

COASTAL PUBLIC LAND

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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GLO Background

- Established in 1836 by the Constitution of the Republic of Texas**
- Opened the doors in 1837**
- Manage the Public Domain**
- Permanent School Fund (PSF) Established in 1876**
- GLO generates about \$800 million a year for PSF**

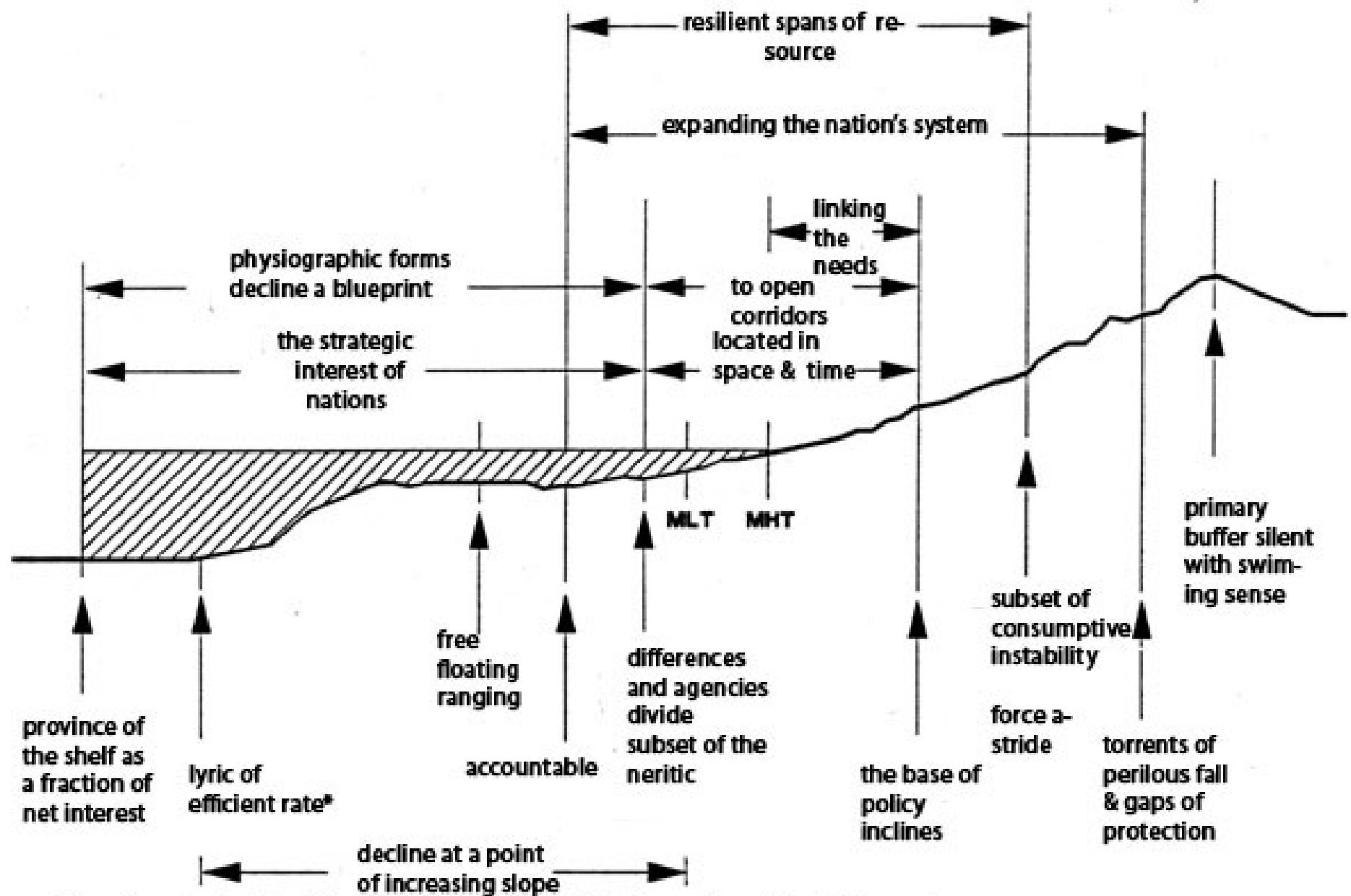
GLO Responsibilities

- Manages State Owned Land and State Owned Submerged Land**
- Generate Revenue for the Permanent School Fund**
- Administer the Coastal Management Program (CMP)**
- Open Beaches and Dune Protection**
- CERPA – Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act**
- Oil Spill, NRDA**
- Administer Grant Programs**
- Energy Leasing**
- VLB, Archives, Disaster Response**

