

Tides of Change

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STILL 01 · The Sanctuary

TidesOfChange_Still_01_TheSanctuary_OssabawIslandAerial.jpg

Aerial view of Ossabaw Island's tidal marsh and maritime forest. The 25,000-acre barrier island is accessible only by boat and protected as Georgia's first Heritage Preserve.

STILL 02 · The Moral Compass

TidesOfChange_Still_02_TheMoralCompass_SentinelTree.jpg

A weathered sentinel tree on Ossabaw's driftwood beach. The tree stands as a quiet monument to endurance, and to the refusal that made the island's protection possible.

STILL 03 · The Survey

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A daytime nest assessment at golden hour. The Survey Team conducts dawn patrols across miles of beach during nesting season, marking and protecting each new clutch.

STILL 04 · The Fragility

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A leathery Loggerhead Sea Turtle egg recovered from a subterranean nest chamber. Each clutch contains roughly 100 eggs; without intervention, feral hogs once destroyed up to 40% of them.

STILL 05 · The Vigilance

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Cody Elrod, on duty. Predator management on the island is conducted at night with thermal optics, following protocols developed with Georgia DNR.

STILL 06 · The Guardian

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Cody Elrod, the only full-time resident of Ossabaw Island. As a Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division technician, he patrols the dunes through the night during nesting season.

STILL 07 · The Triumph

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A single Loggerhead hatchling, smaller than a human palm, makes its first crawl toward the Atlantic. Of every 1,000 hatchlings that reach the surf, an estimated one will survive to maturity.

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