



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia holds title to and is in possession of certain recently created dredge spoil islands named Brunswick Bird Island and Cumberland Dividings (the "premises") as described in the attached **EXHIBIT "A,"** incorporated herein by reference, due to their creation from state-owned water bottoms; and
- WHEREAS:** Brunswick Bird Island was created with dredge spoil from the Brunswick Harbor deepening project and Cumberland Dividings was created with dredge spoil from the maintenance dredging of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; and
- WHEREAS:** These premises were created with dredge spoil for the express purpose of providing valuable nesting sites for State-protected beach-nesting and colonial-nesting bird species; and
- WHEREAS:** The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the premises contain some of the best nesting habitats on the Georgia Coast for beach-nesting and colonial-nesting bird species; and
- WHEREAS:** Colonial nesting seabird species nest in large dense colonies that are extremely vulnerable to disturbance by people and dogs; and
- WHEREAS:** The Department of Natural Resources desires to gain custody of the premises to protect habitat for beach-nesting and colonial-nesting bird species by supervising and controlling visitor use and access seasonally; and
- WHEREAS:** I have determined that it is in the best interest of the State of Georgia to transfer custody of the premises from the State of Georgia to the Department of Natural Resources to protect habitat for beach-nesting and colonial-nesting bird species.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, PARTICULARLY BY VIRTUE OF THE PROVISION OF CODE SECTION 50-16-61, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED:

That custody of the premises is hereby transferred from the State of Georgia to the Department of Natural Resources for the purposes above states.

This 25th day of August 2025.

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

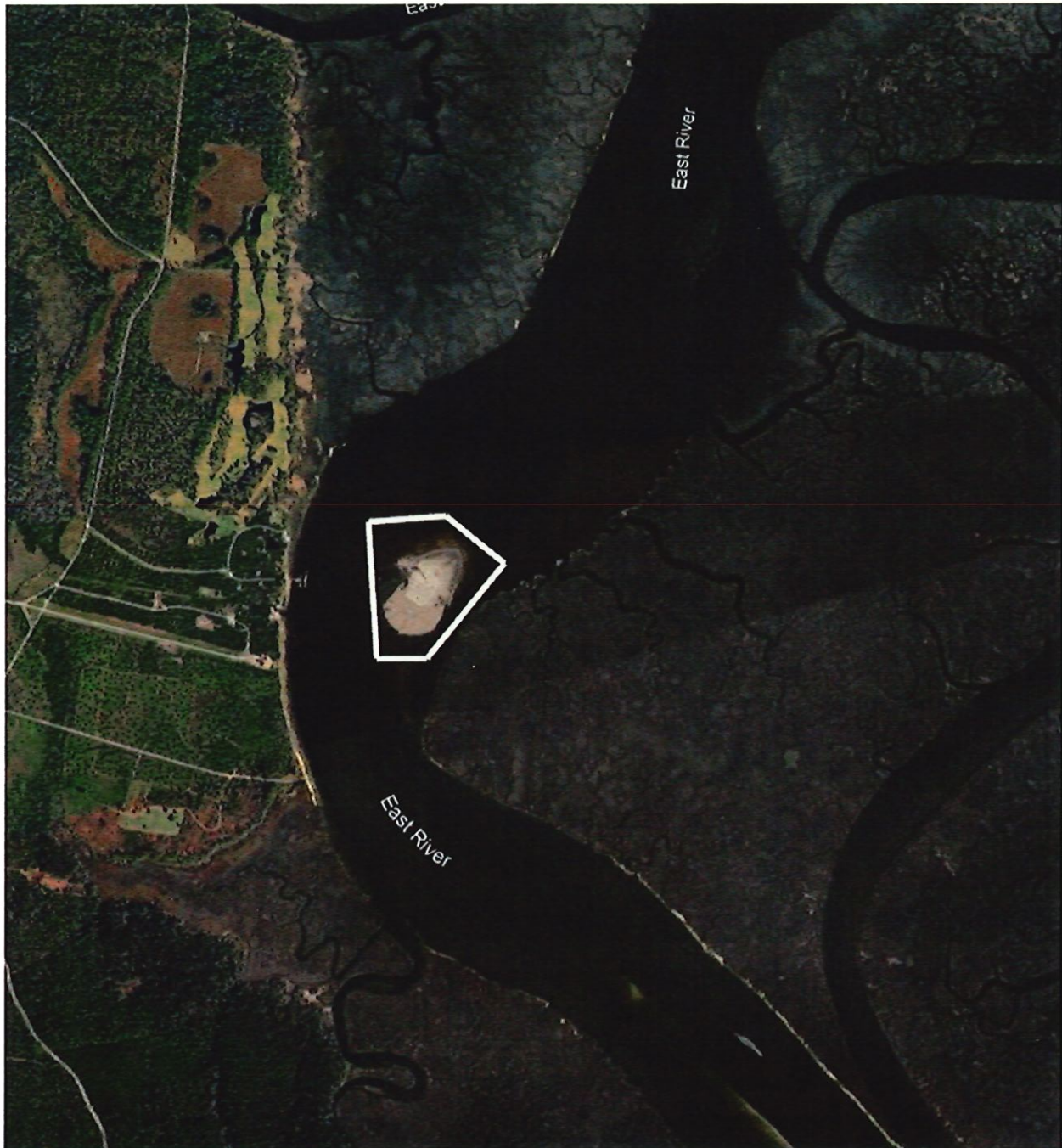
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Curry", written above a horizontal line.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

EXHIBIT "A"

Cumberland Dividings is all the land above mean low water which comprises a 5-acre dredge spoil island in Camden County created by the Army Corp of Engineers in the Summer of 2024. It was constructed during maintenance dredging of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from Cabin Bluff to Kings Bay Submarine Base in Camden County and was designed to provide habitat for beach-nesting and colonial-nesting bird species. It is located adjacent to Cabin Bluff, West of Cumberland Island National Seashore. (Approximate location 30.8868, -81.5111). Cumberland Dividings is illustrated on the attached Map # 1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Brunswick Bird Island is all the land above mean low water which comprises a 14-acre dredge spoil island created by the Army Corp of Engineers in 2007. It is located in St. Simons Sound, Glynn County, approximately 1 mile west of the Jekyll Island Fishing Pier. It was constructed to provide habitat for beach-nesting and colonial-nesting bird species and has become one of the most important seabird colonies in the southeast, regularly hosting over 10,000 nesting pairs of birds. (Approximate location 31.1141, -81.4351). Brunswick Bird Island is illustrated on the attached Map # 2, which is incorporated herein by reference.

MAP # 1: CUMBERLAND DIVIDINGS



MAP # 2: BRUNSWICK BIRD ISLAND