Texas Natural Resources Code

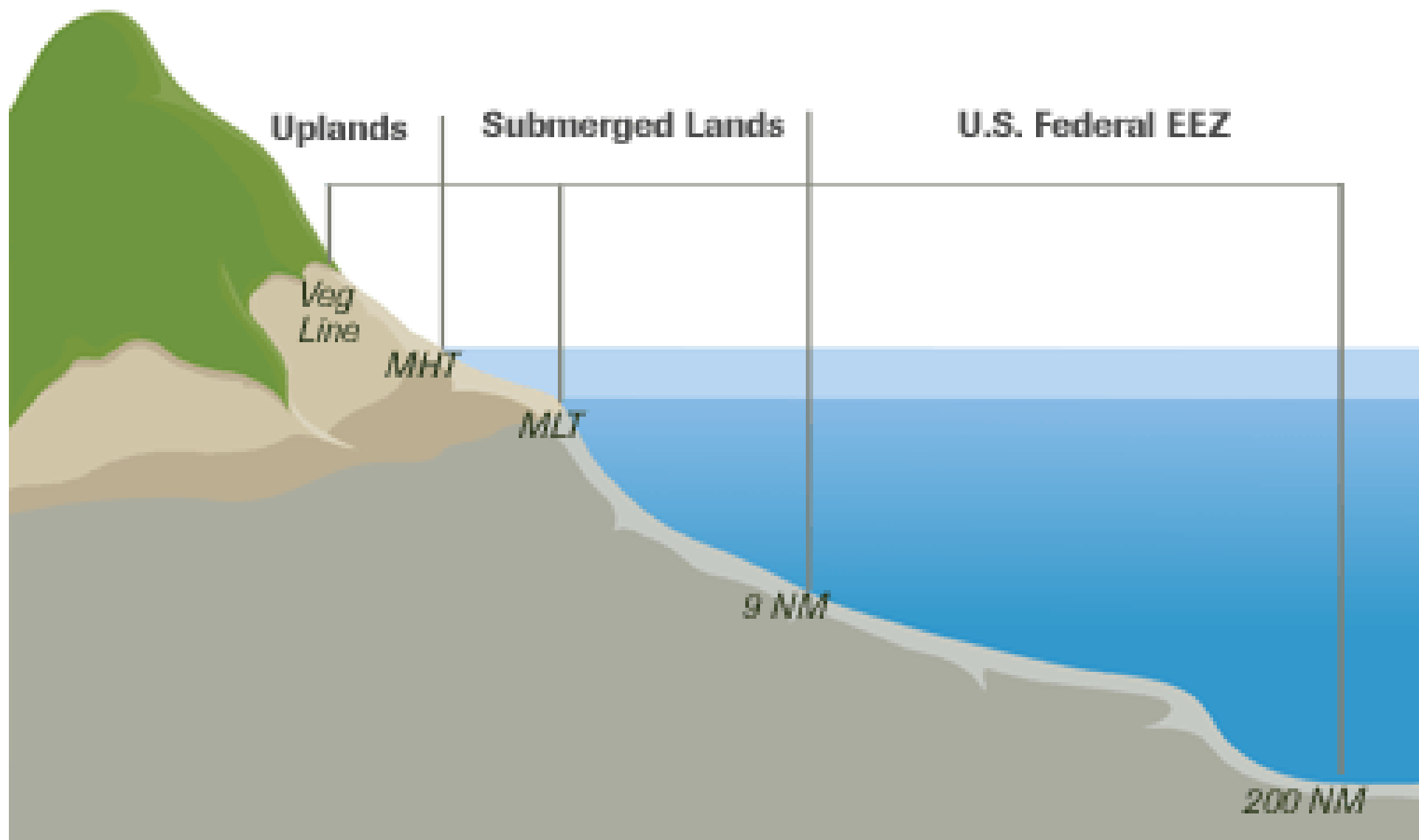
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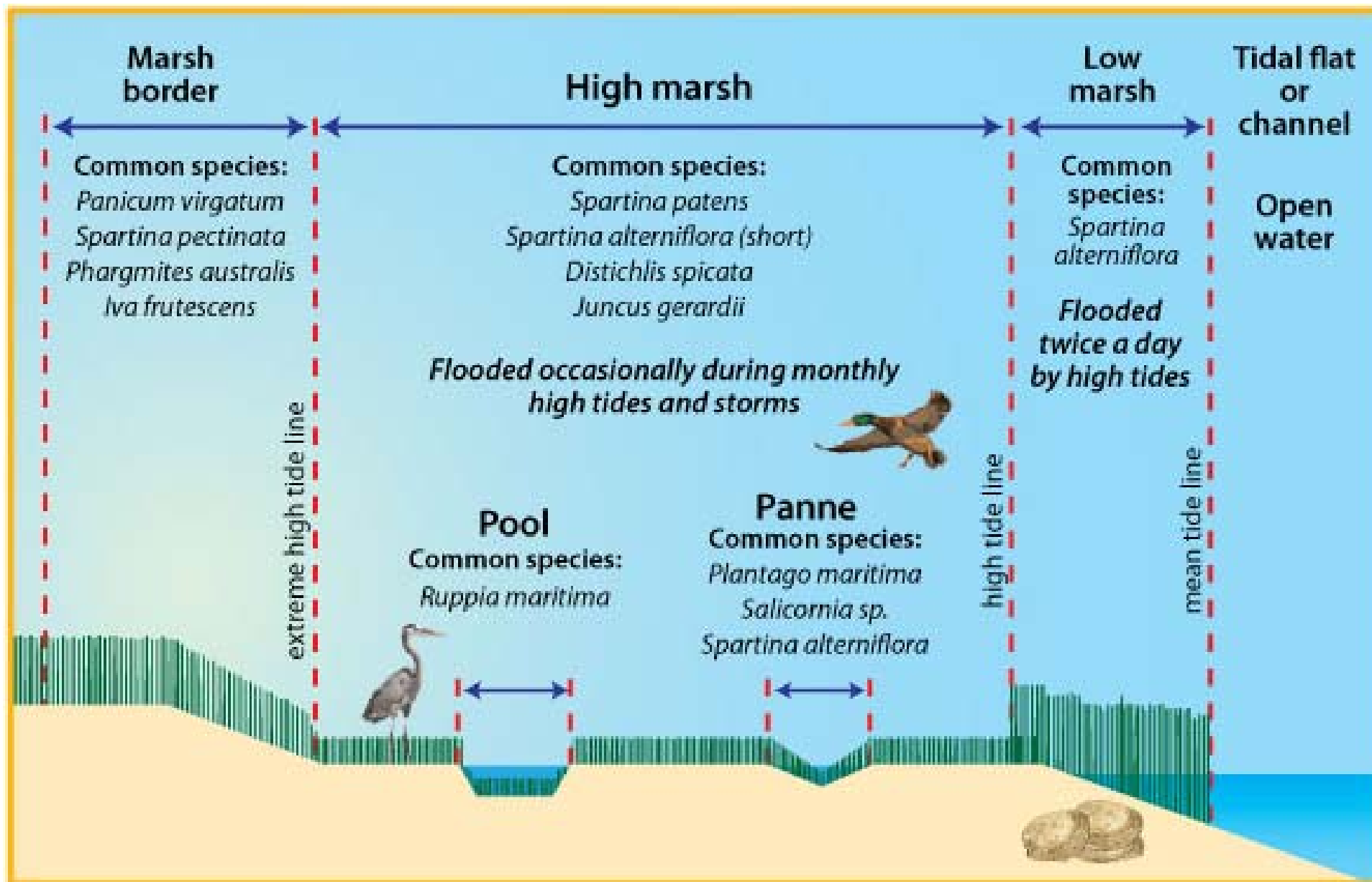
The State of Texas owns the water and the beds and shores of the Gulf of Mexico and the arms of the Gulf of Mexico within the boundaries provided in this section, including all land which is covered by the Gulf of Mexico and the arms of the Gulf of Mexico either at low tide or high tide



* baseline attached to living resources subsumed by the prolongation of itinerant song

