Below are our itemized responses to your comments. Thank you for your time in reviewing the content before a final decision is made.

Line 29: Remove “restoration planning” from the list of keywords as these words already appear in the title of your manuscript. You are welcome to replace them with (an)other word(s)

* **Response**: Removed and added “habitat loss”.

Line 93/94: Replace the comma with “and, i.e. “…could occur and where…”

* **Response**: Replaced comma with “and”.

Line 161: Add in brackets the hectare equivalent of “0.25 acres” seeing that all the results reported in your manuscript is in hectares.

* **Response**: Added hectares equivalent.

Line 188: Consider replacing “taking” with “calculating”

* **Response**: Replaced.

Line 227: Add a full stop after “watershed”

* **Response**: Added.

Line 398: How do you align this sentence with your statement in Line 292-293 “This increase may represent improved ground-truthing and photointerpretation, rather than a true increase in coverage.” I suggest you rephrase the sentence in 3.1 to state that this increase may also be due to improved ground-truthing and photointerpretation (and leave out the second part).

* **Response**: The statement on line 292-293 was referring to oyster bars, not seagrass. The sentence was revised for clarity: “The increase in oyster bars may represent improved ground-truthing and photointerpretation.”

Line 420-421: What do you mean by “in place of mangroves”? Do you mean that the increased anthropogenic water withdrawal favour mangrove forests? If so, then rephrase to make the meaning clearer.

* **Response**: Sentence was rephrased as “Anthropogenic water withdrawals have also reduced freshwater flows reaching tidal marshes, contributing to reductions in coverage of key species (e.g., *Juncus roemerianus*) that have favored mangroves (Raabe et al., 2012).”

Table 1: Increase size of column 1 so that the text does not run into the 2nd column

* **Response**: Done.

Table 5: Please explain in the title, table or in the text what you mean by “out-decade”. Also be consistent in the use of “out-decade” vs “out decade” in the table.

* **Response**: Revised to “each decade”.

References (Line 600 to end): Please double check the titles of the manuscripts as several references do not contain capitals in their titles, e.g.

Line 604: tampa bay

Line 609: rio grande and mexico

Line 615: spartina

Line 626: california

* **Response**: Corrected all references where capitals were needed.