



## COASTAL BOUNDARY SURVEYS

### Information Sheet

A coastal boundary survey may be required for your proposed project in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code §33.136 Property Rights: Preservation of Littoral Rights. Below is a general overview of the survey requirements that are more specifically outlined in the Texas Administrative Code Title 31 Part 1 Chapter 7 Rule § 7.2.

- ❖ The survey must be completed by a licensed state land surveyor or the county surveyor of the county in which the land is located.
- ❖ Prior to performing a coastal boundary survey, the surveyor is required to discuss with the Surveying Division of the General Land Office (GLO) the appropriate surveying method to be used to determine the littoral boundary.
- ❖ The surveyor must certify on his/her survey plat and report that the littoral boundary is located in accordance with the approved methodology for the project and that the best of the surveyor's knowledge no fill or buildup is located in within the area surveyed. In cases where fill or buildup does exist, the surveyor must locate and survey both the natural littoral boundary and the boundary of the area of fill or buildup. The plat must indicate the name and address of the adjacent littoral property owner or owners whose property is affected by the coastal boundary survey.
- ❖ A preliminary version of the survey plat must be submitted to the GLO for review, prior to finalizing the survey report. A survey that does not include all required information and certifications shall be deemed administratively incomplete and the GLO will inform the surveyor in writing of the information required to complete the survey. Upon approval, the GLO will inform the surveyor in writing; a final, signed and sealed survey plat must be filed in the county in which the land is located, and then submitted to the GLO for filing in the Archives.
- ❖ The GLO will provide notice of the approval within 30 days after approval by publication in the Texas Register, and publication for two consecutive weeks on the Internet website of the GLO.

For additional information on Licensed State Land Surveyors (LSLS) and a list of LSLS surveyors throughout the state, you may contact the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying at 512-239-5263 or [www.txls.state.tx.us](http://www.txls.state.tx.us) .