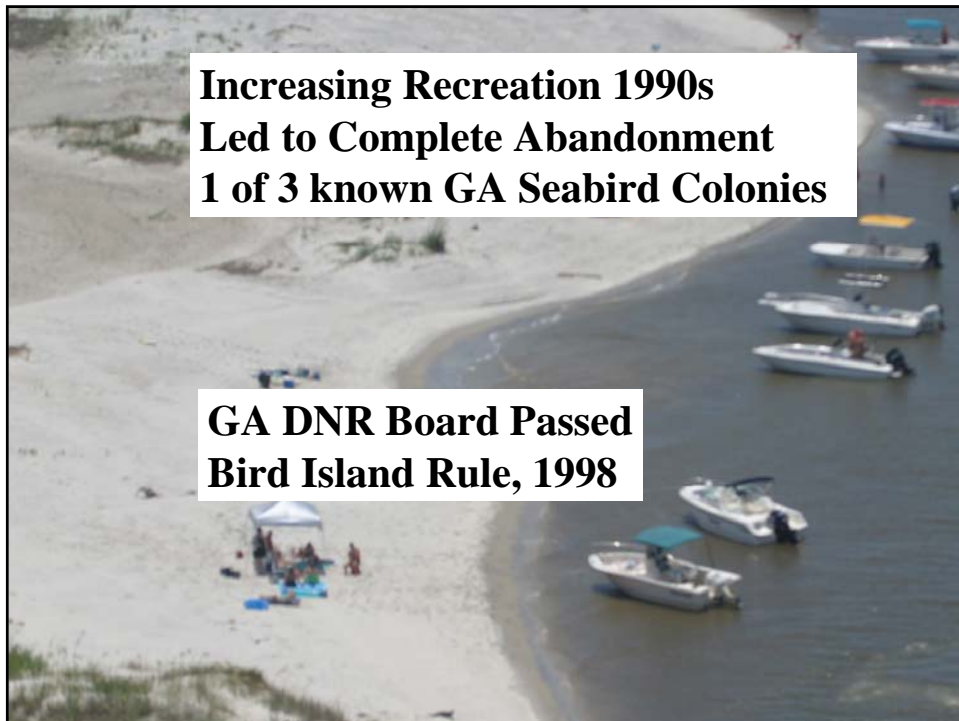






**Increasing Recreation 1990s
Led to Complete Abandonment
1 of 3 known GA Seabird Colonies**

**GA DNR Board Passed
Bird Island Rule, 1998**



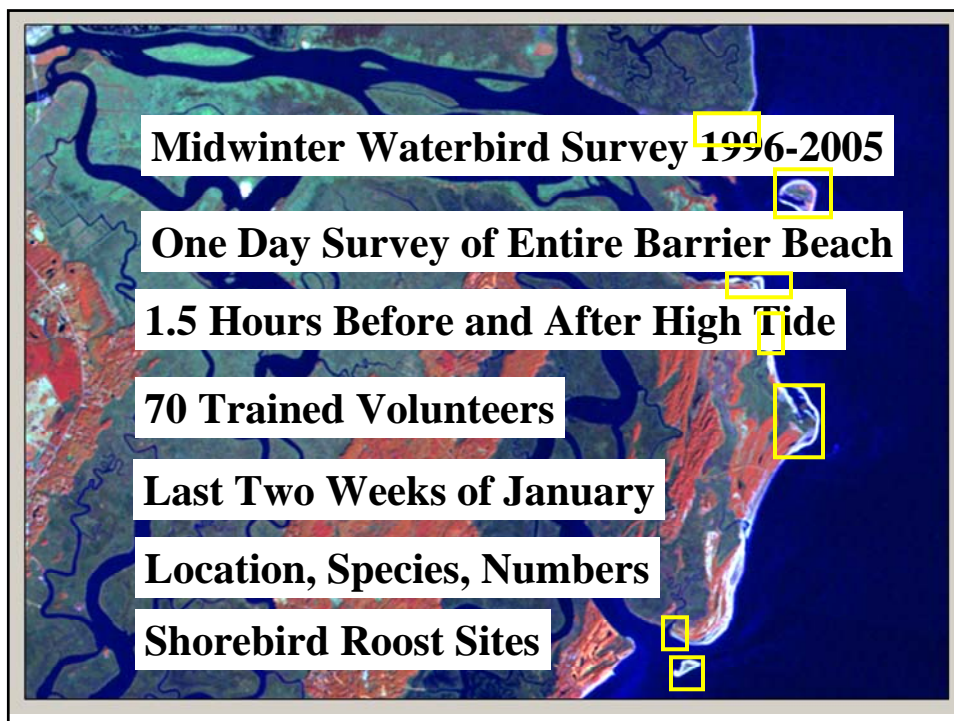


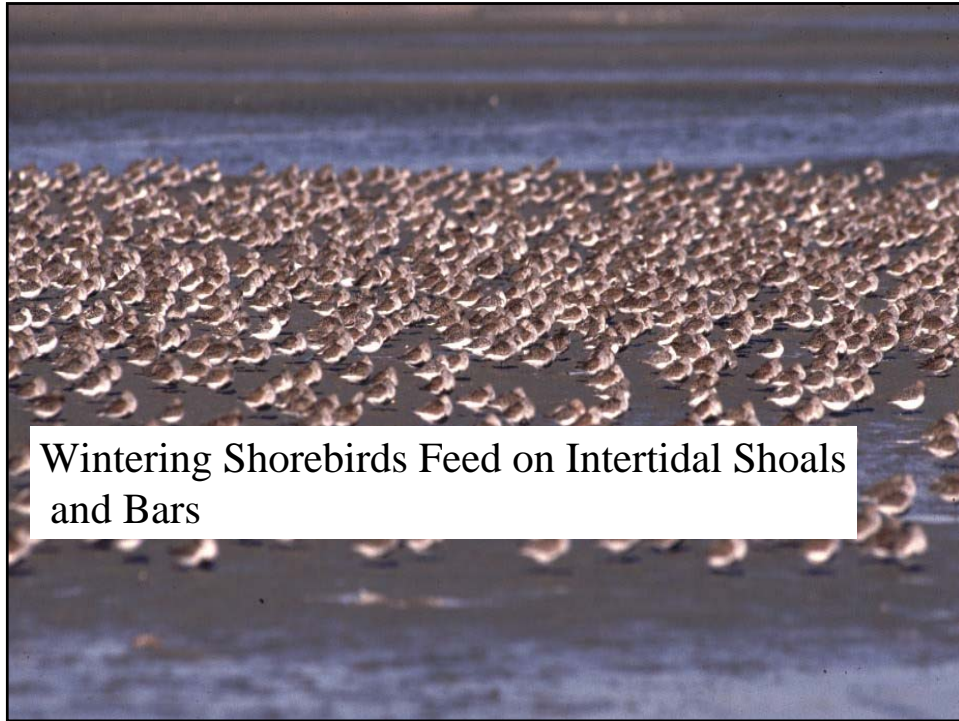
Rule Gives Complete Protection to 3 Sand Spit Islands, and Partial Protection to Two Others



