

Draft Restoration Plan for
the Gulf of Mexico

Online Public Comments Received
for the
*Programmatic Damage Assessment
and Restoration Plan (PDARP) and
Programmatic Environmental Impact
Statement (PEIS)*



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Correspondence: Many miles of the ADSorb-it Fabric was deployed by BP as an oil fence for effective shoreline protection during their oil release in 2010.
*The ADSorb-it Fabric effectively removes even the visible oil sheen from water.
*The ADSorb-it Fabric does not noticeably degrade in sunlight or the environment so it can remain deployed indefinitely for ongoing removal of oils migrating to or from the shoreline.
*The ADSorb-it Fabric is available in many configurations to address oil release response, storm water filtration, and discharge water filtration to remove oils and particulates.
*The ADSorb-it Fabric is made from waste fibers from the textile industry so it is a totally "Green" and "Sustainable" product.
*The ADSorb-it Fabric is to some degree "self-cleaning" in that microbes tend to converge in the fabric matrix devouring the oils as a food source.
*The ADSorb-it Fabric / Products can be also be commercially laundered and reused indefinitely.
*The ADSorb-it Fabric / Products can be disposed of as a fuel source through waste-to-energy incineration with a higher BTU per pound value than coal and less than 1% residual ash.
These are a few of the obvious advantages provided by long term deployment of ADSorb-it to address residual oils that will be emanating from the environment affected by the 2010 oil release for years to come as has been proven by the Valdez oil release which has a residual oil presence to this day.

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Correspondence: Greetings,

On behalf of over 300 seafood companies employing thousands of people in the southeast who depend on commercial fishing for a livelihood, the coastal communities that support the seafood industry, and millions of non-boating citizens who depend on my members to provide them with a share of the marine resources in the Gulf of Mexico, we take issue with two areas of your proposed program.

First is the most obvious and that is no stock assessment work or scientific effort to determine the size of the fish biomass is proposed on the species we are interested in harvesting. The second is Item 13 where you " Provide and enhance recreational opportunities". You should amend this item immediately and "provide and enhance commercial fishing opportunities" as well. You should put that in writing along with the recreational fishermen entitlement. You list sturgeon and oysters as important enough to make your list, but we see nothing for crab, shrimp, or social science and most of all COOPERATIVE RESEARCH WITH THE FISHING INDUSTRY.

We look at some of these items as massive black holes into which tons of dollars will be dumped. Based on decades of experience for other "research money" the results might never be make public or will never be completed.

We hope the trustees will give the seafood industry more opportunities to be involved. Please don't let a militant angler association that is working to remove commercial fishermen from red snapper harvest for instance use any of these funds to further oppress the commercial fishermen and dealers who provide domestic seafood to consumers.

The trustees have a chance to help the fish and the fishermen. We hope they do so in a fair and equitable manner and under the rule of law rather than the rule of men.

Sincerely yours,

Bob

Bob Jones, Executive Director
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Re: Comment period extension request for Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Draft PDARP/PEIS)

Dear Mr. Westerholm and Mr. Rauch:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing in response to the BP Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Trustee Council's (Trustees) publication of the draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (draft PDARP/PEIS). Given the scope and great importance of this issue, we respectfully request an extension of the public comment period from 60 days to 75 days.

The draft PDARP/PEIS and accompanying draft consent decree published by the U.S. Department of Justice contain critical information for restoring the Gulf of Mexico in the wake of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster. The details of the draft PDARP/PEIS concern all citizens of the Gulf region, as well as millions of Americans who benefit from the Gulf's natural bounty. The culture and economy of the Gulf depend on the health of the ecosystem, as do the wildlife that thrives there. These documents will guide Gulf restoration for decades to come, and as such, will have a substantial impact on proper analysis of future restoration projects and will significantly impact the public's ability to engage effectively in ensuring sustainability of our fisheries, wildlife populations, coastal and marine environments, and the local economies that depend on them.

A disaster of this magnitude requires an approach to restoration that is ecosystemwide, comprehensive, integrated, long-term and fully addresses injuries based on a series of ecologically balanced restoration alternatives and actions that collectively contribute to recovery from the coast to offshore, deep-sea environment and related human services. We commend the Trustees for their extensive work leading to the publication of the draft PDARP/PEIS; however, a 60-day public comment period is an insufficient amount of time for affected members of the public and scientific community to comment on the decree. Though we share the desire for expeditious restoration, it should not preclude allowing all stakeholders adequate time to comment on this critically

important issue. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Environmental Defense Fund
Gulf Restoration Network
National Audubon Society
National Wildlife Federation
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Correspondence: Deny tax deductions for all BP settlements.

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Correspondence: Dear Director Westerholm,

I'm writing to urge you to spend every dollar of the BP settlement on effective restoration of the Gulf's coast and communities.

The Gulf region is an amazing natural and cultural treasure, and a key economic driver for the nation. Yet, 5 years since the BP disaster and 10 years since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Gulf's communities and wildlife continue to suffer from the impacts of coastal wetland loss and BP's oil.

Plans have been developed to restore coastal lines of defense and protect the Gulf's communities, but these plans have yet to be fully funded and implemented. The threat to the people of the Gulf Coast is real and urgent.

That's why it is essential that we spend the BP restoration dollars on funding actual restoration. Already, politicians are talking about using BP restoration dollars on wasteful projects like a beachfront convention center, a minor league baseball stadium and other unnecessary infrastructure. Please do the right thing and spend these precious funds on effective restoration, not pork-barrel politics.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern,

Please Protect the Twilight Corals--injured during the Gulf Oil Spill. Designate the Pinnacle Trend Reefs as Gulf of Mexico Marine Sanctuary.

Respectfully,

R. Rosman

Correspondence ID: 8 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

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Correspondence: It is essential to protect our endangered coral and other resources. This coral has been badly damaged by gulf oil spill and needs to be restored.

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Correspondence: The Pinnacle Trend Reefs are a Gulf of Mexico treasure of biodiversity and deserve protection as a Marine Sanctuary. Sitting at the edge of the continental slope, this array of rocky ridges and boulder fields supports a vibrant community of corals, invertebrates, and fish. The larger reefs are well-established destinations for commercial and recreational fishing.

Sadly, much of the Pinnacle Trend was under the floating oil during the Gulf Oil Spill of 2010. The same oil that fouled the marshes and beaches of the coast passed over the reefs as it move toward land. Some of the oil sank as a dirty blizzard of aggregated particles--a process that may have been accentuated by extensive applications of Corexit dispersant.

The result produced widespread injuries and deaths among the corals that are an essential component of the reef ecosystem. Also impacted were the small plankton-feeding fish, whose numbers were drastically reduced in years after the spill. The fish population has rebounded more recently, but the injured corals, which are delicate, slow-growing colonies of polyps, show little sign of recovery.

Recovery of the coral community will require time and protection so that new corals can settle and develop in the spaces left by the impact. The public needs to follow this progress and invest in the well-being of a vital regional resource. Elsewhere in the Gulf, corals are protected by Marine Sanctuary designations on the Florida Keys and the Flower Garden Banks. In the aftermath of the spill and the ecosystem damages it caused, the time has come to extend Marine Sanctuary protection to the Pinnacle Trend Reefs. Although designation of a new Sanctuary requires elaborate Congressional approval, expansion of the existing Flower Garden Banks Sanctuary is routinely approved. It should be straight-forward to provide the prominent reefs of the Pinnacle Trend with this protective oversight.

Marine Sanctuary protection would allow responsible multi-use activity in the area by limiting, but not outlawing, fishing activities. Importantly, the coral recovery could be routinely evaluated within the highly respected monitoring programs that have been developed for Sanctuaries in the Gulf and elsewhere. Recovery funding is more than adequate to ensure routine assessment expeditions. Photographic documentation of this effort would be an inspiration for students and the public at large.

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Correspondence: please give very strong consideration to this plan. We must save the gulf of mexico

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Correspondence: I grew up in Alabama and have a lifelong love of the Gulf area. I am suspicious of the \$8.8 billion cap for BP. I want them to pay whatever it takes. They owe that to the future.

Drilling in the Gulf is precarious and short-sighted. The policy should shift from exploitation to protection.

Thank you,

Deborah Bailey

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Correspondence: The natural environment needs to be restored. This will heal the damage done and allow the ecosystem to restore it self. Please allow the funds to do this very important work.

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Correspondence: the gulf coral needs to be protected and restored!

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Correspondence: As someone who lives in another country, the biodiversity of this planet matter to me. I believe that the coral should be restored and protected. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Please extend national marine sanctuary protection to the Pinnacle Trend Reefs.

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Correspondence: Great. David Gauthé. I live in Thibodaux, Louisiana, with BISCO, Bayou Interfaith Shared Community Organizing. Thank you all for being here. You all really put this thing together real good. I really admire it. I think Louisiana is a step ahead as far as making sure things are done correctly.

What I do want to mention - - and my wife's not here, who's the Director of BISCO, so - - there's only person in here that could get me in trouble, and that's Donald, and he promised me he wouldn't tell my wife I said anything.

We are non-profit. We worked extremely hard on many issues before the oil spill and we worked more extremely hard, if you can imagine, when the oil spill occurred. We held forums. We were a voice to the community. We were a vessel of opportunity. We were trying to make sure that the people on the coast were treated fairly.

When asked for help, funding-wise, because we are a group of organizers, non-profit faith-based organizers, BP calmly told us that "really we can't give you any money because you didn't have to do what you did." This is a great plan, but I know of several non-profits, including BISCO, who are financially strapped right now, to the point that we most probably won't be here next year. Several others besides that.

We had asked several times and I'm just going to ask one more time, if there's any way that you could put non-profits, who really worked hard, and you all know it, into this plan, I'd really appreciate it. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 18 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

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Correspondence: Hi. Thank you. Derek Brockbank with American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, ASBPA. Thank you for coming and presenting tonight. Again, it's a really good plan. I appreciate it. I wanted to make a couple specific comments on the NRDA piece and then a quick comment on the Consent Decree.

American Shore and Beach Preservation Association is a national organization, an organization that works on coastal restoration, emerging science and public policy to enhance our coastlines.

I think this document is a great example of merging science and public policy to enhance our coastline, so I appreciate the work that went into that.

Our focus is beaches and dunes. We believe there are sort of four main reasons to have beaches and dunes, recreation, ecological, protection and economic, and I think the NRDA plan really addresses some of the recreational and ecologic issues, so I appreciate that. Protection, it doesn't, but I understand that that probably is - - we got very lucky that we didn't have a hurricane in 2010 to really make the spill much worse, in economic damages or in other parts.

So to the NRDA piece, I haven't fully read the 1400-page document, so it may be in there somewhere, but I wanted to make the - - encourage you guys to think about how operation or maintenance aspects of restoration can be funded through the NRDA dollars, and this might be part of the adaptive management, but restored systems are often not as resilient to future damages as initial systems were, so if there is damage - - if there's a future storm, as these projects are being put in, it could have more harmful effects than if the system was there to begin with, so it will be interesting to see how NRDA dollars can be spent on that.

Likewise, if there is a possibility of establishing a trust fund or something that would allow for operation and maintenance beyond the 15 years, as some of these systems are taking hold, so as dune systems are setting root, wetlands systems are setting root, is there long-term planning for that.

Likewise, when we are looking at replacing areas that are facing sea level rise and facing ongoing erosion, are there areas to use the NRDA money that is looking at natural resources damage and potentially leveraging it with other available funds for the sort of gray infrastructure to support the shoreline so we can really be able to blend some of the gray protective infrastructure with the green ecological infrastructure. Again, that might be in there somewhere, but I do think it's an important piece.

To the Consent Decree, I just wanted to sort of state that I was disappointed that the 5.5 billion in Clean Water Act fines is a lot closer to the simple negligence than gross negligence, as Judge Barbier had stated, that BP was guilty of gross negligence, so disappointed in that. However, I understand the need to move forward and we certainly appreciate the need to begin restoration now, so we'd like to see the DOJ approve or have the Consent Decree approved, despite what we feel are low Clean Water Act damages. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 19 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

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Correspondence: Good evening. My name is Scott Eustis. I'm with the Gulf Restoration Network or Clean Water Act Advocacy Group in all five Gulf states. Thanks for having this hearing tonight and the information available.

Although we do think, as we saw with the Phase III, that having hearings on two very different complicated documents does confuse the public, we do think it lowers turnout when you combine meetings. So generally, we like to have comment periods on one thing at a time.

We are still digesting a lot of the documents of the Consent Decree and the Draft Plan. There's some initial things. You know, the Consent Decree, when we heard about it, it definitely didn't seem like enough. I think we were expecting a lot more in Clean Water Act penalties, given all of the talk and the communication that many groups, non-profits, governments, have done around the importance of the Clean Water Act penalties, and to have them come in on the lower side seems regrettable. However, we understand that settling allows us to move forward quicker than not.

We do think that the next time that something like this happens in the offshore environment, spills, tank barges, collisions, that the Department of Justice should consider dismantling the company. There are many other offshore companies that have better safety records and better environmental compliance records than BP, and without the threat of being dismantled, I do think that negotiations comes in on the lower end. That the company can just do this to the United States, and do this to Louisiana, and can walk away, I think, I think sends the wrong message about what we want to have happen on the Gulf Coast and in the United States.

On the Draft Plan, we're still digesting it. There's a lot of good and a lot of good that will happen faster because we're moving into the restoration phase. We do think that there are a lot of problems with the government structure in that although there's a lot of effort and a lot of claims about a move toward comprehensive restoration, I do think that the silos that have been created to kind of separate things by state instead of by flow of the water, it's just going to create some confusion and probably duplicative efforts.

You know, we saw -- we've seen before with certain NRDA claiming efforts, including in Barataria and Terrebonne Parish, a large NRDA planning effort, it's best to do it by watershed anyway, you know, in Barataria. Terrebonne has that. The Restore Council needs to organize by watershed and so when we're considering damages to the water and damages to the Gulf, we do think that organizing things by watersheds is a better way to govern restoration of the Gulf of Mexico.

We're concerned that the majority of the damages were received in the open ocean, in the deep water, but we've seen this before with NRDA in certain offshore incidents, where damages are to the deep water environment, to corals, to reefs that would be offshore and restoration happens inland with a very remote and possibly not even documentable connection to the marine environment.

So we're concerned that both the governance structure, as set up, where every state kind of gets their money and goes home, and then we have a region-wide silo, and then the open ocean's by itself, we're concerned that that's -- there's no -- there's no integrative effort. There's no forum for all the Trustees to come together and we feel a different governance structure would ensure a comprehensive integrated ecosystem restoration, especially because most of the damages were in the deep water, in the offshore environment.

And if we -- we haven't finished reading it, of course, but, you know, we are concerned that, you know, things in the open ocean category cannot be best placed there. We're concerned about the large administrative cost that's been taxed and that the open ocean category has been tasked with in comparison to the other groups.

So we do think that the Trustees should consider kind of the structural limitations of organizing the governance structure this way.

But we're looking forward to digging in a little bit deeper and we'll prepare a written comment for December, so -- thank you very much.

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Correspondence: Good evening. Can everyone hear me?
Yes, good evening, again. My name is Thao Vu. I represent currently the Director of the Mississippi Coalition for Vietnamese Fisherfolk and Families. I'm here not only in my state of Mississippi, but here in Houma, Louisiana, because fishing and healthy fisheries, there's no state boundaries for it.

It's critically important that there is genuinely good restoration for these focus areas and objectives are met to really restore fisheries, to really help fishing communities who have been greatly impacted, disproportionately impacted, that bore the brunt of the losses and have been suffering greatly the past five years.

It has not only been a huge environmental pollution disaster and all, but it's caused economic hardship, extreme economic hardship for these fishermen, and right now it's in the middle of shrimping season, and that many fishermen who should be here are not here. In fact, there are many nearby docks and harbors and processing plants and fishing infrastructure -- and fishing contributes greatly, not only here on the coast, but the region, all across the region -- and that needs to factored in to restoration.

I would like to really share my perspective on the format of this meeting. This is critically important, probably the most important meeting for the past five years for restoration, and the proposed BP settlement should be a separate meeting.

First of all, it was only formally announced two weeks ago. A two-week notice is not a sufficient act of public notice, it's really unacceptable, and that's why the turnout is low. In fact, people who definitely are the most impacted by this are not aware of it. And posting documents on the Federal Registry is not adequate outreach.

It's not outreach at all. What it is is basically fulfilling your basic responsibilities, you know, as representatives of the Trustee Councils or Agencies, Federal or State Agencies. We need more time. From the time you actually post documents on the Federal Register to the time of the public meetings, we need at least five to six weeks, at least five to six weeks, moving forward, and it should be a separate independent process.

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Councils and their over 1000-page document should be a separate meeting, and I am requesting, on behalf of the fishing communities, that we extend the public comment deadline, first of all, for the settlement, all the way to next year, to at least February of 2016, and afterwards, at least to March or April 2016 for the NRDA Trustee Council deadline.

December 4th is unacceptable, not adequate for us to fully review everything, to disseminate it to our constituency, and for my population, which has limited English proficiency is not enough time. There is just -- there's not enough time. We need more time and we greatly appeal to the Department of Justice as well to the NRDA Trustee Councils to give us this additional time.

And my other comments about the settlement is that we have some concerns about some of the elements. One of the missing key elements that is greatly needed is a Regional Citizen Advisory Council. We will be submitting comments that there is a great need to establish that, to prepare for the future, for not only spills, but these are disasters, huge disasters. It's not a mere spill.

We need to have that to prepare for future disasters, for preparedness, as well as we don't think that the proposed amount is adequate, particularly for future damages, and that the Department of Justice, as well as the Trustee Councils, need to really go back and assess the total amount of all their effort so far and what they quantify and what haven't they and what they haven't quantified, because we don't believe that that's adequate in that there's much more that needs to be allocated for future damages.

In regards to the Draft Programmatic Environmental Plan, Draft Plan right now, we know this, that in terms of restoration goals or types, one of the key missing fisheries is crabs or shell fish. Oysters is in there, but there's no mention of crabs, nor shrimp. We're appealing to you that you add those two. And that it's not only oysters that have been greatly impacted, but it's also crab fisheries as well, and shrimp, and if there was an adequate time, more fishermen would be able to acknowledge and express this.

There is great need for it, that you really focus on fisheries restoration, and give these fishermen the opportunity to do some of this restoration work. They already have the equipment. They have the traditional ecological knowledge. They have the boats.

They know the waters. They know the fisheries. It's a matter of choosing the right types of projects and scaling down the projects to meet some of the fishermen and -- but at the end of the day, they may just need modest training from some scientist. They could greatly help in collecting data that you need in order to really assess, you know, what's happening, whether it is doing any real restoration out there, inshore or offshore. So thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence: Hi. I'm Sharon Hayes. I'm an ecological economist, recently retired from the federal EPA and have worked on issues of the Gulf of Mexico for over a dozen years. I very much appreciate the opportunity to -- for the trustees to hear me tonight, and I especially appreciate the presentations from Steve and also -- oh, my good friend, Jean, who I've worked with before. I understand this stuff in more detail than I ever have.

Two brief comments. Oh, it's so difficult to hear these damages again, I swear But since the BP -- oh, gosh. The materials provided and the documents state that Mississippi will receive about 2.2 million of the \$8.8 billion awarded for damages, and my first comment is that is way too low. We heard in some detail from Jean all the about the injuries that have been estimated or included in the report, but it's very incomplete.

As a matter of fact, one of the -- as an example, one of the biggest damages that incurred to people on the Mississippi Coast is that ever since the BP oil spill, residents -- and I live here in Gulfport. Residents here along the Mississippi Coast no longer go in the water. We are afraid to go in the water. We're afraid that the oil, in combination with the dispersants and that with the bacteria and the other toxins, are going to make us very ill and or we might lose a limb as a result of flesh eating disease, which has happened. And so there are -- most residents of the Coast will not even wade in the water. This is an example of an ecosystem service, that the damaged resources give to the people along the Coast that has not been incorporated in the damage assessment.

And, of course, everybody knows about the dolphins, the dead baby dolphins who washed ashore, and that's another loss to the people not only of the Coast, but of the nation who value the baby dolphins' lives, and it's not incorporated in the damage assessment.

I have mentioned ecosystem services and ecosystem service valuation. That is the way in which the report is incomplete. It's -- geez. What is the cost of people, for example, of not being able to swim along the Coast or these baby dolphins? What ecosystem services or the value of those services are provided that have been lost?

There -- in the Exxon Valdez oil spill, Kenneth Arrow, a renowned economist, pioneered these economic techniques, which are well known, in estimating the damages for Exxon Valdez, and he won a Nobel Prize for doing that. These techniques are not used in this damage assessment.

Also, the National Academy of Sciences prepared a report, convened of a high-level group of experts to discuss an approach to the valuing of ecosystem services that could be used by the trustees in developing their damage and their injury assessments. The report was completed and it's not even mentioned in the report on injuries.

And that - - those two - -

MR. FRANKLIN:

I'd like to ask you to please go ahead and wrap up.

MS. HAYES:

Okay. And, you know, I just about made it.

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Correspondence: My name is James Miller. I'm a Gulf Coast fishermen all my life. I've been affected by this BP oil spill health-wise, water-wise. I'm still living it today. I think our water quality is very terrible. I'm afraid to get in the water. I break out with rashes, zits, bumps all over my body. I'm still fishing today in it. And I think the state has hid enough from us by not telling us the truth, you know, about the dispersants when they sprayed it out here on us.

And I'm very disturbed about our fishing industry, the oyster reefs. I don't think the state of Mississippi is going to spend our money wisely for fishermen to put us back to work. We've been suffering since 2010 from the oil spill. Plus the Bonnet Carré Spillway has destroyed our oyster reefs. I just left a meeting today with the DMR, Jamie Miller, Richard Gollott and had a terrible time with these nasty people about explaining about restructuring our reef out here. They want to go dredge our reef, and there's no resource there. Why don't we just close the season? I tried to explain to these people how, let's transfer oysters from other areas that's never been oystered in other years. We're having problems with this money that's allocated to us, fishermen. They don't want to spend it on us. I think we have problems with money exchanging amongst Mississippi and our governors. I don't think you're going to come down here and spend this money wisely, restructuring our Gulf. I really don't.

I've been lied from - - about the dispersants. I've been in the hospital 52 times, 108 days total. I've been detoxed four times, benzene, hyaline in my blood stream. I've been lied to. Didn't have respirators on the job. I worked 100-and-something days for the VU program.

State totally lied to us. BP lied to us.

I'm living a nightmare. I'm seeing a psychiatrist, asking them if this is for real, what I'm going through, economical loss. I've lost all my oyster money. I usually make \$60,000 a year oystering. I made \$10,000 last year. I mean, and it's been closed for years due to the oil spill and Bonnet Carré Spillway.

I think we need to look at economically rebuilding our Gulf Coast out here with the money we have. And our politicians are not doing a very good job. I'm a fisherman and sadly, I've got to go and argue with these people that's got those jobs, high-paying jobs and degree jobs. And I'm just a fisherman, been in business all my life and got to argue with the money that's been handed down to restructure these oyster reefs that's been destroyed by the - - the dispersants still in the water.

I can bring you out there today on my boat, drop my anchor and give you a life of - - go down and dive in the water and come up with a mayonnaise jar of whatever you want to see. You would be amazed the water quality. I mean, it's terrible. And this is - - our state has acknowledged it. It's been a lie from 2010 to this day. I live it every day right now. I'm 50 years old and I'm breaking outs with pimples, rashes. I'm afraid of the water and I work every day in it. I've got to feed my family and it's been a struggle. It truly has. Economically, it's been a disaster.

And I just don't feel like our government, federal or state, has stepped to the plate and showed us something. We're still starving to death. And there's money allocated from NOAA right now to help us fishermen restructure our ecosystem out there. I just want to know what's wrong with these people? Why don't they want to do the right thing with this money and put us back to work? I mean, I've got a \$200,000 vessel that's capable of catching \$100,000 worth of product and they keeping it tied to the dock.

They've got the resources and the money. I'm sad that Jamie Miller at the DMR and Phil Bryant, our governor, with this panel of people like y'all, that's - - I'm glad y'all are listening to me. Y'all are really focusing because I have a rough time with these people. They very arrogant. They nasty. And I think our governor needs to reweigh our DMR board down here because we're dealing with people who don't want to issue the money out correctly and restructure our reefs. And this is terrible. I've been going through this for years with them since the oil spill. This ain't something that's come about. And I got invited to this meeting tonight because they thought that my input here would be very knowledgeable to y'all. I mean, I've been doing this since I was four years old, fishing. I ain't never had another job.

MR. FRANKLIN:

If I can have you wrap up, Mr. Miller, I'd appreciate it.

MR. MILLER:

All right. I thank y'all for listening to me. I just need - - I just know that someone in this world needs to come alive and understand that our oyster programs, our shrimp programs, our estuaries, our sanctuaries needs to be addressed with this millions and millions of dollars that's being handed down and not misspend it and put it in the wrong direction. Thank y'all for listening.

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Correspondence: Hi. I'm Yolanda Ferguson, and my husband is a commercial net maker. He makes the nets for all these gentlemen you see. Well, he was toxified because of this and nobody bothered to tell us. I had to go through what you wouldn't believe to find out what you were poisoning my husband with. He wouldn't go to the doctor because he wouldn't create medical bills because he couldn't pay them because he has to feed us and our children.

Well, now we're being told we don't know what we're doing. He had to stop making nets. Nobody wants to take my nets because he can't repair them. Because when he gets out there and repairs them, he gets sick, very sick, like to the point of everything you can think. That's horrible.

You know, if you're going to have a lot of money - - you know, we've got a really bad dispersant problem. Nobody talks about it, but every one of our fishermen is suffering from it, every one of them. Ask them. The money is not going to be sent where it needs to go. I bet you. The same reason they didn't tell us about the dispersant. And wives like me, who got their families completely toxified, had to figure it out on their own.

We still don't have answers. Y'all don't have the answers. We don't have the answers. The long-term effects of this, does anybody know? Does any one of y'all have any idea what chemically poisoned really means from a dispersant firsthand? It's the most horrible experience. They sit here and they do this (demonstrating). They throw up. They sweat. They like to have died. And you know how I found out? Somebody had the courtesy to tell me as my husband was suffering.

Then I couldn't get him to go to the doctor. He finally had to quit. We had a discussion. He no longer makes used gear. If he makes new nets, he cannot touch them. Would you buy a new car you couldn't service, any one of you up there? The point we're making is the water is toxic.

You have a spill that y'all talk about your loss, the Clean Water Act, I've read it. All these laws y'all talk about, how many of these laws do they cover? They sunk the oil. They sunk it because they pay by the barrel of oil, not by how many barrels they clean up, how many barrels they sunk. I was told they have a tarmac around the oil well, 10 miles, the size of Rhode Island. Do you realize that every time they put a net in there, they go through there and they pull it through the net again? Some person like my husband that fixes it, gets it again. It is toxic. I would hope and I pray that y'all don't ever let this happen again, that they spray this. Please don't give the spiller the right to control the spill again because when he does, he damages everybody else. We all live here. They destroyed our Gulf. They destroyed our way of life and our livelihood.

My husband leaves now just so he can support his family so I don't lose my husband. I have a choice, being my financial security or losing my family. Which one is more important? That's all I have to say.

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Correspondence: Hello. My name is Joseph Ferguson. I have my own business and I'm a commercial net maker. It's Joseph's Trawl.

My wife summed it up pretty good. Let me explain a little bit to you so that you understand about trawls. Trawls go along the bottom. They're like a plow. They stir it up. Okay? You know, and this stuff goes up and comes through the net. Well, this stuff is getting back on these nets. And when it gets on these nets, the dispersant, this oil sticks to the stuff. Okay? And it sticks to everything it touches.

So when it comes to me, I'm working it with my hands. Well, like you might come up and touch it or the fisherman touch it, they're getting sick, but you wouldn't know it because, you know, you just touched it for a few minutes. And it might make you sick. It might not. You really wouldn't know it made you sick. But me, I touch it for eight hours or longer. It depends on, you know, what needs to be done to it. And it like to have killed me. I laid on the sofa and like to have died from it. So that's just, you know, part of it.

BP denied me. I'm a business. They denied me. I know this doesn't have nothing to do with the businesses. I've been explained this, but they denied me and denied me. They said, oh, you have no claim for 2010, which is correct. This stuff didn't start showing up at my house until 2011 because the 2010 nets were from 2009. The 2011 nets were from 2010. And so I got denied across the board, so I got no economic settlement from this, none at all, and probably won't get none.

But the point is, it's still out there. It still is coming in. I take a sample from these fishermen random every year to see if it's still making me toxic, still making me sick and it does. So I don't know want to say.

You know, that's good that you - - the government is settling with them. That's good. Put the money to good use. Washington - - the government, make them spend it where it's supposed to be spent. Don't let them siphon it off over here and over there because that's what they'll do.

All the money they sent down after the storm, that come through here, they siphoned off over half of it to some other thing that really didn't even involve the storm. They didn't give it to the people like the government wanted them to. They took it and spent it on their pet projects. So don't let them do this to y'all's money. And I hope that, you know, you have oversight over your settlement that you're getting so that, you know, it goes - - the money goes where it belongs.

I want to thank you for listening to me. Like I said, it's not the benefit for me. My business will get nothing out of this. And, you know, I appreciate your time and like I say, thank y'all again.

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Correspondence: Good evening. I'm Howard Page. I'm making comments for the Gulf Restoration Network.

And the first comment I'd like to make is to extend the request for a 15-day extension of the comment period. We've already put that down in writing. But we think that there is some really good work that's been done here, but there's just a lot to digest. And we really appreciate the desire to move along expeditiously and to get this done. But at the same time, given the kind of - - the size of the information, the volume of information needs to be digested, 15 additional days is kind of - - you know, kind of prudent and reasonable and it's also significant. You know, that's a lot more time to make thoughtful comments and to digest this information.

Another comment I'd like to make is about the governance structure. We have some concern about - - of course, a project of this scope, there is going to be no easy answer to how do you govern this and - - with the adaptive management, and this is really kind of the first time something like this of this scale has ever happened. And we appreciate that this is - - there is no easy answer for a governance structure.

But one concern we have is that all of the administrative costs are coming out of the open ocean element, and we feel that - - and that's, of course, where the damages originally occurred and it's where a lot of damages did occur. So we thought it would be more fair if something that was more equitable across all of the groups where all of the groups contributed to the administrative costs, we would prefer that.

Also, there's just a general concern about the governance structure, that although I know that you do recognize the need for consistency across the groups, that actually is one of our concerns, is as you have these siloed groups, that it's going to be a real challenge to be consistent.

And then the another concern that we have is - - in addition to consistency, is the public and nongovernmental organizations interfacing and the fact that we would have to interface with each of these elements, you know, and there's kind of no one place for the public to interface if they wanted to offer a comment on the whole process.

So thank you very much. I don't need all of the time, which is unusual. But thank you very much and we appreciate what you're doing.

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Correspondence: Good evening. I'm Jill Mastrototuro with the National Wildlife Federation, policy specialist, working on Gulf restoration issues in Mississippi and Alabama.

And as the worst environmental disaster in our nation's history, it's very clear that the trustees were handed no simple task in responding to the Deepwater Horizon oil disaster. The National Wildlife Federation wants to thank the trustees for their tremendous effort over the last five plus years in responding to the disaster and developing a damage assessment and the restoration plan that we now have in front of us.

We recognize that the release of this Draft Programmatic DARP and the Consent Decree represent a crucial milestone and the long road to Gulf restoration. And we are seeing funding flowing for project implementation. At the same time, decisions made at this juncture will impact restoration actions and the intended success of those outcomes for decades to come.

And allowing adequate public time for review and comment of the documents are critically important in that regard. And so while we appreciate the 60-day comment period, I do want to also acknowledge the 15-day extension request that you have in front of you.

To that end, we're culling through the documents, and I just had a couple of points to offer. In particular, we wanted to commend the trustees' commitment to investing upwards of 95 percent of the NRDA dollars to restore the Gulf's urgent ecological needs, rather than focusing on the recreating and public access portion of potential projects. We believe that the best way to impact offsets from the disaster is to focus on our resources, our wetlands, our wildlife, our marine life, our water quality, and also to support critical pillars of our economy here, like tourism and seafood.

We're also pleased to see monitoring included as one of the fundamental pieces of the plan's five goals. A robust scientific process is essential to plan for and measure the future success of this restoration effort. It's particularly encouraging to see the trustees commit \$37 million to establish and maintain a Gulf-wide environmental data management system, and this system should be publicly accessible and it should also be part of a formal data sharing plan that the trustees should develop.

It will take a significant amount of proactive planning and coordination among the trustees, the restore council, the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund and other decision-makers in order to maximize the dollar value of every potential project, every potential restoration opportunity that we have to invest in.

And we hope that many of you who serve on the restore council will look at the updated comprehensive planning effort to come to provide this clarity and ensure an inspiring and detailed roadmap for Gulf restoration.

We also wanted to re-enforce that the PDARP and Consent Decree should explicitly prohibit the use of any funds for projects or programs that damage our resources in the Gulf, that includes directly, indirectly, or cumulative.

And so in closing, we know that restoration efforts are only beginning to get underway and we have a long process for finalization and implementation of this plan. We look forward to providing written comments shortly. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Good evening, everyone. My name is Thao Vu. I'm a representative of the Mississippi Coalition for Vietnamese-American Fisher Folks and Families.

And it's good to see some familiar faces from the last night. I did have the opportunity to attend the first public meeting in Houma, Louisiana. I'm here again to reiterate, emphasize and add some additional comments, which I feel will be - - you know, I think it's very - - really critically important, particularly that impacts and affects fishing communities and the sustainability of fishing.

The first comment I would like to share is that, first of all, the proposed BP settlement - - and this is reiterating from last night, as well as this proposed draft plan from the trustee council - - is two very separate or supposed to be two very separate, complex complicated processes that involve many regulations and policies. Therefore, these public meetings should have been scheduled separately, not in tandem.

The second point I would like reiterate is that both was formally announced at the same time about two weeks ago. That does not give the public adequate time, and I think the low turnout here is reflective of that. We've had previous meetings here where over half of the seats were filled, and today, really, it's very low turnout, considering this is probably critically - - the most critically important meeting, you know, in restoration for our Gulf, its ecosystems, marine life. So I'm very disappointed, more than disappointed that we did not get sufficient notice to actually have more folks show up.

The point I would like to make is that in reviewing the proposed settlement - - I want to go back to the Exxon Valdez, and what I and many fishermen have learned, that several years after the Exxon Valdez, the herring fish population, which was a very valuable fish for many of the commercial fishermen there, that fish, it collapsed. And to this day, over 25 years later, it has not returned.

And in this proposed settlement there is a re-opening clause and it was after the Exxon Valdez that the federal government took a lead in making sure there was a re-opening clause for future unknown damages.

We don't think - - and I want to bring back what the first attendee speaker said, that was Ms. Hayes over there. She mentioned that there was some critically important valuation, particularly economic valuations that have not been used, even though it was developed by the Nobel Prize winner. It has not been sufficiently used or comprehensively used by the trustees to really fully assess all the damages and loss in terms of the full ecosystem benefits of all the resources.

And if that has not been adequately evaluated, this is not a fair settlement. This is not a matter of greed or demand anymore. This is a matter of fair

restitution. Our Gulf, this ecosystem is invaluable. You cannot put any dollars to it. You cannot quantify it. You cannot. And particularly for our fishermen, their livelihoods, it has been in serious danger. They're losing their livelihoods with each passing season, day, year.

MR. FRANKLIN: I've got to ask you to please wrap up, please.

MS. VU: Yes.

My last comment regarding the NRDA is that we are particularly asking the NRDA trustees to designate someone to work with the Vietnamese fishing community since we comprise over half of the commercial fishing in this region.

Number two, we are asking that in terms of the program types, you specifically write the word "crab" and "shrimp restoration." There is oyster restoration as a type, but we would like you to write crab and shrimp.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence: Good evening. My name Bao Cai. My family has been commercial fishermen in Mississippi for over 25 years.
MS. CAO: (Speaking in Vietnamese.)

MS. VU: Due to the BP oil drilling disaster, my livelihood has been greatly impacted. Particularly, there is a high number of dead oysters and closed oyster reefs and has caused great financial hardship for my family in the past five years.

MS. CAO: (Speaking in Vietnamese.)

MS. VU: Regarding the proposed BP settlement, it's critically important -- and this is what I had also reiterated last night -- to extend the public comment deadline to at least February of 2015. Right now, it is still in the middle of shrimping season. Many fishermen are not aware of this proposed settlement, and it's only fair that we give them additional time to be notified of this, which critically affects their livelihoods. The second recommendation is to really focus on fisheries restoration and to hire locally displaced fishermen because they have a lot of the skill sets ready to help restore the fisheries.

Her last recommendation is the great need to establish a Regional Citizen Advisory Council, or known as ACRC, that was set up after the Exxon Valdez and is at the Prince William Sound. And we should be modeling that critically -- and there is a great need to establish that.

MS. CAO: (Speaking in Vietnamese.)

MS. VU: Her last comment is regarding the NRDA proposed draft programmatic plan, which is please add restoration of crabs and shrimp fisheries. My comments are extremely important to my livelihood.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Good evening. My name is Tony Le, and I was -- I shrimp and oyster for 20 years. (Speaking in Vietnamese.)

MS. VU: My name is Tony Le, and I am a longtime commercial fisherman. I'm a shrimper, as well as an oyster harvester. Due to the BP oil drilling disaster, my livelihood has been destroyed. Many of the oyster reefs here in Mississippi remain closed -- mostly closed. And since -- in the past five years, it hasn't even been open a whole year for us. And before BP, it was open at least six, seven months a season, as well as my shrimp catch has been extremely low, and I actually go shrimping inshore waters.

MR. LE: (Speaking in Vietnamese.)

MS. VU: Okay. Regarding his comments for the proposed BP settlement, also critically important just like the previous speaker is to extend this public comment deadline. The fishing - - fishermen here would like to make sure there's adequate time for them to share this with other fishermen. It's critically important.

The second recommendation is to really, again, focus on fisheries restoration. After Hurricane Katrina, there was a number of projects Gulf-wide where fisherman were employed, including collecting fisheries data, oyster relay, transplant projects and other projects where local fishermen were hired. He's asking for the same thing, to really help restore the fisheries.

The third recommendation is regarding the natural resource damage assessment programmatic draft plan, to make sure, again, that you include shrimp, restore shrimp and crab. It is critically important to fishing communities and our livelihoods. Please implement our recommendations. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Good evening, my name is Gilbert Ramsey. I'm a concerned citizen and veteran.

I like to initiate opportunities to break down the barriers for the disabled community, meaning that I'd like employment opportunity for the disabled community, meaning that I'd like recreational opportunity for the disabled community, meaning I'd like tourist opportunity for the disabled community.

I've been internationally recognized for this opportunity through the World Leisure Congress of 2014 in Mobile, Alabama. I reached out to independent living organizations. All these countries came back to me and inquired what type services the Hospitality State has to offer, which is me because I reached out to them.

So I have a portal for my PP contract, Project 1273. It introduces education, stewardship opportunities. Dr. Graham and Dr. Snyder at Gulf Research Laboratory introduced me to this opportunity of inclusion people. So I recognized this venture and this vision to incorporate this vision.

So I'm just an old country boy with a passion and opportunity for a composite industry, meaning that I will develop this appropriately. I'm going to Walter Reed Medical Center October 23rd to introduce this opportunity for wheelchair accessibility technology. Meaning that we have this opportunity to recognize this venture, meaning that I have to have sponsorship to enable myself to enjoy this opportunity up there with these scientists, professors and everything to enable me to come back to the University of Southern Mississippi to partner up with the University of Southern Mississippi and all the universities that they've accomplished - - with the Restore Act they're accomplishing, because - - Dr. Rikard and Dr. - - I lost my concept vision.

But all of them recognized me, the governor and everybody. I'm not here to try to toot my horn, blow my horn, whistle, nothing. I'm just trying to initiate an opportunity for sponsorship to enable me to get to Walter Reed Medical facility to enable me come back to introduce this opportunity with the disabled community. And I'm here to help us. I'm here to recognize this venture for economic, commercial development that recognizes strategically and appropriately for employment opportunities for scientists, professors, biologists. NOAA even recognizes me because of the volunteer organization that they're trying to recognize. How many disabled people would volunteer their time to commit themselves for scientific research? Come on. It's a win-win situation here.

So please recognize what I'm trying to accomplish and identify this appropriately for all of us. Because I'm not the average. I've been told I'm unique, I'm a genius, I'm a noblest man, and passionate man. I understand this, but I've had open heart surgery twice.

And I'm being recognized for the mis-clusterings, all the marine technologies and everything else. They reached out for observation opportunities. So here we go, Ladies and Gentlemen, unique opportunity here, and I'm here to recognize and represent it appropriately. I'm concerned, and I'm here to handle it appropriately with everybody's best interest.

Thank you very much for your time. Have a blessed day.

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Correspondence: Good evening, once again.

The - - I guess I have to ask a question of the Justice Department. Can we comment on the Consent Decree? Is that also a part of what's going on here? And then the NRDA folks are taking comment on that?

And this is a selfish point of view, state, federal agencies are exempt from filing a claim? That is a fact, I believe.

MR. FRANKLIN:

Subject-matter experts will be here following the comment portion in the lobby to answer any specific questions. This is your opportunity to offer comment.

MR. LAGARDE: Okay. All right.

