Size: 3.28 (1.00)
Maximum: 7.25 (2.21)
Minimum: -9.81 (-2.99)
Standard Deviation: 1.77 (0.54)
Mean: -0.36 (-0.11)



RESULTS OF ELEVATION CHANGE SUBDIVISION ANALYSIS

Volume Change (yd3)	Dec 2005- Feb 2008	Feb 2008- Aug 2008	Feb 2008- May 2009	Feb 2008- Nov 2009	Feb 2008- Nov 2012
Subaerial Spit	-20,572	-116,576	-312,276	-254,986	-655,075
Spit Shoreface	149,960	-684,441	-568,721	-409,990	-398,444
TE-48 Shoreface	115,027	N/A	N/A	46,049	-26,390
TE-29 Shoreface	150,367	N/A	N/A	-50,302	-35,806
TE-48 Breakwaters	52,002	N/A	N/A	41,011	107,781
TE-29 Breakwaters	40,082	N/A	N/A	-17,925	19,015



RACCOON ISLAND BREAKWATER FIELD SHORELINE CHANGE RATE OVER TIME

Breakwater Field Shoreline Change	Dec 2005- Feb 2008	Feb 2008- Nov 2009	Nov 2009- Nov 2012
Gulf of Mexico Change Rate (ft/yr)	-8.31	22.56	22.70

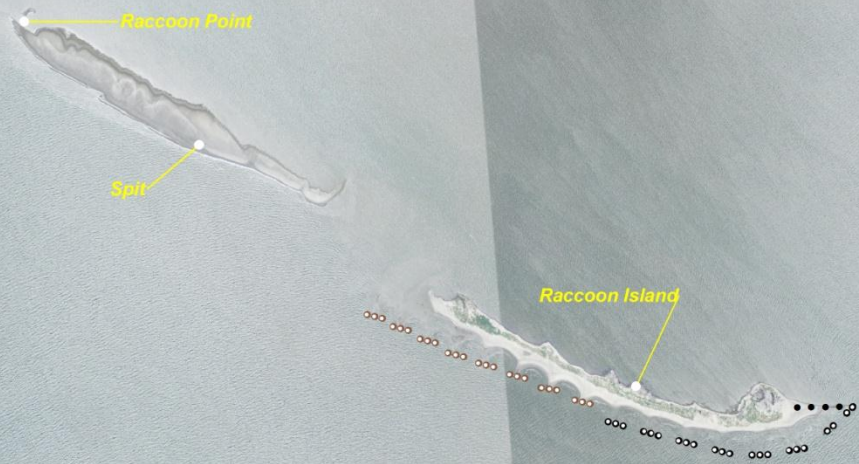
RACCOON ISLAND SPIT SHORELINE CHANGE RATE OVER TIME

Subaerial Spit Shoreline Change	Dec 2005- Feb 2008	Feb 2008- Aug 2008	Aug 2008- May 2009	May 2009- Nov 2009	Nov 2009- Nov 2012
Gulf of Mexico Change Rate (ft/yr)	13.99	-72.43	-440.40	86.86	-71.39
Caillou Bay Change Rate (ft/yr)	6.49	-163.44	369.18	-2.32	-7.34

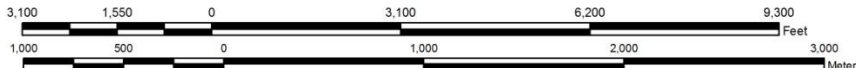
RACCOON ISLAND SPIT SUMMARY STATISTICS OVER TIME

Subaerial Spit Summary Statistics	Dec-2005	Feb-2008	Aug-2008	May-2009	Nov-2009	Nov-2012
Mean Width (ft)	849	929	803	776	813	772
Length (ft)	7465	7432	7490	7456	7303	3929
Area (Acres)	157	167	147	137	149	65

