Draft Restoration Plan I and Environmental Assessment Public Webinar

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment

December 13, 2018
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Today’s Agenda

- Hurricane Michael Impacts to the area
- Virtual Open House
- Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) and Florida Trustee Implementation Group (FL TIG)
- Restoration Plan Background
- Proposed Restoration Plan
- Virtual Public Meeting
Hurricane Michael
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Projects in Impacted Areas

WQ8. City of Port St. Joe Stormwater Improvements
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Impacts on Projects
Virtual Open House

- Link to Draft Restoration Plan I and Environmental Assessment and Fact Sheets:
  

- If you have not already done so, please submit any questions you have about the plan in the Questions box.
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What is NRDA?

- A legal process
  - Based in the Oil Pollution Act (OPA)
  - Natural Resource Trustee agencies assess the degree to which natural resources and the services they provide may have been injured by an oil spill and spill response activities
  - Then determine how to compensate the public through on-the-ground restoration activities
NRDA Process

DETERMINE INJURY:
What was injured, extent, magnitude?

RESTORATION PLANNING:
What needs to be done to restore the natural resources?

RESTORATION COST:
How much will this cost?

ASSESS MONETARY DAMAGES:
Seek monetary damages from the polluter to pay for restoration.
Deepwater Horizon Settlement

15+ years, up to $8.8 billion

• $1 billion already committed for early restoration

• $7.1 billion to complete restoration over 15+ years

• Up to an additional $700 million for adaptive management and unknown conditions
Florida Allocation of Restoration Funds by Restoration Goal

- $335 million: Monitoring, Adaptive Management, Administrative Oversight
- $93 million: Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources
- $184 million: Restore Water Quality
- $30 million: Restore and Conserve Habitat
- $38 million: Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities
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Trustee Council Structure

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Trustee Implementation Groups

AL  FL  LA  MS  TX  OO  RW
FL TIG

State and Federal Members

- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
Planning Process

- August 23, 2016: FL TIG Webinar
- November 4, 2016: Call for Projects
- September 29, 2017: Notice of Restoration Planning
- Screened 1393 project ideas submitted to NOAA and DEP portals
Project Eligibility Criteria

- Nexus to injury from the DWH oil spill
- Meet OPA criteria
- Not previously completed or fully funded
- Sufficient information for evaluation (e.g., general location, activities, etc.)
- Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands Restoration Type should occur on GUIS or St. Vincent NWR
OPA Criteria

- Cost Effectiveness
- Goals and Objectives of PDARP
- Likelihood of Success
- Avoid Collateral Injury
- Benefits
- Health and Safety
Additional Screening Criteria

- Consistent with PDARP techniques
- Identify any concerns that might affect ability to implement a project
- Leverage other restoration projects and activities (e.g. RESTORE Act and NFWF’s GEBF)
- Availability of funds
Draft Restoration Plan I

- Evaluates 32 project alternatives
- Proposes 24 projects for funding
  - 6 Planning & Design projects in plan
  - Includes: planning, feasibility, design, engineering, permitting activities
  - Does not include: actions related to construction or implementation activities
Projects in following restoration types

- Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands
  - 14 projects screened to 6 with 4 preferred

- Water Quality and Nutrient Reduction
  - 813 projects screened to 12 Water Quality projects with 9 preferred and 3 nutrient reduction projects with 2 preferred

- Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities
  - 556 projects screened to 11 projects with 9 preferred
Projects proposed for funding have a total estimated cost of $62 million

$444 million remaining for future plans
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Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands
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Submissions in the “Questions” box will be considered formal public comments if they include the word “COMMENT” at the front.

Please resubmit any previous questions that you would like to be considered as a formal public comment now. Include “COMMENT” in front of your question.
Submit Your Comments

- Online:
  www.GulfSpillRestoration.noaa.gov

- Mail to:
  U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  P.O. Box 49567
  Atlanta, GA 30345

- Comment deadline is December 28, 2018
Next Steps

- Public comment period ends December 28
- Trustees consider all public comments
- Address public comments & finalize plan
- Implement project(s)
Thank You

Concludes Public Webinar
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