My question is: Why were state agency and federal agency people exempted from filing a claim?

MR. FRANKLIN: And they can address that in the lobby.

MR. LAGARDE: Okay. My comment would be, I think that needs to be looked at before this Consent Decree is signed, so that's that comment.

NRDA folks, living shoreline, my favorite project, I was here last night, Sound Science, the USM people, presented their ideas about what they're going to do to try help the oystering industry, a lot of science, a lot of Ph.D.'s. Good stuff.

Today at the marine resource commission meeting, all those recommendations of Sound Science were cast away. And because of a political decision, what they decided to do actually is open up an area where early NRDA money put down cultch material and is now called spat. They want to go in and catch what ever little oysters are there and bring them to harvest. Okay? That's how short-sided...

You folks on federal side, I applaud you for what you do. You're giving up your time. I understand that. What happens, we get down to the local level and there's a disconnect and I don't know how you deal with that. Because you do the best you can to make sure that the money is being spent properly. And then we get a decision like we got today, which, in my opinion - - well, I'll just leave it at that.

Living shoreline, it was conceived, as I understand, by federal agencies and BP early on in the process, early NRDA money. It was a bad project that's becoming a better project because of public comment. It actually had to go out for two - - a proposed change, and the change is substantial enough from the first project permit application that they had to have another go at it. And we just - - the commission was going to vote on that today, but they voted to uphold it.

The problem is the federal agencies decided that this was a project that had to go, and now the states are having to deal with making this thing work. And it's a lot of money, it's 50 million. It's not enough money. I told a commissioner today, you've got to go back to the till. If you going to do this project, you need to do it right. 50 million is not enough to do this project, and that's another whole issue. But my concern is if we start up this way from the very beginning, it's going to be hard for us to get back on track.

Water quality, we've got to do something about water quality. I'm not afraid to go in the Gulf because of dispersants. I'm afraid of going in the Gulf because of failing sewage treatment and raw sewage. We've got to do something about that. Thank y'all very much.

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Correspondence: Please protect the Pinnacle Trend Reefs! The latest research shows a lot of coral damage from the BP oil spill.

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Correspondence: I do not think the settlement fully accounts for the damage caused by BP. The Marine Sanctuary should be extended to the Pinnacle Trend Reefs. These fragile ecosystems have been harmed by the spill and represent one of the few coral reefs in North America. Penalties should be harsh for foreign corporations who cause harm to US interests. Do European governments hold back when Microsoft, Intel, or Google step ever so slightly out of line? No the Europeans have no problem suing us for billions. We should return the favor. Thank you.

William Koch

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Correspondence: Hi. Good evening. I'm Spencer Doody. I'm Special Counsel for Plaquemines Parish government. We have reviewed, as a parish, the damage assessment and feel it is evident that Plaquemines Parish received the major brunt of oiling to its wetlands and had the highest levels of oiling.

This document raises more questions for us than it answers. But in particular, here are a few of our questions.

First, we can tell from the assessment how many miles and acres of, quote, state lands were oiled, and I'm referring to Table 4.6-18 and Figure 4.6-56. Does the Figure 4, quote, "state lands" include lands owned by local governmental entities?

Second. Of the 656 miles of oiled wetlands the assessment found that were located in Louisiana, the parish cannot tell which percentage of this occurred in Plaquemines. Does this information exist, and if so, where can we find it?

Third. Assuming this information exists, how do we translate that information into acreage, since much of the restoration plan describes remedies and costs, as in earlier restoration plans, per acre.

Fourth. With the investigation cited in the assessment, it was obvious that erosion of marsh was extensive and ongoing throughout the studies. With the direct loss of marsh vegetation ongoing, does the assessment account for future losses that will occur, particularly in Plaquemines Parish, and are they targeted for restoration?

And then finally, how does the funding of NRD in Plaquemines Parish line up with the restoration needs identified in the assessment? Is it equitable and will Plaquemines Parish receive enough restoration efforts from the allocations to remedy the extensive harm done to its wetland resources and marshlands? For example, are there any projects currently planned for Bay Jimmy, which is still impacted by the intense oiling it received?

Until we have answers to these questions, we do not know, as a parish, whether we can support the settlement.

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Correspondence: Good evening. My name is Joel Loeffelholz. I'm the Parish Attorney in Plaquemines Parish. We are attending this meeting and others because we feel, in Plaquemines, and are concerned that the Settlement Agreement reached by the state is inadequate. Even when just measured against the tens of thousands, actually 54,000 acres of parish-owned, in fee simple, the same as you own your home, land, marshland, which were - - of which 10,000 were heavily oiled and are basically lost and 44,000 - - or 34,000, forgive me, were more lightly oiled, the state is directing a very small part of this settlement to what we consider to be our parish, Ground Zero of the spill. Literally, Ground Zero. And those funds are to repair several barrier islands.

However, miles of interior marshland within Plaquemines Parish that we own have been severely contaminated and thousands of acres have been lost to the spill. We have also spent millions of dollars of our own funds combating the disaster. The economic impact on our parish was amazing, and you can just imagine - - that's where all the activity took place, so all of our services, everything like that. Experts estimated upwards of 18 to \$30 million just alone, just that; forget about the marsh itself, none of which has been addressed by this settlement. That's our question.

The diversion plan, long on the drawing boards, does not address the thousands of acres we're talking about and the loss of mineral rights, because once those acres are now gone, the oil has ruined the acres, and now instead of having any land, the marshland, it's now going to be water. Those mineral rights will revert somewhere else away from our parish.

Also, and finally, the diversion plan itself is uncertain whether it will actually create acreage in the marsh. There's no scientific evidence that that diversion plan will create acreage that's being lost because of the heavy oiling, every day, and in the future.

That is the reason that we have these questions. That is the reason that we chose not to participate in the settlement, and that is the reason we are going to soldier on with our claims. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 36 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
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Correspondence: Thank you. My name's David Colvin. I'm a lawyer. I represent Grand Isle and Lafitte and their respective Levee Districts, okay, with relation to the claim for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spills and the issues that evolved from there.

My clients' concern with the settlement that the state has reached is that it does not provide adequate compensation for the damage to their property or resources, the cost of recovery or removal of the oil.

Grand Isle, as we all know, the barrier island, which is Ground Zero for the spill, has 1200 full-time residents who have been fighting for their livelihood since the spill that engulfed their community in April of 2010.

Even today, this proud community continues to deal with offshore submerged tar balls which are constantly degrading and bombarding the shore with tar balls. You can go out there today and pick up all the tar balls you want.

Who's going to clean up the beach and pay for this cleanup over the next 10, 20, 30 years or longer? Or who knows how long? The settlement is not adequate because there's not enough to remove the millions of barrels of oil from the marsh, from the Gulf floor, and all that will continue to wash up on our shorelines and marsh for years to come.

The Lafitte Levee District covers about 1300 acres in the Barataria Basin, all marshland, including Raccoon Island, a pelican preserve, a vital piece for the pelican survival. Most of the property owned by the Levee District was oiled. Some of it was covered with oil, it was severely contaminated, and the settlement does not adequately provide for the removal of that oil, the removal of the contamination or to rebuild the marsh that was lost as a result of the oil spill.

The settlement is not enough to make these communities and entities whole. Thank you. Appreciate your time.

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Correspondence: Good evening, again. This is Thao Vu. I'm with the Mississippi Coalition for Vietnamese-American Fisherfolks and Families. I initially did not sign the comment form, but I really want to piggyback on some of the very, very critically important comments made by the previous three speakers, specifically the attorneys, legal counsel.

First of all, the impacts to Plaquemines Parish, the resources, the natural resources there, it cannot be ever understated. The magnitude is just beyond devastating. I was just there, down there yesterday. In fact.

First of all, this type of meeting should be held in a more accessible location, particularly for those residents in Plaquemines Parish, in Venice, in Empire and Buras.

There are many fishing villages and communities down there, in Plaquemines Parish, and it is a far drive for them to drive all the way here to downtown New Orleans to attend this meeting, but yet this is -- this meeting and the topic of this meeting critically, critically impacts those communities.

Please do a much better job of selecting locations for these types of meetings. The voices of those residents must be heard, okay, and it has to be a process that is very accessible for them, okay. That was my first.

The second point is that, again, because many of those folks in Plaquemines Parish are not here, we urgently need for you to extend the comment deadline. We urgently need that. I've expressed that already at the first two meetings, in Houma, as well as in Long Beach, Mississippi. Thank you for the

opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 38 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
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Correspondence: Hello. My name is Kara Lankford and I'm with Ocean Conservancy, and we will be providing detailed written comments to you as well, but we respectfully request a 15-day extension on the comment period, please.

Gunter's smiling at me. But we do believe that the PR and the PEIS do provide a strong vision and rationale for undertaking an ecosystem approach to restoration of the Gulf, following the BP oil disaster.

But we are concerned that the proposed governance structure greatly weakens the ability of the trustees to follow through on the commitments they have made within the PR.

Though our analysis is not yet complete, we do commend the trustees on the results and the injuries assessment. We recognize the vast amount of time and work that went into this effort and believe that the injuries assessment and restoration approach recommended represent a good start to the restoration of the damaged Gulf resources.

We also applaud the trustees for their commitment to monitoring and adaptive management. We're pleased to see an allocation of \$1.24 billion to restoration within the open ocean, where the disaster occurred, and where impacts continue to this day; however, we are disappointed with the broad definition in terms of funding for the open ocean allocation.

The open ocean allocation will be charged with providing all federal administrative and preliminary planning activities across restoration of the areas. We do not dispute that some funds must be utilized for administrative planning purposes, but taking all federal administrative costs from the allocation dedicated to open ocean is inappropriate.

In addition, four of the early restoration projects to address lost recreational use have been classified as open ocean projects. These projects include roadway and trail enhancements and the purchase of boat ferries. None of these projects, totally over 22 million, occur in the open ocean, and none of it meets the Consent Decree's definition of open ocean.

We believe that allocating any open ocean funds to recreational use projects, past or present, sets a bad precedent that will allow trustees to pull from this account for restoration activities that do not primarily benefit ocean resources.

We believe these projects are better suited for the region-wide, for state-based allocations in the states where the projects occur. And the PR also provides for a governance structure that creates eight trustee bodies, called trustee implementation groups, which are composed of various subsets of trustees. The subdivision of the central decision-making authority will undermine the effectiveness of local and ecosystem-wide restoration and the functionality of the restoration governance system, as a whole.

We strongly recommend that the trustees reconsider this governance approach. We also ask that all TIG governance documents and SOPs be made available to the public for comment. Thank you.

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Correspondence: My name is David Underhill and I'm the Conservation Chair of the Mobile Bay and Alabama Sierra Club, and it might sound to you like my remarks are outside the legal bounds of your responsibility. I hope to convince you otherwise.

Two days ago, the strongest reliably recorded hurricane hit the coast of Mexico and the remnants of it are now buffeting this city, which accounts both for the traffic jam outside here earlier this evening and the sparse crowd here.

In July, the world recorded the highest average monthly temperature ever, since reliable records began in the 1880s, according to NOAA and various other geological agencies, for six months of the year, a record of all time, last year was the highest average world temperature. This year is on course to be another record.

For the past 30 years, every month has been like a Lake Wobegon; they have all been above average in global temperature for that month, 30 years running. These are the consequences of the fossil fuel economy that brought us the oil volcano that has us here this evening.

We've got to change paths rather than try to restore and remediate the damage done by this. You are constrained by the law in what you may propose, but I am going to urge you to push the boundaries of your authority in every possible way to make sure that, in the future, these accidents that are trying to turn our world into - - slowly in a crockpot - - are not repeated, and that's the course we need to take rather than restoring the damage already done. Please use your authority in that direction as much as possible.

The things that can be done are somewhat simple, as programs that hire people to weatherize houses, to put solar collectors on the roof, to build transportation systems that don't rely on individual SUVs burning up more and more oil, requiring people to drill more and more offshore.

All of these things need to be done, and to the extent that you can push the boundaries of your authority in public awareness in that direction, rather than trying to undo damages that I suspect we cannot really undo, you will be serving the public and the future generations. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Good evening. I am Patricia Hall. I am a community activist and volunteer with Operation Home Care. My concerns are community engagement and outreach. We work with the communities of Grand Bay, Cogehan, St. Elmo and Pearlington. We are the only group in any of these communities providing the process of what you all are trying to do.

I live on the water, and as I heard Ms. Cowan, and saw the illustration, the map that she had; whereas, I could go in my backyard and catch fish, now my husband and I cannot fish there; there are no more fish. There are no more crabs. There is nothing. It's gone.

As a child, I grew up in this city, with my mother, fishing, two and three times a week. Her youngest grandchild was seven years old. Does not have beach access. It's all gone. You all have taken it away. There are no public areas where we can take her fishing.

We worked with the very last black fishermen group. They're gone. This disaster caused many to lose their boats, to lose their livelihoods, to move away from the area.

I'm asking you, please, please do not spend this money on trivial things like hotels and other things that were not there. This says "restore." Restore what was there. Place these monies in the areas that were impacted. Help to restore those people who do not have the access and the livelihoods that they once had. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Hello. I see so many new faces here tonight. A lot of you all may remember me. I'm not going to kill the messenger yet. We have serious concerns.

First and foremost, this is not community engagement. This is a public meeting. The community is not engaged. It's significant. We have been saying it over and over and over and over and over and over and over again and we will continue to say it. The most impacted communities, the most impacted people in this area are not here. They are not getting the information from the trustees. It is not being provided in a timely manner.

Engagement, as we defined in the earlier public meetings - - that should be a matter of record - - information that is given today should have already been provided to the community at least 30 to 45 days ago. That

information should have been taken out to the impacted communities and explained to them. 1400 pages. Oh, my God. Really? 1400 pages?

And you expect the general community to be able and the small NGOs that work with the communities to be able to interpret that when you guys are having problems with it? My head is about to explode.

I've been here forever and I think I know as much about this as everybody else, but my mind and my head is exploding. We have -- we have to -- if you are serious about doing what's right and what is best for the community, we have to get serious about it and this is not serious.

My recommendation is, one, my public comment is, again, this is not community engagement. This is a public meeting and we are getting into what you have already done. We have not been informed. We don't know what we need to know. It's important to make a credible comment. We are, again, concerned about the public good being served. Y'all know, Alabama, Mississippi, yeah, we don't have any money. We've got to do better. Good is not enough. We've got to make this impact. The urgency of this just seems to have just disappeared.

This isn't -- this is no job. This is no job. This is our home. This is our backyard. This is our great-grandchildren. Our children has forgotten about it. Our children don't go -- my kids go to Miami. They don't go in our backyard any more. That doesn't happen. We are requesting clearer definitions.

Again, we have asked over and over and over and have commented over and over again that the definitions are too vague and broad.

We are also requesting that the council considers increasing the unknown. The urgency of the 1 billion for early restoration, the urgency of what the unknown is, we're asking, at a minimum, that the unknown be increased from 700 million to 1 billion, at the minimum, 1 billion.

The second matter is that we strongly recommend that, again, and we recommended this over and over and over again, a Citizens Advisory Council, form a Citizen Advisory Council. That is the linkage. What we are doing, we're trying to get as much information out to the public, but that is not our role. That's your guys' role. That's your role to identify how to -- how do you get this to the impacted -- this information to the most impacted community.

You would think that there was no fishermen in Alabama. Yeah, they are. But they're not going to come to this meeting. For what? I'm not going to get up there and try to talk about something that -- you've got this big old thing and they got all this information and we're trying to dissect it and we've got five other groups trying to dissect it for us --

MR. FRANKLIN: If I could ask you to wrap up, please.

MS. ANTALAN: Pardon?

MR. FRANKLIN: If you could go ahead and wrap up.

MS. ANTALAN: Okay. And finally, we're asking for an extension of the comment period to February 2016. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Thank you so much for having this time. I appreciate it very much. I clearly also haven't read the 1400 pages at this time, but need more time, and we support the two previous requests for extensions of time. I'm sorry, I'm Casi Callaway. I'm Director of Mobile Baykeeper.

A couple of quick points just in beginning to glance through everything that I do want to highlight is -- No. 1 is we need to ensure that the additional \$25 million that is set aside in public access and recreational activities is not put forward to the Gulf State Park area. There's currently \$135 million that's going to that area alone. We do have public access problems. I think Ms. Hall outlined that as well, all over our community, and our park recreation, we need to make sure we're spreading that money around to lots of different areas.

I also want to highlight in here -- this is the first time we've gotten to hear the federal, all of the feds, the trustees really talk about the actual impact, and though frightening and awful and terrible, it really feels good to know that you actually know what we are worrying about.

So I do want to stress that. It's important that we start to tell the public what is going on, what went on, that there were injuries, that there was traumatic injury, and while we, of course, believe this should be about a bazillion dollars instead of just this much, it's good to see the discussion change to talk about impacts.

One of the questions that we have about that \$700 million is, is there interest. Does the \$700 million go into the bank today so that that \$700 million can become something big? The fear always will be the "what if." What if we have the same thing happen as Exxon VALDEZ, and in 20 years, we lose a species? 700 million won't cut it. So let's make sure that funding especially gets put in early and that it adds interest. Interest, yeah, that's --

Planning. So there's \$20 million put aside for Alabama for planning here. We commend planning. Alabama has not done it well enough. We are now finally focusing on it. It's exciting to see and hear. It gives us such an ability to catch up on what other states have done and around the country, and it gives us a clear run and a clear direction.

The thing we want to really caution on is that the natural resource damage and the NRDA Trustees are focused the same with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funding and with the TOP-2 (phonetic) money that just came out, that FDL money that just came out for planning as well.

Let's make sure we are looking at that in a comprehensive fashion and it's not lots of separate plans and events.

And then I do want to agree, also, with Kara Lankford about making all planning documents available. All of the information should be publicly available as quickly as possible.

And then I'll just reiterate what Ms. Hall said, is that we absolutely need to make sure that what we spend these funds on is a generational change, not on something trivial, but something real and lasting for our community. You have worked a very long time these last five years, countless hours, and we are grateful and we are willing to stick in there with you all as well.

Correspondence ID: 43 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
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Correspondence: Good evening, I'm Thao Vu. I'm Director of the Mississippi Coalition for Vietnamese-American Fisherfolks and Families, and I think most of the folks on the stage have heard me. This is the fourth time. I've attended all the meetings thus far all around the region.

Good evening, Commissioner Gunter. I think you're the only individual that I haven't had an opportunity to make the comments to.

I really want to reiterate, on some of the previous comments that were made earlier, one of the first questions that was made to you when I entered this building was, is there any fishermen that will attend this meeting? No, I don't think any fishermen are here.

Actually, the closest fishing communities in Alabama, they're in Bayou La Batre and Coden, about 30 minutes away.

As someone who has attended all of these public meetings, that is the one group, the fishing communities, that have not really been able to effectively attend because of the short public notice regarding these public meetings, with the exception of Mississippi, where we had the highest number of oyster fishermen, specifically Vietnamese-American fishermen, where my organization is based. That has only been the one where we had some attendance and some engagement. That is unacceptable.

First of all, these communities bore the impact, a disproportionate impact. They're the ones whose livelihoods are critically dependent on healthy ecosystems, healthy wildlife, healthy fisheries.

Yet these meetings are not accessible to them and this has - - this is a point that I have raised in previous meetings. They need more notice, at least a minimum of one month notice. They are not aware of the Federal Register. In fact, many people are not aware of the Federal Register. There needs to be a list of more accessible venues for these communities.

There are community centers in some of these fishing communities that would definitely be more accessible for them to attend these meetings versus meetings that are held in downtown areas, in hotels. There are a lot very accessible for them. This needs to be changed immediately. It's not acceptable. Therefore, for those reasons, again, I implore the Department of Justice and the Trustee Councils to extend the public comment deadline for the BP proposed settlement, to extend it to February 2016. For the NRDA Trustee public comments and the Draft Plan, to extend it to at least March of 2016.

And again, for the BP proposed settlement, that we're requesting, urgently requesting the formation of a Regional Citizens Advisory Council; that is greatly needed, and to ensure that commercial fishermen and/or their designees are adequately represented at the RCAC level. Another point I would like to mention, too, is regarding the settlement and the amount proposed for the settlement. In particular, it's very unacceptable for future damages, that is for around \$700 million, which includes adaptive management. That is greatly inadequate.

As we have learned from previous disasters mentioned earlier, such as Exxon VALDEZ, and the potential for fisheries to collapse, we should not accept \$700 million.

In fact, \$700 million is not going towards unknown damages when there is a great possibility it could be used all for adaptive management and there will not be any funds left for future damages, or an insufficient amount; therefore, that is not an acceptable figure. Thank you for the opportunity to come and speak.

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Correspondence: Good evening. My name is Mark Berte. I'm Executive Director of the Alabama Coastal Foundation and we have a mission to improve and protect our coastal environment through cooperation, education and participation. I appreciate you all letting us have this public comment period tonight and I do want to start off by thanking you all not only for taking the comprehensive approach in your proposal, but also for setting aside the funds for adaptive management, which I know that other plans have not done that, so I like the foresight, and if there is additional funds to be able to put into that, as you all know, you know, things do come up, so the more funds that are there, the more we will be able to handle that.

I just wanted to give you three very small recommendations that I think could have a very large impact, the first of which is to amend the plan to either require or to strongly encourage every single project that gets funding for this, through this effort, to put a public education or outreach component, even though - - the ocean, you know, information that's for the - - you know, just the hardcore scientist, even asking them, to encourage them to take the time to think about, you know, before the project starts, during the project, and then afterwards, what can the public learn from this resource that we are so blessed to have here locally.

And then so the second very small tweak is in your - - the trustees' restoration goals, that middle column, provide monitoring, adaptive management and administrative oversight to support restoration implementation. Just put a slash after "monitoring" and put "reporting" as well. We want to hear from you all. You know, we know that you all are going to have this information and you're going to put it on the website, but think about how you can - - you know, to really put it into layman's terms so that they can understand, you know, what you all are doing with these funds, these funds that are going to be generational funds, these things that will be passed down, so that those stories could be told as well.

And then the final thing, again, this is something, you know, very small, and it involves the process, extend it at least 15 days. It sounds like other folks need a little bit more time, so just consider at least doing a 15-day extension, at a minimum, I think, to allow more folks to be engaged in this process.

This is such an important thing and you all have taken so much time to develop this plan and we want to make sure that as many voices get a chance to be heard as possible. So thank you all for your time.

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Correspondence: BP SHOULD BE HELD LIBEL FOR A VERY LONG TIME. THE TOTAL RESULTS FROM THEIR BLOW-OUT WILL NOT BE RESOLVED IN THE PRESENT. LONG TERM EFFECTS WILL BE SEEM FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. THANK YOU!

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Correspondence: First off guys, last minute change of venue! What the Hell? Seriously! What is the government trying to limit the amount of people who show up? Obviously they are, if their changing everything last minute, so some people can't come!!!! Don't like the games being played. The fact that the A.S. allowed this to happen! Not Cool People! Not Cool!!!!

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Correspondence: I have lived in Florida since 1997 and feel that our beaches and wildlife are one of our most important resources. I believe that it is imperative that we promote conservation of our waterfront, ocean species and bird populations. Our beaches attract tourism and are a very valuable asset. Please support our economic and recreational growth by further developing and preserving our irreplaceable ecosystem.

Sincerely
Alice Thomas

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Correspondence: The value of the settlement should be represented in present value so that the public can have a more meaningful estimate of what they are getting.

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Correspondence: Methods to address illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Gulf of Mexico should be included in the restoration plan.

Correspondence ID: 50 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

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Correspondence: I'm Janet Bowman with the Nature Conservancy, the Florida chapter. Thank you for this opportunity to provide public comment. Certainly, we appreciate the Herculean effort that went into negotiating the Consent Decree and preparing the PDARP. We really appreciate the public service of everyone involved.

As far as specific comments, one of the areas that we're focusing on is the operation and structure of the trustee implementation group. And one of the things that we think could benefit from some further clarification is setting forward public participation opportunities in addition to commenting on proposed plans.

Since the process will no longer be in sort of the NRDA litigation mode, we would hope that there's some opportunities for public participation, project selection that are a little more generous than what could be provided in the NRDA structure. But that being said, we certainly appreciate the opportunity that we've been afforded with our Florida trustees to suggest projects. So you know, that's been fabulous. But just across the board, particularly with the federal trustees, I know particularly you're more in a noticing comment kind of mode. We just think there's an opportunity for more interaction with stakeholders and the public.

In addition to setting forth the structure, I think one of the things that we would like to see is maybe some specific discussion of how decisions are made in terms of saving up money for projects that require large expenditures of funds beyond the yearly allocation and ensuring that there's the opportunity to sort

of stage funding for projects over time. Also, the opportunity to perhaps contribute both from federal pots and from the state-based TIG to contribute money for larger projects.

Another comment I'd like to make is I really appreciate in the restoration description part of the PDARP, the identification of some adaptive management, really, some signs that's been indicated from the damage assessment that really informs project selection. I notice particularly the oyster restoration, which is very well-known in Florida, identifying the importance of nursery, larval enhancement projects as a type of restoration, that might be more important than some of the shell placement that had been done in the past. So I think that's just a good example of how the restoration science that's identified in the PDARP can be used to move forward in project selection.

And finally, one suggestion the Nature Conservancy has is with the open ocean portion, that that particular category is going to be difficult to come up with projects. It's a large amount of money. One suggestion for perhaps changing the Consent Decree is to have a provision that if it's difficult to spend that money for tangible projects, allowing that money to be reallocated for more inland fisheries, related habitat projects.

Thank you.

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Correspondence: It's close enough. I'm Pete Quasius with the Audubon of the Western Everglades. I'm also the vice chair of the Snook and Gamefish Foundation. And I'd like to echo Ms. Bowman's comments.

This is one huge ecosystem, and of the importance the estuaries in southwest Florida is vital to the overall issues of the Gulf. Those tarpon that made Boca Grande famous continue to go north past Homosassa and spend quite a bit of time in the open ocean. We wish we knew where the aggregation area for those tarpon were, and that may be one of the opportunities to use that deep ocean money.

The blue crabs that used to fund or provide one quarter of the blue crabs that are sold in Annapolis used to come out of the Caloosahatchee River. We've lost most of the sea grass in that estuary and most of the productivity.

Those southwest Florida estuaries are key to the overall productivity of the Gulf, and while the northern estuaries may be damaged, we have an opportunity with restoration further south, where we did not see oil on our beaches but nonetheless suffered significant damages to our ecosystem, that we can perhaps augment and replace that.

We used to have a tremendous pink shrimp industry. It was an important element within the overall shrimping industry where they go from one species to another in the course of the year. We've lost a bunch of that, but we are on the cusp, we hope, of recovering. If we start restoring the coast from the Picayune Strand down to the 10,000 Islands, if we get the reservoirs built in the Caloosahatchee, we can restore the sea grasses and renew that productivity that made the Gulf famous.

So again, while we did not suffer direct oil on our beaches, we did not see a slick on our waters, we nonetheless realized some very significant impacts because those huge tarpon that went north, we want them to come back hail and hardy the following year and be able to provide that small school of fish that spends a significant part of their lifecycle in the southwest Florida warm waters. So please keep that in mind as we move forward.
Thank you.

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Correspondence: Good evening. I'm Brad Cornell. I'm here on behalf of Audubon Florida, and I appreciate the opportunity to address you all. I've had a chance to talk to a couple of you beforehand in the warm-up time, and I want to first say for the Consent Decree, Audubon is pleased that it has been drafted. We are very supportive of it moving forward. One of the aspects of it, the 15-year implementation of the payout time, while that sounds like a long time, frankly, I think it's a good thing because I'm not sure that we're ready to spend money really, really fast right now. And adaptation and adaptive management will be an important part of this process.

Regarding the PDARP restoration plan, Audubon supports the proposed ecosystem and restoration plan that you've got. \$300 million for Florida is a substantial amount of money. I would suggest that one component of that be land acquisition. When you look at the watersheds for these estuaries, that's one part of this restoration.

We also need to have - - and I've shared this with a couple of you. We need to have detailed coordination of the PDARP restoration plan, this restoration plan, and the comprehensive restoration plan. These are big restoration plans and a lot of overlap. I know that there are separate criteria; but nevertheless, as I've shared with a couple of you, I think you have the opportunity to staff on a project-specific basis ways to monitor and coordinate to make sure we get a good outcome and not conflict with each other.

I also wanted to flag the issue of the burden impact estimates that are in the restoration plan. I did have a good conversation and recognize that there have been some additional data that have been collected, but the Haney, et al. study, the Marine Ecology Progress, it's a whole order of magnitude different estimate. We'd love to see that resolved to some better accuracy.

Nevertheless, Audubon clearly supports a robust restoration funding for restoration of fledging and coastal birds in the Gulf of Mexico. The final point I want to make is a sort of programmatic one, which is that we - - Audubon really strongly supports this idea. It's also seen in the comprehensive restoration plan of getting significant Gulf ecological lift by restoring coastal estuary and watershed all around the Gulf.

If you want to restore - - and my colleague, Pete Quasius, touched on this as well. If you want to restore fisheries, you've got to look at the estuaries. You've got to look at where the fisheries are born and hatched and then migrate from. So that would indicate that you could gain significant lift by looking even in places like southwest Florida, even as far down as Florida Bay, which is heavily impacted right now.

The Caloosahatchee estuary, the Charlotte Harbor estuary, projects like the C43 reservoir, Mercury Bay watershed restoration - - Mercury Bay is a really important estuary. It's a research reserve. We should be investing and figuring out how do those estuaries feed and fuel the fisheries that are the subject of commercial and recreational fishing all around the Gulf. Thank you very much.

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Correspondence: Hello, Jessica Koelsch, National Wildlife Federation. You know how on Facebook when somebody puts something that you like, you put "times two." So I just wanted to "times two" for all of the speakers that just went.

I know that I spoke to you on Tuesday night, but I ran out of time, so I have a couple of other points that I just wanted to mention. One was related to Gulf sturgeon. I thought the PDARP did a really good job of highlighting impacts to those as well as the types of restoration that they were looking at and the importance of the spawning rivers.

And I noticed that the sturgeon fell under the Open Ocean category; however, they talked about the restoration efforts that were going to happen in the spawning rivers, which are obviously not open ocean. And in fact, six of the major river systems that are known to support the reproducing subpopulations are in Florida. So I would ask that the trustees consider allocating some of that sturgeon restoration fund specifically to Florida. And that is a comment I guess more on behalf of myself as the Florida person for NWF, not NWF as a whole.

I also want to highlight, as we've heard, the estuaries of southwest Florida, especially Charlotte Harbor, Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, that they have other important roles to the fisheries throughout the Gulf of Mexico. And again, a lot of work has been identified specific to the open ocean, but there are opportunities to kind of crosscut restoration categories. If you address the water quality in, say, Charlotte Harbor, then that's going to benefit the fisheries and the open ocean areas as well. So look for opportunities, perhaps, to leverage among restoration categories.

The last point I wanted to make actually touches on that same issue of kind of crosscutting across restoration categories and across geographic areas. You know, the TIGs are identified by region, but some restoration categories absolutely crosscut regions and need a solid means of coordinating efforts that do crosscut those regions and/or categories, for instance, sea turtles, marine mammals, birds. And those may take place in specific states, in the open ocean and Gulf wide.

Likewise, there may be intersections or crosscutting across categories like an open ocean or fish restoration project is going to have impacts - - and like I said, crosscutting is the term that comes to mind - - the deep water reefs and benthic habitats as well.

So I really urge you in the final version in the PDARP to give a lot of thought to how those efforts will be well coordinated. One of my Audubon counterparts, who's not here today, loves to use the phrase air traffic control, and definitely need to see a lot of that.

There also could be a role for the community, for the public, for NGO organizations, such as myself and some of the other folks here, who kind of see a lot of that going on as well and just ask to continue to be involved in the process throughout the way.
Thank you.

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Correspondence: Awesome. My nickname is Boo-Boo. My teachers could never pronounce it. They'd go Darryl Bou - Bou. So Darryl Boudreau of the Nature Conservancy. So first off, thank you all very much for coming down here and - - seriously, true story. I'm trying to help you out here.

So I want to start off by staying thank you very much. We have a 1,400-page document to document the injury as best you can. It was a tremendous amount of work. Really appreciate you and all the people that you're representing that were out in the field collecting samples. Tremendously important work. Thank you. More importantly, I want to thank you for the Cliff Note version, which in high school I wish I would have read and made better grades and gotten into a better college.

So that Cliff Note version that you all did that summarized the injury, summarized the restoration plan, incredibly important. We've been working with our counties, and we've actually shown it to several counties, and they have been tremendously helpful. So I wanted to thank you for that, because it's a way to assimilate or absorb that information in a very quick manner and get good perspectives. So thank you. They're very helpful. In Florida, I want to thank FWC and DEP because they have been working other sources of money to invest in planning, which is going to be very important, obviously.

So trying to lessen your workload, if you could leverage the Surface Water Management plans that are being developed and updated as a way to jumpstart your restoration plans. Where there's AEP, you can use CCMPs; where in north Florida, EPA was very EPA, was very awesome about submitting the estuary program information under Pot 2. So I would suggest leveraging those investments in creating one organization to have many of you seeing as part of those leverage that as a way to develop your restoration plans. You know, don't reinvent the wheel, save yourselves some time and effort. It can be very helpful.

And I want to thank you for making that happen, all three of you. It's awesome. I know more of you all did, but the poster children - - I mean, adults. So the last thing is I know you guys - - I came to DEP and was always beat up because we couldn't issue permits fast enough. And the reason for that was lack of flood mitigation in the panhandle, but also, there's just demand; the number of permit applications coming in far exceed the permitter's ability to process them quickly.

So I think comments were made early on as far as beefing up the permitting process and streamlining it. The ability to permit those in a timely manner, to get the on-the-ground restoration going is going to be very important. So I think trying to put a little bit of advocacy for picking up MIMs would be incredibly helpful.

I think that a lot of these processes are going to involve permit review.

And I think that's it. I want to thank you all again very much for coming, and make sure you tip the waitresses, and you have a wonderful night in Tampa. Thank you.

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Correspondence: I am writing to ask your help concerning the \$ 18.7 billion settlement that BP must pay to make things right after the largest oil spill in U.S. history.

I ask the Council to please earmark a good portion of these funds for long-term monitoring in the Gulf of Mexico so that everything that is done is

grounded in solid science and meaningful research. It is imperative to do all we can to help sick dolphins and disintegrating corals. Corals and sponges can take centuries to grow into a vibrant underwater habitat, and when an area is destroyed, it may never recover. These living structures provide shelter and a place to eat, breed and raise young to thousands of fish and other sea creatures.

It has been five years since BP's oil disaster first hit the Gulf. And the lasting effects of oil continue to affect wetlands, beaches, and wildlife habitat across the Gulf. The iconic species of bottlenose dolphins are dying and sick with symptoms that many scientists believe were caused by oil exposure. Lori Schwake, one of the leading experts on dolphins in the southern U.S., speaking about bottlenose dolphins in the Gulf said, "I've never seen such a high prevalence of very sick animals."

A recent comprehensive scientific study showed the most alarming observation is the increase in deaths of bottlenose dolphins. Since the BP blowout in April 2010 that spewed almost five million barrels of oil into Gulf waters, scientists have documented the deaths and strandings of over 1250 dolphins. The NOAA directly linked the alarming spike in dolphin deaths to the BP spill.

And in a recent study in the peer-reviewed on line journal PLOS ONE, a team of 22 scientists documented even more evidence connecting dolphin deaths to exposure to petroleum products, observable through lesions on their lungs and adrenal glands after oil and fumes entered their blowholes.

One study found that in areas most impacted by the BP oil disaster, bottlenose dolphins are dying at four times the normal rate. The study reports findings of dolphins with missing teeth, lung disease, and abnormal hormone levels. Pneumonia, liver disease and a pregnant female carrying a dead fetus were also documented.

I urgently ask the Council to direct a significant portion of the money from the BP settlement towards long-term monitoring and research to continue to track the health and recovery of dolphins, corals, and other sea life still suffering from the 2010 spill. There is still a lot of work to do in the Gulf on behalf of the many myriad animals like the dolphin who call the ocean home.

In addition to restoring the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem to what it was at the time of the disaster, restoration efforts must address the ecosystem degradation that has been unfolding in the Gulf for decades before the spill, and help return the Gulf to its rightful place as a natural treasure. The whole Gulf ecosystem, including the deep waters and inland marshes, as well as jobs, way of life and communities depend upon it.

Thank you for your consideration.
Yours truly, ~ J. Capozzelli
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Correspondence: Thank you very much. I am Jeff Helms. I'm with Atkins. We're the RESTORE consultant for Santa Rosa County. I really appreciate all of you being here. It's so important for us to hear what you have, and I learn something every time I do bring the road show, as I call it, back to Pensacola. It's very important.

My comment was regarding the economic damages settlement. I understand that the settlement, as I heard it tonight, was separate. It's not a part of the consent decree that we're talking and discussing tonight. Is that a correct and fair statement? Okay. The other thing I noticed, it's not a question, but is there - - and maybe from Mimi - - is there an opportunity to comment on the settlement agreement on the economic damages part of that? That may be something - -

MR. FRANKLIN: If you'll just go ahead and make your public comments.

MR. HELMS: Okay. I'm very happy about the \$700 million in adaptive management. I think that's very important as you go through, and we appreciate you doing that. We can even see it being higher, because as things go you're going to see the things you need to change and adapt as you move forward. So I'm really happy about that.

To go back to the original intent of being here, I wanted to comment on the consent decree, which it's not part of the consent decree, the economic development damages. The State of Florida passed a law directing \$2 billion to go to the state; \$1.5 billion of that, 75 percent, will go to the (inaudible) fund, and I think that's very important. There was basically almost a unanimous vote in the state legislature. The problem we have is the legislature is under term limits in the State of Florida, unlike a lot of other states, and the folks that understand the impacts from the Deepwater Horizon and the economic impacts to our Northwest Florida counties probably will be termed out within the next two, three, four years. And so what we were trying to do is memorialize current state statute in the settlement agreement so that we would have that understanding the urgency to perpetuate for the full 30 years of the impact on economic damages.

The \$1.5 billion in Northwest Florida can go a long way. It makes generational impact appear; whereas, it will not make the same type impacts, say, in Miami or a high urban area around the state. We were just trying to make sure that it was focused. But I do, back on the topic, really appreciate all of the

work that's gone into it. Fourteen hundred pages, I expected it to be 3,000 pages, the amount of effort that goes in this NEPA. It's a difficult situation, but I do appreciate your being here and sharing your information. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Thank you. I am Barbara Albrecht, and thank you for hosting this public meeting and providing me the opportunity to address you. I'm representing today the Panhandle Watershed Alliance, the Florida Audubon and the Francis M. Weston Audubon Society, the Bream Fishermen's Association, the Native Plant Society, and that's just to name a few. Collectively we're really glad to see the consent decree was released and is moving forward.

As Audubon, we believe that the Florida estimates for the bird losses are woefully underestimated for Florida. As the Panhandle Watershed Alliance, we find it interesting that Florida is the only state to receive water quality, nutrient reduction, sedimentation, and hydrologic restoration funding, for which we are incredibly grateful, but we also recognize that these impairments are a direct result of the development in low-lying areas which is incentivized by counties which receive the largest sum of their general funds from property taxes. So we'd like to have some sort of balance there. To that end, we'd like to see sensitive lands acquired, encourage local governments to incentivize combination easements along creeks, streams, rivers, to buffer these systems and enhance watersheds by improving water quality for the bay and the Gulf.

As president of the Bream Fishermen's Association, an organization which became active when all the seagrass meadows began to disappear in the 1970s, we would hope to see funding towards the basics of the food chain in our habitat, which I believe was covered by your previous speaker. As we understand it, Florida will not be receiving money for the fish and water column invertebrates. The SAV hopefully, when water quality improves, will come back. And our deep sea organisms that we have, especially in Texas, we have the Texas flower banks, we hope that they're in good shape, but we haven't heard about it, so we're curious.

As the Native Plant Society, we understand the complexities between healthy uplands and healthy water. We value each species and we would hope that efforts to replace basic species of plants and animals would be coordinated via the adaptive management comprehensive plan. Currently we recognize that lionfish are terrifying to our fisheries, but we feel the very same way about cogongrass, popcorn trees, and Japanese climbing fern. We are also very grateful for the expenditure plan for NRDA and would like to request special attention to the coordination, i.e., air traffic control opportunities.

The adaptive management comprehensive plan must be better coordinated, and at this point I'd like to make a personal suggestion that we have oversight to the long-standing citizens groups that have been in this area, including the St. Andrews management areas, the Choctaw Bay Alliance, Bream Fishermen Association, and the Friends of Perdido Bay. These groups have been together and have been active in our area for over 25 years and up to 50 years. They have never received formal funding, but they dig into their own pockets for the opportunity to protect and monitor, so they should be supported.

Lastly, coordination is important so we can avoid bad conservation or bad stewardship decisions. Examples of these would be the Round 2 NRDA funded - Round 2 funded Audubon to monitor shorebirds along the coast. Round 3 NRDA moneys funded a parking lot in an area known as a colony for snowy pluggers. Groups that are on the ground from the ground up can give you this information. Groups from the top down might not have that information.

Currently in Escambia County there are a number of large parcels that are being eyed for high density development. Several creeks that drain these landscapes flow into the Perdido River, which is known as an outstanding Florida water, and it has an added designation as being special waters of the state.