July 2010



November 2012



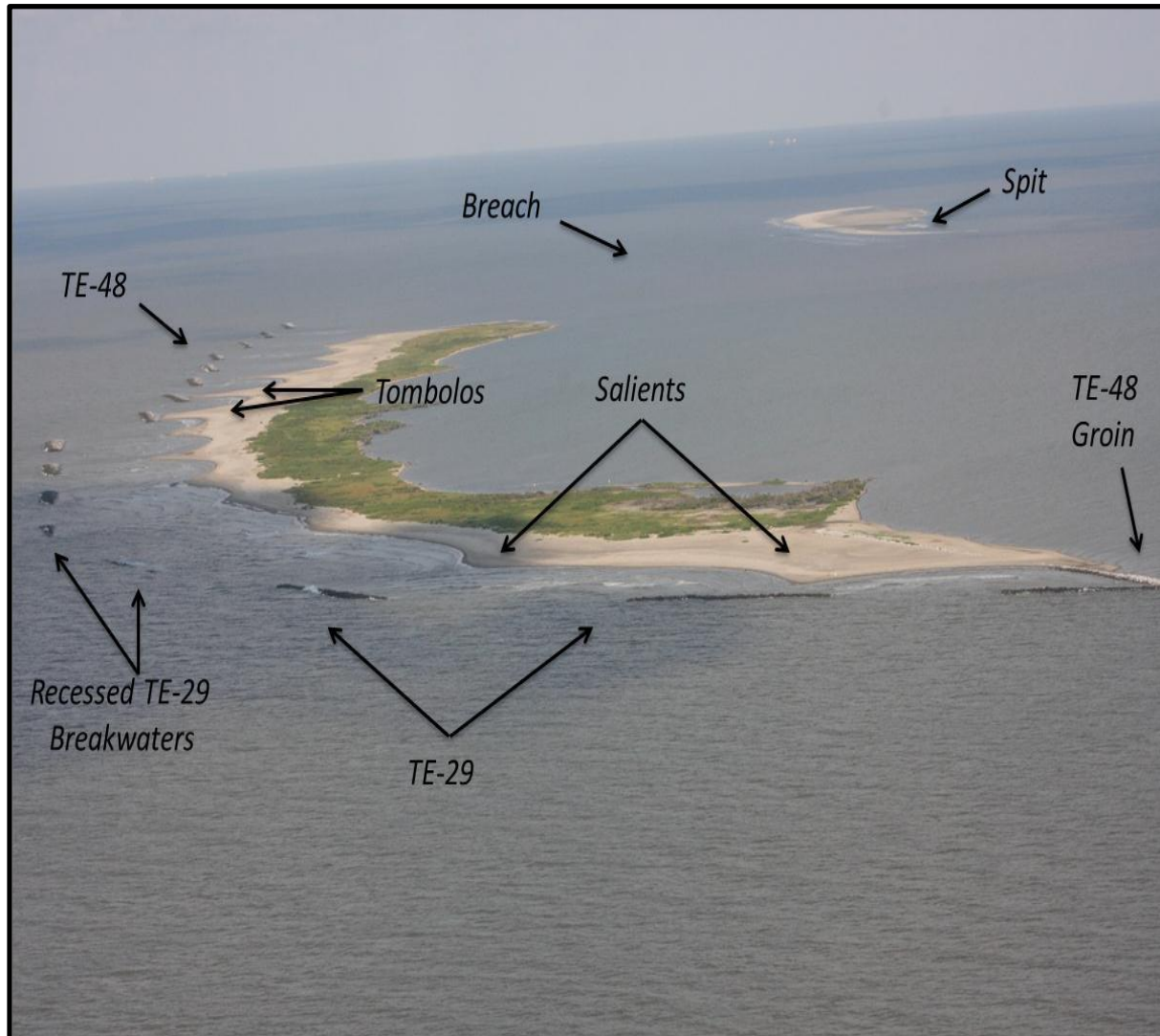
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2010 NAIP
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- TE-29 Breakwaters
- TE-48 Breakwaters
- TE-48 Groin

Post Hurricane Isaac Oblique Aerial Photograph of Raccoon Island (Sep 2012)



ESTIMATED BREACH FILL VOLUMES & DEPTHS

Fill Elevation	Fill Volume	Fill Depth
NAVD88 ft	yd ³	ft
0.00	476,808	2.36
1.00	678,710	3.36
1.54	786,693	3.90
2.00	880,612	4.36
2.50	981,583	4.86
3.00	1,082,514	5.36

TE-48 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- TE-48 Breakwaters have Raised Shoreline Contours in Their lee
- Groin has Increased Volumes and Extended Shoreline Positions
- Raccoon Island Spit has Recorded Sediment Deficits Since TE-48 Construction
- TE-29 Breakwaters #3-#6 have Recorded Sediment Deficits Since TE-48 Construction
- Raccoon Island Substantially Impacted by Tropical Storms During Study
- Recommend Comprehensive Sediment Budget Study
- Recommend Closing Breach and Reconnecting Spit
- Recommend Creating Marsh Behind Spit to Increase Width
- Recommend Beach Nourishment Event
- Recommend Western Terminal Groin

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