Since 1998, Two Additional Sand Spit Islands have Developed And Are Not Currently Protected

Beach-Nesting Birds Have Become a Conservation Priority for the State of Georgia



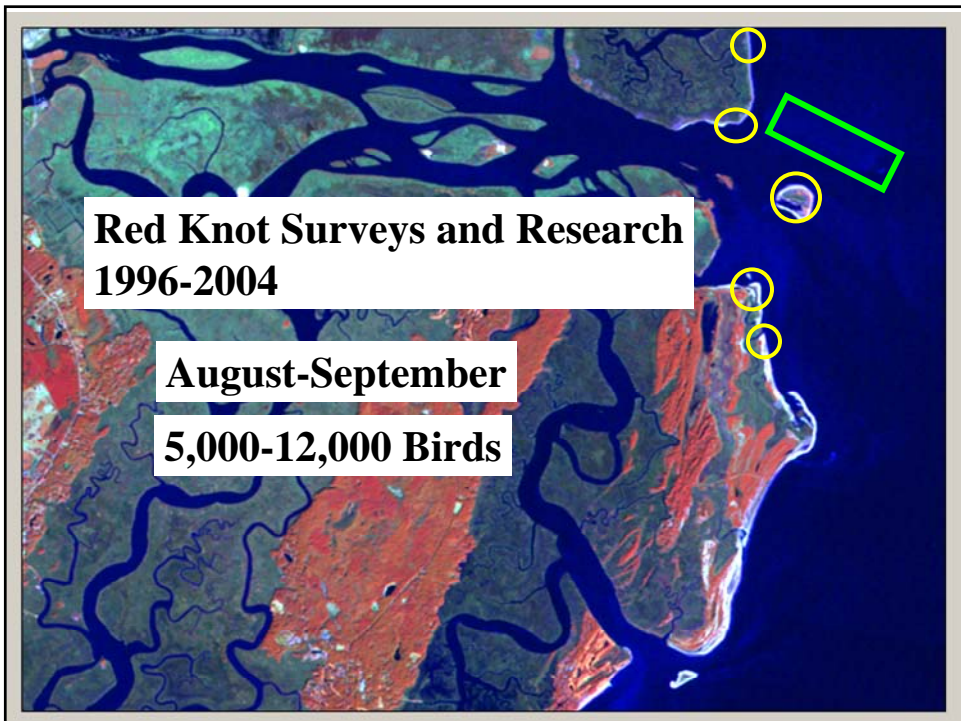


Wintering Shorebirds Feed on Intertidal Shoals and Bars



Staging Migrants:

Red Knots, Whimbrels







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