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Laguna Madre fishing cabin permits up for bid

Permits for two sites will go to highest bidder

AUSTIN — Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, is once again fishing for bids on coastal cabin sites in the Lower Laguna Madre.

Two lucky bidders will get to build fishing cabins on spoil islands in Kenedy County near the Laguna Madre-Land Cut. Bids for the two sites — which are, blissfully, only accessible by boat — are due by 5 p.m. Friday, June 12.

“Fishermen, don’t let this chance be the one that gets away,” Patterson quipped. “A little slice of paradise like this isn’t available every day.”

Bidding starts at \$10,000 for the right to obtain a permit for one of the sites and to build a cabin up to 1,000 square feet in area in accordance with the terms outlined in a five-year lease agreement. Both sites are located in the upper land cut area of the Laguna Madre.

This is the third time the General Land Office has offered cabin permits on a sealed bid basis. Since 2005, these sealed bid sales have earned the state more than \$209,037.

The permits, hugely popular with coastal fishermen, were initially awarded to those occupying the cabins in 1973 when the School Land Board and General Land Office were granted regulatory authority over the structures on state lands.

Since then, the permits have either expired, relocated, or have been transferred to other interested parties with School Land Board approval.

The permits will be issued for five years, and can be renewed in five-year increments if all conditions of the contract have been observed. Anything built on the sites will belong to the state of Texas and the cabins can only be used for recreational purposes — no commercial activity is allowed.

Bid packets and a fact sheet are available at www.glo.state.tx.us under the "What's New" section.

Each bid form must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, Stephen F. Austin Building, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873, Attention: Ned Polk. **Please clearly mark “RE: Cabin Bid” on the front of the envelope.**

For additional information, please send an e-mail to cabins@glo.state.tx.us, visit the GLO Web site at www.glo.state.tx.us, or call Amy Nunez at 361-825-3038. Detailed maps are available in the bid packet.

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