

## Stay Out Zones and Boom Priorities for Shorebirds in Franklin County

All the Coastal Beaches that are Publically Owned (State and Federal) have use by nesting birds. These areas are posted. BMPs for minimizing impacts while people are accessing the beaches for clean-up should be followed.

The Following depicts our highest priorities for protection of Coastal Bird protection Zones in NW Florida via boom placement and then Stay Out Zone, some areas need both:

### **Highest Priorities for BOOM Placement:**

- 1) **Flagg Island, Franklin County, FL: [Seaward of Gulf Placement needed] -85.133 and 29.605 to -85.157 and 29.63 Decimal Degrees**
  - a. Owner: State of Florida, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
  - b. Manager: Seth Blitch
  - c. Contact Info: 850-653-8063 (office); Seth.Blitch@dep.state.fl.us
  - d. Wildlife Significance: low lying (large) ephemeral shoal—prone to Gulf water wash-over, some tern nesting, but major shorebird/waterbird roosting site.
- 2) **Lanark Reef, Franklin County, FL: [Seaward of Gulf Placement needed] -84.627 and 29.842 to -84.542 and 29.889 Decimal Degrees**
  - a. Owner: State of Florida and Hurley Booth, Private Landowner
  - b. Manager: FWC
  - c. Contact Info: John Himes, FWC, 850-265-3677
  - d. Wildlife Significance: PRONE TO WASHOVERS EVENTS: Pelican and Heron Rookery, black skimmer and oystercatcher\_nesting, high foraging use year around by large numbers of shorebirds. Surrounded by dense sea grass beds.
- 3) **Phipps Preserve, Franklin County, FL: [Seaward of Gulf Placement needed] -84.442 and 29.918 to -84.423 and 29.904 Decimal Degrees**
  - a. Owner: The Nature Conservancy
  - b. Manager: David Printiss
  - c. Contact Info: 850-643-2756