Shoe-horning 13,500 homes into 1,400 acres will have a negative impact on these creeks. This is a call to increase coordination by multiple orders of magnitude and allow citizens a role in this process. Speaking of processes, the documents being discussed at this meeting are well over 1,000 pages. Would there be a better way to get public input? Thank you for your time and attention.

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Correspondence: Hello. Thank you, Perry, for pronouncing my name right. Jessica Koelsch with the National Wildlife Federation. And I'd like to thank

the trustees, and definitely the staff - - I think they're sometimes overlooked - - for all the effort that went into preparing the document that we have before us and for convening these public meetings. Given the unprecedented scope and nature of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, we appreciate the undertaking of this damage assessment and producing the draft programmatic. It was no minor task.

The release of the DARP and the consent decree represents a critical milestone on the road to restoration, and we're very eager to see the funding start to flow into project implementation. The decisions that happen now at this juncture, as well as the next step when the projects and programs are selected, are going to determine the direction and outcomes of restoration for decades to come. So it's really important to get it right, and if that means taking a little bit more time, so be it. But this is a really critical step.

Although the National Wildlife Federation's analysis of the documents is ongoing, and we'll be providing more detailed written comments, I wanted to touch on a couple of major points. First of all, we support comprehensive integrated ecosystem restoration as is described throughout this PDARP. We would like to see that through every step of the process, and every source of oil spill-related funding, we generally support the council's approach. We also really commend the trustees for their commitment to investing the vast majority of the NRDA dollars to address the ecological restoration rather than the recreational and public access projects. In fact, really want to commend Florida as the one state that specifically recognizes that the best way to address the loss of recreational use is by improving water quality. And I think that in the plan or in the overview under the water quality goal, you say it really well. The goal recognizes intricate linkages between water quality and health and resilience of the coastal and marine habitat marine resources. If we get the water right, then the benefits are going to be magnified throughout the system, enhanced recreation, healthier habitat, more productive ecosystems, more abundant fish, wildlife, seafood. We get it, and you guys get it, and I just really want to applaud you.

We recognize that the draft plan does not specifically identify projects, rather deciding allocations across regions and restoration activities providing a higher level of guidance, and that there will be opportunities to speak to the projects and programs and comment on them at a future time. However, throughout the documents, they do provide examples of the types of projects covered under the restoration goals. Therefore, open the door to provide some comment on the types of restoration activities we'd like to see. And as we've kind of discussed, sometimes it's easier to get in front of things rather than responding after things are already published.

So I wanted to highlight some of the examples that were mentioned in the document that we feel are really critical restoration projects. Under Restore Water Quality and Nutrient Reduction, we would like to reiterate creating and enhancing wetlands, coastal and repairing stream and river/bay conservation; erosion control practices such as rigging the shoreline's designated buffers and restoring natural hydrologic flow.

Under Goal 2 for oysters, you guys mentioned restoring, and I want to reiterate, restoring reef habitat and enhancing oyster reef productivity.

Under Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities, you cite activities that include acquiring land along the coast.

And I see I'm out of time, so I'm going to just wrap up just want to say with the billions of dollars set to flow into the region over the next decade and a half, we have a tremendous opportunity to heal, but maximizing impact with every available dollar, whether NRDA, RESTORE, or another source, it's going to require practice, planning, and coordination. Everyone recognizes the importance and opportunity of leveraging these dollars, but it's unclear what concrete steps the trustees, RESTORE council, and other decision makers will attempt to take to maximize that. Understand that kind of the next step of the process is for the RESTORE council to undertake a comprehensive plan update, and hope in that plan you'll spell out some of the details of how this coordination will take place. Thank you very much.

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Correspondence: Thank you. I'm Jim Mueller with the Bay County RESTORE Act coordinator. I appreciate the opportunity to comment here tonight. I know that a tremendous amount of time and effort has gone into preparing all these documents, and a lot of coordination of people with diverse opinions on what should happen with them, and know that it was quite an undertaking, and I think the documents that came out of that are excellent. The advantage that I see to having this in front of us now, it's the grand settlement. We can see the entire landscape; you know who's what getting what money, when, for what purposes, and it allows for coordination between the different funding sources. And that's a tremendous advantage as we go into this undertaking.

Talk about the consent decree. I'm not going to recommend any changes on that because I know it's five states and six federal agencies and sitting down for months and months, and it's unlikely to get much change in that. But related to that, I think that the pace of Gulf restoration should be driven by the environmental and economic restoration needs, not the payout schedule determined by BP's economic abilities. And so I'm not suggesting a change in their payout schedule, but asking that people look for a way in which the payout can be accelerated to the parties that are receiving the funds, especially in RESTORE in Florida Pop One for the counties, and then Pop Three - - Pop One being the direct component, Pop Three being the impact component, through something similar perhaps to a bonding process that is used in certain transportation grant systems.

And so I think an effort talking with congress and the treasury and others to see if there is a way, realizing there is a cost to getting money earlier, but to weigh the cost of getting that money earlier with the benefits of starting restoration efforts earlier, and I think most of our restoration efforts are going to be compounded over time. So then, yes, we get less money, but if we can get it seven years, five years earlier and have the restoration projects in place for that much longer, then I think it actually will be beneficial to do that. So at least 12 of Florida's 23 coastal counties have requested this, and talking with our

congressional representatives and having also talked to treasury on this, but seeing that there are ways.

And not necessarily everybody will want to accelerate their access to the money, but to have the option to do that if they wish. As structured right now with RESTORE Act for Pop One, of the 23 counties, seven of those counties are going to get less than \$300,000 a year; 14 of them will get less than \$600,000 a year. That's not a lot of money, and particularly if you want to do a significant restoration project, it's hard to do it with that scale. So this would open up the options to where if they wanted to be able to do more faster, they could, not that it would be mandated.

And then getting on to the natural resource restoration, we particularly like the emphasis on water quality for Florida, both nutrient reduction and water quality in general, and we recognize the importance for the other restoration types of Florida and all the Gulf. Just as an aside, we think it's kind of odd to put the sturgeon work within the open ocean considering the worth that's being considered is all in the rivers. So I know it may be the same work getting done, but the perception of where that money is allocated, to me, it's not an open ocean project. So you might want to do that. I think it's a great idea, but it's where to put the category.

The other thing I'll say is that I'd like the opportunity for public input before plans and projects get to the stage that we're getting today. In the future, I'm hoping there will be opportunity to have more scoping meetings and getting ideas earlier, because I know from having worked on stuff like this, by the time it gets to this stage, you know, you've worked on it a lot, you're kind of committed to it, this is what your ideas are, and it takes a lot more to move the needle at this point than if the exact same information had been presented earlier in the process. So as much as possible, if you can open it up, get public comments, however formally or informally, earlier in the process to have a better chance to actually make suggestions to consider as you go forward. And we look forward to working with everybody on this. Thank you very much.

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Correspondence: Good evening, everyone. This is actually my -- I've attended all the meetings across the region, and I want to say a special hello to the people representing Florida. I think they're the only people I really haven't had an opportunity to express my perspective and comments on this. My name is Thao Vu. I am currently the director of Mississippi Coalition for Vietnamese American Fisher Folks and Families. We're a non-profit organization based in Biloxi, Mississippi. For the past almost 11 years I've been doing a great deal of disaster response and recovery work at the community level. Obviously this BP oil drilling disaster was a huge disaster, particularly on my constituency, but not only on fishing activity, but all across the region.

There are many, many fishing communities that have not been able to attend these meetings because of the short public notice. Please work with us in terms of improving, greatly improving, your process to make sure these communities who bore the personal economic impact, livelihoods have been devastated. And through your (inaudible) you've already stated that there is so much damage and losses to the fisheries and the fishermen. In my travels, they're all suffering. Decimated oyster reefs, reduced catch for shrimp fishermen. Those communities have suffered in terms of economic hardship because they have not been able to harvest what they used to.

Regarding this BP proposed settlement, it is critically important, I am stating this again, that we need an extended public comment deadline to February of 2016, particularly for fishing communities to have an opportunity to comment on it. Right now, as I expressed earlier, many are still shrimping or crabbing or getting ready for the oyster season and they are not aware of this, because this was only announced two weeks ago on the Federal Registry, which is not well known to the general public. That is not an ideal way to disseminate very, very critically important information that has to do with the livelihoods or long-term sustainability of these fishing communities.

Breaking down the settlement, we don't think that under the NRDA nor RESTORE nor the future damages is actually accurate, because we don't think that a full, comprehensive valuation of losses has been fully quantified. To use an example, oyster reefs provide many consistent benefits, but one of the benefits it does provide is a livelihood for many commercial fishermen. We don't think those types of benefits have been quantified, and therefore, we don't think that the proposed amount is really adequate to address any major potential fisheries. As well as we also have some comments in terms of missing elements from this BP proposed settlement, is the great need to establish a regional citizens advisory council where there is actually representation coming from commercial fishermen or their designees. That's something we're also critically asking for.

Regarding the NRDA draft programmatic plan and the trustees here, we do have some comments right now. It's been stated that this is proposed as the ecosystem comprehensive plan, but in terms of early restoration, it doesn't seem to be very comprehensive. And I'll go back to the oyster reef example. In Mississippi, we proposed a Mississippi oyster cultch project in 2012-2013, and it was one of the earliest oyster restoration projects proposed in the Gulf, but it doesn't make much sense because the proper way of restoring oyster reefs, and this has been shared to me from oyster experts and biologists, is actually you start in Florida. You actually have to restore those first, and then Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, and in that order. So it doesn't seem to be a well-coordinated comprehensive plan in terms of restoring these resources until there's much better communication, and we haven't seen those restoration methods met. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence: How are you doing? Good to see everybody. Good to see Mimi and all our people from Florida. We're certainly glad to have you. I should have welcomed you beforehand, but I had another meeting earlier tonight. It seems everybody wanted to go. But again, I wanted to thank you-all for being here. More importantly, I wanted to make several comments. This is the first time I've had a chance to see this, and the little bit I've gazed over it, I am very impressed with some of the planning that has come through it. I also, in addition to being an Escambia County Commissioner, serve as the Chairman of the Florida Gulf Consortium dealing with Component 3. So seeing and knowing what large-scale planning having to do, I'm very impressed by what I see as the opportunity.

I did want to comment, and several other comments were made, I appreciate Florida certainly being the leader in water quality. I was glad to see a large portion of the settlement was allocated toward improving the water quality within our state. It's certainly one of the things that we've worked hard to try to strive to do, so I was glad to see that as a part of it.

I also just kind of wanted to echo a couple of comments that I did hear tonight. Certainly a comment by Jim Mueller, any way that can be done, I know you-all are here to talk about NRDA, but other projects, any ways to allocate or make the allocation easier in some way for somebody to discount back to a present value will be important, because there's no way you can do some of these projects without that. We've seen that within our own local. We've seen projects come forward that took more than enough money that we had just within our local component to deal with some of those things, but they were well within reach of what our total cumulative would be over the entire payout. And certainly that's going to happen within the State of Florida within Component 3, and that's certainly something I will say I can see the results are going to be within some of these issues of NRDA as well. So anything that could be done to deal with that would be appreciated in how we handle it going forward.

The other issue is just talking about I do want to follow up on what Jeff Helms said earlier. Certainly the issue of settlement, the consent decree, just to make the comment essentially that certainly we appreciate and worked hard within the State of Florida to set some applicable law to some of these things, and we certainly believe that some of those damages, while maybe not specific to this consent decree now, certainly we'd like to see some of those issues of Florida law apply and believe it is to impact those areas that were truly impacted the most by the Deepwater Horizon spill. Certainly those areas of Northwest Florida that took a more immediate and significant impact from what occurred, we certainly look at that in the consent decree.

But overall, I certainly appreciate what's been done here with NRDA. Local governments are looking to ways that they can work with you as the trustees in the implementation across geographical and jurisdictional boundaries to make for regional projects. I think we're all excited and we're certainly trying to work together to make that happen. There's a lot of things moving forward and I appreciate your willingness to be a part of this process. There's certainly a lot of common effort, and I'm very impressed at least on what I see at first glance. So thank you very much for your time and all the energy you put into this.

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Correspondence: First off, thank you for coming in and meeting with us tonight. I'm a member of the public, so I don't represent any particular entity. My name is Steve Shippee. I own a small business that is a consulting company and I work with marine mammals. That's my background. I was for the period of 2010 until last year involved with the NRDA data collection on marine mammals stranding response and other work with wild animal health assessment and visual observation of marine mammals in Florida. So I worked under letter of agreement with NOAA and participated in a lot of the NRDA data collection here in the State of Florida and Panhandle of Florida.

I'm concerned in the numbers that are being put down here for budgeting for marine mammals in Florida and Alabama where there's \$5 million set aside for restoration of marine mammals in these two states, relative to \$50 million for Louisiana, and then \$55 million for open ocean. And I think part of that is there is less known about the impacts on marine mammals in Florida and Alabama, primarily bottle-nose dolphins, but also Florida manatees. Some of the data is insufficient to justify or explain what happened to that particular tax budget in our local waters. So I would urge you to perhaps review that a little bit more thoroughly and make sure that the dollars are adequately allocated to address marine mammal injuries in Florida and Alabama specifically since those are the two that received the lower amount of funding. And again, I thank you for coming and letting us speak to you, and I look forward to being able to work on this in the future. Thank you.

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Correspondence: We have historical data showing how much Montgomery lost in tax revenue. Why can't we pay them what was lost just like the citizens affected were paid? There should be safe guards in place to keep our state government from misappropriating these funds that were awarded to the state to help the areas affected by the oil spill. We need an oversight team, not tied to Montgomery, to make sure these funds are not wasted on budget shortfalls created by inept leadership. Please don't make the citizens take legal action.

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Correspondence: On behalf of the 34 land conservation organizations of the Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation, we thank you for developing a robust and detailed programmatic plan for Gulf restoration. In order to have adequate time to review and comment, we respectfully ask that you consider extending the comment period by at least 15 days for the NRDA PDARP. Thank you.

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Correspondence: It is my opinion that none of the BP settlement money should go to the State of Alabama General Fund.

Please do not make my information supplied above publicly available.

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Correspondence: Good Morning,

Please note that I do not agree or support the current split of the Oil Spill Settlement. I do agree or support a type of split that Mr. Dute described is his

article posted on AL.com. Please let's try to implement/ fund a plan to protect what was almost destroyed during the Oil Spill, and improve the state's wildlife habitats around the Alabama gulf coast and Mobile Tensaw Delta. I would also like see the Forever Wild Program supported, and public land continued to be purchased. Thanks!

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Correspondence: I do not support Alabama's current plan for the use of funds received from the settlement. Please review Mr. Dute's article at AL.com and take his advice.

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Correspondence: I am certainly no fan of 'big oil'. I am not associated with any aspect of the gas and oil industry. With that being said, as a Alabamian, I feel deep regret that our state has allowed such a pummeling of BP. The description of the damage is correctly labeled as along the Gulf Coast yet the State of Alabama has made it possible for citizens and companies in the uppermost northern regions of Alabama to collect damages from BP. These 'claims' are approved with nothing more than implied proof of loss during that time period. As an Alabamian, I was taught never to take advantage of anything or anyone without proof positive that I, or anyone else, was correct with their assumption. I think the fact that BP is a foreign company has helped lead this charade. I believe that no damages should be allowed north of a line drawn east to west through Montgomery. Even that I feel is an exaggeration. This whole ordeal was the result of an accident, not intentional and one that could have happened to any oil company. I understand that things were not handled correctly at the oil spill site, but hindsight is always 20/20. Punishment should be regulated more by the public officials than by a group of money hungry lawyers. Alabama already has a reputation for frivolous law suits and this is just another Large nail in the coffin.

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Correspondence: Please protect and restore the Pinnacle Trend. Use alternative A, comprehensive integrated ecosystem restoration.

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Correspondence: My name is Thant Nguyen. I've been fisherman since 1994. And I speak Vietnamese, so Ms. Vu will translate for me. Thank you. MS. VU: So his name is Thant Nguyen, and he's a commercial fisherman. He's been a commercial fisherman, an oyster harvester and shrimper since 1994, and he actually comes from a nearby fishing community in Dickinson, which is about 30 or 40 minutes from here. As he stated, he's been a commercial fisherman since 1994. And when the BP oil drilling disaster happened, you know, they noticed in the past five years there's been a really great impact to the fisheries, particularly to the oysters. Right? And it's been really very devastating to their livelihoods. The past several years they're seeing less and less oysters and shrimp. Right? And they're very concerned about it. And this year there's no oysters. This year there's no oysters. The season actually just started here in Texas, I think, just days ago; and they basically explained that it's been a lot of dead, empty oyster shells. Right? And the oysterers are very concerned. That's one of the reasons why they're here because they should be harvesting oysters, you know. They're here because they're not harvesting what they typically were harvesting.

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Correspondence: MS. VU: Her name is Mai Doan. D-O-A-N is her last name. And she would - oh, I'm sorry. Her name is Mai, M-A-I, last name Lam, L-A-M. And she wants to extend her greetings to the Trustee Councilors. Her family has been commercial fishermen for over 25 years. For many years before the BP oil drilling disaster, they were able to harvest, you know, shrimp. Right? And it was good. It was enough to support and provide for her family. Right? But since then, it's been really dramatically reduced in terms of the harvest and catch and it's really greatly impacted their livelihoods and they're very concerned. She's actually sharing some context and background for the Trustees to have a better understanding of the plight of the fishermen in that, you know, post-BP disaster, many of the fishermen were never fairly compensated for, you know, their individual economic losses. Right? And it's not just that. You know, the - - but she was mentioning the challenges of sometimes just because they live one place doesn't mean - - and they dock one place doesn't mean that's the place they actually fish. Right? And post-BP, there was a lot of misunderstanding, you know, in terms of that there was this expectation that boats who - - for example, shrimping - - were shrimping in Galveston, that they were always there, they would always shrimp in Galveston Bay. No, that's not true. Sometimes they would go all the way out to the Gulf of Mexico. Sometimes they would shrimp in other areas. Right? It's a vast ecosystem. And those kind of challenges, because - - because some decision-makers or entities, institutions does not understand that fishermen, they go to different sites, right, locations to fish, not where they dock, right, or they may sell their catch at a different location, not only where they normally dock. Right? That has led to a lot of challenges and issues where they have not been fairly compensated for their damages, and they - - she has seen that a lot of - - the catch and harvest is not what it used to be, and they're very concerned about how to ensure that restoration efforts are focussing on the fisheries. It's very, very difficult for her and many other fishermen. You know, if they were never fairly compensated for future damages, right, or long-term damages or, you know, closed fisheries or greatly reduced harvest and they don't see, you know, any of the fisheries being restored; and it's more and more difficult, right, how can they provide - - support their families and help contribute to the local economy or the regional economy? And the earlier point she made was that we all have to pay taxes. Right? Well, you know, it's difficult to contribute to growing your local economy or your regional economy if you can't - - it's very hard to actually make a living. Right? And she wanted to share her story about - - about not only the impacts to her livelihood but how the claims process was not set up in the right manner to fairly compensate the fisherman, and they're seeing that they're not seeing a restoration of the fisheries yet. And all of this combined has been very challenging.

MR. FRANKLIN: Wrap it up. Thank you.

MS. VU: She expressed concern that, you know, for the past several years with the restoration efforts, you know, the fishing communities here, near here, they have not been adequately informed about this and there needs to be a better process set up so - - of disseminating the information to them. And actually, I arrived in town Sunday night and I did some outreach at the local docks, and that's how they knew about this meeting. But this was a very last-minute, you know, outreach to them and they're saying that there needs to be a better process of disseminating this information to the fishing communities.

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Correspondence: SPEAKER SONG VO: Hello, everybody.

MS. VU: This is Mr. Song, S-O-N-G, last name V-O. And he's been a commercial fisherman here - - he lives in Houston - - since 1986. He's saying before he used to shrimp till January or February, but right now his boat is down because in the past he used to be able to troll shrimp and be very full. Right? But in the past five years, it hasn't been. And before he used to be able to harvest shrimp, like I said, early January or February, but right now because it's such a

limited harvest and catch that he's docked right now.

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Correspondence: Hi, Amanda Fuller, I work for the National Wildlife Federation as a Deputy Director of Gulf of Mexico Restoration Program, and I'm based in Austin. So, on behalf of NWF, I'd like to thank you all for the effort that went into preparing the documents that we have before us for comment today and also for convening the series of public meetings across the Gulf. Given the unprecedented scope and nature of Deepwater Horizon, we appreciate the undertakings that this damage assessment and producing the Draft Programmatic, DARP, was an enormous endeavor.

The release of the Draft PDARP and the Consent Decree represents a critical milestone on the road to restoration. We're eager to see funding flow for project implementation; however, the decisions made at this juncture will obviously determine restoration actions and outcomes for decades to come. So, MWF will be submitting a comment letter, but I do want to make a couple of in-person comments tonight. We commend the Trustees for commitment - for their commitment to investing upwards of 95 percent of NRDA dollars to restore the Gulf's urgent ecological needs rather than on recreational and public access projects, and that's because MWF believes that the best way to offset the impacts from the Deepwater Horizon oil disaster is to implement projects that repair the damaged wildlife and marine habitats, improve water quality, restore the Gulf's estuaries, and support key sectors of our coastal economy, like tourism and seafood.

Some specific comments on the governance chapter of the PDARP. There's a lot of important details about the governance structure currently lacking from this document. Much of the structure seems to depend on the standard operating procedures which in the current version are not yet fully developed, which makes it difficult to comment on them now in a meaningful way. Additionally, it's not obvious in the document that once these procedures are developed that they'll then be made available for public comment.

A Texas-specific comment which we'll expand upon in our written comments is that MWF agrees with the Trustees' chosen alternative to establish an integrated restoration portfolio that emphasizes the broad ecosystem benefits that can be realized through coastal habitat restoration. To that end, MWF encourages the Trustees, as you move forward in developing restoration plans, to consider projects that will sustainably restore habitats, such as restoring adequate freshwater inflows into our basin estuaries in Texas that so desperately need the water to support important nursery grounds for the Gulf's wildlife and fisheries.

And finally, with billions of dollars set to flow to the region over the next 17 years, the Gulf Coast has a tremendous opportunity here to heal; but maximizing the impact of every dollar available, whether from NRDA, Restore or NFWF or other sources that will require proactive planning and coordination, everyone recognizes the importance of leveraging these dollars but it's unclear what concrete steps the Trustees, the Restore Council, and other decision-makers intend to take together to maximize collective benefits.

MWF hopes that the Restore Council's updated comprehensive plan will provide this clarity and set forth an inspiring detailed road map for restoring the Gulf and that the NRDA Trustees will somehow be involved in that process. Thank you very much.

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Correspondence: Good evening. My name is Diane Olsen, and I'm the immediate past president of the Galveston Island Nature Tourism Counsel. I want to thank all of the Trustees and all of the members here tonight for this public comment period. It's been very enlightening and very interesting to learn all about. It's quite the complex deal, and I respect all of you for being able to handle that.

I think the plan overall is a very good one. I do have a few comments that I would like to make. I want to encourage the Trustees to consider that the coastal communities are the ones that take the brunt of oil spills predominantly. They're generally small communities that service millions of people. So when you're looking at the priorities, please consider that the coastal communities are the ones that are really in need of assistance when these kind of

events happen. There's great emphasis on restoration which I am fully in support of. We do need to restore the natural habitats, but also the recreational opportunities are also an economic benefit to environments - - or to areas such as ours. Galveston heavily relies on tourism, and we know everybody comes here because we have the great natural resources to draw them here.

I was dismayed to see that Texas was left out of the "Provide and enhance recreational opportunities" line item. I was very surprised by and a little dismayed. And also I find it a little ironic that the picture here is a Texas Park but we can't have any of the funding. So, just a little piece of irony there. So, I encourage you to maybe reconsider that allocation and to just focus on the coastal communities as we are the ones that are going to take - - have taken the brunt and continue to take the brunt of oil spills, and we face the biggest economic challenges. Thank you very much.

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Correspondence: Hi. My name is Parc Smith. I'm with American Youth Works and the Texas Conservation Corps. I'm the executive director for that group, and we've been a nonprofit providing jobs, training, education, and service opportunities in Texas for 35 years.

We're very happy to see the focus of the draft plan on restoration of wildlife, habitat, water quality, and recreational activities. These types of restoration projects are well suited to provide opportunities to engage young adults entering the workforce through conservation corps and service programs, such as the Texas Conservation Corps. We hope that the Trustees will encourage the use of the conservation corps to work in close partnership with public land managers to achieve conservation goals such as habitat restoration, coastal resiliency, freshwater inflows that help marine ecosystems and wildlife, and the recreation opportunities that get people out there to have a chance to grant a better appreciation for the ecosystems we have here in Texas. We stand ready to help and - - by encouraging young adults and vets in the restoration, and we thank you for your service on these boards. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Good evening. Again, my name is Thao Vu, and I'm representing the Mississippi Coalition for Vietnamese-American Fisherfolk & Families. And I would actually like to greet the folks representing the State of Texas. I've attended most of these public meetings. In fact, almost all except for the last one in St. Petersburg, Florida. This is really critically important, particularly for coastal communities and fishing communities. And that's one of the primary reasons why I am traveling all over the Gulf for this, to make sure that fishing communities are at least informed, educated, and aware about this. Right? And because, you know, many of the fishermen here are actually nearby, they're from Dickinson, Kemah, right? Seabrook, San Leon. But earlier today I was actually in some other fishing communities in Calhoun County which consist of Seadrift, for example, Palacios, Port Lavaca. And many of those communities have not been adequately informed about this, and they were not able to attend this meeting. And the distance is too far for them. It's about a two to two and a half hours drive from here. You know, we must develop a better process of really informing and engaging the public. And precisely because of those reasons, again, I would like to reiterate the importance of extending the public comment deadline.

And I want to really separate my comments. This is really on two major complex topics. One is the proposed settlement, and one is on the Natural Resource Damages Assessment Draft Plan. In terms of the public comment deadline for the settlement, we critically ask that the Department of Justice extend it to February of 2016 to give adequate time for fishing communities to be informed of this. Many of them are not aware of this. And No. 2, it's still shrimping season, and they need time to review it and to be able to comment on it. And I think that is a very fair request that we are making. And this is the fifth time I'm making this request.

There is a great need to establish and endow a Regional Citizens Advisory Council modeled after the Prince William Sound RCAC after the Exxon Valdez oil spill, to prepare for and respond to future oil drilling disasters. We are actually requesting that some funds be set aside from the Oil Spill National Trust Fund to establish and endow this RCAC.

Further, we are asking that future unknown damages should be at least \$2 billion and not \$700 million, you know, because I've been reading more research studies that cite the impacts to, for example to mammals, to dolphins. Right? And there are serious impacts to - - to the marine life. Therefore, the future

unknown damages should be much higher, and it should be separated from the adaptive management component. Those two should not be commingled. Regarding my comments for the NRDA draft plan is there is, again, a great need to focus on fishery restoration and a need for cooperative research, utilizing some of the traditional ecological knowledge fishing communities possess, and to actually implement projects where you actually give opportunities for displaced fishermen to work on various restoration projects.

And the other comment I would like to make is that the proposed governance structure seems very cumbersome. And actually, it was very difficult to interpret because there was so many - - there was a NRDA Council followed by technical working groups, followed by regional groups. We think that's very cumbersome, and we actually need more information on the development of that, as well as we have concerns about the proposed administrative funds for the council, as well as the technical implementation groups to carry out the restoration work.

MR. FRANKLIN: If you can go ahead and wrap it up, Ms. Vu.

MS. VU: Yes. And the last comment is that standard operating procedures should be made available for public review and comment. And thank you again for accepting my comments.

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Correspondence: One, I think that you should just - - I can't repeat everything that Ms. Vu said, but I think that she had a lot of really compelling points. And I've been to a lot of public meetings, and I wanted to thank the fishing community for coming. We all love the Gulf, and I'm glad to see so many people are here from the fishing communities.

The first thing I wanted to comment on - - I might run out of time; I don't know if I'm allowed to have two three minutes, one for me and one for the marine mammals, but I will try to finish in three minutes. I think it's very sad that we would allocate over \$400 million for lost user days, recreational days on the Gulf; that's all for humans. But we have populations of marine mammals that will take over 69 years to recover. And we know that marine mammals are like us: They have families, they have matriarchal societies. We have sperm whales that are resident in the Gulf and their males leave and go all the way to Antarctica and it will take over 21 years for them to recover. I want to know - - and I think the public deserves to know - - how could that be worth \$140 million? It's shocking to read that. And I know that I'm emotional, but it's just not acceptable to me that marine mammals would receive so little and humans, who lay on the beach and litter, would receive so much. But anyway, that's a separate issue, the litter.

So, I think that that should be looked at. We cannot undervalue marine mammals. They are the top apex of our ecosystem. And if they're not restored, no other species is going to be restored. And when you protect them, you protect everything underneath them. So, the - - more to the point of what I should be talking about, related to humans, is I think that land acquisition on barrier islands may be one of the best ways to assure beach dunes and marshes and uplands are protected on the barrier islands because these fragile ribbons of sand provide very valuable habitat, food, and homes for avian species, terrestrial species, and fish. And for the small area that barrier islands take up, there's a huge rate of biodiversity in a very small landmass. And so I think that those projects should be top priority when we're talking about restoration of barrier islands.

And then regarding the communities, as Diane said, we're small communities; so, if there's any way that NRDA can work more closely with the smaller communities on barrier islands and also places like the boot of Louisiana, on Barataria-Terrebonne Bay, to really work with those communities and figure out how these communities can be restored and help restore the natural ecosystems, I think that the money will be better spent in a longer term that way, if you work with the smaller coastal communities.

And then I still question that the scale of the damage was very tremendous and I know we need to restore the Gulf and if we wait to settle, we won't move on. But it just - - when you look at the numbers and then when you especially read about the marine mammals, you think - - I just think: How can they know \$140 million is going to restore the populations of sperm whales or the female dolphins in the Barataria-Terrebonne Bay. I mean, the picture is one dolphin has had two failed pregnancies since 2013. What would we do if women had that experience in our neighborhoods after this kind of impact?

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Correspondence: I'm Alice Anne O'Donnell. And Karla is always a tough act to follow, and I should have, you know, had my Kleenex in hand. And I was going to put my plug in for birds because that's my passion - - birds and habitat - - but now I guess I'll have to throw my vote for marine mammals because I didn't know what a tragedy that was and how little they were getting. And it's when people like myself come to a meeting like this, we find out a lot of things that we didn't know and we want to support.

I think my - - I certainly support the idea of the whole project. I think what you-all called it is alternative aid, comprehensive integrated ecosystems restoration. That's a mouthful and you have to read it to say it. But it's the coastal communities, it's the small communities, it's the little places. I feel like Houston, who is real close to me, I think they could gobble us up when you start to apply for grants and things. The fishermen who are here tonight, what a plight that they are in because they didn't even know about it. Little communities like Galveston, we've been planning for this meeting and what we can do; and we are still behind. So I just hope that when the grants come in and the ratings are made, that you find some way to find out how to give the littler, smaller communities extra points or something for their effort. And how can you compare, you know - - well, it's just apples and oranges. But I do thank all of you-all for coming tonight. And welcome to Galveston. And we hope to see you back soon. And we'll be using some of your resources to make it an even better place.

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Correspondence: Hi. My name is Jordan Macha. I'm the senior policy analyst for the Gulf Restoration Network. We're headquartered in New Orleans, but I am based here in Austin. And we appreciate the opportunity to make comments this evening. We recognize the immense effort that was put in by the representing agencies in the five Gulf states for both the Consent Decree and the NRDA Restoration Plan. And we really appreciate and thank you for those efforts.

While we will be submitting more thorough comments by the deadline, we appreciate the thorough restoration analysis and generally agree with the environmental assessments made with the NRDA Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and believe that this provides important rationale as to why we must strive for an integrated, comprehensive restoration. However, we are troubled by the proposed governance structure composed of the eight trustee implementation groups, essentially dividing the Gulf ecosystem to eight distinct silos. This structure breaks down the need for consistency in restoration implementation and does not honor the goals of comprehensive ecosystem restoration by putting up political borders across the Gulf.

Additionally, we are very concerned that the open-ocean component is bearing the burden of all the administrative costs. The ocean environment has yet to receive any restoration in its open waters, and by shouldering the administration costs of the five Gulf states, this proposed structure could absorb most of the fines that would go towards meaningful marine restoration. Our ocean environment is where the disaster was first hit and it deserves more. We encourage the Trustees to redirect the administrative costs to its respective components. This is an opportunity that we shouldn't squander, and I thank you for this opportunity.

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Correspondence: Good evening and thank you. My name is Kelly de Schaun. I am the Executive Director for the Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees, a local governmental entity charged with stewardship and management of our coastline and tourism promotion here on the Island. Like the previous speakers, I'd like to thank the Trustees for their effort in bringing both the Consent Decree and the draft proposal forward. It obviously represents a tremendous amount of work, and we're appreciative of all the time and effort that's been undertaken so far to get you to the point where we are. We did have a couple of comments, however, we'd like to underscore. The first is in regards to a comment that's been expressed already. Galveston is a small barrier island. Not only with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill but with others, because of our proximity to the Houston Ship Channel, we are in constant alert with opportunities to improve our environmental stewardship to minimize impact.

We are also recently coming out of Hurricane Ike which has dominated recovery efforts here on the Island for the last eight years. And I say this in the context of previous comments that we might not be as prepared as some of our other communities that have large, nongovernmental organizations and conservation organizations that work on these issues. And we feel that because of the importance of the barrier islands and because of the constant threat that we're under, that barrier islands, in general, deserve some special type of consideration or callout; and we'd like to ask you to consider that. Also, I'd like - - while we appreciate and understand the need for the comprehensive integrated approach to restoration for the ecosystems, we do want to call out that Texas did not receive - - after the initial restoration funding for reaction - - any additional funding for recreation along the Texas Coast. I understand that the calculations for lost restoration - - or lost user days is a complicated calculation to make; we appreciate that. We'd also say in context of the Hurricane Ike hitting here in 2008, at the end of 2008, that visitation along the coast and in Galveston was already down because of the previous natural disaster, and so the lack of any type of additional funding for recreational opportunities along the Texas Coast and in Galveston, in particular, is going to be problematic. As the local governmental entity, the way we pay for conservation along the coast for the City of Galveston is through user fees; and those fees are generated through the provision of recreational opportunities. If there's not recreational opportunities provided, there's no way to create revenue streams to conserve. And so I would say to you while the initial goal of encouraging conservation is achieved, the long-term goal of sustaining it might not be achieved if there's not recreational opportunities incorporated that are going to create economic return on those investments and conservation over the long period.

Lastly - - and I'd just like to reiterate, as well, that we saw that Florida had additional water quality money attributed to it. We'd like for consideration for the same reasons as Florida. We have major tourism beaches. The fishing in this area, of course, as well, could be impacted by freshwater inflows, and that was not considered.

And I'll just finalize by saying that we would also like to add our voice to the issues of the governance and the administrative fees to ensure that the largest portion possible of funds is allocated to the sites that were impacted and that those are made - - those fees are made transparent and that governance is made transparent. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

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Correspondence: This is Van Nguyen - - Van Trung Nguyen, and he is a commercial fisherman. He lives in Texas City, and he's been a fisherman since 1987 - - 1988. And at the beginning, he wanted to extend his greeting and welcome everyone here.

Particularly this is - - you know, through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment, the assessment of all the damages, the NRDA Trustee Council surely knows that all the impacting - - all the devastating impacts to the natural resources that has - - therefore, it has critically, you know, impacted the livelihoods of fishermen. Fishermen are very worried about their livelihoods and the possibility of any kind of future fisheries collapse. It is critically important that you really focus on your restoration in terms of really trying to restore the fisheries. That's so important to the sustainability of our livelihoods and for us to help contribute to our local and regional economy.

He and many other fishermen are urgently appealing to the Trustee Council the great need - - you know, the great need to really focus on the right restoration priorities and types. And it's been devastating to their livelihoods, the loss of economic security, a way of life. You know, that is very, very troubling and deeply concerning to him and many of the fishermen that their livelihoods are just eroding from them. Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Enclosed are my personal comments about the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

In general, I believe that Alternative A, the preferred alternative, is the best alternative for implementation of the Restoration Plan. However, I have several comments about changes to the document and emphasis on restoration.

1) Page 2-2, Executive Summary, the DEIS and Restoration Plan states that "...some lighter oil compounds evaporated from the slicks, exposing air-breathing organisms like marine mammals and sea turtles to noxious fumes at the sea surface." I recommend adding "humans" to marine mammals and sea turtles since people also breathed the noxious fumes from the oil spill at the sea surface.

2) Page 2-8, 2.3.1 Release of Oil and Natural Gas, the DEIS and Restoration Plan states "At that ratio, at least 7.7 billion standard cubic feet of natural gas was released from the well." Since the release of natural gas, which is essentially methane, and which is an extremely potent greenhouse gas (about 20-105 times more potent than CO₂ (see below from www.global-warmingforecasts.com/methane-carbon-dioxide.php), the Trustees should require mitigation in Alternative A for the loss of this massive amount of methane. Additional mitigation will allow for adaptive management and protection of ecosystems on a more vast scale than the current proposal calls for in the DEIS. Methane and Carbon Dioxide - CH₄ and CO₂ 105 times. Level of heat trapping potency that methane is greater than carbon dioxide over a 20-year time frame according to NASA research. "But [Robert Howarth, a professor of ecology and environmental biology at Cornell University] and company took things even further, incorporating data from Drew T. Shinde! at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, who published a study in 2009 in the journal Science that suggested that the interaction of methane with certain atmospheric aerosols might well amplify the global warming potential of methane, rendering it up to 105 times more potent than carbon dioxide in the 20-year time frame. Although the 100-year time horizon is more commonly used by climate scientists, Mr. Howarth relies on the shorter time-horizon, which would greatly intensify the impact of leaking methane on climate. Combining that with the novel methane leakage estimates at various points along the production and transmission life cycles, he and his co-authors were able to push the climate impact, per unit of energy, of unconventional natural gas industry well beyond that of the perennial environmental and climate demon, coal." (Tom Zeller Jr., "Methane Losses Stir Debate on Natural Gas," The New York Times, April 12, 2011 72 times. Methane has a global warming potential 72 times greater than carbon dioxide over a 20 year period. Compared with carbon dioxide, methane has a high global warming potential of 72 (calculated over a period of 20 years) or 25 (for a time period of 100 years). (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - IPCC - "Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis - Summary for Policymakers," Fourth Assessment Report -FAR, Working Group 1, Chapter 2, IPCC Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland, February 2007, p. 212) 72 times. Over a 20-year period, one pound of methane traps as much heat as at least 72 lbs. of CO₂. "Methane is a far more powerful greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, though it doesn't last nearly as long in the atmosphere. Still, over a 20-year period, one pound of it traps as much heat as at least 72 pounds of carbon dioxide. Its potency declines, but even after a century, it is at least 25 times as powerful as carbon dioxide. When burned, natural gas emits half the carbon dioxide of coal, but methane leakage eviscerates this advantage because of its heat-trapping power." (Anthony R. Ingraffea, "Gangplank to a Warm Future," The New York Times, July 8, 2013) 72 times. Over 20 years, emission of 1 ton of methane has the same climatic impact as the emission of 72 tons of carbon dioxide. "After Carbon Dioxide, Methane is the next most important GHG [greenhouse gas], because it has high capacity to absorb infrared radiation and is relatively abundant. [T]he observed lifetime of methane, in today's atmosphere, is on average 12 years. Methane has a GWP [global warming potential] of 72 over a 20 year period, meaning that over this time period, the emission of 1 ton of methane will have the same climate impact as the emission of 72 tons of carbon dioxide, or in other words methane is 72 times stronger than carbon dioxide. When looking at a 100 year period of time, however, the emission of 1 ton of methane has the same climate impact as the emission of 25 tons of carbon dioxide." Energy Environment Foundation, info@eeocw.org, Global Warming Potentials, Energy Environment OpenCourseWare, Washington, DC, 2008, p. 3) 64 times. Number of times more potent that methane is compared to carbon dioxide as a heat-trapping gas. "For the same volume, methane is 64 times more potent as a heat-trapping gas than carbon dioxide, and there is a lot of it." Methane compared to carbon dioxide. (Ian Hoffman, Staff Writer, "Global warming could trigger methane release," The Oakland Tribune, Oakland, California, August 29, 2006 reporting findings in T. M. Hill, ~ Kennett, D. L. Valentine, Z. Yang, C. M. Reddy, R. K. Nelson, R. J. Behl, C. Robert, and L. Beaufort, "Climatically driven emissions of hydrocarbons from marine sediments during deglaciation," published online before print August 30, 2006, doi: 10.1073/pnas.0601304103 and published in print Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences PNAS September 12, 2006 vol. 103 no. 37 13570-13574 pp. 13570-13574) 40 times. Methane releases are 40 times more potent in terms of warming than CO₂. "As catastrophic as all this is, [Kevin Schaefer kevin.schaefer@nsidc.org], a scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) in Boulder, Colorado] acknowledges his study underestimates what is likely to happen. The model does not measure methane releases, which are 40 times as potent in terms of warming as carbon. Methane could have a big impact on temperatures in the short term, he says. 'There would be a lot of methane emissions. We're working on estimating those right now,' he said. The model also does not include emissions from the large region of underwater permafrost. JPS previously reported that an estimated eight million tonnes of methane emissions are bubbling to the surface from the shallow East Siberian Arctic shelf every year. If just one percent of the Arctic undersea methane (also called methane hydrates) reaches the atmosphere, it could quadruple the amount of methane currently in the atmosphere, Vladimir Romanovsky of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks previously told /PS ." (Stephen Leahy, "Permafrost Melt Soon Irreversible Without Major Fossil Fuel Cuts," JPS, Uxbridge, Canada, February 17, 2011 reporting findings in Kevin Schaefer, Tingjun Zhang, Lori Bruhwiler, Andrew P. Barrett, Amount and timing of permafrost carbon release in response to climate warming, Tel/us B, 2011 ; DOI: 10.1111/j.1600-0889.2011.00527.x, article first published online on February 15, 2011) 30 times. Number of times more potent methane is than CO₂ in terms of heat-trapping potential. "Methane is a greenhouse gas more than 30 times more potent than carbon dioxide." How does methane compare to carbon dioxide? ("Methane Releases From Arctic Shelf May Be Much Larger and Faster Than Anticipated," Press Release 10-036, National Science Foundation, March 4, 2010) 25 times. Methane GWP potency compared to carbon dioxide over a 100 year period. "Methane is a relatively potent greenhouse gas. Compared with carbon dioxide, it has a high global warming potential of 72 (calculated over a period of 20 years) or 25 (for a time period of 100 years). (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - IPCC - "Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis - Summary for Policymakers," Fourth Assessment Report, Working Group 1, Chapter 2, IPCC Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland, February 2007, p. 212) 23 times. Methane has about 23 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide when it is released into the atmosphere. "Methane (CH₄) . . . is the simplest hydrocarbon, and is the primary component of the natural gas that we burn for energy. Methane is also an important greenhouse gas, it has about 23 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide when it is released into the atmosphere. There are many sources of methane. Some methane comes from human activities, for example, landfills, rice cultivation, and ruminant farm animals (like cows) are all large methane sources. Other large methane sources, like the ocean and wetlands, are natural." (Monica Heintz, University of California, Santa Barbara, "Methane in the Ocean," Ocean Explorer, " National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington , DC, revised August 25, 2010) 21 times. Methane is about 21 times more powerful at warming the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. "Methane (CH₄) is a principal component of natural gas. It is also formed and released to the atmosphere by biological processes occurring in anaerobic environments. Once in the atmosphere, methane absorbs terrestrial infrared radiation that would otherwise escape to space. This property can contribute to the warming of the atmosphere, which is why methane is a greenhouse gas. Methane is about 21 times more powerful at warming the atmosphere than carbon dioxide (CO₂) by weight. . . Methane's chemical lifetime in the atmosphere is approximately 12 years. Methane's relatively short atmospheric lifetime, coupled with its potency as a greenhouse gas, makes it a candidate for mitigating global warming over the near-term (i.e. , next 25 years or so) ." (U.S.EPA, Science - Greenhouse Gas Properties, Climate Change Division - 202-343-9990, Office of

Atmospheric Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, June 22, 2010) 20 Times. Global warming potential of methane compared to carbon dioxide. "In the ongoing debate over global warming, climatologists usually peg carbon dioxide as the most dangerous of the atmosphere's heat-trapping gases. But methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide, might be even more problematic. According to Tessa Hill, a geologist at the University of California, Davis, more methane is released into the atmosphere from ocean deposits during periods of warming than previously thought. This expelled methane increases temperatures and releases more methane, creating a positive feedback loop." (Elizabeth Svoboda, "Global Warming Feedback Loop Caused by Methane, Scientists Say," National Geographic News, August 29, 2006 reporting findings in Tessa M. Hill - tmhill@ucdavis.edu, J. P. Kennett, D. L. Valentine, Z. Yang, C. M. Reddy, R. K. Nelson, R. J. Behl, C. Robert, and L. Beaufort, "Climatically driven emissions of hydrocarbons from marine sediments during deglaciation," published online before print August 30, 2006, doi: 10.1073/pnas.0601304103 and published in print Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, PNAS vol. 103 no. 37 13570-13574, September 12, 2006, pp. 13570-13574)

3) Page 3-3, Executive Summary, under the "human stressors" should be listed subsidence because excessive withdrawal of water and oil/gas has caused significant subsidence in parts of coastal Texas and Louisiana.

