



# TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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### **Patterson set for Monday announcement on public beach access** *New boundaries will outline the public beach in Hurricane Ike-affected area*

**AUSTIN** — Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson will release maps Monday showing the new boundaries of the public beach in areas still recovering from Hurricane Ike.

Patterson said Friday that the Texas General Land Office is transitioning from the temporary 4.5-foot line of elevation used to determine the boundary of the public beach after Hurricane Ike.

Patterson will release details on what will replace the 4.5-foot line Monday with the debut of [TexasBeachAccess.org](http://TexasBeachAccess.org), a new Web site dedicated to informing Texans about the Texas Open Beaches Act. The Web site is set to go live Monday morning. [TexasBeachAccess.org](http://TexasBeachAccess.org) will have the new maps for coastal communities in Galveston and Brazoria counties when it goes live Monday morning.

“[TexasBeachAccess.org](http://TexasBeachAccess.org) is a one-stop site for vital information, both for the public and coastal property owners,” Patterson said. “The Texas Open Beaches Act is the law of the land and it’s important that everyone understands its implications as well as their rights.”

**WHO:** Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson  
**WHAT:** [TexasBeachAccess.org](http://TexasBeachAccess.org), a new Web site dedicated to informing Texans about the Texas Open Beaches Act  
**WHEN:** [TexasBeachAccess.org](http://TexasBeachAccess.org) goes live Monday, August 17  
**WHERE:** [TexasBeachAccess.org](http://TexasBeachAccess.org)

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