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See email below from John Sweeney to CDFW – Just FYI

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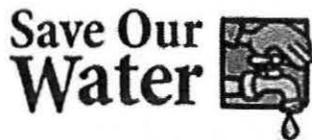
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Some information from John Sweeney

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**From:** john sweeney [<mailto:john@spinnerisland.com>]  
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Jim

Great morning and glad you could see the project first hand. Sorry for the mix up on the letter so here is the response.

Please email me with any questions.

John Sweeney

Point Buckler Project Scope

I purchased Point Buckler Island in April 2011 from the Cythia Torres estate. A

historic duck club dating back to early 1920's the Island in now 41 Acres. I started work on the property in 2012 by buying an excavator and small landing craft. I began rebuilding the levees in their historic location as closely as I could via Google Earth and old charts. I used the existing interior ditch as my guide and the subsided levees to follow. I dug the interior ditch to a depth of 7 feet deep by 25 feet wide around the property. Thus giving a raised levee of 4-5 feet above island elevation with a 12 foot wide crown. I left one 18" steel pipe flood gate in place and removed a second one. It took me a year and a half to rebuild the levees. I also used a dozer to grade the mud out on top to allow for quick drying. The levee is about 5000 feet long.

When I bought the Island there was a sunken dock on piles in the historic spot. As per Google Earth I replaced it in the same location but with a longer 300x7 foot dock. I removed some 30 old piles and used 7 for the dock and gangway. All piles were previously in use as dock piles or bulkhead piles. The dock which was dumped at another property of mine was recycled and used as the new dock and installed in Sept 2013. It was from Oyster Point Marina and moved to another property with BCDC approval. State Lands asked me in July 2014 to apply for a lease for the dock which I did and also paid the \$1250 app fee. They will charge us yearly for the dock.

Until you and BCDC contacted me no other agency had ever approached me about my work at Point Buckler. There is no mention on my title of any zoning or restrictions like most coastal areas have. So I had no idea I needed to speak with your agency or BCDC.

The club is being restored to allow for better hunting with water control. The levees allow me to trap water and create ponds for ducks. Ideally two decent sized ponds. Please advise us of anything else you require.

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