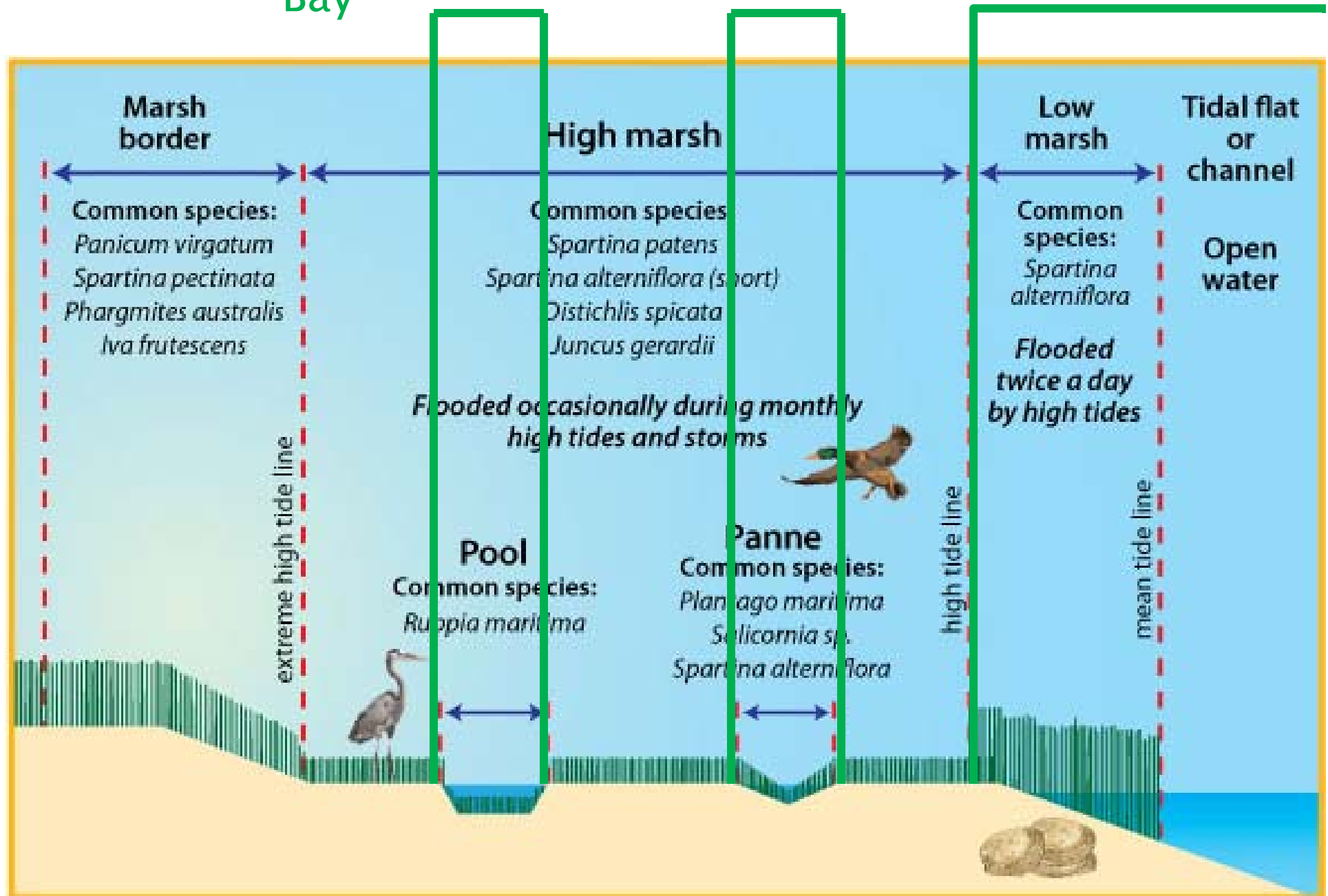
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State Owned if connected to the Bay