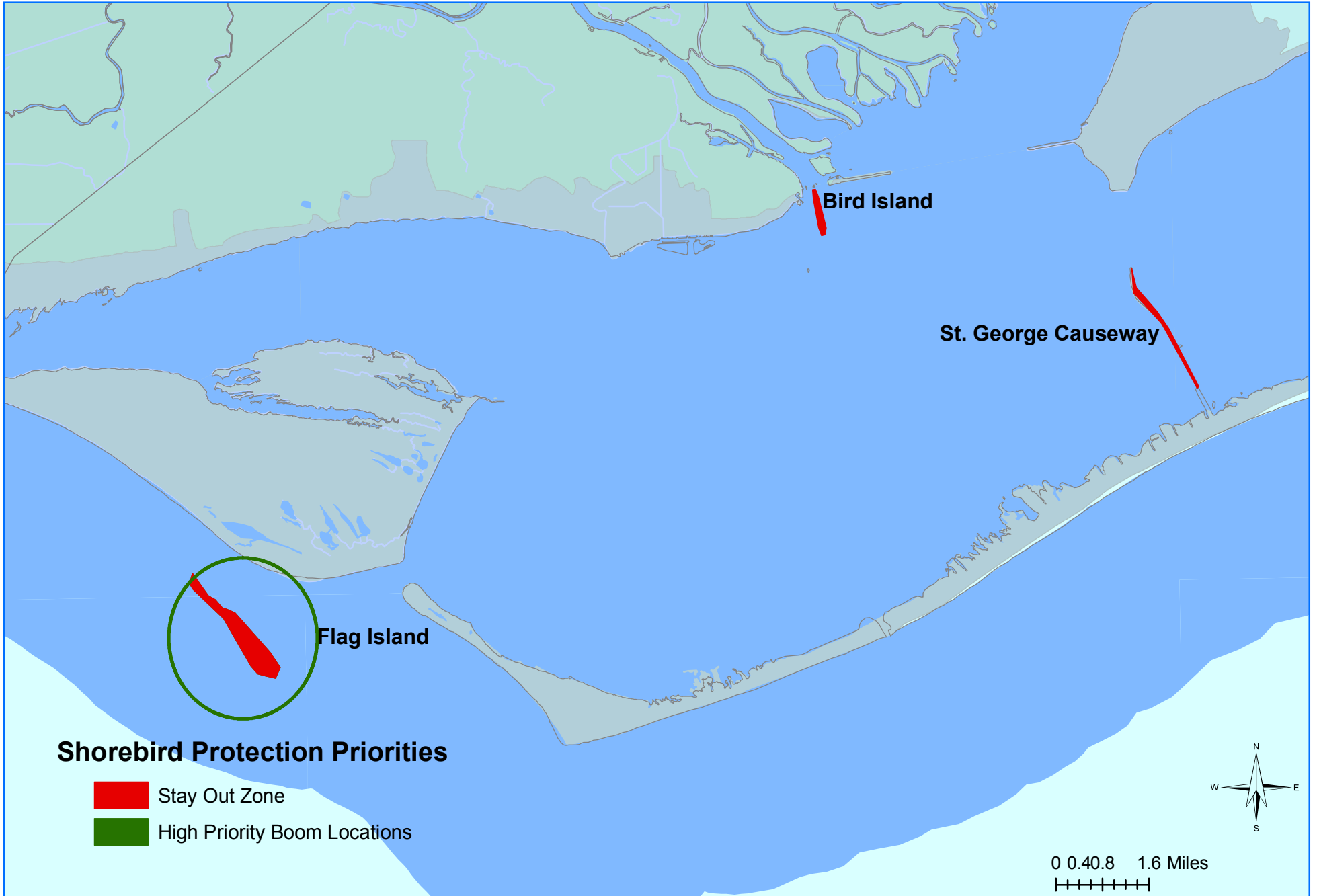
- d. **Wildlife Significance:** Shorebird nesting and year- around foraging and roosting for large numbers of shorebirds and waterbirds. Is a Critical Wildlife Area.
- 4) **St Joseph Peninsula State Park, Tip of Peninsula, Gulf County, FL: [Gulf Placement needed] - 85.384 and 29.879 to -85.416 and 29.847 Decimal Degrees**
- a. **Owner:** State of Florida, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
  - b. **Manager:** Brian Addison
  - c. **Contact Info:** 850-227-1327 (office), 850-541-2795 (cell),  
Brian.Addison@dep.state.fl.us
  - d. **Wildlife Significance:** High concentration of snowy plover nesting and feeding area.
- 5) **Gulf Islands NS, Ft Pickens Unit, Escambia County, FL: [Gulf Placement needed] -87.266 and 30.318 to -87.173 to 30.325 Decimal Degrees**—Lowest Lying section of the barrier island, prone to overwash.
- a. **Owner:** National Park Service
  - b. **Manager:** Nina Kelson
  - c. **Contact Info:** 850-934-2604 (office); Nina\_Kelson@nps.gov
  - d. **Wildlife Significance:** Highest concentration in state for nesting and foraging snowy plovers, and least terns [and other nesting shorebirds inc. Black Skimmers].
- 6) **Gulf Islands NS, Perdido Key, Escambia County, FL: [Gulf Placement needed] -87.411 and 30.299 to -87.312 to 30.325 Decimal Degrees** --Lowest Lying section of the barrier island, prone to overwash.
- a. **Owner:** National Park Service
  - b. **Manager:** Nina Kelson
  - c. **Contact Info:** 850-934-2604 (office); Nina\_Kelson@nps.gov
  - d. **Wildlife Significance:** Perdido Key beach Mice and Highest concentration in state for nesting and foraging snowy plovers, and least terns [and other nesting shorebirds inc. Black Skimmers].

**STAY OUT ZONES:** these 5 areas depict high nesting bird concentrations where no access at all should be allowed, especially no helicopter fly overs nor landings:

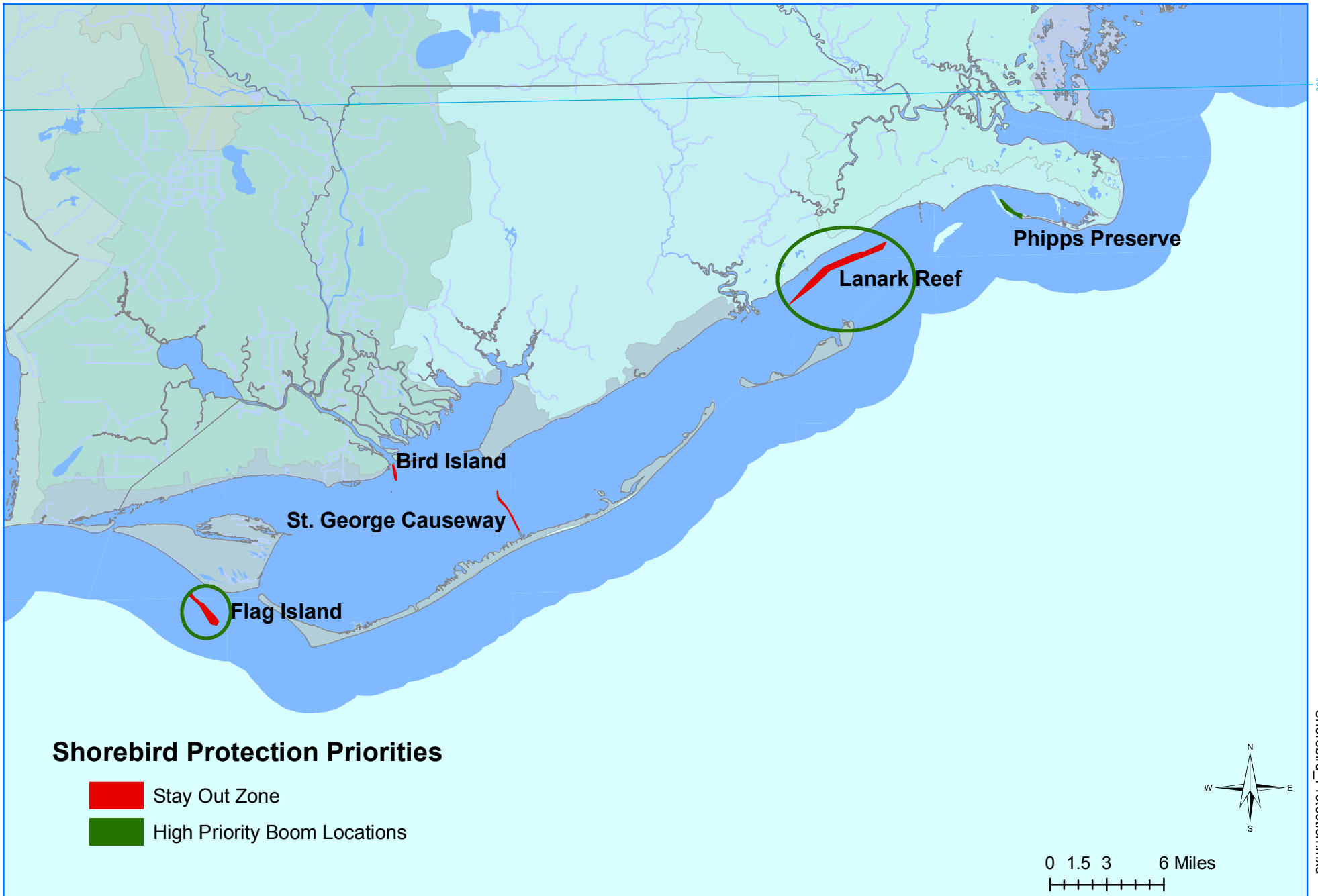
- 1) **Pelican Island, Bay County, FL: -85.735 and 30.177 Decimal Degrees**