4) Pages 3-11 and 3-13, 3.4 The Northern Gulf Ecosystem: An Interconnected Fabric, the DEIS and Restoration Plan states "The resources and habitats . . . are linked through physical processes and biological relationships . . . including: The transport of nutrients, sediments, and organic matter between nearshore and offshore habitats and between surface waters and the sea bottom." It would be appropriate to add marine organisms and their reproductive elements such as eggs, sperm, and larvae follow the same transport path as nutrients, sediments, and organic matter and become organic matter after they die.

5) Pages 5-34 through 5-37, 5.5.4 Restoration Type: Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Type), I became aware of the hypoxia problem in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) from the Mississippi River in 1985. For the past 30 years federal agencies and others have not addressed this issue in a comprehensive, serious, and expeditious manner. Now there is hypoxia off the coast of Texas. What is needed with this DEIS and Restoration Plan is a concerted effort by all federal, state, and local agencies and individuals to prepare and implement a long-term plan, with specific goals to reduce nutrient levels and maintain freshwater instream flows and inflows into bays, estuaries, and the GOM in the watersheds that feed into the Mississippi River and watersheds in Texas where hypoxia events occur. We all need to compromise but get serious. The time for research, talking, and arguing is over. Let's get going!

6) Pages 5-58 through 5-65, 5.5.10 Restoration Type: Sea Turtles, I support proposals to restore sea turtle populations and habitats. It is very important to stress enforcement of turtle excluder device (TED) and other required mitigation measures (long-lines) for those who fish because unfortunately a few cheaters can kill many sea turtles. I strongly encourage money be set aside for enforcement of sea turtle regulations. Enforcement money is needed for all restoration types in this DEIS and Restoration Plan because there are people who break the law and take advantage of restoration efforts to kill, destroy, damage, degrade, and profit from protected organisms and habitats of the coast. The level of enforcement and compliance for coastal protection is not sufficient oftentimes to ensure long-term and maintenance of natural ecological processes, values, and benefits. More resources are needed (money, people, equipment) for enforcement and compliance for the long-term. For instance, the RN Manta, attached to the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary has been limited in its operations due to a lack of money. A fund to provide money to long-term enforcement, monitoring, and compliance would help provide protection in perpetuity.

7) Pages 5-72 through 5-76, 5.5.12 Restoration Type: Birds, there are a number of areas that should be considered for bird habitat acquisition and restoration on the coast of Texas. Some of these areas include:

1. Katy Prairie, in western Harris County and eastern Waller County, particularly adding to and adjoining existing conservation lands that have been protected by the Katy Prairie Conservancy that include coastal prairies and prairie pothole wetlands.
2. Eastern Chenier Plain, from Interstate (I) 45 east to the Texas - Louisiana border, includes coastal prairies and marshes in Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge, Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge, J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area, and Sea Rim State Park.
3. Western Chenier Plain, from I-45 west to the end of Matagorda County, includes coastal prairies, marshes, and the important Columbia Bottomlands habitat in Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge, San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge, Galveston Island State Park, and Scenic Galveston lands on Galveston Bay.
4. Trinity River Floodplain and its Delta, includes bottomland hardwood forested wetlands for the Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge.
5. Farther inland but still mostly in or near the coastal zone, Sam Houston National Forest and Big Thicket National Preserve, include upland, slope, and bottomland hardwood forests and wetlands of the San Jacinto and Trinity Rivers. It is particularly important that nesting colonies of birds be protected and perpetuated. It is also very important that migratory birds from the Central and Mississippi Flyways be protected with acquisition in the Columbia Bottomlands area of the lower Brazos, San Bernard, and Colorado Rivers. This ensures that resting and feeding areas (along with native habitats for waterfowl and wading birds) are protected.

8) Pages 5-77 through 5-81, 5.5.13 restoration Type: Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities, I am in favor of a greater number of dollars being spent on the protection of these marine communities. In particular, the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (see also Page 5-107) needs additional funding for the use of the RN Manta, for research activities, for enforcement visits, for lionfish reduction programs. There is also a need for expansion of and additional protection for a number of important marine areas across the GOM called "topographical highs" or as a group called, "Islands in the Stream". These areas are very important biologically and ecologically and potentially are at risk from oil spills. These areas should be included in marine protected areas (some which should be no-take marine reserves) so that these natural resources are protected in perpetuity and so fish stocks can rebuild in numbers and size quickly. I find protection of these natural areas much more important to fund than temporary "rigs to reefs" areas.

9) Pages 6-36 through 6-39, 6.4.1.5 Protect and Conserve Marine, Coastal, Estuarine, and Riparian Habitats, this "restoration approach" is one of the key approaches that would be funded with DEIS and Restoration Plan funds. The protection of important riparian habitats like Columbia Bottomlands (San Bernard and Brazoria National Wildlife Refuges) and Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge ensure that bottomland hardwood and riparian woodlands are acquired and protected for birds, forested wetlands, and clean water. Protection of marine areas like the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary and the "Islands in the Stream" topographic highs in the GOM ensure that a healthy GOM will exist from east to west and from top to bottom. It is also particularly important to acquire lands behind existing shorelines, beaches, dunes, marshes, and other coastal features so that sea level rise habitat adjustments can occur and human structures are minimally affected.

10) Pages 6-137 through 6-141, 6.14.1 Impacts of Restoration Approaches on GHG Emissions, I am disappointed in the level of climate change adaptation that this DEIS and Restoration Plan proposes. We need to be much more aggressive or many of the protected local, state, and federal lands will be degraded

or destroyed by sea level rise and other climate change effects. I strongly encourage the Trustees to prepare and include in this DEIS and Restoration Plan, a climate change ecological resilience and resistance plan (CCERRP). This CCERRP would assess the biological and ecological elements in the GOM and the effects that climate change has had and will have on them. The CCERRP would assist plants, animals, and ecosystems in adapting to climate change and would require monitoring of changes and mitigation measure effectiveness. The CCERRP would be based on:

1. Protection of the existing functioning ecosystems on the GOM.
2. Reduction of stressors on the ecosystems on the GOM.
3. Restoration of natural functioning ecological processes on the GOM.
4. Use natural recovery on the GOM, in most instances.
5. Acquisition of buffers and corridors to expand and ensure connectivity of ecosystems on the GOM.
6. Intervention to manipulate (manage) ecosystems on the GOM only as a last resort.
7. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the GOM.

11) Pages 7-1 through 7-29, 7. Governance, one of the most important governance items that should be implemented with this DEIS and Restoration Plan is the use of audits to determine that proper spending for projects occurs. Audits will also determine if funded projects are successfully completed and provide the results anticipated. The results of these audits must be made available to the public in a timely manner so that people can see how and whether their funds are being successfully spent.

I appreciate this opportunity to comment. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Thank you for compiling this extensive report. I hope you use it to help the marine life recover in the Gulf. The numbers of dead and damaged animals, fish, plants, and birds is staggering. Please keep the public up to date on future developments. Thank you to NOAA and to the National Wildlife Federation for compiling and disseminating the information.

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Correspondence: I am appalled at what big oil corporations are doing to the sea. they are killing and harming our wild sea life, and taking away all the immense beauty THAT our oceans PROVIDE; not to mention the enormous damage that they are causing to our fresh water lakes and rivers. I live in the gulf coast, and as a diver, I have seen the damage that BP has caused to our coastal waters with my own eyes.

I have seen countless dolphins and sea turtles washing-up on our beaches sick, DEAD and dying due to the massive oil contamination caused by BP. I think that 8.8 million dollars to restore our coastal waters IS NOT ENOUGH; THESE PEOPLE ARE CRIMINALS; THIS IS NOT THE ONLY TIME THAT THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS; THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER INSTANCES; WHERE THIS COMPANY HAS CAUSED MASSIVE DAMAGE TO NATURE AND OCEAN LIFE.

THEIR CEO'S SHOULD BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAMAGE THAT THEY HAVE CAUSED OUR GULF COAST. I BELIEVE 8.8 MILLION IS JUST A "DROP IHN THE BUCKET" FOR THEM, AND THEY WILL CONTINUE HARMING OUR OCEANS AND WILDLIFE WITHOUT ANY REGARDS FOR THE IMMEDIATE GENERATION OF PEOPLE WHO ENJOY AND LOVE OUR OCEANS OR OUR

FUTURE GENERATIONS. THESE PEOPLE ARE "GREEDY CRIMINALS", AND THEY SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH. "JAIL TIME" FOR THEIR CEOs SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, AND AT LEAST 50 MILLION DOLLARS, TO HELP AND RESTORE OUR GULF COAST, SHOULD BE THE PRICE PAID BY BP. THE OCEAN BELONGS TO ALL OF US. WE NEED TO MOVE AWAY FROM USING DIRTY, FOSIL FUELS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. ENERGY COMPANIES ONLY UNDERSTAND MONEY; therefore, we need to hurt their profits, so that they will move away from dirty fossil fuels, and find profit in CLEAN, SUSTAINABLE, ENERGY; HOWEVER, I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE MISSION BLUE ARE HELPING TO RESTORE THE HEALTH OF OUR OCEANS AND RIVERS, AND AS AN EDUCATOR; I WILL BE DOING MY PART, BY INFORMING AND RECRUITING FUTURE GENERATIONS TOWARDS A LIFE OF CONSERVATION.SUSTAINABLE METHODS OF ENERGY,AND A COMMITMENT TO RESTORE OUR PLANETS OCEANS, NATURAL HABITATS AND WILD LIFE

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Correspondence: Hi, good evening. My name is Jessie Ritter. I'm the Federal Policy Specialist with the National Wildlife Federation for the Gulf Restoration Program.

On behalf of NWF, I would like to thank you all for the effort that's gone in preparing the documents that we have before us for comment today and for convening a series of public meetings across the Gulf and here in D.C.

Given the unprecedented scope and nature of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, we appreciate that undertaking this damage assessment and producing the draft Programmatic DARP was no minor task.

The release of the draft PDARP and the consent decree represent a critical milestone on the road to restoration. And we are eager to see funding flow to project implementation.

We're in the process of preparing more detailed written comments, but I did want to offer a few points tonight.

NWF applauds the trustee preferred comprehensive integrated ecosystem approach to addressing these ecosystem-level injuries and the emphasis that's been placed in the PDARP by restoration of important coastal habitats that provide benefits to a large variety of species and ecological services.

We also commend the trustees for investing upwards of 95 percent of energy dollars to restore the Gulf's urgent ecological injuries rather than on recreational and public access projects.

NWF believes the best way to offset the impacts from the Deepwater Horizon disaster is to implement projects that repair damaged wildlife and marine habitats, improve water quality and restore the Gulf's estuaries which support key sectors of our coastal economy.

On the topic of governance of NRDA funds, we have many unanswered questions. We note that many restoration planning and implementation details hinge on the development of the trustee council's standard operating procedures. However, the content of this document is not elaborated in the PDARP and it does not appear to us that the document will be subject to any public comment period.

This is a major source of concern for us. And we urge the trustees to provide additional details about the anticipated content of the SOPs and provide an opportunity for public comment before those documents are finalized.

Finally, with billions of dollars set to flow to the region over the next 17 years, the Gulf Coast has a tremendous opportunity to heal. But maximizing the impact of every available dollar, whether from NRDA or RESTORE or NFWF or other sources, will require proactive planning and coordination.

Everyone recognizes the importance of this and acknowledges that coordination is essential. But it is still unclear in the PDARP what concrete steps the trustees intend to take to maximize collective benefits.

In our view, the decentralized decisionmaking structure for NRD funds necessitates the establishment of formal channels for communication and coordination both between the trustee implementation group and between restoration programs so that a Gulf-wide perspective on restoration is maintained.

We look forward to additional details on the topic of coordination and the final PDARP as well as the standard operating procedures as those are finalized. Thank you so much again, both for the opportunity to comment and for all of the hard work that has gone into this process.

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Correspondence: Hi. My name is Michelle Surka. I am a Program Associate with the United States Public Interest Research Group.

First of all, I just want to say thank you for the opportunity to come and comment both here and in your hearings across the country and, obviously, online. The United States Public Interest Research Group is a nonpartisan, nonprofit consumer group that stands up for powerful interests wherever they threaten our health and our safety, our financial security or our right to fully participate in our democratic society.

I'm here today representing 3,448 members and supporters across the country who will be submitting their public comments regarding this consent decree calling on the Department of Justice to adjust the settlement to deny BP tax deductions for its wrongdoing across the board.

Obviously, I know that the civil penalty portion of a payment is nondeductible, which, again, I commend you for that and for making that explicit in the

settlement as well. However, this settlement as written allows BP to claim 15.3 billion of the total payment, that's the consent decree presented today and the agreement between local states and governments, as a tax deduction, an ordinary, cost-of-doing-business tax deduction, and, ultimately, allows the company to claim a 5.35 billion dollar tax windfall for the settlement.

By leaving the door open for BP to claim these deductions for its wrongdoing, the settlement agreement both sends the wrong message and forces taxpayers to continue to shoulder the burden of BP's actions.

The language of the agreement should be adjusted to prevent the corporation from claiming these ordinary, cost-of-doing-business tax deductions for what has been found to be its gross negligence in connection with the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

The tragedy of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill should be answered with justice for the people, the economy and wildlife of the Gulf Coast and not with further tax benefits for BP. Again, thank you so much for the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence: It's a little awkward. I'm actually here to talk about the same thing.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight and for your service negotiating on behalf of the American people. My name is Lukas Ross, and I'm a Climate and Energy Campaigner, Friends of the Earth, speaking here on behalf of our nearly half a million members and activists.

You heard this earlier today from Ranking Member Raul Grijalva and 52 other members of Congress, and I imagine you will hear it again before the evening is over, but I come here tonight to press you on a crucial matter, the tax status of BP's proposed obligations.

As the Justice Department continues support to hold BP accountable for the tragedy of Deepwater Horizon, there is a unique opportunity to ensure that the cost of BP's gross negligence are not borne by taxpayers. Unfortunately, the consent decree proposed in October could still allow BP to garner major tax benefits for its settlement costs.

We implore you to correct this in the final agreement, it is a strong first step, but the proposed deal for business deduction of 5.5 billion in Clean Water Act funds.

Included in this language is an important reminder of an existing statute, but it is becoming unfortunately necessary to emphasize that fees paid to satisfy penalties are meant to be nondeductible.

Thanks to an increasingly complex universe of case law, you are entering an environment in which corporations subjected to fines may try to deduct even the criminal costs of their wrongdoing unless they are specifically told they cannot.

This need for clarity is why we urge you to go further and include language specifically stating that no part of the proposed settlement may be treated as a tax deduction.

Unless it is specifically forbidden, BP is likely to expense the remaining 15.3 billion, shrinking the total payments in after-tax returns, submitting a handsome tax windfall of 5.35 billion for itself.

The tax code allows for the deduction of ordinary and necessary business expenses. Neither of those two adjectives should ever apply to BP's Deepwater Horizon. Those costs are not a line item on a budget. They are the cost of a tragedy that a Federal Court found to be the result of gross negligence.

Paying for the aftermath of the worst oil spill in U.S. history is not simply the cost of doing business. And if the Justice Department treats it as such, it runs the risk of normalizing tragedy in creating a moral hazard for when the next spill inevitably comes.

Precedence for including stricter settlement terms already exists. For example, when BP settled for its share of criminal liability for Deepwater Horizon, the agreement made it clear that none of the 4 billion could be treated as a deduction.

As a final consent decree emerges, the Justice Department is well within its right to pursue language that is similarly precise for the benefit of both taxpayers and the environment.

Fossil fuel subsidies are expected to cost taxpayers 135 billion over the coming decade. These incentives which run the gamut from century old tax credit to royalty relief on public lands make the production and consumption of fossil fuels more economical, thereby encouraging the use of energy sources that are ultimately detrimental to our economy and society.

While ending many of these subsidies will require an act of Congress, the Justice Department has the discretion to pursue a final agreement with BP that ensures an additional 5.35 billion is not added to this already considerable tab. We encourage you to use it.

Thank you again for this opportunity to speak. We will be submitting technical comments further developing these themes we hope you will consider.

Correspondence ID: 88 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Antalon, Jackie

Address: N/A N/A, UN N/A
United States of America

Outside Organization: Operation Home Care Non-Governmental

Affiliation: Official Rep

Received: Nov,18,2015

Correspondence Type: Transcript

Correspondence: Good evening, everyone. Gulf Coast in the house. Jackie Antalon from Operation Home Care serving Mobile County, Alabama, and Jackson County, Mississippi.

We must agree, yes, this is a good settlement, but it is not the best. And we deserve the best. The consent decree is very, very complicated. So we are, again - - as most of the stakeholders and citizens across the Gulf communities have asked during the last five public meetings in the Gulf states for an extension to the comment period for specifically the Department of Justice on the consent decree.

We strongly support an increase from the 700 million to 2 billion to address natural resource injuries that are unknown. And this is basically because of the lack of the interrelationship between communities that were directly impacted with the nexus of the injury not actually being a part of the assessment process.

Further, on the consent decree, Item Number 5, monitoring adaptive management and administrative oversight, we recommend reducing that administrative oversight and comprehensive planning, open oceans, from 100 million to 50 million with the balance being transferred to the restoration of fishing communities, specifically, the products of shrimp, crab and also to doing science and research for long-term sustainability and build the capacity of those areas.

As previously commented, we strongly oppose, which is part of the consent decree, the 85.5 million that is allocated for the Alabama State Park Hotel, which did not exist and was not damaged and does not bring public increase or enhance public recreational activities.

We strongly support and recommend that these funds be used to enhance and provide public assets throughout Mobile County, the closest nexus to the axis of injury.

We further recommend that 20 percent of the proposed 1.1 billion payment into the OSLTF, which is approximately 225 million, be set aside to use exclusively for the establishment and funding of the Gulf Coast Regional Citizen Advisory Council.

This interest could be offset by using the annual support - - this amount of money could be used to support the operation's continual and long-term sustainability.

Specific to the draft proposed plan, the decision by the Natural Resource trustees in assessment of the injuries on behalf of the public and public interest and the public good lack transparency and clear accountability for communicable public input and engagement.

Therefore, we strongly oppose approval, adoption of the PDARP, PEIS presented during the public meetings held October the 19th through November the 18th, and recommend that the trustees revisit and reengage the impacted communities.

Also, we really have asked several times for the trustees to give clear definitions to the term, "relevant comment." But when we comment, the responses is (sic) determined by you what is relevant, and we have asked for clearer definition of what merits relevancy.

So with you not providing the details of it, how can we ensure that our comments are relevant? We are a grass roots organization. We don't have a staff. We don't have lawyers. So for us to even try to attempt to do this kind of work, we need the support, we need the details from you, we need the specifics in order to have a better understanding.

And there are best practices in place that federal agencies use all the time to engage communities to give them detailed information so the community can either buy in or actually have - - really have knowledge of what is being done and how decisions are being made.

MR. FRANKLIN: If you can come to your summary, Ms. Antalón. Thank you.

MS. ANTALÓN: Okay. We will be submitting additional comments because of so many documents we have to review. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 89 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Vu, Thao
Address: N/A N/A, UN N/A
United States of America
Outside Organization: Mississippi Coalition for Vietnamese-American Fisherfolks and Families Non-Governmental
Affiliation: Official Rep
Received: Nov,18,2015
Correspondence Type: Transcript

Correspondence: Good evening, everyone. My name is Thao Vu, and I'm the Director of the Mississippi Coalition for Vietnamese-American Fish Folks and Families, a community-based organization in Biloxi, Mississippi. I'm actually requesting at least five to six minutes to comment considering this involved two separate processes. So again, I'm requesting additional time to comment.

And I would like to say hello again. I have a special greeting to folks I haven't had an opportunity to meet or express my comments. But most of the - - I think at least three of the attendees that are sitting have seen me numerous times in the past several weeks. I have attended - - I have actually attended most of the public meetings. I have attended six of the seven public meetings held from October 19 through November the 10th across the Gulf states. I did not, unfortunately, have the opportunity to attend the meeting in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

The reason why I'm here is to reiterate my previous comments as well as to share my observations and concerns from attending so many of the public meetings.

My organization and fishing communities, in particular, have very serious concerns about the structure and format of the structure of these meetings, and, more particularly, the outreach, the public engagement and the public notice.

The Department of Justice posted the proposed consent decree on October the 5th on the Federal Register, which is something that the majority of residents are not familiar with.

It was 14 days later that the first public meeting was held in Homer, Louisiana. That was October 19th. Considering the significant resources, time managing staff to negotiate a proposed settlement with BP and the time to plan and organize these public meetings across the Gulf as well as here in Washington, D.C., we think that the first public meeting held in Homer, Louisiana, was extremely inadequate and unacceptable public notice.

In attending all these meetings, the turnout public attendance was really very sparse considering that this was - - in the past five and a half years, what is being proposed now is the most important thing, processes, and attendance was very lacking all across the Gulf. It should have been much higher. And the reason why it wasn't higher is because public notice was woefully inadequate.

Again, this is two separate independent complex processes, and there are two separate portals to submit comment.

We don't think that these meetings should have been held in tandem. Particularly, the first few meetings, and, particularly, the first meeting in Homer, Louisiana. It led to a very confusing process where some of the attendees who made comments before I did they were not assured and they actually had to ask permission what processes could they comment on. Could they comment on this proposed consent decree or could they comment on the NRDA draft plan. There should have been two sets of public meetings. First on the proposed consent decree and later on on the NRDA draft plan.

Further, the meeting venues were mostly held in hotels, not accessible locations for communities or impacted communities who bore this unfortunate impact of this disaster such as fishing communities who critically depend on a healthy Gulf and ecosystem, habitats and fisheries for their livelihoods. Additional comment I would like to make is at the last public meeting in Galveston, Texas, over 25 Vietnamese-American fish folks attended. This is a population that settled in the Gulf to really continue their livelihoods. Many have come from fishing communities in Vietnam. They have limited English

proficiency because they arrived as older adults and did not have the opportunity to attain a higher education. But at that meeting there was no interpreter. There was no interpreter that was provided.

My population was the majority of the folks at that meeting. We took over one half, one side of that building. That is not acceptable. I was asked to be their impromptu interpreter. That is not my role, to fulfill the responsibility of federal and state agencies who have failed to fulfill their responsibilities as intended by law.

A sign language interpreter was provided at all the meetings in the Gulf. How do I know? Because I attended most of those meetings. So how come a Vietnamese interpreter was not provided at the meeting where a significant number of attendees needed language access services?

MR. FRANKLIN: Ms. Vu, if you can go ahead and come to a conclusion.

MS. VU: We think this is exclusionary, unacceptable and in noncompliance with Title VI. Title VI states the need to provide relevant information for a diverse, limited-English-proficiency population in a language they understand.

We think it is very ironic that Department of Justice has the Office of Civil Rights that actually addresses language access and the lack of compliance with Title VI, yet its own division, Environmental Enforcement Division, did not abide by Title VI.

For those list of reasons, we are greatly imploring DOJ to grant us a 60-day extended public comment deadline, particularly, to allow the minority Vietnamese fishing communities who have these language access needs sufficient time to review and comment on the consent decree.

MR. FRANKLIN: That's been six minutes, Ms. Vu. Thank you very much.

MS. VU: Okay. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 90 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Dorsey, Elizabeth

Address: N/A N/A, UN N/A
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,18,2015

Correspondence Type: Transcript

Correspondence: Good evening. I'm Elizabeth Dorsey. I'm representing myself. No group. But I really did like to hear the comments from the groups before me. Particularly, the environmental groups that I'm a member of many of them, as my husband refers to all of them, My green buddies.

And for me, I came tonight, and I really enjoyed this because this was a learning process and to see where we were as a nation and how we all came together. Because, as all of us, we sat in front of the TV or - - and read in horror as to what was happening to the Gulf Coast from this spill.

And so I do appreciate all the work from all the different agencies and all the individuals that have gone into the comprehensive plan.

My concern is also just wondering how these agencies with the states and the trustees really work together and how that is all going to be outlined so that they work together so that there is overlap but that the projects really do get done. And so that is one concern.

And I do - - the last speaker kind of reiterated - - because I didn't know of the public meetings that were going on or how you were announcing them, it was word of mouth tonight, and that the populations, particularly having lived in the Gulf Coast, you know, and the results - - and the shrimpers there that are - - so many are originally from Vietnam, that they do need to have their voices heard. And that an interpreter needed to be there.

And I hope that you will take that into account and provide them with that ability for them because this is their livelihood. And that livelihood is what brings a lot of people to the Gulf Coast for vacations and the restaurants and all of that.

So I do appreciate all the work that you have done. And I do ask that there is a real clear path going forward so that this all works together.

And I am concerned that, even though the Justice Department feels that we got a good settlement, that this really isn't going to cover the costs. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 91 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Dronzek, Judy S

Address: 42 Lindsey Street Yonkers, NY 10704
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,20,2015 17:16:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees'

I first wanted to say thank you for the on-going efforts to which the company and you personally have gone thru in order to assist in seeking to bring back as much life as possible to a damaged area caused by the oil spill. It takes a lot of hard character in order to do this task.

Now I ask you to do the environment a favor... please think of the animals that live there... the turtles to which need the area to breed, the fish which need the water as clean as possible of oil as possible so that the coral in the water can possibly regenerate and also the land animals like the birds which were soaked. Let's hope that you'll continue to monitor and clean up what was damaged over the next few decades as these creatures deserve to be there.

Thank you for caring about those that make a living fishing in this region, who live in this area and for those animals large and small like the endangered Kemp Ridley turtles that might not survive without your assistance.

Regards

Correspondence ID: 92 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Novikova, Olga
Address: 19a Suvorovskaya str Moscow, UN 107023
Russian Federation
Outside Organization: RuDive diving school Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,21,2015 00:36:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Olga Novikova

Correspondence ID: 93 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Bar Harbor, ME 04609
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,23,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,

Saber Love

Correspondence ID: 94 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Goldufsky, Joe
Address: 1550 S. Blue Island Ave. Chicago, IL 60608
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,23,2015 21:36:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Joe Goldufsky

Correspondence ID: 95 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Potter, Doris

Address: 990 St-François-Xavier #605 St-Laurent, UN H4L5E7
Canada

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:10:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help.

An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Doris Potter

Correspondence ID: 96 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Anaconda, MT 59711-1713
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:10:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Save the sea turtles!

Correspondence ID: 97 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Smith, Judith

Address: 2712 Grande Vista Ave Oakland, CA 94601
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:10:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,

Judith Smith

Correspondence ID: 98 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Pasadena, MD 21122
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
I can not emphasize enough on the importance these creatures are to our ecosystem. So please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 99 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Esposito , Dan J

Address: 1510 Rowell Avenue Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:11:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect sea turtles, thank you.

Correspondence ID: 100 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Green, Michelle

Address: 8114 Inverness Ridge Road Potomac, MD 20854
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:11:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Michelle Erica Green

Correspondence ID: 101 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: LoFurno, Susan

Address: 1340 Klem Road Webster, NY 14580
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:11:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Susan and Bart LoFurno

Correspondence ID: 102 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: State College, PA 16803
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:11:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 103 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Williams, Jesse
Address: 7/410 The Esplanade
Island Bay Wellington, UN 6023
New Zealand
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:12:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
JW

Correspondence ID: 104 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Jordan, Y.D.
Address: Los Angeles, CA 90048
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:12:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Restore NOW!

Correspondence ID: 105 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Wlosowicz, Teresa
Address: Sosnowiec, UN 41200
Poland

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:13:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Teresa Wlosowicz

Correspondence ID: 106 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: COUCHOUD, Gerard L.

Address: 65, rue Marceau Palaiseau, UN 91120
France

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:13:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Gerard COUCHOUD.

Correspondence ID: 107 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Kay, Tonya

Address: Los Angeles, CA 90036
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:13:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please restore the ecosystem with the entire lot of the settlement. Make it better than it was before this humiliating and devastating oil spill. For the future of marine wildlife, natural sustainability and our children's backyard.

Correspondence ID: 108 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Wolf, Melanie

Address: 466 Lebanon Street Melrose, MA 02176
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:14:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,
Melanie Wolf

Correspondence ID: 109 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Donnici, Anthony
Address: 118 N Conistor Ln #292 Liberty, MO 64068
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:14:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Anthony Donnici

Correspondence ID: 110 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: McGillivray, M
Address: 2484 Benson Eugene, OR 97408
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:14:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let's spend the \$ on sea turtles! They are suffering & need our help now!

Correspondence ID: 111 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Matranga, Georgeanne
Address: 140 Village Green Drive Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you for your attention to my profoundly grave concerns.

Sincerely,

Georgeanne Matranga

Correspondence ID: 112 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Graham, Mary
Address: 6170 nw 32 terr Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2214
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help.

An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Respectfully,
Mary D. Graham Architect NCARB
Fort Lauderdale FL 33309

Correspondence ID: 113 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Vollmer, Alex
Address: 26 Narragansett Cove San Rafael, CA 94901
United States of America
Outside Organization: Private citizen Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

As a avid SCUBA diver, I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts

Sincerely,
Alex Vollmer

Correspondence ID: 114 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Biernoff, Ari
Address: 220 Girard Blvd SE Albuquerque, NM 87106
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please take action to protect the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. For that reason I request that you fund sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans for the Gulf of Mexico. Please make sure that your assessment and planning process includes tangible efforts to protect vulnerable species, including sea turtles.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 115 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: livermore, CA 94550
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:17:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Gomathy

Correspondence ID: 116 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Gevaert , Ilse
Address: Miami beach, FL 33139
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:17:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Ilse

Correspondence ID: 117 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Falvey, Tom
Address: 2576 Wightman St. San Diego, CA 92104
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Tom Falvey, Janet Falvey, Rick Stevens, Gilligan Stevens, Paula Thomas and Keith Robbins

Correspondence ID: 118 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Mennel-Bell, Mari
Address: 1524 Bayview Drive Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304-1627
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:18:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a lifetime coastal resident of South Florida, the issue of protecting our nesting sea turtles. They are a big part of the magic of our coasts. It breaks my heart to see what happens to them because of human behavior. I was a stockholder of BP and sold immediately after seeing the devastation that the oil spill brought to our sea life, particularly our sea turtles who continue to suffer by ingesting toxic materials left in their feeding grounds. PLEASE set aside funding for endangered sea turtles recovery efforts, esp the Kemp sea turtles.
Sincerely,
Mari Mennel-Bell

Correspondence ID: 119 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: hope, phillip
Address: 248 10th st brooklyn, NY 11215
United States of America
Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:18:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Phillip R Hope

Correspondence ID: 120 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Harper, Barbara A
Address: 13535 Agua Dulce Castroville, CA 95012
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:18:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Barbara Harper

Correspondence ID: 121 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Stark, Jonathan
Address: 4 Warrantena St Hobart, UN 7173
Australia
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:18:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,
Jonathan Stark
Australia

Correspondence ID: 122 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Angell, J
Address: rescue, CA 95672
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:18:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
J Angell

Correspondence ID: 123 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Fahlberg, Mareen -
Address: 1735 Teakwood St Boulder City, NV 89005
United States of America
Outside Organization: Move on.org Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:18:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Deep Water Horizon is very concerting.

Correspondence ID: 124 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Roberts, Jessica D
Address: Morgan Hill, CA 95037
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:18:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Ms. Jessica Roberts

Correspondence ID: 125 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Ringgaard, Line

Address: Willow St Rising Sun, IN 47040-1056
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:19:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Line Ringgaard

Correspondence ID: 126 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: nylen, eric

Address: 4800 auburn bethesda, MD 20814
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:20:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Eric Nylén

Correspondence ID: 127 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Bradley, Rhonda

Address: 1156 Highway 68 Crossville, TN 38555
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:20:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely
Rhonda Bradley

Correspondence ID: 128 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Paul, Suzanne

Address: 107 Magnolia Avenue Fairhope, AL 36532
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:20:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would respectfully request that a generous allotment of the funds be set aside for endangered sea turtles of the Gulf and projects related to the recovery of their populations. I strongly feel that the funds should be devoted to recovery efforts here on the Gulf Coast and not diverted to inland projects. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Correspondence ID: 129 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Rosenkrantz, Stewart

Address: 2319 SE 9th St. Pompano Beach, FL 33062
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:21:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We need A Comprehensive Restoration Plan for the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 130 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Schwab, Diana

Address: 1027 - 9th Street No.5 Santa Monica, CA 90403
United States of America

Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and are in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Diana Schwab
1027 - 9th Street No.5
Santa Monica, CA 90403
dianajschwab@gmail.com

Correspondence ID: 131 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Fenker, Amanda M
Address: Portland, OR 97217
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:24:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help the sea turtles!

Correspondence ID: 132 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Kalousi, Maria
Address: New Orleans, LA 70131
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:24:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,
Maria Kalousi

Correspondence ID: 133 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Matthijssen, Henriette
Address: Site 40, Box 25, RR2 Boyle, UN T0A 0M0
Canada
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:24:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Henriette Matthijssen

Correspondence ID: 134 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Phillips, Elaine
Address: 446 Cherry Drive Edgewater, MD 21037
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:24:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The devastation is unfathomable We must do all we can to ensure restoration to the extent possible.

Correspondence ID: 135 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Krones, Peter
Address: 5409 Baywood Drive Waxhaw, NC 28173
United States of America
Outside Organization: 1942 Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:26:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please include me with those who are encouraging the plan to include constructive restoration policies to directly protect the sea turtles still undergoing stress and worse in the Gulf waters. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 136 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Mullen , Timothy I
Address: 37 Hollybush Road
Stoke-on-Trenr Stoke-on-Trent, UN ST3 2AY
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:26:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Timothy I Mullen

Correspondence ID: 137 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: 4 Audubon blvd New Orleans, LA 70118
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:28:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am waiting to ask you to allocate some funds to help sea turtles

Correspondence ID: 138 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Bechtel, Albert J
Address: 150 E Verde Vista Green Valley, AZ 85614
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:28:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely

Correspondence ID: 139 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Reback, Mark
Address: Los Angeles, CA 90042
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:29:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I strongly urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Mark Reback

Correspondence ID: 140 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: jacobs, shannon
Address: 1204 14th avenue dorothy, NJ 08317
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:29:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Thanks for your time,
Shannon

Correspondence ID: 141 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Fullerton, CA 92832
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:30:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing on behalf of all those sea-turtles that were lost in the BP Oil spill. Please consider allocating money to assist those turtles that have survived this horrific environmental incident! We must do our best to protect the animal kingdom as much as possible.

Our actions as human beings have such ramifications on not only the environment, but on the animals that are struggling to survive in our midst.

Correspondence ID: 142 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Mullen , Edna
Address: 37 Hollybush Road
Blurton Stoke-on-Trent, UN ST3 2AY
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:30:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Edna Mullen

Correspondence ID: 143 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Evans, Pamela
Address: PO Box 644 Kemp, TX 75143
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:30:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Pam Evans

Correspondence ID: 144 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Ramos, Paul D
Address: 1530 N Refugio Rd Santa Ynez, CA 93460

United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:30:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Paul D. Ramos

Correspondence ID: 145 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Joannou Jr, Benjamin

Address: 6401 SW 134 Drive Pinecrest, FL 33156-7046
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:31:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Benjamin Joannou, Jr

Correspondence ID: 146 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Smith, Karen E

Address: 1653 KENSINGTON AVE WESTCHESTER, IL 60154
United States of America

Outside Organization: Turtle Island Restoration Network Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

The world's smallest turtle, the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle needs to be funded so it can prosper. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. A sufficient infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Karen E Smith

Correspondence ID: 147 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Saari, Taylor E

Address: 11658 se 170th pl Renton, WA 98058
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:33:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside money in order to aid the health/recovery process of these turtles damaged by the oil spill. Sea turtles are becoming an endangered animal and this spill will only make things worse. Please consider how this money will help them.

Correspondence ID: 148 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Esposito, Susan

Address: 6 Belfield Ave Staten Island, NY 10312
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:33:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Susan Esposito

Correspondence ID: 149 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Rozen, Barbara

Address: 10 JEANNETTE PRANDI WAY #1003 San Rafael , CA 94903
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:33:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside funds to protect and preserve the Ridley sea turtles that were killed in the oil spill.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 150 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Beldin, Joanie

Address: 10223 N. Hudson St. Portland, OR 97203
United States of America

Outside Organization: .Turtle Island Restoration Network Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:33:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Joan Beldin

Correspondence ID: 151 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Elkins, sara a
Address: 73Barrett St
apt. 6206 NORTHAMPTON, MA 01060-1702
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:34:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: On the Deepwater Horizon oil spill agreement.Please set aside money to care for endangered turtles and other endangered animals affected by the massive oil spill.

Correspondence ID: 152 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Sacramento, CA 95821
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

As you consider a comprehensive restoration plan for the Gulf of Mexico, please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. The turtles that survived the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill continue to suffer from effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 153 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: shelbyville, TN 37160
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:35:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please remember to help the endangered sea turtles.

Correspondence ID: 154 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, Donna
Address: Spring Valley, CA 91977
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:36:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Donna

Correspondence ID: 155 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Skrzypek, Tammy

Address: 3960 Postridge Trail Melbourne, FL 32934
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:37:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: These beautiful sea animals have been devastated by the BP oil spill. They will continue to be at risk for a long time to come. Please, see to it that the funds are provided for their recovery and well being in the future.