State Owned









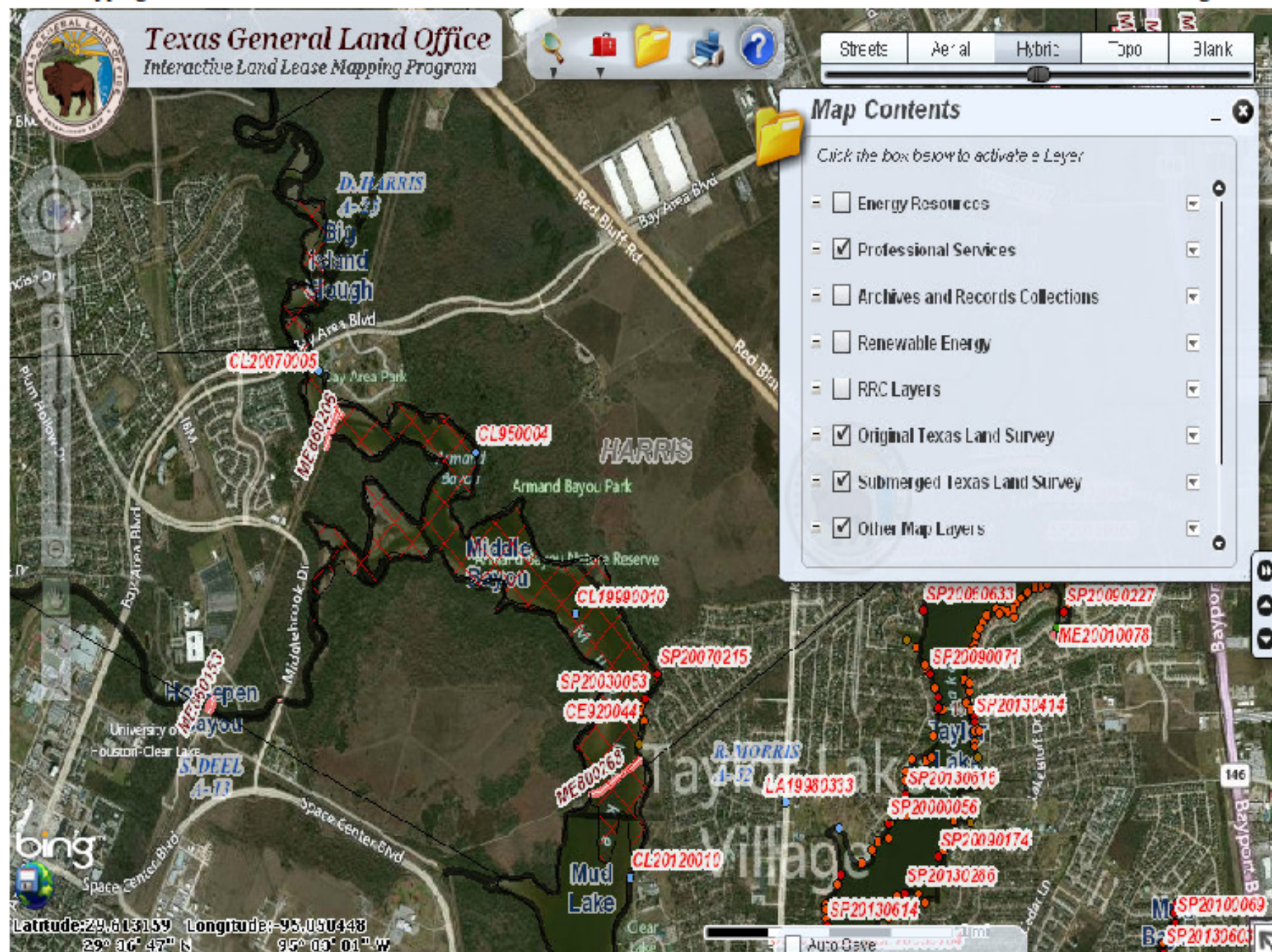


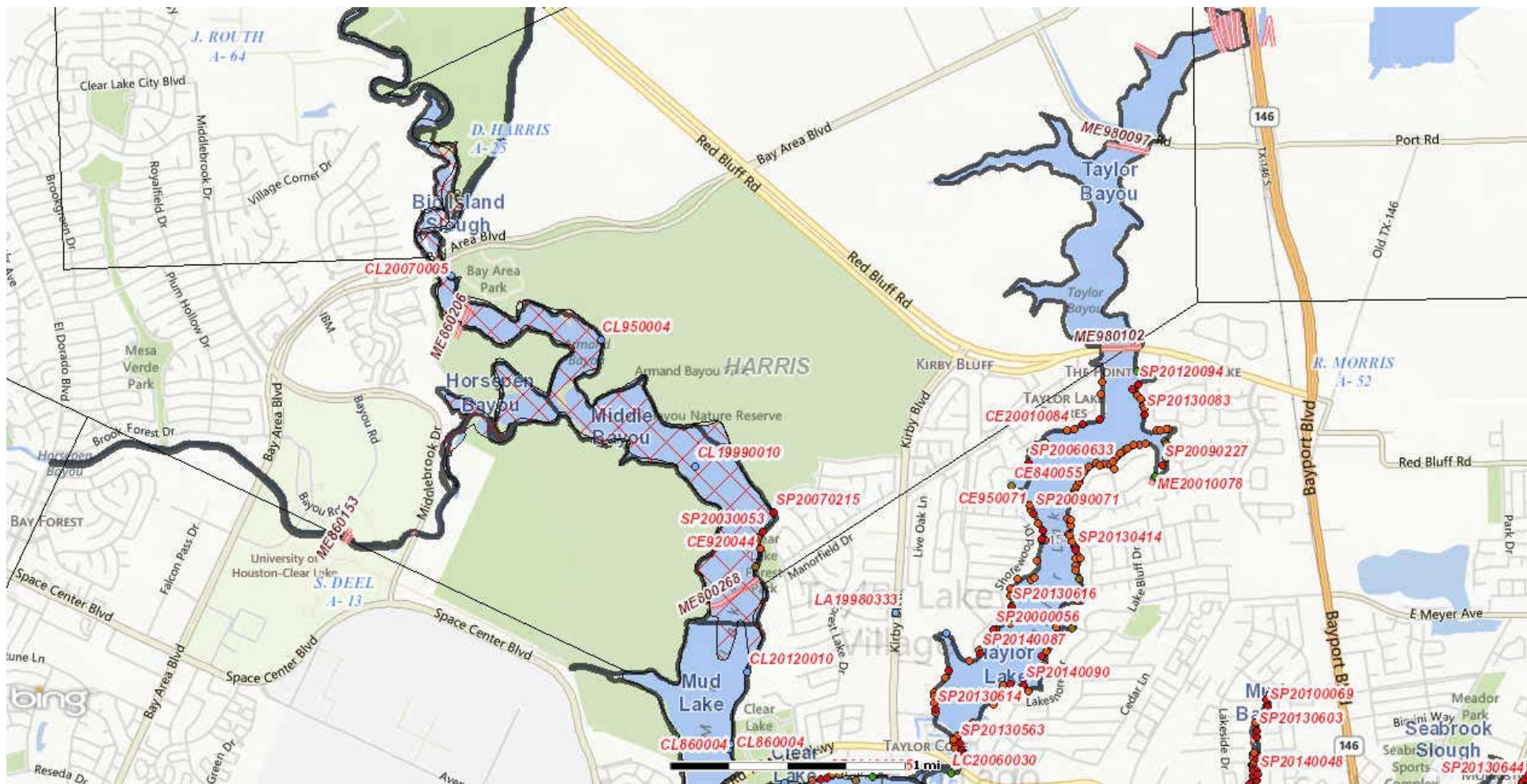
Coastal Public Land Management TNRC 33.001:

- The natural resources in coastal public land shall be preserved**
- Public use takes priority**
- Navigation shall be protected**
- Development shall not be allowed if the public interest is significantly impaired**

Leases and Easements

- GLO manages state owned land primarily through leases and easements**
- TNC 51.302 requires a lease or easement for any structure on State Owned Submerged Land**
- GLO manages over 8,700 coastal contracts**
- GLO manages over 600 non-tidal contracts**