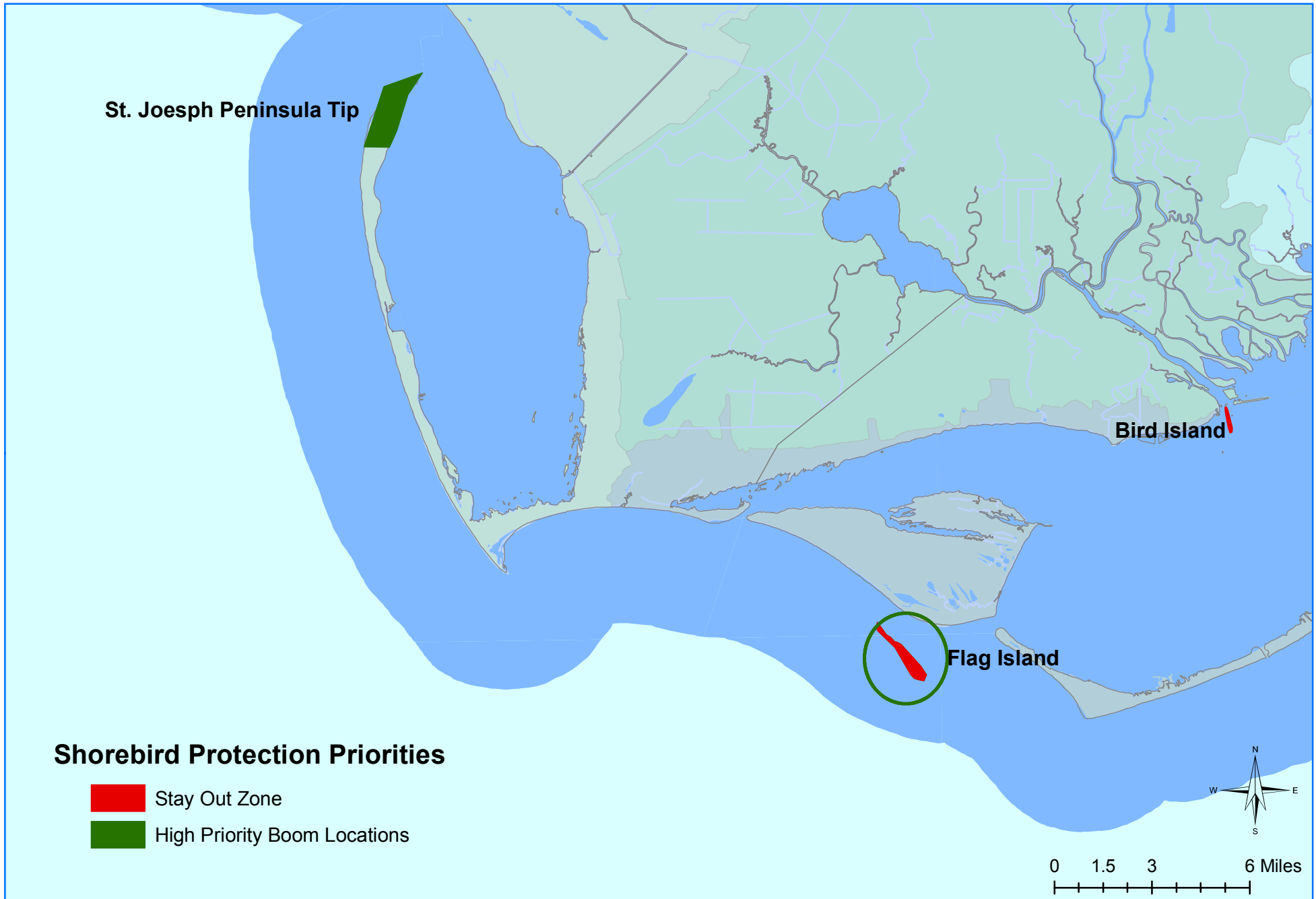
- a. Owner: Port of Panama City
  - b. Manager: Craig Foil
  - c. Contact Info: 850-767-3220
  - d. Wildlife Significance: Pelican and Heron Rookery (nesting area)
- 2) Flagg Island, Franklin County, FL: -85.133 and 29.605 to -85.157 and 29.63 Decimal Degrees
- a. Owner: State of Florida, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
  - b. Manager: Seth Blitch
  - c. Contact Info: 850-653-8063 (office); Seth.Blitch@dep.state.fl.us
  - d. Wildlife Significance: low lying (large) ephemeral shoal, some tern nesting but major shorebird/waterbird roosting site.
- 3) Bird Island, Franklin County, FL: -84.977 and 29.724 to -84.975 and 29.713 Decimal Degrees
- a. Owner: State of Florida, Apalachicola National Estuarine and Reserve
  - b. Manager: Seth Blitch
  - c. Contact Info: 850-653-8063 (office); Seth.Blitch@dep.state.fl.us
  - d. Wildlife Significance: Pelican and Heron Rookery (nesting area) [dredge spoil island]
- 4) St George Causeway, Franklin County, FL: --84.887 and 29.703 to -84.868 and 29.673 Decimal Degrees
- a. Owner: State of Florida, Apalachicola National Estuarine and Reserve
  - b. Manager: Seth Blitch
  - c. Contact Info: 850-653-8063 (office); Seth.Blitch@dep.state.fl.us
  - d. Wildlife Significance: Tern and Gull nesting areas [old bridge causeway]; is a Critical Wildlife Area
- 5) Lanark Reef, Franklin County, FL: -84.627 and 29.842 to -84.542 and 29.889 Decimal Degrees
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