Correspondence ID: 156 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Riley, Maura

Address: 10 Reservoir St Nashua, NH 03064
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:37:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please take into consideration the impact you will have on Sea Turtles. They have taken a huge hit from the BP mess, and are in dire need of help.
Please act to protect all wildlife!!!

Thank You

Correspondence ID: 157 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Collins, Randall

Address: 530 4th Ave W Apt 309 Seattle, WA 98119
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I am writing to ask you to please remember the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles suffered a severe negative impact from the BP-oil spill and are in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I respectfully urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects.

Regards,

Correspondence ID: 158 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Rosas, Greg
Address: 4353 Edwards Ln Castro Valley, CA 94546-3653
United States of America
Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Official Rep
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:39:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I urge you not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. Please prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,

Greg Rosas

Correspondence ID: 159 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Lackey, Mercedes R
Address: 16525 E 470 Rd Claremore, OK 74017
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:39:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico were killed by the horrendous Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, which flooded the Gulf with some 134 million gallons of oil. Today, the turtles that survived continue to suffer from effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds.

The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills.

Please set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts.

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 160 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Beach, Kim
Address: 721 Island View Circle Port Hueneme, CA 93041-3449
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:39:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sirs,
Please use some of your funding to help save the sea turtles. They need our help!!!

Regards
Kim Beach

Correspondence ID: 161 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Gleason-Wynn, Pat

Address: 5009 Sheridan Court Arlington, TX 76017
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I am a scuba diver, and it's the highlight of a dive when I encounter a Kemp's Ridley turtle. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Pat Gleason-Wynn, PhD

Correspondence ID: 162 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Roskosz, Dean

Address: 1425 E. McLellan Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85014
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:39:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Dean Roskosz

Correspondence ID: 163 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Macdonald, John

Address: 520 Valley St Seattle, WA 98109
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:40:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: 11/24/15

Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
John Macdonald
Seattle, WA

Correspondence ID: 164 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Zimmerman, Ruth A
Address: 2501 E.104 Ave.G4-1 Denver, CO 80233
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:40:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: USE THE BP 8.8 BILLION DOLLARS TO ESTABLISH & ACTIVATE AN INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PLAN !!!! RAZ !

Correspondence ID: 165 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Riverside, IL 60546
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:42:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: BP should use the funds to the fullest extent to restore the environment it ruined!!

Correspondence ID: 166 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Zyla, Alison
Address: 1 Shore Grove Road Clinton, CT 06413
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,
Alison Barr Zyla

Correspondence ID: 167 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Hildebrandt, Joel
Address: 3044A Halcyon Ct. Berkeley, CA 94705
United States of America
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:44:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please ensure that sufficient funds are allocated to restore and protect sea turtles and other marine animals and birds.

Correspondence ID: 168 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: St Petersburg, FL 33707
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:44:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 169 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Reed, Dirk
Address: 4650 Cherryvale Avenue Soquel, CA 95073-9563
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:44:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT SAVING THE SEA TURTLE POPULATION!!

Correspondence ID: 170 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Hofman, Ed
Address: 30115 Wellton Mohawk Drive
#143 Wellton, AZ 85356
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:45:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider allocating significant recovery funding for Sea Turtles that survived the BP oil spill, and are now impacted by toxins left behind after the spill was controlled. Several species of these turtles are considered "Endangered" and need assistance ASAP to ensure their continued survival.
Thank you for your consideration.
Ed Hofman

Correspondence ID: 171 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Sewald, Michelle
Address: 1401 Wewatta St Denver, CO 80202
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:45:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of

Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Michelle

Correspondence ID: 172 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Cornish, Pamela
Address: Silverdale, WA 98383
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:46:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is very important that we protect wildlife because they are needed for the environment to thrive!

Correspondence ID: 173 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Austin, TX 78703
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:46:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help.

Sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills.

An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Candace Volz

Correspondence ID: 174 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Moreno, Llewellyn
Address: Berkeley, CA 94709
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:48:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Llewellyn Moreno

Correspondence ID: 175 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Ocala, FL 34470
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:48:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support this initiative.

Correspondence ID: 176 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Newburgh, IN 47630
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:50:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Ricki Newman

Correspondence ID: 177 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Raim, Leila
Address: 84 N Napa Dr Petaluma, CA 94954
United States of America
Outside Organization: NPS volunteer Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:51:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am a former National Park Ranger, having served in the Interpretive division at several parks including Everglades, Cape Cod National Seashore, and Point Reyes National Seashore.
I strongly support ample funding for sea turtle recovery to be guaranteed in all settlement decisions.

Thank you. Leila Raim

Correspondence ID: 178 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Eaton, Michelle M
Address: Forest Knolls, CA 94933
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:51:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please save the Sea Turtles.

Correspondence ID: 179 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Torrington, CT 06790-5201
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:52:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,
Marie D.

Correspondence ID: 180 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Wojciechowski, Katherine

Address: 86 E 8th St. Oneida Castle, NY 13421
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:53:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please help world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. Due to the BP oil spill these sea turtles need help to ensure their survival. Money is needed to ensure their recovery in the Gulf of Mexico. I strongly urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,
Katherine Wojciechowski

Correspondence ID: 181 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Malkerson, Joel

Address: 808 Harbor Dr S Venice, FL 34285
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:53:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 182 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Willson, Kevin B

Address: 41 Elk Run Trail Port Angeles, WA 98362
United States of America

Outside Organization: self Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:54:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The cost of doing this project right by allowing the wild life to coexist with what you want is far less than the damage you are doing by just doing so poorly. We you and I must try to live with nature making less a mark on her.
Please do better not just less

Correspondence ID: 183 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Nolensville, TN 37135-8455
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:54:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 184 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Laxier, Scott Douglas
Address: 715 Alder Street Pacific Grove, CA 93950
United States of America
Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:55:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Greed and deceit should not dictate public policy. Enough with white-collar, well-connected criminals destroying habitats and the lives of hard-working citizens. If you who read this are not part of the problem, then stand up, speak out, and HOLD the Greedsters ACCOUNTABLE.

Correspondence ID: 185 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: guy, jennifer
Address: 22 langley avenue surbiton,surrey,UK, UN KT6 6QW
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 17:57:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

jennifer guy

Correspondence ID: 186 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Faith, Kathleen

Address: 2188 Honey Run Rd Chico, CA 95928
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 17:57:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Supporting this restoration needs to be a priority. I ask you to make it one.

Correspondence ID: 187 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Ciric, Natalie

Address: Middletown, DE 19709
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! Please protect all sea life, without them, there is no us.

Sincerely,
Natalie Ciric

Correspondence ID: 188 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Knox, Elena

Address: 24500 Robin Hood Drive Pioneer, CA 95666-9370
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about or ignore the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival and in desperate need of help since the post BP-oil spill. Amongst the other great needs for restoration following the oil spill, a significant infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elena Knox

Correspondence ID: 189 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Cachopo, Patricia A
Address: 2337 Harrison St Santa Clara, CA 95050
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:01:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To the trustees, please set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery by December 4.

Thank you,
Patricia Cachopo

Correspondence ID: 190 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Keith, Melissa

Address: 2215 Arbor Forest Trl SW Marietta, GA 30064-2856
United States of America

Outside Organization: Kennesaw State University Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:03:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Melissa D. Keith

Correspondence ID: 191 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Enfield, CT 06082
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:04:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

SC

Correspondence ID: 192 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Snohomish, WA 98290
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:05:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 193 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Cofrancesco, Paul

Address: 1115 39th St. San Diego, CA 92102
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:08:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please include sea turtles in your restoration efforts. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 194 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Palecek, Bridget

Address: 1665 Clairville Road Oshkosh, WI 54904-9006
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:10:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Bridget Palecek

Correspondence ID: 195 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Posch, Robert C

Address: 2131 N Ocean Blvd
#17 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305-1928
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:10:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Robert Posch

Correspondence ID: 196 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Young, Debra A
Address: 22 Heather Lane Heber Springs, AR 72543
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:10:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 197 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Baxter, Lou
Address: Melbourne, UN 3068
Australia
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Both as a biologist and as a family member concerned about future biodiversity, I ask you to not forget about the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle - the world's smallest turtle when considering the restoration plan for the Gulf.

These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill. They are in desperate need of help and, consequently, allocating funds towards sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

Therefore I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 198 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Monroe, Cord
Address: 998 Keefer Rd Girard, OH 44420
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:12:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill

and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects. They need our help for full recovery.

Sincerely,
Cord Monroe

Correspondence ID: 199 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Marsh, Sherry
Address: 5030 Alicante Way Oceanside, CA 92056
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:12:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sea turtles have been with us for an eon and they must be protected and preserved. It is not up to us to decide the fate of any plant or animal who cannot speak for themselves.

Correspondence ID: 200 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Lewis, Belinda
Address: 3708 Blackjack Rd Ladson, SC 29456
United States of America
Outside Organization: 1961 Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:13:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I first fell in love with turtles when my 6 year old son brought one home. Since then my love and appreciation has continued to grow and spread! My grandson wants to become a marine biologist! Sea turtles are beautiful, graceful, and fascinating creatures! Please help to insure their survival and their continued inspiration for generations to come!!!

Correspondence ID: 201 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: San Francisco, CA 94107
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:14:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you for taking my comment.

Correspondence ID: 202 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Maplewood, MN 55117
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:14:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Wildlife was devastated by the BP oil spill. Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Joseph Wenzel

Correspondence ID: 203 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Seaforth, Janet

Address: 155 Shady Lane Cloverdale, CA 95425
United States of America

Outside Organization: Choice Studios Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:17:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Complete restoration for the turtles is only fair. The animals have been terrified by the loss of their home and environment. If we don't take care of our planet and the beauty of nature what will be left to enjoy? People need to take responsibility for their actions that effect nature.

Correspondence ID: 204 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, Jennifer

Address: Louisville , KY 40219
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:18:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We need to protect the ocean and make sure another oil spill does not happen so our children can enjoy it's beauty and wildlife!!

Correspondence ID: 205 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Woolsey, John

Address: 27 John Street Providence, RI 02906
United States of America

Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:18:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that corporate officials and government officials should make every effort to administer the comprehensive, integrated, ecosystem restoration plan. The areas damaged should be made whole again. The entities profiting from exploitation of the what is in effect an inheritance of everyone must bear the consequences for disasters and mistakes.
Sincerely,

John M Woolsey

Correspondence ID: 206 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Castellana, Deb
Address: 2625 Alcatraz Avenue
Suite 184 Berkeley, CA 94705
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:18:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Debra Castellana

Correspondence ID: 207 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Thomas, Natalie M
Address: 256 Birchwood Drive Manistee, MI 49660
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:19:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I care about the sea turtles that were killed in the Deepwater Horizon oilspill, and also the ones that survived and are trying to live in the still polluted waters. This situation has to be resolved, or they risk certain death. Please appropriate some of the moneys to fund a massive cleanup to make the gulf habitable for this precious species to survive and thrive!

Thank you,
Natalie Thomas

Correspondence ID: 208 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Chalker, Mikki
Address: 119 Prospect ST Binghamton, NY 13905
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:20:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 209 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Forestville , MD 20747
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:20:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects.

Sincerely,

Meya Law

Correspondence ID: 210 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: lesmond, michelle

Address: Boise, ID 83725
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:20:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support and provide full protection and funding for marine mamals.

Correspondence ID: 211 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: silver, ron

Address: 1829 sea oats drive atlantic beach, FL 32233
United States of America

Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:21:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 212 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: silver, margaret

Address: 1829 sea oats drive atlantic beach, FL 32233-4511
United States of America

Outside Organization: Mrs. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:22:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 213 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Kuciej, Walter A

Address: 4212 35th Ave. W. A-104 Seattle, WA 98199
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:23:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Because of the massive damage done by the oil spill, and the chemical dispersant, many species of turtles, especially the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, were put in jeopardy. I urge that sea turtle recovery plans be funded in the Restoration Plan. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 214 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: tiburon, CA 94920
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:25:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts by December 4.

Correspondence ID: 215 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Coarsegold, CA 93614
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:25:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! Make this right

Sincerely, Tim Moore

Correspondence ID: 216 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Guaraldi, Thomas A

Address: 11002 braes Forest Drive Houston, TX 77071-1511
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:25:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: i truly hope that when restoration starts, special interest and deep pockets take a back seat! We need to use available funds for bringing back Nature to where it was before this environmental disaster. We need to see all species effected allowed the chance to populate again and thrive! Only with cooperation and egos set aside can this happen. We need the entire gulf area restored! mankind and its greed and irresponsibility destroyed Nature! Now we have to rebuild it!

Correspondence ID: 217 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Anderson, Karen E

Address: 17760 Bayberry Drive Spring Lake, MI 49456
United States of America

Outside Organization: NPS Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:25:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! This is so important!

Sincerely,

Karen Anderson

Correspondence ID: 218 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Albanese, Dawn M

Address: 156 Basswood Dr. Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1718
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:26:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle.

These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Dawn M. Albanese

Correspondence ID: 219 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Ehrman, Jean T

Address: 210 Grove Street Fort Wayne, IN 46805
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:28:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sea turtles are ancient, magnificent creatures who deserve to be saved.

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill devastated a huge area, and Exxon should be absolutely forced to fix and pay for the mess they made.

Correspondence ID: 220 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Hemphill, Pat

Address: 4 Borealis Way Castle Rock, CO 80108
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:32:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside funding for endangered sea turtles. I have witnessed first hand these magnificent creatures off the coast of South Carolina. I hope that it will be taken into consideration what the loss of them would mean to all of us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pat Hemphill

Correspondence ID: 221 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Gupta, Sam

Address: Costa Mesa, CA 92626
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello Trustees,

Please consider the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival after the BP-oil spill and are in desperate need of help.

An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects to help these creatures return to their once thriving state.

Sincerely,

Sam Gupta
Costa Mesa, CA

Correspondence ID: 222 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Abdool, Ed

Address: 54339 W. RIDGEVIEW CIRCLE Pawpaw, MI 49070
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:33:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Ed Abdool

Correspondence ID: 223 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: DEVALEZ, Olivier
Address: 18, rue Benjamin Constant Saint-Amand-Montrond, UN 18200
France
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:33:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: November 26th, 2015

Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Olivier DEVALEZ

Correspondence ID: 224 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Lanz, Gianna
Address: Bradenton, FL 34209
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:34:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It's simple. Each creature is here for a reason whether it be to sustain the ecosystem or just to make children smile. Ultimately, We are Stewards of the Earth and must make ourselves worthy of this honorable duty or maybe, just maybe, we will be replaced someday. The right thing is to ensure the safety of marine life as it may just ensure the survival of ours in the long run.

Correspondence ID: 225 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Smith, Charles S
Address: San Jose, CA 95136
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:34:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please ensure that funds are earmarked for sea turtle recovery in the Gulf especially for the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. This vulnerable, endangered species deserves all the help it can get. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 226 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Gehrig, Judy

Address: 106 Candlelight Ct Durham, NC 27707
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:34:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please put sea turtles first!

The endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers, and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. The \$8.8 billion dollars can provide for the protection and future of sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico, so please help them out.

Sincerely,
Judy Gehrig
Durham, NC

Correspondence ID: 227 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: erhorn, walter

Address: po box 1843 spring valley, CA 91979
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:35:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please make Sure that all restoration efforts are documented and independently verified. Thanx Walter Erhorn

Correspondence ID: 228 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Wise, Brigitte R

Address: 1125 Sunset Ln Gulf Breeze, FL 32563
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:36:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Living on the panhandle of NW Florida, we need to get the sewage plants off of the barrier islands. I know Pensacola Beach and Navarre beach have sewer plants that discharge into the sound. Dangerous for all living creatures. All coastlines affected from the oil Spills should have Money ASAP to move these plants inland away from storm surge and hurricanes. Thank you, Brigitte

Correspondence ID: 229 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Schultz, Lesley

Address: 874 York St. Oakland, CA 94610
United States of America

Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:37:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There needs to be a comprehensive, integrated, ecosystem restoration plan, and this plan must be monitored and measured for the next 100 years. The monetary settlement should be considered payment for the first 15 years only. The total sum should be around \$1 trillion dollars, because the harm done by BP's manifest negligence will go on for at least a century. All creatures must be monitored for ill effects and remediation, including the

sea turtles and all marine life of whatever kind, including plants.

Correspondence ID: 230 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Bellevue, WA 98004
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:37:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 231 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: wick, jodi
Address: silver spring, MD 20906
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:39:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 232 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Hesslein Jr., Richard A
Address: 68 Peary Mtn. Rd. Brownfield, ME 04010
United States of America
Outside Organization: ecosystemengineers.wordpress.com Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Official Rep
Received: Nov,24,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest sea turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles were fighting for survival pre- BP-oil spill, and so are in even more desperate need of help after / now. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans are needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Richard A. Hesslein Jr. / ecosystemengineers.wordpress.com

Correspondence ID: 233 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Romondo, Darcy
Address: 111 S. 18th Street Leavenworth, KS 66048
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:40:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't forget about the world's smallest sea turtle, the Kemp's Ridley, as you allocate funds toward restoration of the Gulf of Mexico and precious habitat. I have had the privilege of attending hatchling releases at North Padre Island National Seashore, as well as watching an adult Kemp's Ridley swimming at San Jose Island, TX. I cannot adequately express how moving this experience was. Please help save the Kemp's Ridley. Their survival is an inspiration to ocean lovers everywhere.

Correspondence ID: 234 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Earle, Susan

Address: Cambridge, MA 02139-2005
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:42:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 235 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Anderson, Diana

Address: 1489 Oak Hill Rd, Roseburg, OR 97471-9683
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:42:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Diana Anderson

Correspondence ID: 236 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Escobar, Victor

Address: 11747 N Briar Patch Dr Midlothian, VA 23113-2366
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:43:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Victor Escobar

Correspondence ID: 237 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Canastota, NY 13032
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:44:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We have no right to continually destroy this planet. Enough is Enough.

Correspondence ID: 238 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Dunn, Timothy
Address: 24 Dundee Avenue Babylon, NY 11702-2634
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:45:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest sea turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Timothy Dunn

Correspondence ID: 239 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Brooklyn, NY 11204
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:46:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 240 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Haas, Kayden W
Address: 2220 Rockefeller Lane Unit C redondo beach, CA 90278
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:46:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Kayden Haas

Correspondence ID: 241 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Lukaszewski, Aggie

Address: Oakland, CA 94610
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:47:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I must say, you would think it was obvious that creatures like these sea turtles would be internationally recognized as precious. Must mankind ruin EVERYTHING?

Correspondence ID: 242 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Miami, FL 33160
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:48:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Virginia Mendez

Correspondence ID: 243 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Peoria, AZ 85383
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 18:50:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Michael Lee

Correspondence ID: 244 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Fary, Jim M
Address: 2836 Blue Spruce Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20906 Silver Spring, MD 20906
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:50:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please provide funds for sea turtle restoration, Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 245 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Brewer, Georgia M
Address: 5518 Ventura Canyon Avenue Los Angeles, CA 91401-5228
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:50:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I'm writing to ask that you prioritize funding sea turtle projects. Sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts is urgently needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I am especially concerned about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle.

Sea turtles are critically important to our national natural heritage. I want American children 15 generations from today to enjoy sea turtles as I have been privileged to enjoy them!

Please, do your part! Fund sea turtle recovery and restoration in the Gulf of Mexico.

Sincerely,
Georgia Mae Brewer

Correspondence ID: 246 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Rahav, Ron
Address: 19730 Northridge, CA 91326
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

The Kemp's ridley sea turtle was ALREADY endangered BEFORE the BP oil spill. Now AFTER the oil spill, the risk of losing this species is even greater.

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle.

These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Ron Rahav

Correspondence ID: 247 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Hanson, Marilyn
Address: 7105 W Deserama Drive Tucson, AZ 85743
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:54:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Marilyn Hanson

Correspondence ID: 248 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Rolland, Zoe
Address: 151 Deepstone Dr. San Rafael, CA 94903
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:55:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
~Zoe Rolland

Correspondence ID: 249 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: New Albany, IN 47150
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:57:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects.

Sincerely,

Jessica M. Cresseveur

Correspondence ID: 250 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Gammuto, Andrew
Address: 688 110th Ave NE
S910 Bellevue, WA 98004
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 18:59:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles have taken a huge loss in comparison to all the unfortunate wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. It seems incredible to me that paying damages to a boat ramp would be more important than supporting the repopulation of an endangers species - a situation that the Gulf oil disaster made worse. Do the right thing and support organizations that help these gentle, ancient marine creatures. Future generations shouldn't have to live in a world without sea turtles.

Correspondence ID: 251 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: massey, carolyn
Address: 632 1/2 north 6th
632 quincy, IL 62301
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:00:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 252 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Lund, Leslie
Address: 139 E. 13th St. 4A New York, NY 10003
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:00:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Hello! As someone who grew up in Florida and spent a few years living on the Gulf in Sarasota and now I frequently visit family in St. Augustine, FL, I have seen first-hand the devastating effects that the oil spill has had on the gulf, the Atlantic and the marine life.

Sea turtles were impacted very hard as were Dolphins, many have dies. Seabirds are in decline as well. Please allocate funds to help the wild marine creatures recover. The increasing pollution is making their habitat scarce and dangerous. Do we really want to live in a world without these magnificent creatures? I for one do not. If they can begin to recover, then there will be some hope for the rest of us to go on into the future.

Thanks for taking my comment into consideration.

Best,
Leslie Lund

Correspondence ID: 253 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Pasqua, John
Address: 843 S ESCONDIDO BLVD ESCONDIDO, CA 92025
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:01:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: keep the funds alive for the sea turtles.thanks john pasqua

Correspondence ID: 254 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: johnson, paul
Address: 910 owl hollow rd. san marcos, TX 78666
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:03:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: these funds must be spent on wildlife and the environment. not on the tourist based humanscape. the animals are still suffering. save the kemp ridleys turtle.

Correspondence ID: 255 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Korn, Meryle A
Address: 2821 Huron St. Bellingham, WA 98226
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:10:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please be sure to set aside funding for the continued recovery of endangered sea turtles, including continued beach clean-up for their egg-laying, oversight and protection of turtle nests and for hatchlings as they make their way back to the water, and for whatever approaches to assisting adult sea turtles avoid fishing gear and other hazards, including any new scientific approaches.

Correspondence ID: 256 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Pellicani, Andrea
Address: Eagle Point, OR 97524
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:11:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 257 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Gonzalez, Yazmin
Address: 9627 Maple St. Bellflower, CA 90706
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:15:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Yazmin Gonzalez

Correspondence ID: 258 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Ramaci, Lisa
Address: 534 East 11th Street NY, NY 10009
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:19:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These turtles are fighting for survival after the BP oil spill and are in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects.

Funds have been allocated for inland projects as far as 200 miles from the Gulf, while proposals for projects that would provide immediate care for oiled and injured sea turtles should another tragic spill occurs have not yet received funding. This cannot stand. Protect the turtles!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 259 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Frey, Kimberly
Address: 5 Tims Lane
15 Quartz Mill Rd Hockessin, DE 19707
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:22:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sea turtles desperately need protection post BP oil spill. Please help them!

Correspondence ID: 260 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Murakami, Maki

Address: 3 Pheasant Lane Monroe Township, NJ 08831
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:22:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts!

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 261 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Franzen, Ellen L

Address: 970 Jones Street Berkeley, CA 94710
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:24:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. We am sick of the lack of real help for these turtles which have suffered so much due to BP's inability to manage their oil drilling properly. We strongly urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects. Don't waste it on boat ramps and other projects that will not help wildlife, which needs the help most of all.

Sincerely,

Ellen Franzen
Glenn Franzen
Sam Franzen

Correspondence ID: 262 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Koubik, Charles

Address: North Stonington, CT 06359
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please consider the world's rarest species of sea turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley turtle. These small sea turtles are fighting for survival after the BP-oil spill and are in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is critically needed now in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 263 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Hightower, Susan R

Address: 7014 Ferris St Bellaire, TX 77401
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:28:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider a sizable allocation of funds to saving sea turtles. I patrol for Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle nests on Galveston Island. The Kemp's Ridley is the most endangered sea turtle, and the Kemp's Ridley is the only sea turtle to nest during the day. Three years ago we had the use of UTV's to patrol the beaches during the day for 8-10 hours. When funding was lost, we walked a total of 4-5 hours a day. Many patrollers are retirees who are extremely dedicated. However, many have physical problems preventing them from walking 2-3 hours. I feel many nests were missed without the constant, long patrols by UTV. In addition, the UTV's made us much more visible to the public. Many people stopped us to ask about sea turtles giving us many opportunities to educate. We handed out bookmarks with educational information, and the kids were usually excited to help look for turtles. Patrolling is only part of the effort to help these turtle populations recover from hunting in the past, and more recently, shrimp nets. These animals have been part of the delicate environments of our oceans for millions of years. Numerous in the early 1900's, now populations of all species of sea turtles are suffering. When I lived on Galveston Island, I found many Dead Sea turtles on the beach. The oil spill obviously took a toll on this fragile species. Please help.

Correspondence ID: 264 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Ramirez, Hank

Address: 4823 Mansfield Street San Diego, CA 92116
United States of America

Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:29:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Hank Ramirez
4823 Mansfield Street
San Diego, CA 92116

Correspondence ID: 265 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Krikorian, Michael A

Address: 738 Willowood Way Windsor, CA 95492
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:32:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am very concerned that sea turtles get adequate recovery resources and future protection as they are particularly vulnerable species to impacts by man. Kemp's ridley sea turtle has taken a huge hit from the oil spill and needs our intervention and support to rebound and survive as a species in the Gulf. Please give adequate funding to these efforts.

Correspondence ID: 266 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Sutton, Latouia

Address: 403 Kenmore Pl Morganton, NC 28655
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:33:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: They should be held accountable for this spill. Cleaning up the habitat they destroyed would be a good beginning and would help the preservation of the different species that inhabit those waters.

Correspondence ID: 267 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Seltzer, Rob

Address: 18408 Clifftop Way Malibu, CA 90265
United States of America

Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:33:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Rob Seltzer

Correspondence ID: 268 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Arnold, Alan G

Address: 1005 Pennsylvania St NE Albuquerque, NM 87110
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:35:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Alan Arnold

Correspondence ID: 269 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Santa Fe , NM 87508
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:36:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Heather Rider

Correspondence ID: 270 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Yurkovitch, Paula
Address: 213 Monarch Drive Pataskala, OH 43062
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:37:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Paula Yurkovitch

Correspondence ID: 271 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Madison, WI 53719
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:37:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Brian Yanke

Correspondence ID: 272 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Atlanta, GA 30326
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:40:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allocate funds for sea turtle research, rescue and rehabilitation. We can not afford to do further harm to these magnificent creatures.

Thank you,

LAW

Correspondence ID: 273 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Teevan, John
Address: 171 S. Lake Dr. Red Bank, NJ 07701
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:42:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 274 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Thew, Janet
Address: loomis, CA 95650
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:43:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sea turtle recovery plans are desperately needed, and would be a natural part of a true ecosystem restoration plan. Boat ramps and other such nonsense have nothing to do with ecosystem restoration. Urgent assistance for endangered turtles, and all the other impacted animal species, should be a high priority.

Correspondence ID: 275 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Yoste, Christie L
Address: 1514 19th Ave Gulfport, MS 39501
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:46:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Restore the Gulf. Please take care to make the ecosystem work again for all Gods creatures, with special consideration for our delicate sea turtles. I am fully aware that much of the money from the BP oil spill will be used for projects other than those which will care for the Gulf and its fragile ecosystems. That distresses me greatly. Politicians want get their hands on this money for numerous projects that have nothing to do with the overall health of the Gulf and wetlands!
CLY

Correspondence ID: 276 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Latham, NY 12110

United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:47:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to voice some of my concerns regarding the restoration plan and environmental impact statement. I urge you to please not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival since the BP oil spill and are in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. Also, please make sure that a significant amount of funding is available for coastal dune and wetland restoration and dolphin recovery. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 277 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Guarnieri, Cindy M

Address: 27 Pamlynn Road Stamford, CT 06905
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:47:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico were killed by the horrendous Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, which flooded the Gulf with some 134 million gallons of oil. Today, the turtles that survived continue to suffer from effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds. But now, the trustees in charge of \$8.8 billion dollars of BP oil spill settlement money are considering where to allocate those funds.

So many of our wonderful animals and mammals were poisoned and damaged by this horrible oil spill, in their natural habitats and environments. So many are still suffering before of this. This disaster has left so many of the animals vulnerable and helpless. They were taken by surprise just as we all were.

Please allocate much money to help the sea turtles that are very sensitive to environment disruptions and loss of their natural environments. They are such precious beautiful animals that don't harm anything on earth. They got so badly oiled. They need our help even today. Please help them and their habitats and the next batches of beautiful, precious baby turtles. Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 278 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Parker, Shirley

Address: 22909 Ingomar Street West Hills, CA 91304
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:47:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Shirley Ann Parker

Correspondence ID: 279 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Viacrucis, John

Address: 3002 17th St. S Apt. 206 Moorhead, MN 56560
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:50:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
John Viacrusis

Correspondence ID: 280 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Culbert, Laurette

Address: 5123 2nd Ave. NW Seattle, WA 98107
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:51:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico were killed by the horrendous Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, which flooded the Gulf with some 134 million gallons of oil. Today, the turtles that survived continue to suffer from effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds.

The endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. The \$8.8 billion dollars must well provide for the protection and future of sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico!

Please allocate significant funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts.

Correspondence ID: 281 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Punday, Nicole

Address: 9399 Wade Blvd Frisco TX 75035 Frisco, TX 75035
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:51:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Nicole Punday

Correspondence ID: 282 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Guerin , Karen

Address: 154 Albany Shreveport, LA 71105
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:52:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside money for the sea turtle restoration. It's essential that wildlife be restored and protected to the greatest extent possible in the ecosystem in Louisiana and on the gulf. This is the number one priority for myself and my husband.

Correspondence ID: 283 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: 8521 ne 15th st Vancouver, WA 98664
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:55:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The Deep Water Horizon oil spill which devastated so much of the Gulf coast will not be ameliorated without intense efforts and a great deal of time. I hope that the necessary funds to do this, especially for turtle restoration, will be awarded so that the environment for these magnificent creatures will be fully restored. I want my grandchildren and their children to be able to see the Gulf and its wildlife the way they were before the spill.

Correspondence ID: 284 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Gilbert, Camille

Address: 1923 San Andres St Apt F Santa Barbara, CA 93101
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:55:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico were killed by the horrendous Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, which flooded the Gulf with some 134 million gallons of oil. Today, the turtles that survived continue to suffer from effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds.

Please set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts. Already funds have been allocated for inland projects as far as 200 miles from the Gulf while proposals for projects that would provide immediate care for oiled and injured sea turtles should another tragic spill occurs have not yet received funding.

Do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Camille Gilbert

Correspondence ID: 285 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Burke, Maureen

Address: 16 Lexington Lane West Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 19:56:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for their very survival post BP-oil spill and are in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is urgently needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Maureen Burke

Correspondence ID: 286 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: palma-glennie, janice
Address: kailua-kona, HI 96740
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:57:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Aloha trustees,

Please don't forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

It's most important to remember also that if turtles are harmed by poor management, so is the Web of Life, which, in turn, affects humans in so many ways including spiritually, socially, and economically I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects.

thank you for consideration of my views on this important conservation matter.

Sincerely,
Janice Palma-Glennie
Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

Correspondence ID: 287 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Safley, Lea
Address: 18615 Atascocita Park Dr Humble, TX 77346
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:57:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a scuba diver and a sailer in the Galveston Bay and the waters beyond, I have a keen interest in the aquatic life living within. Please make sure sufficient funds are set aside for the rehab and recovery of the turtle species which have been affected by the Deep Horizon oil spill.

Correspondence ID: 288 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Garratt, Elizabeth
Address: 10270 Noble Ct Indianapolis, IN 46234
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:58:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allocate money from the BP settlement to the sea turtles of the Gulf of Mexico. These turtles were either killed or gravely affected by the horrendous Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, which flooded the Gulf with some 134 million gallons of oil. Today, the turtles that survived continue to suffer from effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds. But now, the trustees in charge of \$8.8 billion dollars of BP oil spill settlement money are considering where to allocate those funds. Projects that would provide immediate care for oiled and injured sea turtles should another tragic spill occur have not yet received funding. The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. The \$8.8 billion dollars can provide for the protection and future of sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico, so please, allocate settlement money to these vulnerable turtles.

Correspondence ID: 289 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Morrow, Lynn
Address: Ironwood Drive
Rancho Mirage Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 19:59:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to do all we can to protect these animals.

Correspondence ID: 290 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Bayliss, Lea E
Address: Box 20889 Whitehorse, YT, UN Y1A6P1
Canada
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:01:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hundreds of sea turtles died in the aftermath of this spill. For those that survived their feeding grounds are polluted and causing sickness among the population. Just about all species of sea turtles are at risk of becoming extinct as a result of human behaviors. Allocating funds that will address the issue of cleaning up the feeding grounds for the species who frequent this particular habitat would be a big step in the right direction to support the turtles survival over the long term.

Thank You
Lea Bayliss
Whitehorse, Yukon
Canada

Correspondence ID: 291 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: anillo, pedro
Address: ancha gto, UN 37700
Mexico
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:02:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Why do you not protect the environment? Are you bought? Do you even care?

Correspondence ID: 292 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Scottsdale, AZ 85262
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:10:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Karen Kravcov Malcolm

Correspondence ID: 293 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: youngmen, jack y
Address: buffalo, NY 14225
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:13:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Numerous marine animals,birds and Kemps ridley sea turtles were poisoned by bp.the gulf restoration Those restoration funds should be used to detoxify the water and land of the gulf NOT create piers,boating and recreational activites for humans! what is wrong with you ? more mismanagement and greed SHAME on YOU if you misappropriate those funds They don't belong to projects 200 miles away!!! We are so sick and tired of corruption and greed When will you big shots ever do the right thing?

Correspondence ID: 294 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Rolfes, Kevin
Address: Austin, TX 78737
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:13:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Kevin Rolfes

Correspondence ID: 295 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Mundy, Kenneth
Address: Lakeland, FL 33815
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:13:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I'm a native Floridian. In fact, I'm a direct descendant of some of Florida's first settlers. Sadly, I have watched through the years as Florida's natural beauty has been destroyed in the name of development, endangering all of the plants and creatures that make Florida unique. The Kemp's Ridley is among those.

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Kenneth Mundy

Correspondence ID: 296 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Janzen, Gayle
Address: 11232 Dayton Ave N Seattle, WA 98133
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:14:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is imperative that you put aside money for the highly endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles who were decimated in the oil spill and continue to try to survive on beaches still fouled from the spill. While money has been allocated for projects 200 miles from the spill, there is no money allocated for the sea turtles to help them now and in the future should there be another spill.

I urge you to put funding of these amazing sea turtles ahead of building parks and piers so their needs can be readily accommodated now and in the future. The funding of sea turtle recovery and restoration projects is necessary if they are to survive. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 297 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Siegrist, Toni M
Address: 12 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA 02116
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:15:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 298 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Nicholson, Jane A
Address: PO Box 231 Manitowish Water, WI 54545
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:16:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Responsibility should be determined to the fullest extent from obvious degradation of the area affected to future impact to all aspects of the ecosystem to every species of flora and fauna. Despite the difficulty of determining lost revenue to other human activities, these losses should be relentlessly researched from every aspect.

Correspondence ID: 299 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Modesto, CA 95350
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:16:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 300 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Hargraves, Mark E

Address: 9274 Ferguson Ct Sebastopol, CA 95472
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects, as well as projects to help the recovery of all sea life still imperiled by the BP oil spill! I am an avid scuba diver, and love returning to my native Florida to commune with the awesome sea life in the Gulf Of Mexico.

Sincerely, Mark Hargraves

Correspondence ID: 301 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Corpus Christi, TX 78410
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:19:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Kara Morris
Corpus Christi Texas

Correspondence ID: 302 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Hardin, Susan M

Address: 804 Konrad Court Little Rock, AR 72223-9201
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:20:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As one who follows the nesting population studies of the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, I hope that you will set aside money specifically for recovery of this turtle and all other sea turtles in the area of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 303 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Antill, Gretchen

Address: 10708 Galsworthy Lane Austin, TX 78739
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:21:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am asking you to please allocate money to protect the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. Fund are needed to clean and support turtles who have been affected by the BP oil spill, to restore and protect their nesting areas in the Gulf of Mexico. Please do not forget these turtles, who need help to survive. Funds are desperately needed for sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts. Please put turtle projects in your list of priority for funding!

Thank you,
Gretchen Antill

Correspondence ID: 304 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Caron, Rachael

Address: Williamsburg, VA 23187
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Rachael Caron

Correspondence ID: 305 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Leslie, Dawn E

Address: Northern Harbour, UN E5V 1G6
Canada

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:24:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I sincerely hope that consideration will be given to allocation of funds for projects to protect endangered marine wildlife so drastically affected by this terrible and preventable disaster. Sea turtles such as the Kemp's sea turtle deserve protection from the consequences of human greed and incompetence.

Correspondence ID: 306 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Washington, CT 06793
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:24:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Correspondence ID: 307 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Oxford, CT 06478
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:25:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 308 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Shivar, Jeffrey
Address: 2413 Grove Ave Berwyn, IL 60402
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:26:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 309 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: dunn, Dr Kristi
Address: 319 lancelet dr clemson, SC 29631
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:27:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,
Dr. Dunn

Correspondence ID: 310 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Fairfax, CA 94930
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:27:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,

Bridget O'Hare

Correspondence ID: 311 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: dantin, tim

Address: 178 east 54th street cut off, LA 70345
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:35:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Get the story straight the LA govt wants to take the money to built a new hwy. they are also talking about using some to fund the state budget. Little of the money will rebuilt the coast.

Correspondence ID: 312 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Burns, Jerry M

Address: 136 Boots Road Grandin, FL 32138
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:37:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,
Jerry Burns

Correspondence ID: 313 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Litwin, Julie
Address: 427 62nd St. Oakland, CA 94609
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:37:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
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Sincerely,
Julie Litwin

Correspondence ID: 314 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, Nancy j
Address: Vadnais Heights, MN 55127
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:37:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't forget about the sea turtles that still need help to recover from thr oil spill. Their feeding grounds are still contaminated and residual effects of the spill continue to impact the sea turtles.

Correspondence ID: 315 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Anderson, Christina E
Address: 2160 James Canyon, Boulder, CO 80302 Boulder, CO 80302
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:38:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No amount of money can restore what was lost or give back the lives of all the marine animals and birds that died as a result of BP's gross negligence. So many marine animals and sea-birds were decimated that it is hard to try to designate where any of the funding should go. However, Sea Turtles suffered tremendous losses and are still at risk because of the damage to their feeding grounds. Please consider designating some of the funds to help clean up the Sea Turtles habitat and restore their feeding grounds. Again, BP can NEVER make right this environmental disaster that was caused due to greed.

Correspondence ID: 316 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Dallas, TX 75243
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:40:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Alisa Lewis

Correspondence ID: 317 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Sherman, Debra A

Address: 5114 Parkhurst Drive Santa Rosa, CA 95409
United States of America

Outside Organization: Save the Turtles, Inc Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Official Rep

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:44:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget the horrific B.P.oil spill and set aside funds for the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Debra Sherman

Correspondence ID: 318 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Hutchison, Cynthia

Address: San Francisco, CA 94103
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:47:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Hutchison

Correspondence ID: 319 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Kessler , Robert C

Address: 782 Calmar avenue Oakland , CA 94610

United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:51:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Robert Kessler

Correspondence ID: 320 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Donnelly, Stephen M

Address: 6 Pinebrook Dr Easthampton, MA 01027
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:52:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 321 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Robinson, Jerily

Address: 6055 Hollow Tree Ct Colorado Springs, CO 80918
United States of America

Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:53:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help the turtles!

Correspondence ID: 322 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Price, Roberta

Address: 3812 La Hacienda Drive, NE Albuquerque, NM 87110-6116
United States of America

Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 20:56:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please please devote some of the funds to restoring the habitat for the sea turtle and taking other measures to assure its continued existence in this area.

Correspondence ID: 323 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Bexley, OH 43209
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:56:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Stacy Grossman

Correspondence ID: 324 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Campbell, Roberta L
Address: 19 vale lane Croton on hudson, NY 10520
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 20:57:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside money for endangered sea turtles. They have not recovered and there are still toxins where they feed.
Thank you r. Campbell

Correspondence ID: 325 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A
Address: london, UN e143ne
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:01:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: bp has to pay out and those responsible sued etc.

this planet must be treated with respect!

Correspondence ID: 326 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Keel, Kaija
Address: 430 Beloit Ave Los Angeles , CA 90049
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:04:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please save the sea turtles! We need your help.

Correspondence ID: 327 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Solomon, Samantha
Address: Spokane, WA 99205
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle. These little sea creatures are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and are in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans are needed in the Gulf of Mexico. Please prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 328 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Brooklyn, NY 11238
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 21:09:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: W. Dominick Mach
Pratt Institute
M.S. Sustainable Environmental Systems
Higgins Hall
65 St. James Place
Brooklyn, NY 11238
wmach@pratt.edu

November 22nd, 2015

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Re: Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
P.O. Box 49567
Atlanta, GA 30345

To Whom it May Concern:

I am currently pursuing my graduate degree in the field of Sustainable Environmental Systems, specializing in water systems. I can offer expertise in the field of environmental planning and law. I believe that the announced deal struck between the United States and British Petroleum is not an adequate deal to address the devastation caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The National Environmental Policy Act requires the federal government to use all practicable means to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony.

