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Here are some pictures I took on my overflight on September 6th of the pond area Mike Piatak was referring to.



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With a new inlet being cut through Bodie Spit and the loss of a large part of the pre-storm winter closure, Mike Piatak and I have been discussing options on how to reinstall the winter closure in this area. We know that Bodie Spit had been an important stopover area for migrating PIPs in the past, especially the non-vegetated shoreline area of the Bait Pond. We believe the birds will continue using Bodie Spit in its present condition but the use areas will be shifted since the Bait Pond has now become a new inlet. We propose the following Bodie Island Winter closure:

- Convert the remaining winter closure connected to the mainland into a full bird closure (no pedestrians or vehicles allowed) (red hatch on attached maps)
- Maintain shoreline ORV and pedestrian access on the oceanside down to the new inlet
- Maintain access along the back side of the closure down to what used to be the tip of the bait pond (no changes from previous winter closure)
- No pedestrian access would be allowed along the non-vegetated portion of the new inlet

The new island should at a minimum be signed to keep dogs off of it unless we see a lot of recreational use on it (currently we do not have access to this area)

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(Leslie and Laura are working on a better map as I do not have access to the new base maps.)

Another issue that still needs to get resolved is that a boat is needed to access the new island that has formed. We do not have GPS pts, high and low tides and we have no means of getting out there to monitor and re-sign the area. I would like to propose, once again, the need to purchase a boat for resource management staff use. I believe that Doug Stover has already written a PMIS project for a boat purchase. I know that boats are costly to maintain and can be dangerous if proper safety precautions are not taken, but access issues make it difficult to properly monitor islands as well as much of the soundside shoreline. We have gotten by in the last few years with the help of the USCG and NCWRC but these options may not always be available when we need them. Much of the soundside shoreline has been ignored because there is no access other than via boat.

Let me know how you want us to proceed.

Thanks,  
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