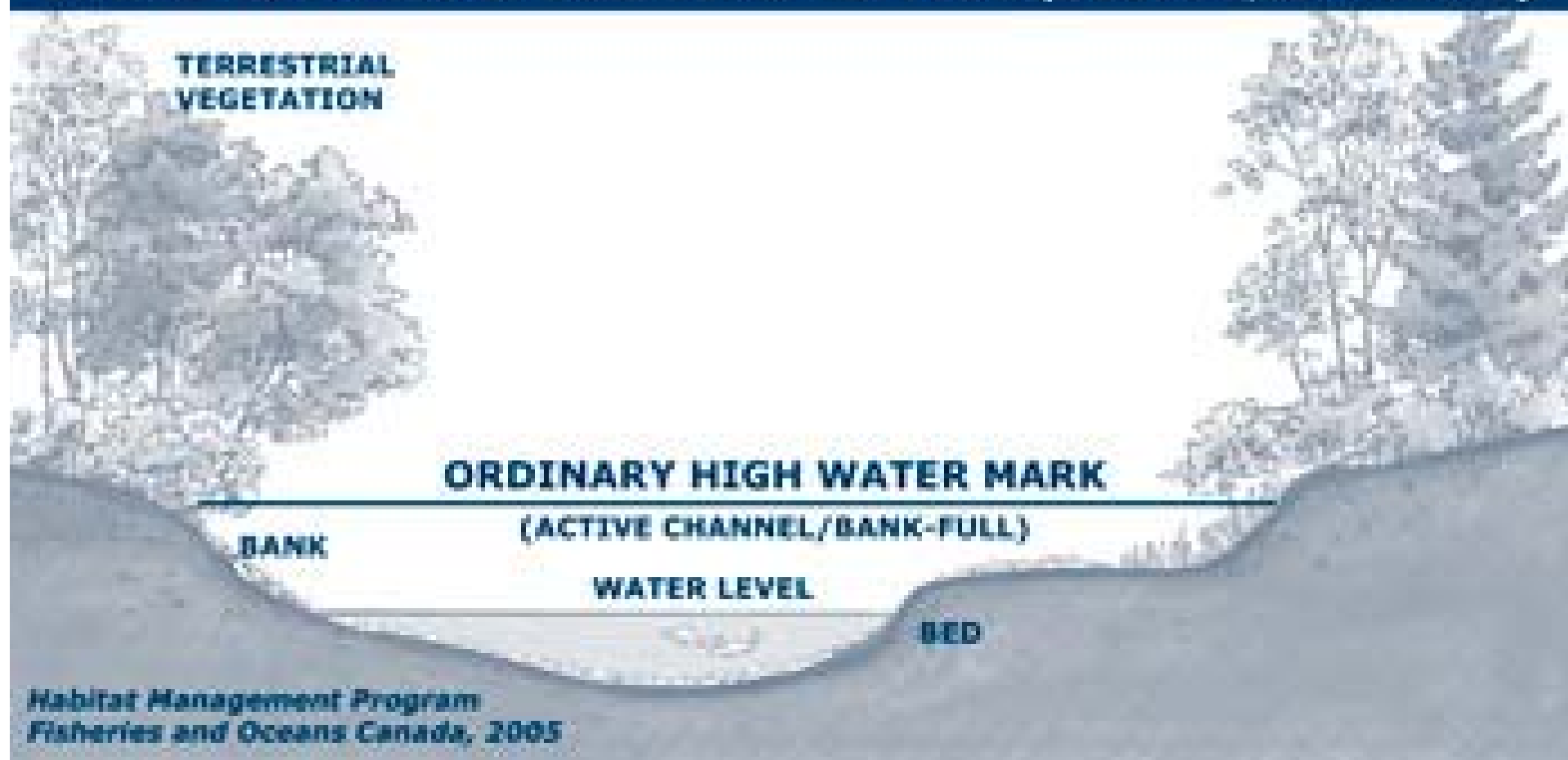




State Owned Rivers and Streams

- The beds of most navigable streams and rivers are state owned**
- "Navigable stream" means a stream which retains an average width of 30 feet from the mouth up.
TNRC 21.001(3)**
- Some are included in older surveys – Small Bill**
- Some have been legislatively transferred to Cities or River Authorities**

CROSS-SECTION OF FLOWING WATERS (RIVERS, STREAMS)







3/9/2011

Cypress Rd

Google earth

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Imagery Date: 3/9/2011 29°59'11.07" N 97°55'03.95" W elev 645 ft eye alt 1598 ft

State Owned Rivers and Streams Issues

- There is no clear single agency that controls state owned river beds**
 - TNRC 51.291 - GLO to issue Right of Way Easements**
 - Chapter 86 of Parks and Wildlife Code – TPWD Sand, Shell and Marl permits**
 - Chapter 11 of Water Code – TCEQ administer water rights**

Thank You

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