

Public Law 98-66
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An Act

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To ratify an exchange agreement concerning National Wildlife Refuge System lands located on Matagorda Island in Texas.

Matagorda
Island, Tex.,
management
exchange
agreement.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding any other provisions of law providing for the administration by the Secretary of the Interior of the National Wildlife Refuge System through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the action of the Secretary of the Interior in entering into the unique exchange agreement (entitled "Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Department of the Interior and the State of Texas for the management of the Matagorda Island State Park and Wildlife Management Area A Unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System in Calhoun County, Texas" and Easements running to the United States and Texas hereinafter referred to jointly as the "Agreement", all of which are dated December 8, 1982) providing for integrated management (during the term of the Agreement) of National Wildlife Refuge System lands and State lands on Matagorda Island in Texas is ratified and approved, except that any amendments hereinafter made pursuant to the Agreement shall be consistent with the requirements of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) and other applicable provisions of Federal law administered by such Secretary. Nothing in the Agreement or in this Act shall be construed (A) as affecting the continued applicability of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act to the Federal lands covered by such Agreement or the inclusion of such lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System, or (B) as ratifying or authorizing any other such agreements applicable to any other area of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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