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The last special session had a veto override of Amend Environmental Laws. This bill contained language for the establishment of a Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Fund. There is no appropriation for the provision, but having this language in place gets us one step closer to funding. Below is a staff analysis of the bill.

Now that veto overrides and redistricting is done, the legislature is focusing on appointing study commissions and developing their recommendations for the short session in April 2018. Below are three studies on dredging that were in the budget. Agency staff, legislative staff and appropriate legislators are being contacted to help educate them on the true cost and needs that should be considered if dredges are purchased or existing ones are to be used. Chris Gibson has volunteered to share his expertise and we are working on lining up meetings. Below are the provisions on the studies from the budget.

Happy October!

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