I also take great interest in the protection of our waterways and natural resources. After the disastrous Deepwater Horizon spill it was determined that damage was done to marsh plants, shoreline, fish and shellfish, bird species, deep water corals, and several species of dolphins and whales. It is crucial that this deal fully address all of the damage done by the leak because if we do not it has the potential to result in long term negative impacts.

The April 2010, explosion, fire, and sinking of the Deepwater Horizon drilling unit caused a massive release of oil and other substances. For 87 straight days, the well leaked oil and natural gas continuously and uncontrollably into the Gulf of Mexico. By June of 2010, the oil mixture covered over 15,000 miles of the ocean, an area 10 times the size of Rhode Island. Currents, winds, and tides carried these disgusting oil mixtures to all of the Gulf states, polluting nearly 1,300 miles of shoreline, including beaches, bays, estuaries, and marshes. The volume of oil released during the Deepwater Horizon incident was unprecedented. Ultimately, the rig released 134 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. The spill also has released 7.7 billion standard cubic feet of natural gas.

In addition to the mixtures that polluted the water, there were also some other compounds that evaporated from the oil into the air, exposing vulnerable marine mammals and sea turtles to poisonous fumes at the sea surface. A tremendous amount of air pollution also resulted from the oil that evaporated into the air and from fires purposely started to burn off oil at the ocean surface.

The Obama administration finalized the terms of a record \$20.8 settlement. The plan allocates \$8.8 billion for restoration from the proposed settlement with BP. The plan is a good first step in addressing the above mentioned issues. But the ecosystem restoration plan for the Gulf of Mexico and surrounding states' coastlines is too loosely defined. There needs to be more specific criteria to address whether a harm is being fixed. I also do not believe that the penalty amount comes close to covering the damage done to the Gulf's ecosystems and would suggest that the plan allow for reviews to take place every year.

The draft plan also does not identify specific projects for restoration, but instead proposes a framework for how future project-specific restoration plans can be developed. The leadership provision also allows for the President to appoint trustees. The Trustees are in charge of tracking and reporting to the public on the status of the programs and to make sure the implementation is occurring. It should be specifically stated that these appointees are experts in the field as I worry that this provision could allow for the positions to become more about politics and less about recovery. The public will have the opportunity to comment on these subsequent restoration plans. Based on my vast experience with restoration projects and resource management programs, I do not believe that the proposed settlement amounts are sufficient for restoring the natural resources injured by the spill.

NEPA requires a description of the existing environment that has the potential to be affected by this proposed plan. The Gulf of Mexico and surrounding shorelines encompass a complex ecosystem with a multitude of different habitats. The complexity of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem and the magnitude of the remaining restoration, requires a thoughtful environmental impact assessment.

Therefore, I would like to formally submit my comments on the proposed settlement; even though this penalty is the largest in history it does go far enough. We must use the full extent of the Oil Pollution Act, National Environmental Policy Act and the Clean Water Act to remedy this disaster. We need to do more to protect the world's marine mammals, shoreline, including our beaches, bays, estuaries, and marshes. If it is ultimately ratified, I do hope that this deal will help alleviate some of the suffering caused by the BP oil spill. There are damages that money does not repair. Thank you for supporting the public comment process and attempting to fix the tremendous damage caused by this man made disaster. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

W. Dominick Mach

Correspondence ID: 329 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Hughes, Kevin
Address: 4 Newfield Ln Newtown, CT 06470
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:10:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,

Kevin Hughes

Correspondence ID: 330 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, Linda
Address: Mountain View, CA 94040
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:13:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please remember the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Linda Johnson

Correspondence ID: 331 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: waldron, janice
Address: 324 Juniper St Lake Jackson, TX 77566
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:16:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help save the wildlife in the ocean.

Correspondence ID: 332 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Shimata, Kathy
Address: Honolulu, HI 96822
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:25:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. Please provide funds for sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts. Support for sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 333 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Moorpark , CA 93021
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:26:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,
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Correspondence ID: 334 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Bismarck, ND 58504
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:28:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Barbra Holznagel

Correspondence ID: 335 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Tham, Daniel
Address: 1D Pine Grove #15-14 Singapore, UN 593001
Singapore
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:34:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,
Daniel Tham

Correspondence ID: 336 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Inzerillo-Latella, Gail
Address: 15 Briar Circle West Sayville, NY 11796
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:34:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a person who has visited the beautiful Gulf several times, I was saddened as I watched the tragic BP oil spill and the horrific impact on this natural resource. The destruction of this natural area had led to continued economic losses to the people in the area. Our beautiful Earth and its inhabitants are resilient. As you work to heal the damage done to this valuable habitat I hope you consider the importance of saving one of the most vulnerable turtles, the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. Please consider funding that would go directly to helping this most endangered turtle. The ecosystem cannot be restored with directed funding. This turtle is in dire need of our help,

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 337 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Good Hanson, Kathryn
Address: 18 Washington Street Ayer, MA 01432
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 21:37:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill created an extraordinary amount of irreparable damage throughout the Gulf Coast region - especially for rare and endangered sea turtles. Kindly consider and plan to eliminate as much of this damage as possible when devising a plan to restructure and rebuild the impacted areas of the Gulf Coast as far as communities devastated by job loss as well as the death of countless turtles and birds.

Correspondence ID: 338 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Cardoza, Taylor M

Address: Fort Pierce, FL 34947
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 21:41:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,
Taylor Cardoza

Correspondence ID: 339 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Vaughn, Elizabeth

Address: Chicago, IL 60629
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 21:45:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Thank-You,
Elizabeth Vaughn
Chicago, IL

Correspondence ID: 340 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Friedman, Jeanne

Address: New York, NY 10024
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 21:49:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,

Jeanne Friedman

Correspondence ID: 341 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Jurgela, Elena A
Address: 7367 Glenwood Road Port St. John, FL 32927
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:54:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ###

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Thank you,
Elena Jurgela

Correspondence ID: 342 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Dee, Laurice
Address: Mesa, AZ 85204
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 21:55:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's extremely important that the Gulf of Mexico be restored so that cetaceans, sea turtles, and other marine life can finally heal while remaining safe and secure in their respective habitats. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 343 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Marshall, Nancy K
Address: 2002 NE 64th Ave Portland, OR 97213
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please take care of the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in

desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! Even though I live on the west coast, the whole planet matters, including the Gulf.

Thank you,
Nancy Marshall

Correspondence ID: 344 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Nazor, Craig M
Address: 11701 Barchetta Dr. Austin, TX 78758
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 22:03:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sea turtles living in the Gulf of Mexico have been experiencing population declines for years prior to the BP spill. The BP spill only made matters worse. A significant amount of money should be spent on sea turtles, especially the Kemp's ridley sea turtle. Money should be set aside for turtle conservation, restoration, and support for injured turtles. Money should also be set aside for cleanup efforts in the event of a new spill that threatens turtles and turtle habitat.

Correspondence ID: 345 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Penngrove, CA 94951
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 22:04:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Robyn Sherrill

Correspondence ID: 346 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: MCKEE, BARBARA A
Address: 8824 BOULDER AVE VANCOUVER, WA 98664
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 22:06:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside funds for sea turtle habitat restoration and protection. Survivors are still suffering effects of contaminated feeding grounds. I grew up on the gulf coast. Make as much environmental good as possible from BP settlement.

Correspondence ID: 347 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Luke, Keth

Address: 5438 Tennessee Ave New Port Richey, FL 34652
United States of America

Outside Organization: House of Grace Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 22:09:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 348 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Baker, Kelsey

Address: San Francisco, CA 94122
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 22:17:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Kelsey Baker

Correspondence ID: 349 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Forti, Maggie M

Address: 731 Santa Fe Ave Albany, CA 94706
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 22:17:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside ample funding to protect sea turtles who are in danger and have already been compromised due to the BP oil spill. On behalf of myself and future generations.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Maggie Forti

Correspondence ID: 350 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Barbieri, Lynn B

Address: 168 Division Street Great Barrington, MA 01230
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 22:19:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Lynn Barbieri

Correspondence ID: 351 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Daly City, CA 94014
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 22:19:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. Please do the right thing and provide funding to help these turtles survive!

Sincerely,

Audrey

Correspondence ID: 352 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Metzger, Kim

Address: San Anselmo, CA 94960
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 22:21:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allocate monies towards sea turtle recovery efforts! The sea turtles were here before us and could outlive us if we let them! They deserve our help since we humans made a mess of their habitats to begin with! Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 353 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Trasoff, Stephanie A

Address: 5160 Seaview Dr Blaine, WA 98230
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 22:24:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you,

Stephanie Trasoff

Correspondence ID: 354 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Ouellette, Tracy
Address: Bow, WA 98232
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 22:27:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Tracy Ouellette

Correspondence ID: 355 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: McGough, Alice v
Address: 16 Nohono rd Mashpee, MA 02649
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 22:34:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: What clean up? there is still a lot of oil on the bottom of the Sea floor. The animals are still sick from the BP spill from dead baby dolphin's to the sea turtle's . There is much more to be done to clean the sea floor.

Correspondence ID: 356 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Isaak, Evelyn
Address: 2406 Curtis Dr Penngrove, CA 94951
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,24,2015 22:34:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Evelyn Isaak

Correspondence ID: 357 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Pretorius, Francois

Address: PO Box 6001 Potchefstroom, UN 2520
South Africa

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 22:51:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

F.Pretorius

Correspondence ID: 358 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: stirling, lisa

Address: perth, UN 6030
Australia

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 22:52:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 359 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Malova, Svetlana

Address: Lugano, UN 6900
Switzerland

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 22:57:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Svetlana.

Correspondence ID: 360 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Kirschling, Karen

Address: San Francisco, CA 94117
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:00:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. The sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Karen Kirschling

Correspondence ID: 361 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Quirk, Joseph P

Address: New York, NY 10009
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:08:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside funding for endangered sea turtle restoration. These magnificent creatures deserve protections and restoration efforts for their population.

Correspondence ID: 362 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Becker, Elaine

Address: 2514 Sharmar Rd. Roanoke, VA 24018
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Before allowing funds for project far from the areas directly affected by the BP spill, please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Elaine Becker

Correspondence ID: 363 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Schwartz, Don

Address: 26 Skylark Drive #12-A Larkspur, CA 94939
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:21:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Don Schwartz

Correspondence ID: 364 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Sanchez, Ada

Address: 695 Huron Ave San Francisco, CA 94112
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:23:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please please please allocate funds towards sea turtle recovery. The massive damage done by the BP Oil spill is still taking its toll on them. A sea turtle recover plan is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! Please

Correspondence ID: 365 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Spicy, Jill

Address: Belindas Campanario
Ave de Espana Malaga, UN 29649
Spain

Outside Organization: Ms Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:26:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I wish to draw your attention to the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Jill Spicy

Correspondence ID: 366 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Castillo, Rita R

Address: 6825 F St. Springfield, OR 97478
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:27:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE, PLEASE set aside generous funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts !!

Correspondence ID: 367 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Shwayka, Pamela C

Address: 4947 Candy Ct. Livermore, CA 94550
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:27:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Pam Shwayka
California

Correspondence ID: 368 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Coop, Lindy m

Address: 25 Brushbox Crescent Yarravel, UN 2440
Australia

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:28:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please ensure that money is set aside for the restoration of sea turtles and their environs which have been seriously compromised by the oil spill.

Correspondence ID: 369 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Evans, Christopher J

Address: Lammas Cottage
Lower Woodhouse Near Byton Hand, UN HR6 9NL
United Kingdom

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:32:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Chris Evans.

Correspondence ID: 370 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: arnold, s

Address: santa rosa, CA 95404
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:35:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our entire biosphere is under attack like never before. Our science community tells us that we are in the midst of another massive extinction. It doesn't have to be this way. We can all take action right now to stop more destruction to biodiversity. If we don't, we can simply forget about calling this beautiful planet that tries so hard to sustain all species against such challenging odds, home. One way to help is to support turtles in their gulf coast habitat. This is particularly necessary after the devastation of the BP horizon oil spill. It seems like ancient history in our 24 hour crisis news cycle, but it wasn't long ago that this horrific ecological disaster was taking place with consequences in the future that were then only feared, but not yet materialized. Now we know that indeed everything we feared in terms of consequence to the ecology of the gulf region is true, actually even worse than we feared. I am asking that today you step up for our home and ensure that we do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration is essential in the Gulf of Mexico. I strongly urge you to prioritize funding of sea turtle projects! Thank you for your kind consideration.

Correspondence ID: 371 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Larsen, Jessica E

Address: Landingsveien 72 Oslo, UN N-0767
Norway

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:37:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest sea turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Jessica Larsen

Correspondence ID: 372 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Naples, Jean

Address: 9 Benson Street West Haverstraw, NY 10993
United States of America

Outside Organization: Private citizen Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Official Rep

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

As an advocate for protection of all endangered species. I urge you to please not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle.

In the aftermath of the BP-oil spill, these sea turtles are fighting for survival and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I urge you to please prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 373 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Janssen, Gabi b

Address: Neffeltstr. 22
52385 Nideggen Nideggen, UN 52385

Germany

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:43:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Gabi Janssen

Correspondence ID: 374 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Goodman, Margaret S

Address: 51 Broomall Lane Glen Mills, PA 19342
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:43:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is to urge you to set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts.

Correspondence ID: 375 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Hussenbux, Lesley Marian

Address: Birkenhead, UN CH49 5LS
United Kingdom

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle.

These sea turtles are, as you know, fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help.

An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects - we have wrecked their environment, not ours - and we have the duty to try to put this right in a small way.

Thank you for allowing me to comment from Britain.

Sincerely,

Marian

Correspondence ID: 376 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Kalik, Antal

Address: lawndale lawndale, CA 90260
United States of America

Outside Organization: Lone Wolf Industries Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Official Rep

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:47:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Antal

Correspondence ID: 377 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Slidell, LA 70461
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:50:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Already funds have been allocated for inland projects as far as 200 miles from the Gulf while proposals for projects that would provide immediate care for oiled and injured sea turtles should another tragic spill occurs have not yet received funding. Please help us tell the trustees to put sea turtles first! Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. The \$8.8 billion dollars can provide for the protection and future of sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico, but only if we speak up for sea turtle now!

Correspondence ID: 378 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Wu, Blake C

Address: 3793 Sundale Lafayette, CA 94549
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:54:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Blake Wu

Correspondence ID: 379 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Graves, Caryn

Address: 1642 Curtis St. Berkeley, CA 94702
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,24,2015 23:56:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Caryn Graves

Correspondence ID: 380 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: salcedo, nancy

Address: larkspur, CA 94939
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 00:02:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Nancy Salcedo

Correspondence ID: 381 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Koestler, Monika

Address: Zellerhornstr. 82a Aschau, UN 83229
Germany

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 00:08:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: When will humans begin to understand that we only have this one world and the wonderful animals therein and stop trying to destroy it

Correspondence ID: 382 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Lang, Felix

Address: Witzmannsberg , UN 94104
Germany

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 00:35:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Felix Lang

Correspondence ID: 383 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: stan, talila
Address: ben gurion 2 tel aviv, UN 63454
Israel
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 00:40:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Dear Trustees,

Please help the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Talila Stan

Correspondence ID: 384 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Grunebaum, Luiza A
Address: 2400 Hudson Terrace Fort Lee, NJ 07024
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 00:48:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please set aside funding for endangered sea turtles as part of your plan.

Correspondence ID: 385 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Chung, Albert
Address: Hayward, CA 94545-4143
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 01:01:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Albert Chung

Correspondence ID: 386 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Unthank , Suzanne
Address: Manchester , UN M41 5AT
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 01:01:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 387 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Broeckx, Hilde
Address: Borredam
4 Ternat, UN 1740
Belgium
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 01:07:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Hilde

Correspondence ID: 388 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: carlson, sharon l
Address: 22007 alizondo dr woodland hills, CA 91364
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 01:08:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
I urge you not to forget about the smallest sea turtle, the Kemp Ridley, in allocating funds. This endangered species was greatly affected by the oil spill and desperately needs help to ensure recovery and funds for future protection. Please remember them as well as other sea turtles and marine species who can't talk for themselves.

Correspondence ID: 389 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Nguyen, Kali
Address: North salt lake, UT 84055
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 01:10:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Miss Nguyen

Correspondence ID: 390 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Martinez, CA 94553
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 01:33:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Janet K

Correspondence ID: 391 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Parker, Marilyn

Address: 2954 Sawgrass Ridge San Antonio, TX 78260
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 01:35:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allocate funds to revitalize the Kemps Ridley sea turtle population in the gulf damage from the BP oil spill. These sea turtles are an important part of the oceans eco-system and need protection. Please provide funds for restoration of the Kemps Ridley sea turtle. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 392 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: gregory, probyn

Address: 10877 Deliban St Tujunga, CA 91042
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 01:46:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I ask you to not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Probyn Gregory

Correspondence ID: 393 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Johnstown , PA 15906
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 01:46:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside funding to help these beautiful creatures!
Sincerely
Paula Berry

Correspondence ID: 394 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Harlib, Amy

Address: 212 West 22nd St. #2N New York, NY 10011
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 01:52:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 395 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Dombey, Abigail N

Address: 43 Hythe Road
Brighton Brighton, UN BN1 6JR
United Kingdom

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 01:56:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects.

The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. These sea turtles are fighting for survival since the oil spill and are in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

Sincerely,
Abigail Dombey

Correspondence ID: 396 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Heidenheim, UN 89522
Germany
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 02:05:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Marion Kraus, Heidenheim, Germany

Correspondence ID: 397 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: London, UN E5 0NJ
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 02:09:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please, make sure to set aside some funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts.
Thanks

Correspondence ID: 398 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Stephan, Dorothea
Address: Deglwies 1 Winzer, UN 94577
Germany
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 02:10:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Dorothea Stephan

Correspondence ID: 399 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Katsarou, Litsa
Address: Athens, UN 12242

Greece

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 02:19:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 400 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Moraiti, Vicky

Address: Athens, UN 12242
Greece

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 02:21:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 401 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Gomes, Gustavo

Address: Lisboa, UN 22819
Portugal

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 02:23:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 402 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Jaeger, Nicola

Address: Kottbusser Damm 8 Berlin, UN 10967
Germany

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I'm deeply concerned about the wildlife and the ocean's ecosystem in general. Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding all sorts of wildlife restoration projects, especially sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Nicola Jaeger

Correspondence ID: 403 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Taillade, Line

Address: Clermont-Ferrand, UN 63100
France

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

The turtles are on this planet since so much longer than humans! They deserve respect and care.

Thank you for them!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 404 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Miller, Don H

Address: Williston, VT 05495
United States of America

Outside Organization: VT State Colleges-Retired Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015 02:51:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

These magnificent creatures, products of millennia of evolution are completely defenseless. My children and grandchildren will forever regret that nothing was done to ameliorate the results of the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico that now threatens their very existence. It would be grossly immoral if we let this happen, to say nothing of the loss of them from the food web in the ecosystem.

Sincerely,
Don H. Miller, PH.D (Vertebrate Ecologist and Emeritus Professor)

Correspondence ID: 405 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Banks, Janice
Address: 14 Maple St. Center Barnstead, NH 03225
United States of America
Outside Organization: Mrs. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 02:57:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protect our parks, our wildlife, our waters, our flora and fauna. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 406 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Schneider, Maria
Address: Munich, UN 80333
Germany
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 03:05:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Maria Schneider, Germany

Correspondence ID: 407 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Rapley, Sian
Address: 45 Leith Road
Beare Green Dorking, UN RH5 4RG
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 03:06:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please set aside critical funds to help endangered sea turtle recovery. These turtles are so important to the oceans and would benefit greatly with these funds.

Correspondence ID: 408 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Evans, Mike
Address: 7 Hurst Avenue Berkeley, CA 94720
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 03:06:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill

and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 409 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Doria, Francesca
Address: Trieste, Armed Forces Europe, UN 34100
Italy
Outside Organization: IACE; ASAB; WWF Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 03:09:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sirs, we are approaching difficult days about climate matters with the meeting in Paris. The bell is tolling for the planet: it will not be possible to reverse the damage done up to now, but we should really start to try now. Otherwise it will be too late for the future generation of sea biomasses, plants, animals, human beings included. Any environmental impact matters - you should taken into account the "Butterfly Effect", coined by K Lorenz, according to which a hurricane (exact time of formation, exact path taken) is influenced by minor perturbations such as the flapping of the wings of a distant butterfly several weeks earlier. Please, now more than ever, help our planet: help turtles and seas, on which we depend.
Yours sincerely
F.Doria

Correspondence ID: 410 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Cleary, E. A
Address: 6157 North Sheridan Road, #20E Chicago, IL 60660-2824
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 03:11:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please provide for the restoration of Gulf turtles, including the Kemp's Ridley species.

Correspondence ID: 411 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Hurt, Luc
Address: Echternach, UN 06484
Luxembourg
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 03:15:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,
the endangered Kemp ridley turtles were the most affected by the disastrous oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. They need help to recover. Please fund sea turtle projects, so that the natural ecosystems can be restored.
Yours faithfully
Luc Hurt

Correspondence ID: 412 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Hasselt, UN 3510
Belgium
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 03:26:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Chantal Buslot

Correspondence ID: 413 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Caswell, G.

Address: San Francisco, CA 94109
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Dear Trustees,

The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle is the world's smallest turtle. Many of these sea turtles lost their lives during the BP oil spill, and survivors are still struggling. They are in desperate need of help and must not be forgotten!

An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts and sea turtle recovery plans is greatly needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

G. Caswell
San Francisco

Correspondence ID: 414 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Collins, Jennifer

Address: Edgewood, NM 87015
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 03:42:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Collins

Correspondence ID: 415 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Asher, Gilbert

Address: 6300 Meadowland Circle Erie, PA 16509-8212
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! It is time that oil companies become accountable for their actions or inactions.

Sincerely,

Gilbert B. Asher

Correspondence ID: 416 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Boschen, Marianne

Address: Marktstr Marbach, UN 71672
Germany

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 03:45:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico were killed by the horrendous Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, which flooded the Gulf with some 134 million gallons of oil.

Today, the turtles that survived continue to suffer from effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds. The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill.

Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. The \$8.8 billion dollars can provide for the protection and future of sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico.

Sincerely,

Marianne Boschen

Correspondence ID: 417 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Harris, Debbie A

Address: 17 Newlands Close
East Sussex Hastings, UN Tn34 2qw
United Kingdom

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 04:06:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 418 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: PONTHEIU, SANDRINE

Address: 1 RUE DE BOURGOGNE CHILLY MAZARIN, UN 91380
France

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 04:11:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Sandrine Ponthieu

Correspondence ID: 419 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Mussetti, Marco

Address: Dubai, UN 10000
United Arab Emirates

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 04:17:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Marco M.

Correspondence ID: 420 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Ferraro, Lisa

Address: 507 Bellevue Rd Wilmington, DE 19809
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 04:22:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Lisa Ferraro

Correspondence ID: 421 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Simonovic, Ilija

Address: Belgrade, UN 11000
Serbia

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 04:24:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Ilija Simonovic

Correspondence ID: 422 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Pasqualotto, Lucia

Address: Milano, UN 20100
Italy

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 04:24:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Lucia Pasqualotto

Correspondence ID: 423 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Martini, Jennifer

Address: 40 George Paquette Rd Attleboro Falls, MA 02763
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 04:25:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Martini

Correspondence ID: 424 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Loves park, IL 61111
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 04:28:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,
Tina Brenza

Correspondence ID: 425 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Weissman, Stephen E
Address: 434 Gorman Bridge Rd Asheville, NC 28806-8812
United States of America
Outside Organization: concerned private citizen Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 04:43:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Pay attention to helping the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. Their breeding and feeding grounds having been damaged by the spill, these animals are struggling to survive. Please support the sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts in the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 426 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Damiani, Sherril L
Address: 4051 N Ocean Blvd Apt 215A Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
United States of America
Outside Organization: animal rights activist Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 04:44:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the Sea Turtles.

Correspondence ID: 427 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: robinson, joyce c
Address: 8010 covington ave glen burnie, MD 21061
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 04:48:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Joyce Robinson

Correspondence ID: 428 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: evenson, marilyn
Address: vermillion, OH 44089
United States of America
Outside Organization: none Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 04:58:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sea turtles that survived the Deep Water Horizon oil spill in the Gulf continue to struggle & suffer from the after effects. As trustees, you are in charge of the \$8.8 billion settlement money & are considering where to allocate the funding. Please use it to help the endangered turtles & other wildlife. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 429 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Peterson, William B
Address: 4235 Glenwood Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90065
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 04:59:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
I respectfully but firmly ask that you continue the help for these animals, whose very existence and habitat has been poisoned by B. P. This corporation must be held responsible and continue to take responsive actions till conditions are clean and healthy for these animals.

Most sincerely,
William B. Peterson

Correspondence ID: 430 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: papa, laza
Address: berlin, UN 10407
Germany
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 05:02:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
laza

Correspondence ID: 431 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Ashfield, MA 01330
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 05:02:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We approve and encourage the adoption of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan AND Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

Ken & Ethel Kipen, Ashfield MA 01330 USA

Correspondence ID: 432 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Rosenkrantz, Stewart

Address: 2319 SE 9th St. Pompano Beach, FL 33062
United States of America

Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015 05:09:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts by December 4!

Correspondence ID: 433 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Tarnesby, Sylvie

Address: 3 Jeugo Court
Santa Fe NM 87508 Santa Fe, NM 87508
United States of America

Outside Organization: silverseasdolphins Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015 05:12:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help the turtles, they cannot help themselves.
Animals and mammals are living souls.They are not things they are not objects.Yet they morn, they love.They dance.They suffer.They know the peaks and chasms of being.With us they share in the gifts of consiousness and life.

Thank you so much

Correspondence ID: 434 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Lewiston, NY 14092
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 05:14:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 435 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Collon, Lisa
Address: 23 Walter Road Seymou, CT 06483
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 05:20:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Lisa Collon

Correspondence ID: 436 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Blissfield , MI 49228
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 05:22:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help sea turtles who are injured from oil spills and any other ocean life as well.

Correspondence ID: 437 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Greenbaum , Joel
Address: Fort Lauderdale , FL 33304
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 05:42:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Joel Greenbaum

Correspondence ID: 438 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Chase, Janet

Address: 70 Chavez Ranch Rd Sedona, AZ 86336-6722
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 05:47:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank You,
Janet Chase

Correspondence ID: 439 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Pastore, Lael

Address: 2169 Cedarbrook Court Atlanta, GA 30316
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 05:57:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,Lael

Correspondence ID: 440 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Miami, FL 33137-3914
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 06:00:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Paula Rojas

Correspondence ID: 441 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Hewitt, Anne-Marie

Address: Bromsgrove, UN B60 3DB
United Kingdom

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 06:01:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects.

Correspondence ID: 442 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Kerwell, Cherie

Address: 417 N Durkee St Apt 5 Appleton, WI 54911
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 06:06:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Cherie Kerwell

Correspondence ID: 443 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Sorrell, Grant

Address: 66 Countess Road Northampton, UN NN5 7DY
United Kingdom

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 06:09:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please make provision for endangered sea turtle recovery.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 444 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Nielsen, Antonella F

Address: RÅrsangervej 47 Copenhagen, UN 02400
Denmark

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 06:14:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Antonella Nielsen

Correspondence ID: 445 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: McCullough, Alexandria
Address: 29 NE Ivanhoe Blvd. apt 2 Orlando, FL 32804
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 06:17:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Alexandria McCullough

Correspondence ID: 446 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Seidel, Anne
Address: Nuremberg, UN 90461
Germany
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 06:18:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Anne Seidel

Correspondence ID: 447 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Webber, Lee W
Address: 125 Center St, Apt 3 Jupiter, FL 33458
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 06:20:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do all possible to repair damage to marinelife- dolphins, turtles , fish and their habitat.

Correspondence ID: 448 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Timpe, Eugene F
Address: 3004 Kent Drive Carbondale, IL 62901
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 06:21:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The plan should address also the very long term damage done to the ocean environment, not just the first 15 years.

Correspondence ID: 449 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Borie, Edith

Address: New Paltz, NY 12561
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 06:33:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Edith Borie

Correspondence ID: 450 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Leigh, Tahoe

Address: 5 Shepway Court
Shepway Shepway, UN ME15 7JF
United Kingdom

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 06:35:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We cannot sit back and let these little fellows go extinct. Their species has suffered enough and this horrendous disaster was not their fault. Everything should be done to ensure their survival and funds should definitely be set aside for this.

Correspondence ID: 451 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: McCreary, Jan

Address: Silver City, NM 88062
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 06:36:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Jan McCreary

Correspondence ID: 452 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Coltman, Evelyn m
Address: 90 Evergreen Circle Waynesville, NC 28786
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 06:36:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects

Correspondence ID: 453 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Evergreen, CO 80439
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! Thank you for using your position of power to help this important sea turtle.

Correspondence ID: 454 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Greenfield, MA 01301
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 06:46:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts. These magnificent creatures need all the help they can get and you can give them that help.

Correspondence ID: 455 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Baltes, Jill
Address: Columbus, OH 43214
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 06:51:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Jill Baltes
Columbus, OH

Correspondence ID: 456 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: mountain , frankie

Address: Tampa, FL 80102
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 06:56:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect the sea turtles and dolphins ravaged by BP's failure.

Correspondence ID: 457 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Mettie, Bonna J

Address: 9784 N. Whitefish Point Road Paradise, MI 49768
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 07:04:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to fund sea turtle projects. Thank-you.

Correspondence ID: 458 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Vasily, Karen

Address: 306 Rogers Road Norristown, PA 19403
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 07:06:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen Vasily

Correspondence ID: 459 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Toronto, UN M5B 2A9
Canada
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 07:10:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It goes without saying that funding should certainly be spent on these tiny creatures, who have already suffered great loss!

Correspondence ID: 460 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Rising, C
Address: 131 Lantern Way Carrboro, NC 27510
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 07:16:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for opening the plans to public comment.
This sounds great if you're sure that will be enough money to effectively restore the Gulf environment and wildlife to its previous or ideal state. (I have no idea.)
I hope the accountability process will ensure no money will be wasted.

Correspondence ID: 461 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Agnew, Erika
Address: Toronto, UN 20001
Canada
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 07:24:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Please set aside the necessary funds to try to repair the damage done to all living things in that area.
Most of the species affected are already struggling just to survive without having millions of gallons of oil dumped on them and their habitat which has been destroyed. A complete restoration is owed to them.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 462 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Clark, Paula M
Address: 4841 9th Ave East Bradenton, FL 34208
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. Kemp's ridleys are the most endangered of all seven species of sea turtle and maintaining their habitat in the Gulf of Mexico is critical to their survival.

An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Paula M Clark

Correspondence ID: 463 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Alsip, IL 60803
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 07:30:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Lisa Reich

Correspondence ID: 464 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Lisa, Denise
Address: 382 Center Street Carlstadt , NJ 07072
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 07:33:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help to restore the animal habitats that were destroyed by the Gulf Coast oil spill.

Correspondence ID: 465 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Barkett, Zanny
Address: 125 Raccoon Row Athens, GA 30606
United States of America
Outside Organization: USDA Forest Service Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 07:42:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Allocate funds for sea turtle restoration. They are an extremely important part of the aquatic ecosystem and they're beauty and magnificence need to be cherished and protected after all the damage that has been done to them. Humans made this mess and its humans job to fix what they started. The turtles do not deserve to suffer because of human indiscretions.

Correspondence ID: 466 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: poitiers, UN 86000
France

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 07:47:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 467 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Zager, Linda S

Address: 1051 Central Ave. Deerfield, IL 60015
United States of America

Outside Organization: Mrs. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! Please do all you can to help these innocent small creatures of our Earth.

Sincerely,
Linda S. Zager

Correspondence ID: 468 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Williamsburg, VA 23185
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 07:53:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

We (humans) are caretakers of our planet and all life contained therein and we need to protect the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle as well as all other sea life affected by the BP oil spill. Remember there are laws in place to protect these turtles, enforce the law on all business and citizens.

Sincerely,

Angie
Concerned for life on the planet

Correspondence ID: 469 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Kometz, Karolyn M

Address: 11327 34th St NE Lake Stevens, WA 98258
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 07:56:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Karolyn Kometz

Correspondence ID: 470 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Mueller, Kari

Address: 1675 Garden of the Gods Rd Colorado Springs, CO 80907
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 07:57:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico were killed by the horrendous Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, which flooded the Gulf with some 134 million gallons of oil. Today, the turtles that survived continue to suffer from effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds.

The endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill.

Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. The \$8.8 billion dollars can provide immediate care for oiled and injured sea turtles and all over wildlife affected by the oil should another tragic spill occur where funding has not been provided. We need protection from future oil spills and we need to protect the future of all sea turtles and other ocean wildlife in the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 471 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Crawford, Jennifer

Address: 1606 Travis Ct. La Marque, TX 77568
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 07:57:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Crawford

Correspondence ID: 472 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Bensinger, Judy

Address: 10657 E. Kachina Place Dewey, AZ 86327
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 08:02:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Judy Bensinger

Correspondence ID: 473 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Fairfax, CA 94930
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 08:04:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sea turtle have been on this planet longer than us and now are all threatened species. We need to use the money from the spill to help with their recovery. BP killed many BP money needs to be used to save them

Correspondence ID: 474 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Trypaluk, Barbara

Address: 211 Circular St. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 08:05:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Barbara Trypaluk

Correspondence ID: 475 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Linder, Amelia R

Address: 243 Larkspur Road Columbia, SC 29212
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 08:08:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect the endangered sea turtles. Our earth is the only place we have to live and all living creatures deserve life and a place to belong.

Correspondence ID: 476 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Vincent, Joseph I

Address: Harvey, LA 70058
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 08:08:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't forget to include directing funds towards sea turtle and diamondback terrapin restoration.

Correspondence ID: 477 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: richmond, lonna

Address: 45 sunset way muir beach, CA 94965
United States of America

Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

These turtles will go extinct without our/your help. Please do right by the now.

Sincerely,

Lonna Richmond

Correspondence ID: 478 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Boyer, Jayne C

Address: 4316 Thetford Rd Durham, NC 27707-5700
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 08:29:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Jayne Boyer
Durham, NC 27707

Correspondence ID: 479 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Quinones, Carmen
Address: Hialeah, FL 33013
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 08:32:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Carmen Quinones

Correspondence ID: 480 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Kowalchick, Kathy
Address: Charleston, SC 29412
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 08:36:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Kathy Kowalchick

Correspondence ID: 481 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: mills, shirley
Address: factory rd sandwell, UN dy4 9au
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 08:37:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Money from the gulf restoration fund must be used to help endangered sea turtles.They deserve help from the disasters human beings cause.

Correspondence ID: 482 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Stauffer, Lynda
Address: 22209 W. Newberry Rd. Newberry, FL 32669
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 08:39:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do what you can to restore the Gulf ecosystem so that wildlife such as the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle can survive. Funds for sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts are needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

Sincerely,

Lynda Stauffer

Correspondence ID: 483 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Plaister, III, Deane M

Address: 30 W. Valerio #7 Santa Barbara , CA 93101
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 08:43:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Though there are myriad competing interests for funding, some only loosely connected to the Gulf, there are some residents of those very waters who need help badly. These are the Kemp's ridley sea turtles who suffered so much in the spill, the fires, and as a result of the diluent. Please direct a healthy infusion of cash to efforts to restore their population and improve their habitat.

Sincerely,

Deane Plaister

Correspondence ID: 484 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: northampton, PA 18067
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 08:44:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Marie Rago

Correspondence ID: 485 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Johnston, Philip W

Address: 10 Carriage Lane Scotts Valley, CA 95066
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 08:44:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Philip Johnston

Correspondence ID: 486 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Ramirez Arrizon, Daisy I

Address: Pasco, WA 99301
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 08:59:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Daisy Ramirez

Correspondence ID: 487 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Venice, FL 34293
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

As a resident of Venice, FL a city on the Gulf of Mexico I ask Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects

Sincerely,

Diana Cao
Venice, FL

Correspondence ID: 488 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Tart, Lisa

Address: 2684 s Pebblebrook Dr Homosassa, FL 34448

United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 09:04:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: BP is completely responsible for the clean up and restoration to the Gulf after the spill, although for many it is too late-the damage was so extensive-any monies required for this task must come from them and any monies from them are specifically for this project-the government has got to stop robbing peter to pay paul!!

Correspondence ID: 489 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Weisz, Russell

Address: 319 Laguna St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 09:07:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Russell Weisz

Correspondence ID: 490 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: McDaniel, Skot

Address: Pastel Lane Novato, CA 94947
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 09:07:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Skot McDaniel

Correspondence ID: 491 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Martin, Sarah

Address: PO Box 357 Blanca, CO 81123
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 09:08:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for doing this and accepting comments. Please allocate funds for sea turtle and other marine wildlife recovery.
Thanks
Sarah Martin

Correspondence ID: 492 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Conroy, Beverly A

Address: 739 S. Elmwood Av Oak Park, IL 60304
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 09:10:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: BP and all the other irresponsible companies responsible for the Deepwater Horizon disaster should be held accountable until all life is back to normal in the gulf!

Correspondence ID: 493 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Krause, Susan

Address: 29 Roseville Ave Saint James, NY 11780-2902
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
I am a wildlife biologist. Please do not forget about the sea turtles that are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,
S.Krause

Correspondence ID: 494 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Ziegler, Meike

Address: Roswell, GA 30076
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 09:12:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

My parents live on the gulf coast in Florida and I visit often. Please remember to allocate plenty of funds to assisting the wildlife that was damaged by the oil spills, including dolphins, sharks, and birds. Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. All of these animals, though we don't always see their struggles, are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into all animals', including the endangered sea turtle, recovery and restoration efforts is greatly needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize their well being. Their health will mean that they will continue to breed and prosper, which ultimately affects tourism as many people visiting the Gulf wish to see this wildlife.

Sincerely,

Meike Ziegler

Correspondence ID: 495 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Materi, Sandra
Address: 1600 W. Odell Casper, WY 82604
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:20:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely

Sandra Materi

Correspondence ID: 496 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Herbelin, Margaret C
Address: 2619 Ridgeway Lane Eureka, CA 95501
United States of America
Outside Organization: Member of the public Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:25:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The restoration of this vital habitat must be the number one goal for the use of the money. Providing wildlife and human beings with clean water will be a step in the right direction for dealing with sea level rise and climate change.

Correspondence ID: 497 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Lytle, Denise
Address: 73 Poplar St. Fords, NJ 08863
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:27:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Denise Lytle

Correspondence ID: 498 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Vancouver, UN V2B6H7
Canada

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:33:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Ella Reeves

Correspondence ID: 499 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Calgary, UN T3A3S4
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:34:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Danielle Tran

Correspondence ID: 500 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Young, Cheryl
Address: 1603 N Garrett Ave
#201 Dallas, TX 75206
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:38:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Have mercy on the turtles!

Correspondence ID: 501 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Coffey, Margery R
Address: pp box 279 Rosalie NE 68055 Rosalie, NE 68055
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:43:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Margery Coffey

Correspondence ID: 502 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Rollins, Ned

Address: 2268 Westaire Court Ann Arbor, MI 48103-3465
United States of America

Outside Organization: retired Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015 09:45:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do your best and please include sea turtles in your plans. Thank you, Ned

Correspondence ID: 503 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Dunn, Dan

Address: Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 09:45:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do what is best for long-term improvement and protection of the environment!

Correspondence ID: 504 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Truesdale, Kim

Address: Plainfield, IL 60544
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 09:47:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Kim Truesdale

Correspondence ID: 505 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Bagot-Parker, Lynda R
Address: 10909 W Peoria Ave Sun City, AZ 85351
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:47:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: All life on earth: plants, water, ALL animals including humans and the awesome sea turtles amongst living beings. Please sponsor and stand up for saving the entirety of living beings and energy on Mother Earth, our home. I believe that oil spills are avoidable and that the time has come to END the USE OF FOSSIL FUELS and related invasive damage to our home, EARTH! Thank you, Lynda Bagot-Parker, seken2none500@msn.com

Correspondence ID: 506 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Petzold, Gregory
Address: 21 Oregon Avenue North Providence, RI 02911
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:48:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is very simple! Money has to be allocated to save the sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico!! They are part of the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 507 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Kohler, Bodhi
Address: Hauptstr Tuebingen, UN 73774
Germany
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:50:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,
Bodhi Kohler

Correspondence ID: 508 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: White, Michael P
Address: 2009 N. Central Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90059-3400
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:54:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Michael P. White

Correspondence ID: 509 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Brenner, Lynn A
Address: 10513 Judicial Drive Fairfax, VA 22030
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:56:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Please do not forget about the sea turtles and in particular, the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. Don't forget that their habitat and food sources were and remain contaminated by the spill, and sufficient funds need to be allocated to restoring the turtles' habitat and food sources - and therefore the turtles themselves - to their previously healthy balances. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 510 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: brooklyn, NY 11231
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 09:59:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please set aside funding for recovery of endangered sea turtles

Correspondence ID: 511 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Dunn, Lori J
Address: 207A N. Cloverdale Blvd.
#216 Cloverdale, CA 95425
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 10:02:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Lori J Dunn

Correspondence ID: 512 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Bonkoski, Jane
Address: 401 Ralph's Lane Carneys Point, NJ 08069
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 10:03:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Decency and Compassion for our earth and all the beings who call earth their home. Please do the right thing now. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 513 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: harmon, isla
Address: 12-7152 Loke Place Paho, HI 96778
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 10:04:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Aloha Trustees,

I'm writing out of concern for the Ridley Kemp Sea Turtles that were sadly impacted and their future compromised by the oil spill. These ancient creatures are in desperate need of funding to help them recover and thrive. Please see that a generous portions of funding go to save them and improve the waters they swim in. I believe many need your help.

