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anyone who visited the Monomoy and South Beach flats in its heyday (pre-2005) will be interested to know that the weekends storm produced a 1500ft wide breach on south beach about a mile south of the Ferry drop off.

Quote:

February 11, 2013 CHATHAM — The weekend storm that punched out the lights also dealt a body blow to the barrier beach just a couple of miles south of Chatham. At some point Saturday or eawind-driven seas carved a 1,600-foot-wide hole in the beach approximately three miles south miles south of Lighthouse Beach. Chris Weidman, research coordinator at the Waquoit Bay Estuarine Research Reserve, discovered the breach when he was walking the beach Sunday.

There appear to be two channels with a high spot in the middle that remain dry ground at high tide, Weidman said in a phone interview Sunday afternoon from the site. "There's still outflow at almost dead low tide," Weidman said, indicating that it was likely a channel had established itself.

"I would call it a break," Weidman said.

Chatham Coastal Resources Director Ted Keon said there were a half dozen or more low spots in that area that had been overwashed during recent storms and any one of them could have broken through.

The inner side of the twin channels appears to be higher than the Atlantic side, Weidman said, allowing water to potentially scour sand as it flows out with low tide.

That could possibly keep the channel from filling in, or it could deepen the channel to the point where it remains water-filled throughout the tide cycles. "It would take a lot to repair it," Weidman observed.

when the old 'southway' was open the twice daily flush of tide and bait kept cow stripers around for a few days on their way to stellwagen, ensuring 3 odd weeks of waves of fresh hungry fish every day or two from late May to mid June.

the fishing was epic - 18/20/25lb fish in two feet of water.

i'm sure fly fishers from NJ northwards will be watching the reports of the break pretty closely. lol.

