Cyplemott Point Could Open To Public Shortly

JEANERETTE — State Representative Dickie Breaux eliminated and he hoped the beach would be made public in a few weeks, "a few weeks," said Breaux.

The beach has been a subject of controversy since its creation in 1965 by Governor Jimmie Davis. Breaux said many problems of the beach are due to the fact that it was created by executive order, not by legislative act.

Further complicating the beach situation, said Breaux, is the fact that no money was appropriated for upkeep; that the beach is in both Iberia and St. Mary Parishes; and that it is Title 16 (school board) property.

Commission Set Up

Davis had set up a commission composed of school board members, police jurors and legislators from both parishes to run the beach after its completion.

However, the commission had little authority and no money and last year members of the commission submitted their resignations. In addition, Davis' order said the commission would not take over as governing authority until the beach was completed. This morning, Breaux, a former member of the commission, said that up until six months ago the beach had still not been released by the Department of Public Works as complete.

Department Authorized

Last year, Governor McKeethen authorized the Department of Parks and Recreation to take over the park; however, the St. Mary Parish School Board refused to authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to take over the beach itself or lease it to a private concern to operate.

"My earnest hope is that the beach can be made public within the next few weeks," said Breaux.