Thank you kindly in advance,
Isla Harmon

Correspondence ID: 514 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Hasapidis, George
Address: Cumberland, RI 02864
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 10:05:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,
George Hasapidis

Correspondence ID: 515 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Gonzalez, Autumn
Address: 1300 Sand Ridge Rd El Dorado, CA 95623
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you for keeping our environment and wildlife in mind.

Sincerely,

Autumn Gonzalez

Correspondence ID: 516 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Ling, Sherry A
Address: 15 N Indian River Drive #701 Cocoa, FL 32922
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 10:07:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My husband and I volunteer for the Sea Turtle Preservation Society here in Brevard County. The endangered Kemp's Ridley lives in the Gulf of Mexico, as you know, Being a small turtle it has suffered greatly from toxic materials in their feeding grounds due to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The allocations of funds for the continued clean up of this environmental disaster should look not only at the inland projects but also at the continued effect on the Kemp's Ridley turtles. How to better manage their environment, feeding grounds and money that may help in future problems. Thank you for helping the Kemp's Ridley to continue its' battle for survival.

Sincerely,

Sherry Ling

Correspondence ID: 517 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Tennant, Allie
Address: Ft Myers, FL 33905
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 10:14:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. Part of the \$8.8 billion dollars can provide for the protection and future of sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 518 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Woodlawn, TN 37191
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 10:16:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 519 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Kreger, Sheldon

Address: 14320 SW Burlwood Lane Beaverton, OR 97005
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 10:16:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Sheldon Kreger

Correspondence ID: 520 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Spar, Jon

Address: 1408 Lobo Ct ne Albuquerque, NM 87106
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 10:18:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside some of the funding for sea turtle restoration and rehabilitation. This will be critical for the long term viability of the species in the gulf

Correspondence ID: 521 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Black, Nancy L

Address: 26 Gum Tree Pl. St. Charles, MO 63301
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 10:24:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Too often humanity disregards our ecosystem because we don't fully understand its importance, and our society is into profit instead of the future of our children and the earth. This has resulted in many species going extinct. We have a chance to save a species now. Let's do it.

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! As custodians of our planet, it is necessary to try to erase the harm we do to our environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 522 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Epatko, Mary C

Address: 1109 Grant Street Herndon, VA 20170
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 10:25:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please provide funding for sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, including for the Kemp's Ridley sea turtles. They are in great need of help.

Thank you,
Mary C. Epatko

Correspondence ID: 523 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Lucido, Victoria L

Address: 2 Saucito Avenue Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 10:25:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: People have made a mess of the ocean for turtles, and now it is up to people to clean it up and take care of the wildlife. We must not abandon these creatures that need our help after the destruction we've caused. If it weren't for people, ocean wildlife would not be in the dire situation they're in, so we must be their advocates and do what we can to restore their environment. Do the responsible thing and help turtles to survive!

Correspondence ID: 524 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Braithwaite, Georgia

Address: 2145 Hogan Ln Cottonwood, AZ 86326
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 10:31:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
GBB

Correspondence ID: 525 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Buckheim, Debbie

Address: 5555 Valentina Ave.
None Atascadero, CA 93422
United States of America

Outside Organization: Pacific Wildlife Care Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

As a wildlife rehabilitator, I implore you to PLEASE DO NOT FORGET ABOUT THE WORLD'S SMALLEST TURTLE - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Debbie Buckheim RN

Correspondence ID: 526 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Rennacker, Ann
Address: 31200 Sherwood Rd Ft Bragg, CA 95437-4124
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 10:37:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The BP spill caused damages to the Gulf environment that are still having repercussions on the wildlife and environment of the region years later. It is imperative that BP be made to pay for the restoration and cleanup of all the petroleum products and the other chemicals used to cause the oil slicks to sink to the bottom of the Gulf. At the sea floor of the region there is a disruption of the breeding grounds and feeding grounds of the fish, crabs and crawdads, and as a result the economy of the fishing industry has been disrupted permanently. There needs to be a removal of the toxins, a restoration of the delicate habitat, and payment to the small and large fishermen who lost their ability to continue their commerce in the area. Investigate remedies using biologic petroleum eating organisms, or remove the sunken toxic substances and allow the area to get to a point where it tests clean.

Correspondence ID: 527 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Ellis, Gary
Address: San Francisco, CA 94110
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 10:38:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

I hope that a meaningful amount of funding is allocated for the recovery of ocean going turtle species that have been adversely affected by the spill.

Yours,
Gary Ellis
San Francisco, CA

Correspondence ID: 528 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Fall, Fred B
Address: 106 Uxbridge Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 10:51:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Among the species affected by the BP oil spill are sea turtles. Almost all species of sea turtles are now considered to be endangered. It is vitally important that a large percentage of funds for cleanup and restoration be earmarked for sea turtle recovery.

Correspondence ID: 529 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: McNeel, Amie L
Address: 14032 35th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 10:57:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Amie McNeel

Correspondence ID: 530 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Bostock, Vic

Address: Altadena, CA 91001
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 10:59:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 531 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Savage, Susan G

Address: 4318 Hillcrest Drive Madison, WI 53705
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 11:04:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As you make decisions regarding the reparations following the BP oil disaster, please do not forget some of the smallest victims: the Kemp's Ridley sea turtles. They were already an endangered population and have been devastated by the effects of this catastrophe. Please do all you can to help the remaining turtles. They cannot speak for themselves so it is imperative that we do all we can to help them survive.

Correspondence ID: 532 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Barry, Marion R

Address: 9696 Junewood Lane Loomis, CA 95650
United States of America

Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Foundation Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015 11:06:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must protect our environment and make it safe and healthy for people and all animals. The drafted plan is a good one.

Correspondence ID: 533 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Beaverton, OR 97007

United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 11:06:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Shannon Catt

Correspondence ID: 534 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: massa pk, NY 11762
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 11:06:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 535 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: east, PA 18020
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 11:07:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Dear Trustees,

"Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!"

Correspondence ID: 536 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: hickman, gail b

Address: 528 hickorywood dr crawfordville, GA 32327
United States of America

Outside Organization: private citizen Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015 11:14:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I love wildlife. If we don't take care now, when will we? I have a turtle license tag on my vehicle to support my feelings. Please care and do all you can to defend these helpless creatures.
Thank you for doing the right thing!

Correspondence ID: 537 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Giese, Mark M
Address: 1520 Bryn Mawr Ave Racine, WI 53403
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:18:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees:

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 538 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Chicago, IL 60645
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:25:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 539 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Baker, Norman T
Address: 3789 Lost Mountain Road Sequim, WA 98382
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:26:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Norman T. Baker, PhD

Correspondence ID: 540 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Mattes, Dale B
Address: 1964 Coronado Bullhead City, AZ 86442
United States of America
Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:30:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,
Dale Bryan Mattes

Correspondence ID: 541 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: milford, joan
Address: 7015 Hudson Cemetery Rd Mansfield, TX 76063-5270
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:32:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please prioritize the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle recovery in your plans to restore the Gulf.

These imperiled sea turtles were already in dire need of help even before the horrendous Deepwater Horizon disaster. I am a native Texan who cares deeply for the Kemps ridley as well as the Gulf ecosystem. For years my students would raise money to help fund programs to protect them.

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. Please do not allow the funds to be eaten up with administrative fees. Based on a thorough assessment of impacts to the Gulf's natural resources, it has been determined that the best method for addressing the injuries is a comprehensive, integrated, ecosystem restoration plan.
I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Joan Milford

Correspondence ID: 542 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Feissel, Sharon
Address: Santa Rosa, CA 95409
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:33:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand that things like piers and boat ramps and who knows what other kind of development are being considered for funding using settlement money from the Deep Water Horizon disaster. How do those projects restore the severely damaged environment of the creatures in the gulf who still find their habitat polluted? PLEASE, first use the money on in-depth restoration of the environment and habitats that were affected. We lose too many creatures to extinction already. Please don't help push others, like the ridley sea turtle, to their end when you could be taking significant action that would support their continued existence. Parks and ramps are for show; in-depth restoration has real meaning. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 543 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Naiman, Shoshanah
Address: 6728 Glen Forest Dr Chapel Hill, NC 27517
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:36:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please make sea turtles a priority!

Correspondence ID: 544 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Blankenship, Tiska
Address: 1523 Solano Dr. NE Albuquerque, NM 87110-1036
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:37:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Turtles have been here on this planet almost since the beginning. Everywhere they are being challenged by climate. BP added a devastating blow to their survival challenges. Restoration of these waters is essential.

Correspondence ID: 545 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Blasdell, NY 14219
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:42:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Anna Lukaszewicz

Correspondence ID: 546 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Bechmann, Elisabeth
Address: St. Pölten, UN 03100
Austria
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:44:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Dr. Elisabeth Bechmann
Austria

Correspondence ID: 547 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Slattery, Louise E
Address: Saint-Lazare, UN J7T2M5
Canada
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:45:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Many sea turtles were killed in the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Those that survived, continue to feel the effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds. The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle, the world's smallest turtle, may have taken the biggest hit of all wildlife from the oil spill. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and are in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects and ensure that sea turtles remain a part of the Gulf seascape for generations to come. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 548 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Dallas, TX 75230
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:45:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and desperate need of help. An infusion fund into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
H. Guh

Correspondence ID: 549 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Warren, NJ 07059
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 11:57:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect sea turtles and their habitat.

Correspondence ID: 550 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Deaton, glenda
Address: 2771 Fallon Cr Simi Valley, CA 93065-4722
United States of America
Outside Organization: Mrs. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 12:00:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help save the turtles they all matter,we must take steps to protect all living animals!!Do what is right for our planet before it's too late.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Glenda Deaton

Correspondence ID: 551 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Galveston, TX 77554
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 12:08:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Dr. Anne Franklin

Correspondence ID: 552 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Bonneville, Thomas
Address: 1 Kenwyn Lodge
35 Western Road London, UN N2 9JS
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 12:11:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees

Please ensure that endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles and other wildlife threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills are given priority in the restoration plan. Living beings must come first.

Yours respectfully
Thomas Bonneville

Correspondence ID: 553 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Herrod, Julie
Address: 553A Greenwich Street San Francisco, CA 94133
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 12:11:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle.

These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

You have the power - - please help them!!

Thank you,
Julie herrod

Correspondence ID: 554 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: sailer, randy
Address: 1018 cherry lane beulah, ND 58523
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 12:12:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge the trustees to set aside some of this money for wetlands,sea turtle recovery and wildlife.thankyou randy sailer

Correspondence ID: 555 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Concord, CA 94521
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 12:19:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These innocent sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects for these magnificent creatures!

Sincerely,

Susan King

Correspondence ID: 556 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Badcock, Robert
Address: Plymouth, UN PL6 8BP
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 12:32:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Dear Trustees,

When allocating funding for the Gulf oil spill restoration I ask you to provide for the recovery of Kemp's ridley sea turtle, which is endangered and fighting for survival after the BP oil spill.

Please prioritise immediate funding for sea-turtle recovery projects.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Badcock.

Correspondence ID: 557 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Elasik, Lauren
Address: 6522 Sunny Hill Court McLean, VA 22101
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Sea turtles need our help! Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you for being a steward of the Earth!

Lauren Elasik

Correspondence ID: 558 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Collins, Roberta L
Address: 840 W. Rocalla Ave. Ajo, AZ 85321
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 12:40:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear friends,

An infusion of funds into sea turtle restoration projects is greatly needed in the Gulf of Mexico, especially for the Kemp's Ridley. Please consider this as funds are allocated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Roberta Collins
bertaturtle@yahoo.com

Correspondence ID: 559 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Cooper, Betty
Address: San Diego, CA 92126
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 12:55:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Betty Cooper

Correspondence ID: 560 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: PT REYES , CA 94956
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 12:58:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I CARE DEEPLY ABOUT SEA TURTLES & ALL MARINE WILDLIFE !
SO, PLEASE DO YOUR JOB & PROTECT THEM ! THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

Correspondence ID: 561 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Philipel, Thom

Address: Santa Rosa, CA 95405
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 13:02:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Thom

Correspondence ID: 562 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Hartman, Nancy

Address: 2514 Evans Ave Louisville, CO 80027
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you for your consideration of my comments strongly in support of funding sea turtle recovery. I hope you will share my views.

Sincerely,
Nancy Hartman

Correspondence ID: 563 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Stanley, NY 14561
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 13:07:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I care greatly about the ecology and wildlife of the Gulf of Mexico along with the people who depend on it for their livelihoods. In order for them to continue to have that livelihood, we must restore the Gulf.

However, I feel that some animals were more greatly impacted than others. Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 564 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Rukeyser, William L
Address: 805 Oak Ave Davis, CA 95616
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 13:11:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
William L Rukeyser

Correspondence ID: 565 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Dale, Heather
Address: 26761 SW 45th Drive Wilsonville, OR 97070
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

The Deep Water Horizon disaster was devastating to the local (and already endangered) turtle population. Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Heather Dale

Correspondence ID: 566 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Huffman Oaks, Cathy L

Address: 1707 Laurel Street NE Valdese, NC 28690
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 13:22:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees:

Please set aside funding for the endangered sea turtle recovery efforts.

The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. The \$8.8 billion dollars can provide for the protection and future of sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 567 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Ramauro, Michelle

Address: 37 Grant St. Keene, NH 03431
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 13:47:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I agree that the best way to use funds is to assess and restore the habitat and ecosystem with hopefully most of the funds spent on the restoration.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 568 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Russell, Paul E

Address: 842 Elting Road Rosendale, NY 12472
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 13:53:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please set aside funding for the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles took a major hit in the BP oil spill disaster, and are fighting for survival. They are in desperate need of help. Funding sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize allocations to sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Paul Russell

Correspondence ID: 569 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Carson, Kate
Address: Atlanta, GA 30307
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 14:07:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Kate Carson

Correspondence ID: 570 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Thornton, Kristy
Address: San Francisco, CA 94118
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 14:21:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Kristy Thornton

Correspondence ID: 571 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Anderton, Phillip B
Address: Poole, UN BH12 IPD
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 14:21:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Kindly set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery!

Correspondence ID: 572 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Buttles, Kathryn M
Address: P O Box 3055 Sedona, AZ 86340-3055

United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 14:27:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: These turtles (as well as many, many other sea life suffered terribly before they dies. We need to try to replace the turtles (I don't know how many we can or if we will ever have the same amount).

Please set aside sufficient money from the BP "settlement" to help restore them.

Thank you for reading this, but more importantly, for acting upon it.

Correspondence ID: 573 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Cosgrove, Kathleen

Address: 975 Sylvan Ridge Road Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 14:37:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, force change now! We are racing extinction of so many beautiful creatures. Please help these turtles TO NOT become a statistic, tragic victims of environmental crime and stupidity. Do the right thing, speak up and make your voice heard for those who cannot speak for themselves! Let us champion the cause for the helpless and vulnerable.

Correspondence ID: 574 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Littleton, CO 80120
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 14:38:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 575 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Parker, Keith

Address: 3095 Duncan Drive Missoula, MT 59802
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 14:52:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Keith Parker

Correspondence ID: 576 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Miller, Betsu W
Address: 5204 Meadowbrook Dr Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget that many species of sea turtles were negatively impacted by the BP-oil spill. All sea turtles in the Gulf are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Betsy Miller

Correspondence ID: 577 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Spiegel, Kimberly
Address: 1009 Shirley Ave Norfolk, VA 23507
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 14:54:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Spiegel

Correspondence ID: 578 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Duluth, GA 30096
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 14:54:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Day

Correspondence ID: 579 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Hirschi, Jill
Address: 12914 N Rio Vista Pocatello, ID 83202
United States of America
Outside Organization: Miss Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 14:58:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Jill hirschi

Correspondence ID: 580 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Carroll, Linda L
Address: 390 Audubon St. Apt. D New Orleans, LA 70118-4951
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 14:59:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle, which is the world's smallest turtle. They are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. They were affected by the oil in the water and also by the oil that washed up on the beaches and went into the wetlands where the turtles also live and make their nests and lay their eggs. Already many funds have been allotted to projects as far as 200 miles from the Gulf while proposals for projects that would provide immediate care for oiled and injured sea turtles should another tragic spill occur have not yet received funding. The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles, small in size and few in number, may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills.
An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! Please fulfill your solemn responsibility to protect these animals from human-induced harm.
Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 581 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Royal Oak, MI 48073
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 14:59:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat

ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills.

Correspondence ID: 582 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Ellens, William
Address: 42 Manor Road Walsall, UN WS2 9PU
United Kingdom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do remember the world's smallest turtle. Especially the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post the BP oil spill the Turtle's are in desperate need of help. Therefore an infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, would go along way to sea turtle recovery. Plans are needed in the Gulf of Mexico. May I urge you to prioritize funding for the sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
W.Ellens

Correspondence ID: 583 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Van Leekwijck, Natalie
Address: Boterlaarbaan 184 Deurne, UN 2100
Belgium
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 15:04:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 584 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Cobb, Sandra M
Address: 3880 Ellendale Rd Moreland Hills, OH 44022
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 15:22:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The best way to ensure improvement of the environment destroyed by the Horizon oil spill is to do a thorough evaluation and develop a comprehensive plan to repair the entirely effected area. Oil companies must pay the full price for their negligence so they will know the extent of the damage they do.

Correspondence ID: 585 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Coppotelli, Heide Catherina

Address: 383 Seldon-Emerson Rd Cedar Mountain, NC 28718
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 15:30:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Heide Coppotelli, Ph.D.

Correspondence ID: 586 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Russom, Rich D

Address: Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
United States of America

Outside Organization: Hornhead Productions Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015 15:41:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. PLEASE, include saving these precious creatures!

Correspondence ID: 587 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Lansden, Dianne T

Address: 35 Kingwood Greens Drive Kingwood, TX 77339
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 15:42:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Kemp Ridley's need a large portion of the restoration money because they were hit the hardest.
Dianne Lansden

Correspondence ID: 588 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Krash, Kallyn

Address: 72 Park Terrace West #E38 New York, NY 10034
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 15:46:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It's important that funding should be set aside for the sea turtle recovery. The surviving turtles are still suffering due to the toxic materials in their feeding grounds.

Thanks you very much. I would appreciate a response to my comment.

Kallyn Krash

Correspondence ID: 589 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Umbreit, Robert S
Address: 6725 Thornhill Drive Oakland, CA 94611
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 15:49:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please include funding for programs to care for endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles, who were greatly impacted by the spill. Funding should be provided for caring for injured turtles in the event of future spills.

Correspondence ID: 590 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: McTague, Melissa
Address: Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 15:59:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Melissa McTague

Correspondence ID: 591 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Winn, Laraine
Address: 15666 49 St N Lot 1021 Clearwater, FL 33762
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 15:59:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is imperative that BP own up to the damage it has done to our environment and the wildlife. I'm certain that BP's ceo is living well in his mansion, so it's difficult to have any respect for someone who is not concerned with anything but money. This is murder of our environment. It's a shame we can't dump all that oil on top of his mansion. It is heartbreaking to see the life lost and the damage done to those who have no power in their own homes.

Correspondence ID: 592 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Frasche, Robey
Address: 2030 E. 11th Ave.
#1202 Denver, CO 80206

United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 16:10:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Wildlife enriches our lives. When animals are injured or die due to human mistakes, it takes something away from the quality of life on our planet.

I am writing to request that funds from the Restoration Plan for the Gulf of Mexico be allocated to the treatment and survival of sea turtles. After the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, many sea turtles survived. However, their conditions are such that they will never again be normal.

I thank you for considering my request.
Robey FrancheÁ

Correspondence ID: 593 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Petrillo , Diane M

Address: 3708 Whitney Avenue Hamden, CT 06518-1516
United States of America

Outside Organization: NYTTS Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015 16:12:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Diane M. Petrillo

Correspondence ID: 594 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Avetikyan, Jose

Address: Washington, DC 20005
United States of America

Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015 16:13:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Jose

Correspondence ID: 595 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Pueblo, Fernando

Address: San Diego, CA 93944
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 16:14:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Fernando Pueblo, San Diego

Correspondence ID: 596 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Adobajor, Alisa

Address: Moscow, UN 107150
Russian Federation

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 16:18:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Alisa

Correspondence ID: 597 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: 501 Cherry Street Hammond, IN 46324
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 16:28:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Caryn Corriere

Correspondence ID: 598 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Singleton, John

Address: Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 16:40:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico were killed by the horrendous Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The turtles that survived continue to suffer from effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds.

The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers, and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles and other marine life silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials, and future spills.

Already, funds from the BP oil spill settlement have been allocated for inland projects as far as 200 miles from the Gulf while proposals for projects that would provide immediate care for oiled and injured sea turtles should another tragic spill occur have not yet received any funding.

Trustees, I and many others care deeply about sea turtles: please help them too by funding sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 599 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Mazzola, Lisa

Address: 1723 Followthru Drive Tampa, FL 33612-5013
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 16:46:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Lisa Mazzola

Correspondence ID: 600 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: QUISUMBING-KING, CORA

Address: 40 SANDPIPER DRIVE
DOVER, NH Dover, NH 03820
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 16:57:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Cora Quisumbing-King

Correspondence ID: 601 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Mendieta, Vince

Address: 6005 Cherry Creek Dr. Austin, TX 78745-3421
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 17:21:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Vince Mendieta

Correspondence ID: 602 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: wintner, Anita

Address: 6689 Makena Rd kihei, HI 96753
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 17:25:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Move helping sea turtles to the top of the list

Correspondence ID: 603 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: danowski, k

Address: 15 bower hill road #801 pittsburgh, PA 15228
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 17:41:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Funds have been allocated for inland projects as far as 200 miles from the Gulf while proposals for projects that would provide immediate care for oiled and injured sea turtles should another tragic spill occurs have not yet received funding. Put sea turtles first!

The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials, and future spills. The \$8.8 billion dollars can provide for the protection and future of sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 604 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Stanwood, WA 98292
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 17:46:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Already funds have been allocated for inland projects as far as 200 miles from the Gulf while proposals for projects that would provide immediate care for oiled and injured sea turtles should another tragic spill occurs have not yet received funding.

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 605 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Holmgren, Mark

Address: 427 A 40th Ave. S. St. Petersburg, FL 33705-3937
United States of America

Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,25,2015 17:50:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please make Sea Turtles, Sea Grass, and Corals a priority;if they are thriving, than others can and will. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 606 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Donley, Monica M

Address: 1610 NE 65th Ave Portland, OR 97213
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 17:53:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allocate sufficient funding for sea turtle recovery for the present and to mitigate all future restoration needs of these beautiful sea creatures that have already suffered greatly from environmental and human-made destructive events.
Thank you!

Monica Donley

Correspondence ID: 607 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Taylor, Charlot N

Address: 2165 Ibis Isle Road, Palm Beach, FL Palm Beach, FL 33480
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 17:56:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A comprehensive plan seems to be the best way to start, otherwise the money will be piddled away without lasting and meaningful results. We cannot tolerate much more abuse to our lands, oceans, bays and gulfs, rivers and lakes. In a very short time we have rendered these sources of food and spiritual enjoyment polluted and spoiled. It's an intricate system and is now way off balance. Please act Now to remedy our abusive treatment of this precious earth. America is the worst abuser and we are and will continue to pay the price for the mindless destruction. Act now.

Correspondence ID: 608 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, Sammy

Address: Stanwood, WA 98292
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 18:06:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico were killed by the horrendous Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, which flooded the Gulf with some 134 million gallons of oil. Today, the turtles that survived continue to suffer from effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds.

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 609 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Van Wicklen, Betty J.

Address: 41 Lake Shore Dr. #2B Watervliet, NY 12189-2915
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I hope that as you disperse the funds from the Deep Water Horizon spill, you do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! Thank you for your attention.

Correspondence ID: 610 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: 255 Portofino Way #26 Redondo Beach, CA 90277
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 18:19:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 611 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Withers, Laura

Address: 105 westminster st manchester, NH 03103-6633
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 18:21:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please give strong consideration to the HEALTH of the ocean following a spill. I am a turtle advocate and was encouraged to speak

up on behalf of the turtles, but I think the more important piece is to ensure that ALL gulf ocean life is restored and remains in a healthy thriving status. If we dont have healthy oceans the chain effect is horrific. Im sure there are many involved who understand and agree. Endangered sea turtles (and humans) thank you for your dedication to ensuring the gulf ocean is thriving not dying.

Correspondence ID: 612 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Heide, Andra
Address: 2653 Tulip Hill Road Pace, FL 32571
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 18:22:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Andra J. Heide

Correspondence ID: 613 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: McGraw, NY 13101
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 19:14:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: An infusion of funds into Sea Turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and Sea Turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize Sea Turtle programs. William Toner, McGraw, NY

Correspondence ID: 614 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Hunt, Jill
Address: 4925 14th Street South Arlington, VA 22204
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 19:34:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you,
Jill Hunt

Correspondence ID: 615 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Holzberg, Steven P
Address: 8900 Leatham Ave Fair Oaks, CA 95628
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 19:54:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Steve

Correspondence ID: 616 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Ball, Evelyn
Address: 20 Ostermann Road Lockport, UN R1A3L7
Canada
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 20:26:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Evelyn Ball

Correspondence ID: 617 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Cooper, Sylvia
Address: 31B Crombie Ave Bundall, UN 4217
Australia
Outside Organization: Mrs. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,25,2015 20:55:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 618 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Bramlette, Jenny M
Address: 5909 Estes Ln Wesley Chapel, FL 33545
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle: the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is badly needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle restoration projects. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Correspondence ID: 619 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Jesensky, Danielle

Address: 1903 W. Ohio Ave. Midland, TX 79701
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I'm writing to ask you to please remember the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival after the BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. It's imperative that the an infusion of funds gets allocated to sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Danielle Jesensky

Correspondence ID: 620 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: ODonnell, Julie

Address: 10046 13 Ave NW Seattle, WA 98177
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 22:19:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 621 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Ting, Mary

Address: 393 East 10 Street #4 New York, NY 10009
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,25,2015 22:25:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside funding for the endangered sea turtle recovery who from the BP spill. The kemp ridely sea turtle took a tremendous hit from the BP oil spill. Funding is needed to aid oiled and injured sea turtles.

Remember the sea turtles and allocate funding.

Correspondence ID: 622 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Rucker, Jessica
Address: 12658 Honeysuckle Hills Ln Marion, IL 62959
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 22:37:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Jessica Rucker

Correspondence ID: 623 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Begnaud, Chelsea L
Address: 100 Jerome Road Lafayette, LA 70507
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles (and other threatened/endangered turtles and marine life) are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Chelsea L. Begnaud

Correspondence ID: 624 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: San Diego, CA 92037
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 23:19:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

T.M. Brooks

Correspondence ID: 625 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Philadelphia , PA 19119
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 23:22:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Money for the turtle restoration is a must at this time. The settlement must include distribution for sea turtle restoration in the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 626 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Wernick, Jesse
Address: Po box 536 Forest Knolls, CA 94933
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015 23:53:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts.

Correspondence ID: 627 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Matthys, Dolores
Address: Gearhart, OR 97138
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,25,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Thank you for taking and evaluating comments!
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Dolores Matthys

Correspondence ID: 628 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Vesely, Kara J
Address: 4432 Actriz Place Martinez, CA 94553
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 00:11:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Just clean up the Gulf, already!

Correspondence ID: 629 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Fremont, CA 94539
United States of America
Outside Organization: Turtle Island Restoration Network Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,26,2015 00:42:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Olivia Lim

Correspondence ID: 630 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Zoldessy , Julie
Address: 255 fieldston ter apt 4D Nyc, NY 10471
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,26,2015 04:23:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allocate funds to help save the Ridley sea turtles devastated by the oil spill. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 631 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Holden, Grace
Address: 2501 N Ohio St Arlington, VA 22207-1222
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,26,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

In your planning, I urge you not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are on the edge of survival since the BP-oil spill and urgently need help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts is badly needed in the Gulf of Mexico. Please prioritize funding sea turtle projects. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Grace Holden

Correspondence ID: 632 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Martin, Patrice

Address: 258 Breezy Hill Road Wilmot, NH 03287
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 07:06:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Good Morning and Happy Thanksgiving! I am writing to encourage you to look to the animals that live in the Gulf that were devastated by the DeepWater oil spill. Sea Turtles were harmed and it continues even now. Please make a plan to help the Wildlife rescue personal do their job and share some of the \$8 billion dollars to help the Ridley Sea Turtle as well as the Gulf of Mexico recover and avoid extinction. It is all part of the WEB of LIFE. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 633 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, Christine

Address: Romani, UN 00000
Romania

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 07:13:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts!

Correspondence ID: 634 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Michetti, Leslie

Address: 1241 Anderson Ave. Fort Lee, NJ 07024
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 07:15:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please use some of the settlement monies to ensure that endangered sea turtles will be able to thrive again.

Correspondence ID: 635 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Sagardua, Marina

Address: Brighton, MA 02135
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 07:53:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, don't forget to fund a turtle recovery plan on Dec.4 meeting. Turtles are about the species that have suffered most from the spill.

Correspondence ID: 636 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Beard, Delliana

Address: Manitou Springs, CO 80829
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 08:34:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help repair and protect the gulf and all of the wildlife it houses, including the Sea Turtles! Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 637 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Bystrak, Linda K

Address: 110 Oake Ridge Dr., Leesburg, FL 34788 Leesburg, FL 34788
United States of America

Outside Organization: Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,26,2015 08:40:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

As a kayaker in FL, I frequently see sea turtles beneath my boat. When I lead groups of my friends on paddle trips we are all delighted when we see one. Turtles are part of what makes paddling Florida's coasts so attractive to our multi-million dollar ecotourism industry.

We need to spend more money on turtle research, and the nesting areas for this group of animals. We also need to plug as many leaking oil wells as possible on the bottom of the Gulf. And, we should stop selling permits for more oil wells, especially to foreign countries/companies.

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects over inland projects!

Sincerely,
Linda Bystrak

Correspondence ID: 638 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Horwood, Sue

Address: Stratford, UN N5A 2A5
Canada

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 09:53:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Sue Horwood

Correspondence ID: 639 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Werner, Nathaniel

Address: Sedona, AZ 86336
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 10:28:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Every animal,bug,and microscopic organism plays a huge part of our small ecosystem and tightly nitted world. Turtles need protection from what has been destroyed by our ignorance. Toxic swimming, feeding, and birthing grounds need to be under close watch to ensure we get what we did back on track. This goes for all that are affected by human interference not just turtles, which are just one domino in this disaster. If we don't help even just a little who will?

Thank you
-Nathanial Werner

Correspondence ID: 640 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Gilligan, Ainslie

Address: 25 Strand Ave. Brattleboro, VT 05301
United States of America

Outside Organization: Sea Turtle Restoration Project. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,26,2015 11:52:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

All five of the Gulf's sea turtles are classified as either threatened or endangered. It's estimated that somewhere between 61,000 and 173,000 sea turtles- -of all ages- - were killed during the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

This is a terrible blow to all the Gulf's sea turtles. And it means the destruction of 10-20 percent of nesting Kemp's Ridley sea turtles. Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for their survival post BP's horrific oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and into sea turtle recovery plans, is critically needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

Sincerely,

Ainslie Gilligan

Correspondence ID: 641 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Garcia, Jeffery

Address: PO Box 1166 Mendocino, CA 95460
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

After so much destruction of habitat and environmental challenge, please do not forget about the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 642 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Pittsburgh, PA 15217
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 12:10:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

D. Shapiro

Correspondence ID: 643 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Rowland, Robert

Address: seattle, WA 98107
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 12:30:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Robert Rowland

Correspondence ID: 644 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Hermann, Mai B

Address: Mercer Island, WA 98040-5536
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 12:55:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Mai

Correspondence ID: 645 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Pulaski, WI 54162
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Please help out turtles that need human protection! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Gabrielle Mondragon

Correspondence ID: 646 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Juhl, Esther

Address: Berlin, UN 13599
Germany

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 13:49:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Esther Juhl

Correspondence ID: 647 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Emmanuel, John

Address: 72 Park Terrace West #38
New York, NY 10034 New York, NY 10034
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 13:56:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I appreciate the money and efforts being mobilized to help restore area damaged by the BP-oil spill. Some of this damage has long term effects and restoration has mitigating benefits.

In doing this I urge you to do everything possible to assist not only the largest natural creatures both botanical and zoological but the smallest, like the Kemp's ridley sea turtle. It is considered the worlds smallest turtle and is endangered.

Proper restoration, while not always perfect, helps establish a solid ground on which all the living creatures within that environment can survive and flourish. For this reason I am asking that you do not forget the turtles, for which I have an affinity.

Thank you so much,

Sincerely,

John Emmanuel

Correspondence ID: 648 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Nafziger, Nikki R

Address: 43 FreyPlace Vallejo, CA 94590
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 14:49:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please be sure and set aside funding for endangered sea turtle recovery efforts.

Correspondence ID: 649 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Alexander Mills, NC 28043
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 15:21:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please think of turtle restoration as a must due to the fatal aggression perpetrated against their habitat by oil spills, drilling,etc. Please fund efforts in this direction.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 650 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Morgan, Joselyn D

Address: Cartago, UN 30305
Costa Rica

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 15:25:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Joselyn M

Correspondence ID: 651 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Fuhrmann, Curt L

Address: 185 Ponsbury Rd Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 16:14:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill

and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts is badly needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Curt Fuhrmann

Correspondence ID: 652 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Fletcher, Carol E

Address: 1331 S Zeeb Ann Arbor, MI 48103
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 16:15:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In your plan, please allow adequate funds to support restoration and maintenance efforts for sea turtles. Turtles like these have survived for thousands of years. It is unacceptable that our actions or inactions should lead to their demise now.

Correspondence ID: 653 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: messina, ronald a

Address: 16911 whispering pines greenwell springs, LA 70739
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 16:55:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: i stand for helping wildlife restoration.....b.p. or and others must pay whatever it costs

Correspondence ID: 654 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Sealy, Ramsey L

Address: 1356 N. Stephens Ave. Fayetteville, AR 72703
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 21:28:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must demand that polluters truly clean up the messes that they have made and we, as a society, must go to extraordinary lengths to prevent the extinction of any more species. We are in an extinction rate right now that is equivalent to those of the great extinctions of the past. We have a responsibility to correct our actions and processes that are causing these mass extinctions. We must preserve the diversity of species on this planet not only for ourselves, but also for the future generations of humans and all life that will take this world from us. Let's leave a rich world, not one impoverished by the greed of a few and the ignorance of many.

Correspondence ID: 655 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Paradiso , Karen K

Address: 1253 Cottonwood Ct Carmel , IN 46033
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 21:31:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Money needs to be at aside for the endangered sea turtles in the Gulf that are still suffering from the BP oil spill! Don't send the money inland, spend the money on the sea turtles!

Correspondence ID: 656 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Horn, Lucinda

Address: 1611 Berry Rd Lafayette, NY 13084
United States of America

Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,26,2015 22:05:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 657 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Clare, MI 48617
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 22:14:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help the sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico that were deeply impacted by the oil spill. These beautiful creatures ingested oil and no one knows how this will affect them long term. There should be monies set aside to study the affects, track their progress, and help in increasing their numbers, at least back up to where they were before the spill. Sea turtles live a very long time and they have a large impact on the ecosystem of the Gulf. They do not have a voice, so I am speaking for them. They silently swim through the waters-- please do not forget them.

Correspondence ID: 658 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Dawson, Joan

Address: 6001 Riverview Dr. Birmingham, AL 35210
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Some very important ocean swimmers need help with their very survival. They are the world's smallest turtles - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. You are probably aware that these sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. Please designate an infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, as well as a sea turtle recovery plan for the Gulf of Mexico. My husband and I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects! Thank you.

Sincerely,
Joan Dawson

Correspondence ID: 659 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: LA, CA 90025-3978
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,26,2015 23:35:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Marty Bostic.

Correspondence ID: 660 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Sanchez, Ralph

Address: P. O. Box 956 Capitola, CA 95010
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,27,2015 00:52:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Ralph Sanchez

Correspondence ID: 661 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Bradley, Richard A

Address: Delaware, OH 43015
United States of America

Outside Organization: The Ohio State University Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,27,2015 03:44:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Of all the organisms that were, and continue to be, influenced by the effects of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, sea turtles and in particular the Kemp's ridley sea turtle population was disproportionately impacted. Please allocate substantial funding for more research and restoration efforts on this species.

Correspondence ID: 662 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: san diego, FL JFGHVVETBG
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,27,2015 06:07:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: i think that this website is [REDACTED] and needs taking down

Correspondence ID: 663 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Holmgren, Jeanette

Address: StrÅmsegatan Boden, UN 96167
Sweden

Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Official Rep

Received: Nov,27,2015 06:17:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Jeanette Holmgren

Correspondence ID: 664 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Saunders, Ann

Address: 12873 Mulberry Drive Denham Springs, LA 70726
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,27,2015 06:59:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I live in Louisiana close to the BP spill area. We have friends and neighbors affected by the spill. You can see documentaries and local news stories with video on the spill areas in the ruined wetlands where birds migrate and nest. If I could see the turtle territory down deep, I am sure I would be just as upset. FIX this ecosystem. Heal it, restore it. good thing Shell won't drill in the Arctic anymore. NO WAY can an oil spill be cleaned up here, let alone in frigid water. So much wildlife is affected it should be a CRIME. PLEASE lead a vigorous restoration.

Correspondence ID: 665 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Baker, Kathie

Address: 7611 Maple Ave.
Apartment 807 Takoma Park, MD 20912
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,27,2015 07:08:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The turtles that are a part of the ecology of the Gulf of Mexico need to be supported. Please include them in the allocation plans. They deserve to be able to do more than survive. They should THRIVE!

Correspondence ID: 666 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Sellitto, Antoinette
Address: 4239 Carteret Drive Philadelphia, PA 19114
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,27,2015 07:50:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The damage done to marine animal habitat by oil spills has added to the dangers these animals face. Drift nets, beach erosion, development of beach properties and now oil spills are critically endangering their existence.

I'm not a biologist and don't know the scientific terms addressing this concern. As a nature lover, former volunteer on sea turtle projects and concerned citizen I urge you to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the safety of marine animals.

Correspondence ID: 667 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Chicago, IL 60403
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,27,2015 08:34:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Bonnie M

Correspondence ID: 668 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Hunt-Nickerson, Elizabeth
Address: 219 meadow st sanbornville, NH 03872
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,27,2015 08:51:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While I am pleased that there are inland projects 200 miles from the gulf there is a crucial need for more support of proposals for projects that would provide immediate care for oiled and injured sea turtles should another devastating spill occur. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles who make their homes in the waters beneath. Use these funds responsibly to help endangered sea turtles; these ancient creatures have been roaming the earth since the dinosaurs, please give them a fighting chance to survive our human species.

Correspondence ID: 669 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Schaefer, Casey
Address: 2619 Valley View Dr. Missoula, MT 59803
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,27,2015 09:03:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think it is extremely important to implement a restorative ecosystem and that the oil companies responsible for this disaster should pay for it.

Correspondence ID: 670 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Tyndall, Lucy

Address: 3977 Flannery Ln High Point, NC 27265-8182
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,27,2015 09:04:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Don't forget Ridley's sea turtle.

Correspondence ID: 671 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Alexander, Charles

Address: Lutherville, MD 21093
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,27,2015 09:16:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside money to support recovery of endangered sea turtles.

Correspondence ID: 672 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: DAnna, Marie

Address: 516 Russell Ave Ridgefield, NJ 07657
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,27,2015 10:07:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Marie D'Anna

Correspondence ID: 673 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Capistrano Beach, CA 92624-1524
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,27,2015 10:34:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

As you conduct the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, please prioritize fudging of sea-turtle recovery projects. Especially, give consideration to the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help.

Respectfully,

Correspondence ID: 674 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Puca, Robert

Address: 535 dean street Brooklyn, NY 11217-2182
United States of America

Outside Organization: Robert Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,27,2015 11:10:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,Robert

Correspondence ID: 675 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Fusco, Loraine

Address: New Hyde Park, NY 11040
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,27,2015 12:14:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Loraine Fusco

Correspondence ID: 676 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Hamid, Sheikh S

Address: 2513 Stratton Dr. Potomac, MD 20854
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,27,2015 13:43:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Stop killing animals.

Correspondence ID: 677 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Howard, David J

Address: P.O. Box 831443 Richardson, TX 75083
United States of America

Outside Organization: Kinder Harbors Animal Sanctuary Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Official Rep

Received: Nov,27,2015 14:49:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allot a sizable portion of the fund for the recovery and protection of the sea turtles.

Thank you.

David Howard
Founder and President
www.KinderHarborsAnimalSanctuary.org

Correspondence ID: 678 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Lewis, Katherine

Address: 1600 Amphitheatre Pkwy
ATTN Mermaid Mountain View, CA 94043
United States of America

Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,27,2015 14:52:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. The marine wildlife of the Gulf of Mexico should not remain in jeopardy through the careless actions of the Petroleum Industry. You are empowered to do the right thing, and restore justice for the impacted innocent.

An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. Please restore the balance for nature. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects, and help them return to pre-disaster population levels!

Sincerely,

Katherine E. Lewis, MBA, PMP

Correspondence ID: 679 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Ruth, Jayson

Address: 19611 Dearborne Circle Huntington Beach, CA 92648
United States of America

Outside Organization: Mr. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,27,2015 15:32:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Jayson Ruth

Correspondence ID: 680 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Knipp, Donna
Address: 60 Seaman Ave., #2E New York, NY 10034
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,27,2015 16:33:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Donna Knipp
New York, NY

Correspondence ID: 681 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Kelly, Matt J
Address: 116 North Shore Road Petersburg, NY 12138
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,27,2015 16:58:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do everything in your power to protect Sea Turtles, and all of the natural ecosystems in the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 682 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Pauls, Terry M
Address: 2464 Smizer Mill Estates Dr Fenton, MO 63026
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,27,2015 18:29:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle.

These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Terry Pauls

Correspondence ID: 683 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Richmond, CA 94806
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,27,2015 18:50:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please help the Sea Turtles!

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 684 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: McGinnis, Margaret
Address: Hull, MA 02045
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,27,2015 20:26:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

M McGinnis

Correspondence ID: 685 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Stepanski, Dusty M
Address: PO Bx 97 Richwood, NJ 08074
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,27,2015 21:28:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help us tell the trustees to put sea turtles first!

Funds have been allocated for inland projects as far as 200 miles from the Gulf while proposals for projects that would provide immediate care for oiled and injured sea turtles should another tragic spill occurs have not yet received funding.

The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills.

Correspondence ID: 686 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Delaney, Janet

Address: 5406 Western Hills Drive Austin, TX 78731-4824
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,27,2015 23:43:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

The world's smallest turtle - - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle - - is fighting for survival after the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. They are in desperate need of help. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects and funding sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts in the Gulf of Mexico.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 687 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Ehrman, John S

Address: 385 Blue Heron Drive Port St Joe, FL 32456
United States of America

Outside Organization: Friends of the St Joseph Bay Buffer Preserves Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Official Rep

Received: Nov,28,2015 05:13:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
John Ehrman,

Correspondence ID: 688 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Dash, Amitav

Address: Guelph, UN N1L 0A2
Canada

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,28,2015 06:23:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please remember that any restoration plan must include all life of ecological value - especially the world's smallest turtle, the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. Including these sea turtles is of particular significance because they have been the creatures most affected by the BP-oil spill, and to this day still have not recovered.

Lets be honest here, you're spending billions of dollars on the restoration, surely you can take some of the money for non-critical items such as ramps, piers, and parks and put it into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts. This is not a species that has the time to fight back on its own, especially considering all the other problems we've already heaped on them.

For these reasons and so many more, I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Amitav Dash

Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Correspondence ID: 689 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Gholson, Kirsti B
Address: 274 Zena Rd Kingston, NY 12401
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 07:17:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To the Trustees,

The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles are in a dire situation because of the BP oil spill. Please make sure that the necessary funds go to sea turtle recovery and restoration. These turtles are in desperate need of help and sea turtle recovery plans are needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

Please prioritize funding sea turtle projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 690 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, Agarun
Address: DœĐ,Đ½ĐµÑŒ°Đ»ÑŒĐ½ÑŒĐµ Đ'Đ¾ĐÑŒ, CA 357200
Russian Federation
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 08:13:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear visitors,
Please do not stay on the sidelines, the problem of the survival of sea turtles affected Messikanskom Gulf because of the oil spill, it has not disappeared. They are on the verge, as the effects of the disaster, still affect their habitat. I think we should reflect on the global survival of the entire eco-system, because the turtle Gulf neotemlemoy are part of it and we as a species are responsible for addressing these posedstvy disaster. There pan restore populations of marine turtles, the Gulf of Mexico, it requires funding from your side. I urge you to pay attention to this problem and to provide the necessary assistance as well as the loss of diversity of species on the planet, will lead to the death of all other living beings.

Yours faithfully,

Correspondence ID: 691 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Mostov, Elizabeth
Address: 315 West 90th street new york, NY 10024
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 09:50:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: please set aside funding for the endangered sea turtle recovery program. Please make the sea turtles a priority as the endangered Kemp Ridley turtle took the biggest hit of all wildlife. This funding can provide the protection and future of the sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 692 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Riley, Callie C
Address: 8054 Oak Avenue Citrus Heights, CA 95610-2514
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 10:03:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Callie C. Riley

Correspondence ID: 693 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Riley, Laura D
Address: 8054 Oak Avenue Citrus Heights, CA 95610-2514
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 10:04:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Laura Riley

Correspondence ID: 694 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Schumacher, Brandy L
Address: 8054 Oak Avenue Citrus Heights, CA 95610-2514
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 10:05:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Brandy Schumacher

Correspondence ID: 695 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Natoli, Roberta
Address: Via Nazario Sauro 4 Torbole Casaglia BS, UN 25030
Italy
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 11:30:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. We urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Roberta Natoli
Eugenio Buffoli

Correspondence ID: 696 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Vessicchio, Anthony & Susan P. P
Address: 66 Pope St. New Haven, CT 06512
United States of America
Outside Organization: private citizens Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,28,2015 11:58:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

My husband and I are submitting a comment regarding the sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico. The need is great to put sea turtles first.

We ask you to please not forget about the world's smallest turtle- the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans are needed in the Gulf of Mexico. We respectfully urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you.

Sincereky,
Anthony P. Vessicchio
anthonyvess@aol.com

Sincerely,
Susan P. Vessicchio
susancarolpves@aol.com

Correspondence ID: 697 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Volonte, Christine E
Address: 270 North St. Belchertown, MA 01007
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 12:06:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please provide for the protection and future of sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks may benefit communities affected by the spill, but they won't help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters still threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. These turtles include the endangered Kemp's ridley, which may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife adversely affected by the BP oil spill.

At a time when the human footprint on the planet is larger than at any time in human history, it is critical that we carefully steward the other forms of life on earth.

I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle recovery and restoration projects.

Sincerely,

Christine Volonte

Correspondence ID: 698 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Griffin, Kate
Address: PO Box 335 Los Altos, CA 94026
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 12:12:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

The turtles suffered the biggest hit in the most recent oil spill and the small number who survived are still fighting health hazards in their environment from the oil spill residue.

I strongly urge you to allocate funds for these threatened marine animals.

Sincerely,

Kate Griffin

Correspondence ID: 699 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Novato, CA 94945
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. Your actions can greatly impact the future for these turtles.

An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Chelsea

Correspondence ID: 700 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Williamson, Barbara

Address: 919 Buchanan Street Albany, CA 94706
United States of America

Outside Organization: Sierra Club, Sea Turtle Rescue; EDF etc Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,28,2015 12:30:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Money is still needed for sea turtle recovery & restoration in the Gulf after the BP spill. The Kemp's Ridley sea turtle is still stressed and in danger.

Correspondence ID: 701 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Murcia, UN 30006
Spain

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,28,2015 13:34:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Antonio A. Montiel

Correspondence ID: 702 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Bayegan, Gilda B

Address: Houston, TX 77027
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,28,2015 13:54:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Gilda Bayegan

Correspondence ID: 703 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: San Francisco, CA 94115
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,28,2015 14:21:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect sea turtles. Thank you, John Oda

Correspondence ID: 704 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Brewer, John R

Address: 409 Aurora Street Marietta, OH 45750
United States of America

Outside Organization: Individual Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,28,2015 15:24:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is urgently needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
John R Brewer

Correspondence ID: 705 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Patchogue, NY 11772
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,28,2015 15:34:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Pratt

Correspondence ID: 706 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Swerdlin, Polly

Address: 815 Bradwell Dr Houston, TX 77062-3301
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,28,2015 17:27:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees

Kemp's Ridley sea turtles are just one of many marine animals fighting for survival and in desperate need of help. Funds for recovery and restoration are

needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to fund all sea turtle projects in particular!

Thank you, Polly Swerdlin

Correspondence ID: 707 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Doswell, Carolyn K
Address: P.O. Box 5205 North Hollywood, CA 91616
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 17:53:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The endangered Kemp Ridley Turtles are now fighting for their lives because of the oil spill and desperately need help ASAP. I urge you to prioritize funding for these endangered turtles for recovery and restoration projects. thank you.

Correspondence ID: 708 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Kellam, Marcia
Address: 34 Via Buena Vista Monterey, CA 93940
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,28,2015 18:35:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

PLEASE do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Best Regards,

Marcia Kellam

Correspondence ID: 709 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Grace, George
Address: 3864 Clayton Ave Los Angeles, CA 90027
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 18:59:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

ERven though I do not live on the Gulf Coast anymore, my roots are there from High School in Mobile to summers in Gulfport, MS, to Tulane University in 1956, and as a resident of New Orleans until 1974 when I moved to Los Angeles. The Gulf of Mexico, its Coastal Waters, marshes and bayous, and all the creatures who inhabit them must be preserved and restored to the way they were in an earlier time.

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle in your plans to restore the Gulf environment. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 710 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Garvey, Lydia
Address: 429 S 24th st Clinton, OK 73601
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 22:06:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico!

I strongly urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!
Do your job- Protect Our Public lands, waters, wildlife, health & future!
Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species.
Thank you
Lydia Garvey Public Health Nurse
429 S 24th st Clinton OK 73601

Correspondence ID: 711 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Chau, Cherry Oi Ling
Address: Hong Kong, UN Nil
Hong Kong Special Administrative
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,28,2015 23:31:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the sea turtles

Correspondence ID: 712 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Annecone, Lisa L
Address: 551 Torrey Pine Lane Santa Rosa, CA 95407-5499
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,29,2015 00:21:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Lisa L. Annecone

Correspondence ID: 713 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Des Moines, IA 50315

United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 03:04:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Janelle Pollock

Correspondence ID: 714 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: ritchie, robert

Address: 2 sandrock cl liverpool, UN l23rt
United Kingdom

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 04:24:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico were killed by the horrendous Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, which flooded the Gulf with some 134 million gallons of oil. Today, the turtles that survived continue to suffer from effects of toxic materials left in their feeding grounds. But now, the trustees in charge of \$8.8 billion dollars of BP oil spill settlement money are considering where to allocate those funds.

Please help save these precious creatures. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 715 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Basile, Jo E

Address: 4740 S Atlantic Ave Unit 3 Port Orange, FL 32127
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 06:02:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Jo Basile

Correspondence ID: 716 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Webel, Avery

Address: Veto Beach, FL 32963
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 07:19:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Avery Webel

Correspondence ID: 717 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Richardson, Taylor

Address: 2815 N Arcadia St Colorado Springs, CO 80907
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 07:52:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to you on behalf of sea turtles. These creatures have such a tough time already to survive. There numbers have declined drastically, all 7 species are endangered. We need to protect them now before it is too late. These beautiful animals die unnecessarily in fish nets and shrimp trawlers, and their nesting areas are being destroyed by "development". The ones that do nest have their eggs poached. Only 1 in 1000 sea turtles will reach maturity. Then to have a tragic accident like an oil spill is devastating to an already struggling animal species. Please support conservation and recovery efforts for sea turtles with the financial rights they deserve. They have been through enough. They will not make it without our protection.

Correspondence ID: 718 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: schukar, randy

Address: Stevens Point, WI 54481
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 08:44:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am an avid SCUBA diver, and have had many beautiful encounters with sea turtles over the decades.

Please consider the recovery of sea turtles, including the endangered Kemps Ridley sea turtle. Funds are being allocated for projects up to 200 miles inland, as well as boat ramps, piers, and parks. None of those things will help sea turtles, and may well hinder their recovery. Funds need to be made available immediately for care for sea turtles in the event of another oil spill in the Gulf.

The needs of animals killed and damaged in the oil spill should come first, and piers, ramps, and parks should be secondary considerations.

Please prioritize funding for sea turtles and other sea life.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 719 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Falzone, Dominick

Address: Los Angeles, CA 90005-2060
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 09:15:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: You should allocate funds to help the Kemp's ridley sea turtles. These turtles are endangered.

Many turtles were killed by the BP oil spill. The surviving turtles are endangered by toxic materials in their feeding grounds.

Surviving turtles are also threatened by future oil spills. You should fund projects which would provide immediate care for oiled and injured turtles in case another oil spill should occur.

I urge you to fund sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans in the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 720 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Morello, Phyl

Address: 984 Harrison fer White Pine, TN 37890
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 09:56:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Money MUST be set aside to help all the animal victims of the BP oil spill. Our endangered sea turtles have suffered immensely along w/so many innocent wildlife victims.

Demand full recovery at BP cost.

Correspondence ID: 721 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Matinata, Ana

Address: 11406 Roslyn Rd Fredericksburg, VA 22407
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 09:59:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help Kemp's ridley sea turtles. Include them in your funding! It's the right thing to do. Thank you.
Ana

Correspondence ID: 722 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, Valerie

Address: Oshawa, UN L1H 7K4
Canada

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Dear Trustees,

Please do the right thing.

I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

Sincerely,
Valerie

Correspondence ID: 723 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Koehl, Lisa
Address: 22 Twin River Drive Ormond Beach, FL 32174
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,29,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I write with respect and urgency to ask for your support, please. Let us not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Lisa M Koehl, Someone Who Cares

Correspondence ID: 724 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Lenin st Washington, DC 20005
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,29,2015 14:32:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Alisa

Correspondence ID: 725 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Seattle, WA 98117
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,29,2015 14:58:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of

Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Patricia Perron

Correspondence ID: 726 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Shubuta, MS 39360
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,29,2015 15:38:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for your attention to this comment.

Correspondence ID: 727 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Hollywood, FL 33021
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,29,2015 16:36:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Eileen Snitzer

Correspondence ID: 728 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Gardiner , George
Address: Corpus Christi, TX 78418
United States of America
Outside Organization: Texas Master Naturalist Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,29,2015 16:38:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle is the most endangered sea turtle species. Efforts to restore a viable population on the Texas Gulf Coast have been severely harmed by the BP Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill. Restoration Funds should be prioritized to support the efforts to reintroduce this endangered species above other projects.

Correspondence ID: 729 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Delmar, NY 12054
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 16:47:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans, is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize the funding of sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 730 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Scott, Raeann K

Address: 3694 Halverstick Road Sumas, WA 98295
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 17:29:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Raeann K Scott

Correspondence ID: 731 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Heath, Frances

Address: 1262 Tierra Del Sol Rd Boulevard, CA 91905
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 17:50:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely, Frances Heath

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Correspondence ID: 732 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Soquel, CA 95073
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 18:15:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 733 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: McGlone, Colleen

Address: 3540 Hartland Dr New Port Richey, FL 34655-2505
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 18:39:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 734 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: biggs, susan

Address: 402 e van buren st columbia city, IN 46725
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 19:29:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We have only ONE planet to live on. We all live on the SAME planet. Think about it...

Correspondence ID: 735 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Gordon, Amanda

Address: 3801 Caravelle Parkway Apt W-6 Corpus Christi, TX 78415
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,29,2015 21:48:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My name is Amanda Gordon and I am a second year master's student in the Fisheries and Mariculture Program at Texas A&M- Corpus Christi. My current research pertains to freshwater inflows and the impact freshwater has on commercially important fishery species of the Corpus Christi area. Currently, I am enrolled in a Marine Restoration course which has been an overview of the most significant goals and obstacles of restoration, one of which obviously being funding. Restoration can be quite costly and the funding for the entire gulf coast will be a major benefit for future restorative efforts. For Texas, in particular, loss of wetland habitat and coastal erosion are major areas of concern. Restoring habitat and potentially addressing water needs, current and future, would be worthwhile uses for the award money.

Additionally, research from Exxon Valdez has indicated that recovery periods for any single species or ecosystem after an event such as this can take decades. Considering that the magnitude of Deepwater Horizon was much greater, research in the Gulf of Mexico should continue to monitor ongoing effects of the spill. The money that will be made available to the states will have to fund numerous projects, and it would be incredible to see some funding dedicated to scholarships for individuals interested in pursuing degrees in fields relevant to restoration in the Gulf of Mexico.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the topic

Correspondence ID: 736 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Davis, Sharon

Address: 407 Lakewood Rd Pensacola, FL 32507
United States of America

Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,30,2015 00:03:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees, Please prioritize the protection of the sea turtles. Thank you. I have no other comments on this important and (to me) complicated endeavor. Sincerely, Sharon Davis

Correspondence ID: 737 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: swan, angela M

Address: 8 marlborough street, port noarlunga south, UN 5167
Australia

Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,30,2015 02:18:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir/ Madam, please set aside some of the money to help the sea turtles survive as well as all the animals affected by the oil spill, thanks for your time Angela Swan

Correspondence ID: 738 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Jerrels, Laura A

Address: 97 springwood Square
Port Orange, FL 32129 Port Orange, FL 32129
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,30,2015 05:27:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am not a scientist but I have lived in Florida all of my life and I have spent A LOT of time in the ocean. I have seen the devastation to the Gulf from the spill and also realize the importance of our oceanic ecosystem in our world...too few people get that. If they cease to exist, so will we. I believe in this plan mostly because I believe in Dr. Sylvia Earle and she believes in this plan. Should we continue to allow our oceans to die, we as a species had better start going back into space as it just may be our only choice one day. Saving our oceans is one of the easiest ways we can work towards saving our planet and I hope that you come to understand this as well. There are plenty of scientists to give you the facts on this matter but I as a concerned citizen just wanted to let my voice be heard and I hope it was.

Correspondence ID: 739 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: Burwash, UN TN19 7NB
United Kingdom

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,30,2015 06:02:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill

and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Eileen Hardy

Correspondence ID: 740 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Brown, Deborah
Address: 8039 Westover Drive Dallas, TX 75231
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,30,2015 06:44:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles may have taken the biggest hit of all the wildlife that was in the Gulf during the BP oil spill. Proposals for boat ramps, piers and parks aren't going to help the sea turtles silently swimming in waters threatened by oil, toxic materials and future spills. The \$8.8 billion dollars can provide for the protection and future of sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 741 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Hodie, Jake
Address: Aspen, CO 81611
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,30,2015 09:02:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

As other countries have proven time and time again that they don't care about protecting the ocean's creatures, the USA can and must take the lead in saving them.

The USA has the power and influence to persuade other nations to help save sea turtles from harm and possible extinction.

We cannot afford to wait! Our government must help to undo the damage that was done to the sea turtles (and other fish and marine mammals) by the BP oil spill.

PLEASE help save the sea turtles from possible extinction. Because once they are gone, they are gone for good!

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle!! These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 742 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Cerda, Rosie
Address: 4067 Nabal Dr La Mesa, CA 91941
United States of America
Outside Organization: Ms. Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,30,2015 09:57:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of

Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Rosie Cerda

Correspondence ID: 743 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: McFarland, Randy
Address: 13108 Auburn Mill Lane Glen Allen, VA 23059
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,30,2015 10:38:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans, are needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

I urge you to prioritize funding of sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Randy McFarland

Correspondence ID: 744 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: MacKenzie, Michelle
Address: San Carlos, CA 94070
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,30,2015 10:52:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 745 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Seattle, WA 98134
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,30,2015
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help.

An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico.

Please prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 746 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Solangi, Moby

Address: 10801 Dolphin Lane Gulfport, MS 39503
United States of America

Outside Organization: Institute for Marine Mammal Studies Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation: Member

Received: Nov,30,2015 11:06:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: 30 November 2015

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
P.O. Box 49567,
Atlanta, GA 30345.

Subject: Comments to the Draft Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Institute for Marine Mammal Studies of Gulfport, Mississippi, provides the following comments on the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan:

Sea turtles - Overall the sea turtle restoration plan is appropriate. We would like to emphasize that each of the five turtle species have unique habitats and threats, which all need to be taken into account. In addition, each State has unique fishery and environmental issues that need to be addressed.

Marine mammals - The restoration plan does not offer a concrete direction to restore marine mammal populations, but instead points out various issues and potential threats. Some of these are based on untested assumptions, which need to be proven through a variety of studies. For example, the draft suggests losses of 50-60% of the dolphin population in the Mississippi Sound and Barataria Bay in recent years and also suggests that the recovery of the species could take 50-60 years. These figures are not based on actual data that we are aware of, and we believe that more study needs to be done to establish such facts. Greater emphasis should be placed on really understanding dolphins in the northern Gulf of Mexico including continually updating density, survival, and immigration/emigration estimates, quantifying seasonal movements, estimating resident/transient ratios, examining the effects of water quality, and conducting health assessments.

It is imperative that local organizations be involved and included in the restoration and recovery of both the turtle and marine mammal species. Building capacity in each State will go a long way in ensuring the success of the restoration plan.

Sincerely,

Moby Solangi, Ph.D.

Jonathan Pitchford, Ph.D.

Eric Pulis, Ph.D.

Debra Moore, DVM

Correspondence ID: 747 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Forjan, David J

Address: 1 Duran Lane tularosa, NM 88352
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,30,2015 11:44:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do more for Sea Turtles in your restoration plan. Please!

Correspondence ID: 748 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Kadekar, Aswitha J

Address: Apartment 4D, 230 Bay Ridge Parkway Brooklyn, NY 11209
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,30,2015 12:41:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aswitha Kadekar
Pratt Institute
M.S. Sustainable and Environmental Systems
akadekar@pratt.edu

November 21s, 2015

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
P.O. Box 49567,
Atlanta,
GA 30345

To Whom It May Concern,

As a graduate student of Sustainable and Environmental Systems at Pratt Institute, I offer merit and expertise in the field of environmental planning and the ecological impacts of urban infrastructure. I would like to formally submit my comments on the proposed restoration strategies for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. I submit that the following actions should be added within the clauses so that they can result in decreasing the harmful effect on the environment.

Under 1.4 National response Damage assessment process:
1.4.2 Injury assessment:

-The clause cited under the injury assessment under OPA should not only be specific to natural resources but also include environmental impact statement on the air quality after the Deepwater Horizon incident. To ensure public safety, air quality should be monitored throughout the area for a wide range of chemicals that are known to be associated with crude oil, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs).
-Yearly inspection of the technology involved should be an addition to the overall draft to ensure elimination of future such incidents.

1.5.3 Restoring Natural Resources

- Restore and conserve habitat
- Restore water quality
- Replenish and protect living coastal and marine resources
- Provide and enhance recreational opportunities
- Provide for monitoring, adaptive management, and administrative oversight to support restoration implementation

I recommend the following additions to the clause above:

- An addition of future protection clause should be included.
- Maintenance, restoration and protection of natural resource should be part of the subheading and not only restoring Natural resources. Restoring is not the complete solution, protection and maintenance of the resources should be our priority.

Chapter 5: Restoring Natural Ecosystems

Alternative A (described in Section 5.5) is an integrated restoration portfolio that emphasizes the broad ecosystem benefits that can be realized through coastal habitat restoration in combination with resource-specific restoration in the ecologically interconnected northern Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. The Trustees have identified Alternative A as their preferred alternative.

I believe the alternative A is a good strategy for implementation and would like to appreciate the trustees' decision in conceptualizing this option. However, I would like to add a clause of future protection policy as part of the implementation plan.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our city.

Yours Sincerely,
Aswitha Kadekar

Correspondence ID: 749 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Lange, Marlana
Address: mar32123@gmail.com
true Middletown, NY 10940-4708
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,30,2015 13:11:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

All living creatures must be protected. Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 750 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Friedrich, Axel
Address: 837 Woodlawn St Memphis, TN 38107
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,30,2015 13:50:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects and other affected sea animals.

Sincerely,

Axel Friedrich

Correspondence ID: 751 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Pratt, J
Address: Lawrence, KS 66044
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,30,2015 14:16:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle in all your planning. The endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle restoration efforts and recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 752 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Hanft, Julie
Address: PO Box 2451 Mill Valley, CA 94942
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,30,2015 14:36:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest sea turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Intact ecosystems build resilience for humans and other creatures alike!

Sincerely,

Julie Hanft

Correspondence ID: 753 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Wheeler, Mark

Address: 628 SE 58th Portland, OR 97215
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,30,2015 14:52:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Correspondence ID: 754 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Bone, William

Address: San Diego, CA 92111
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,30,2015 15:16:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please set aside funding for sea turtles. They are the wisest members of the sea!

Correspondence ID: 755 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Schlobohm, Pamela K

Address: 330 California Ave. # 307 Santa Monica, CA 90403
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,30,2015 18:00:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of

Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Pamela Schlobohm

Correspondence ID: 756 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: Hollywood, FL 33021
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Nov,30,2015 19:10:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
Eileen Snitzer

Correspondence ID: 757 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Ehlis, Sabrina
Address: Horner Weg 55 Hamburg, UN 20535
Germany
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Dec,01,2015 01:49:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,
Sabrina Ehlis

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Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Laverdure

Correspondence ID: 759 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
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Correspondence:
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Sincerely,
Snezana Trkulja

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Sincerely,

Claire Shapiro

Correspondence ID: 761 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Notes: The original copy of this email can be found in Appendix A
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Received: Nov,20,2015
Correspondence Type: E-mail
Correspondence: Nov 20, 2015

Deepwater Horizon Trustees

Dear Trustees,
Pathetic, greedy, lickens of political boots and sundry corporate trash, the loathing I feel towards you should not expressed in public.
May your progeny be forced to live in the toxic waste you leave behind.

Thank you (ha-ha) again for your time and your dedication to restoring the Gulf of Mexico.

Sincerely,
audrey ross

AZ 85712-3335
audreymross@msn.com

Correspondence ID: 762 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Notes: 3,643 individuals sent in emails of this correspondence to the Trustees. A copy of one of the original emails can be found in Appendix A.
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United States of America
Outside Organization: Ocean Conservancy Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Member
Received: Nov,20,2015
Correspondence Type: E-mail

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS). This plan provides a strong vision and rationale for undertaking an ecosystem approach to restoration of the Gulf of Mexico following the BP oil disaster. I commend the Trustees on the massive undertaking to collect and synthesize the wide range of impacts to the Gulf environment, and on your commitment to monitoring and adaptive management.

I am also pleased to see \$1.24 billion dedicated to restoring the open ocean, where the disaster occurred and where impacts continue to this day. However, I am concerned that the open ocean fund will also have to cover all federal trustee administrative and preliminary planning activities across restoration areas. Administrative and planning costs are important and necessary, but taking all federal administrative costs from the open ocean funding is inappropriate.

In addition, four of the early restoration projects to address lost recreational use have been reclassified as open ocean projects. These projects include roadway and trail enhancements and the purchase of boat ferries, totaling more than \$22 million. None of these projects occur in the open ocean and none fit the consent decree's definition of open ocean. I believe that allocating any open ocean funds to recreational use projects, past or present, sets a bad precedent that will allow Trustees to pull from this account for restoration activities that do not primarily benefit ocean resources. I believe these projects are better suited for the region-wide or state-based allocations in the states where the projects occur.

Thank you again for your time and your dedication to restoring the Gulf of Mexico.

Correspondence ID: 763 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
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Address: Orrington, ME 04474
United States of America
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation:
Received: Dec,01,2015 08:34:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,

Carly Eakin
Professional Landscape Architect

Wildlife Ecologist

Correspondence ID: 764 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
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Affiliation:
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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Medina

Correspondence ID: 765 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
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Affiliation: Member
Received: Dec,01,2015 12:06:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The preferred alternative the trustees have chosen, the Comprehensive Integrated Ecosystem Restoration, is very thorough and inclusive of all impacted ecosystem aspects from the DWH spill. The plan not only takes a landscape scale restoration perspective into account with looking at all effected habitats, water quality and nutrients, it also takes on a species scale perspective looking at submerged aquatic vegetation and birds as well as endangered species like sturgeon and sea turtles. While majority of the plan is focusing on ecosystem services and functions, the plan also incorporates an anthropic perspective by looking at enhancing recreational opportunities and the very profitable oyster fisheries in all of the Gulf states. While I do agree with most of this overall plan, I believe there are not enough details for the submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) aspect of restoration compared to other aspects of the plan. Restoring SAV can be a very tricky undertaking with abysmal success rates and for something so important ecosystem wise I do believe more attention should be given to its restoration strategy.

Correspondence ID: 766 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Notes: The original copy of this letter can be found in Appendix A
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Outside Organization: Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Official Rep
Received: Dec,01,2015
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: Dear NRDA Trustees:
The Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees ("Park Board") appreciates the opportunity to submit comments about the proposed Consent Decree for the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) oil spill and the draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan. It is clear that significant thought and effort have gone into developing these documents that are critical in determining how funds from the oil spill will be allocated and used within the Gulf region. After reviewing the proposed documents, the Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees believes that some revisions and clarifications to them could make the project application and implementation process more clear, objective, transparent, and effective in restoring the Gulf of Mexico.

The Park Board encourages all parties involved in making project funding decisions to emphasize the importance of barrier islands to the economy and environment, and to consider their vulnerability to coastal hazards including oil spills. Texas beaches are the second most popular tourist destination in the state, contributing enormous economic benefits to the state and the nation. However, Galveston Island and other barrier islands in the Gulf of Mexico are most vulnerable to the impacts of oil spills and the first line of defense against coastal storms. In addition to the impacts of the DWH oil spill, Galveston Island is still recovering from Hurricane Ike in 2008 that caused \$29 billion in property damage and \$142 billion in economic damage. As a result, the Park Board strongly believes that protective barrier islands such as Galveston Island should be made the top priority in the evaluation and award process for DWH-related project funding applications.

We also feel strongly that Texas should receive funding to "provide and enhance recreational opportunities," which the draft plan has allocated to the other four Gulf States affected by the DWH oil spill but not to Texas. Like most barrier islands, Galveston has a relatively small population, with roughly 40,000 citizens supporting more than six million tourists annually. Providing quality recreational opportunities to millions of tourists helps to create connections between visitors and the Gulf, educating them and influencing their behavior toward this important natural asset. It is through the generation of recreational fees that the Galveston Park Board maintains facilities, manages the impacts of visitation and funds conservation efforts. Therefore, funding to "provide and enhance recreational opportunities" is essential to effectively manage visitation, leverage economic impact and ensure the upkeep, maintenance and preservation of important environmental assets. The lack of facilitated recreational opportunities can be an impediment to the creation of on-going revenue streams which will sustain conservation efforts after initial recovery funds have been invested.

We also believe that the approach to paying for the administrative costs associated with administering the Deepwater Horizon-related funding should be clarified and reconsidered. The Galveston Park Board believes administrative costs should not be covered from the "open ocean" funding. We maintain that funds allocated for the open ocean should be used for projects and activities directly related to the open ocean since it took the direct impact of the unprecedented amount of oil and dispersants that were released as a result of the DWH spill.

In addition, the proposed governance structure seems unwieldy and likely to create silos. It seems to go against the stated intention of approaching Gulf restoration on a landscape-wide, regional basis. Therefore, we recommend that consideration be given to revising the governance structure to encourage a more Gulf-wide approach.

Finally, we believe that transparency in the project selection process will help ensure the funds available from this unique, unprecedented event are used for projects that benefit the areas most impacted by the oil spill and that provide the most benefit for the Gulf of Mexico as a whole. Thank you for considering these comments and suggestions from the Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees.

Correspondence ID: 767 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Name: Forman, Ron
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United States of America
Outside Organization: Audubon Nature Institute Unaffiliated Individual
Affiliation: Official Rep
Received: Dec.01,2015 14:44:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As President and CEO of Audubon Nature Institute, I am writing to express my support of the goals and restoration plan outlined in the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact statement. Audubon has been a strong and active leader in many conservation activities highlighted in the plan and we are happy that such activities are of high priority to the Trustees. Attracting more than 2 million annual visitors to its New Orleans-based family of museums and parks, Audubon Nature Institute is widely recognized as the Gulf Coasts leader in conservation education. In addition to developing award-winning exhibits and programs highlighting the coasts fragile ecosystems, Audubon staff are committed to the preservation of coastal and marine wildlife native to the unique ecosystems found in Louisiana and along the Gulf Coast. The Freeport-McMoRan Audubon Species Survival Center (FMASSC), one of the 10 facilities operated by Audubon, house several of our conservation initiatives dedicated to upholding our organizations mission objectives aimed to protect and enhance endangered species populations and the delicate marine resources in which they thrive.

Audubon Nature Institutes Stranding and Rescue Program is the only entity in the state of Louisiana responsible for the rehabilitation of live marine mammals and sea turtles. Audubon Nature Institute is the primary response partner for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries actively working for the rescue, response, and rehabilitation of marine mammals and sea turtles. During the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the Stranding and Rescue Program was the lead entity for oiled marine mammal and sea turtle response. Over 193 sea turtles and 3 marine mammals underwent rehabilitation during this timeframe.

The Stranding and Rescue Program has rehabilitated over 215 turtles and 5 marine mammals since 2010. In addition, an Unusual Mortality Event (UME) was declared for the northern Gulf of Mexico in February 2010. The Stranding and Rescue Program has necropsied over 180 bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) for the collection of samples regarding the high mortality rate. With the UME still ongoing, the Stranding and Rescue Program is still following all protocols in regards to collecting stranding data.

The Stranding and Rescue Program has recently upgraded their existing facilities to accommodate the potential triage and short term rehabilitation of West-Indian manatees by winter 2015. Staff members have attended manatee captures and health assessments in Florida working with multiple agencies to receive training in the proper handling and treatment of manatees. The Stranding and Rescue Program intends to join the Manatee Rescue and

Rehabilitation Partnership (MRP) to aid in short-term triage and rehabilitation for the northern Gulf region.

In addition to the enhancement of both the marine mammal and sea turtle stranding networks, the Stranding and Rescue Program is committed to outreach and education to the public about the threats that marine mammals and sea turtles encounter. Staff attends festivals, Audubon Zoo and Aquariums special events, and gives presentations at local schools about the threats marine mammals and sea turtles face. These threats include but are not limited to bycatch, acute environmental changes, marine pollution, and other anthropogenic threats.

Through our sustainable seafood program, Gulf United for Lasting Fisheries (G.U.L.F.), Audubon supports many of the actions laid out in this plan that pertain to the long-term viability of our local fisheries and the communities that rely on them. Bycatch reduction, increased observer coverage, enhancing oyster recruitment, and industry awareness and education are all critically important needs here on the Gulf Coast. These actions, and the information collected from them, will also be beneficial to our projects in a variety of ways. G.U.L.F. is actively engaged in all five Gulf States through our Marine Advancement Plans (MAPs), which work with management and industry to create sustainability action plans tailored to the needs of a specific fishery. In Louisiana, we are currently working to certify the states blue crab and oyster fisheries as sustainable under our own third-party scheme. A robust observer program would be extremely helpful as we navigate these sustainability assessments, as the data provided will help us in our decision making and reporting. G.U.L.F. also works to educate industry on current rules and regulations and on issues impacting our fisheries, especially as it relates to bycatch. Skimmer trawl tow time education and derelict crab trap removal are two examples of projects we have been involved in to assist our fishermen in maintaining a healthy and sustainable Gulf of Mexico for generations to come.

Since 70% of seafood is consumed outside of the home, G.U.L.F. has engaged with local chefs and restaurants to educate their staff and clientele on the importance of the conservation and sustainability of our local fisheries. The G.U.L.F. program offers restaurant staff trainings, menu review, and seafood purchasing consultations to restaurants wanting to become responsible stewards of our diverse aquatic resources. The Gulf of Mexico and the surrounding waterways provide a variety of seafood not found anywhere else in the United States. The G.U.L.F. program strives to highlight the value and importance of keeping this local cuisine, culinary heritage, and culture sustainable.

Audubon's Crane facility at the Species Survival Center is the site of many successful efforts in rebuilding and sustaining endangered crane species. This facility is one of two that breeds and releases Mississippi Sandhill Cranes to aid in creating a self-sustaining population. The Husbandry staff works closely with officials from the USFWS Mississippi Sandhill crane wildlife refuge in Gautier, Mississippi participating in annual census counts and a variety of educational events hosted at the refuge. This past year, they raised six sandhill crane chicks at the facility and successfully released them to the refuge in the Fall of 2015. Without Audubon's efforts, the population of these endangered cranes would be in continual decline.

In addition to our work with Mississippi Sandhill Cranes, Audubon is also heavily involved with the Whooping Crane Louisiana Partnership. The purpose of this partnership is to assess the viability of and support the establishment of a non-migratory flock of whooping cranes introduced in Louisiana. We have supported the release program by housing and breeding birds for release. In 2015, Audubon assisted LDWF by taking abandoned whooping crane eggs from wild nests for artificial incubation.

In conclusion, Audubon Nature Institute continues to be a regional and national leader in the education, protection, and sustainability of coastal and marine wildlife and their native habitats. The ongoing efforts already underway at Audubon are well-aligned with the restoration goals and priorities identified in the restoration plan. We fully support these priorities and stand ready to collaborate in whatever capacity to ensure that our diverse array of life thrives in our state and the Gulf Coast region.

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,

Susan Watts

Correspondence ID: 769 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,
Sally Sheck

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,
Robert Snyder

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Received: Dec.02,2015 07:21:28

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,
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Correspondence ID: 773 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Name: Crockett, Lee

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Correspondence: Dear Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP) and Environmental Impact Statement for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. This oil spill and the resultant cleanup activities caused significant impacts to pelagic longline fishermen and "fish and water column invertebrates," including economically and recreationally valuable fish species and protected marine resources. As such, we support the PDARP's focus on working collaboratively with fishermen to restore these resources through future bycatch reduction projects, including those supportive of the Pelagic Longline Bycatch Reduction Project initiated under Phase IV of Early Restoration. We also urge that the PDARP be revised to ensure that funding allocated for these purposes remains sufficient and is not reallocated for other uses.

Bycatch is a persistent problem in the Gulf of Mexico pelagic longline fishery and a significant source of mortality for open ocean marine life which suffered injury from the oil spill and its cleanup, such as sailfish, sharks, endangered leatherback sea turtles, marine mammals, and severely depleted western Atlantic bluefin tuna. This mortality is especially harmful to western Atlantic bluefin, which rely on the Gulf as their only known spawning ground. Scientists estimate that the spill directly impacted 10 to 50 percent or more of the bluefin's Gulf of Mexico spawning habitat at the peak of their spawning season.¹ Available studies confirm that the spill damaged bluefin health, especially for early life history stages.²

Working collaboratively with this fishery to develop bycatch mitigation projects and associated monitoring efforts is an "effective, immediate, and practical approach to restoring" bluefin and other pelagic species and coastal communities injured by the oil spill. Much of the groundwork for such efforts has been laid by Nova Southeastern University in their Alternative Gear Pilot Program. In July 2014, Nova scientists concluded this multi-year study to evaluate the efficacy of green stick gear as an alternative to pelagic longlines in the Gulf of Mexico. During the course of the pilot study, 94 percent of the green stick-catch was either retained or released alive and only four percent was discarded dead. Marine mammals had only one documented interaction, while no bluefin tuna or sea turtles were caught. These data contrast starkly with pelagic longlines, which discard 51 percent of their catch, the majority of which (65 percent) is dead.

This pilot study determined that green stick gear can effectively target yellowfin tuna, but it also revealed that vessel size has a major influence on the profitability of this gear. The average daily cost per day of fishing on the 42 ft F/V SunDancer and 50 ft F/V Miss Rita was \$381 versus an average cost of \$1002 per day for the 78 ft Louisiana based vessels participating in the program. Gross revenue on green stick gear trips, however, did not exceed \$1265 per day. Replacing longline vessels with smaller (35-55 ft), more efficient ones would significantly reduce daily operating costs and thereby improve green stick gear's economic viability and desirability to fishermen.

The Pelagic Longline Bycatch Reduction Project initiated under Phase IV of Early Restoration will build on the success of the pilot study, but more work is needed to ensure that this project continues to benefit marine life and fishermen in the long-term. Under this project, participating longline fishermen will be provided and trained to use green stick gear. The project will also pay these fishermen not to fish longlines January through June annually, until it exhausts its funding, which is estimated to happen in as little as five years. When these funds run out, it is likely that those fishing green stick gear on large, expensive to operate, steel-hulled vessels will have to switch back to longlines in order catch enough fish to remain economically viable. Therefore, these inefficient vessels could jeopardize the economic viability of using alternative gears such as green stick gear, which favors smaller more fuel-efficient vessels and fresher-caught, but smaller quantities of fish than the pelagic longline fishery.

In order to mitigate these issues, future project(s) should couple this gear conversion with a new program to retire large, steel-hulled pelagic longline vessels and replace them with smaller, more economical vessels. These projects will maximize use of selective green stick gear by ensuring all fishermen access to the gear and appropriately-sized vessels necessary to make it a more economical alternative to pelagic longlining. If successful, these efforts will provide significant bycatch reductions for non-target pelagic species and continued access to commercially important yellowfin tuna.

Making this project work will require a dedicated and robust funding source. Unfortunately, the proposed framework directs "open ocean" funding far beyond ocean projects. According to the PDARP and Consent Decree in U.S. v. BP Exploration and Production, et al, Civil No. 10-45 36, "open ocean"

funding will be directed at "resources primarily in the ocean," as well as "Federal Trustee administrative and preliminary planning activities across restoration areas," including region-wide restoration, state-specific restoration, and "adaptive management and unknown conditions restoration." This broad application of these funds threatens to undermine restoration efforts for important open ocean resources by allowing the reallocation of funds to unrelated projects and administrative matters that may provide little or no benefit to pelagic marine life and other open ocean resources. The Trustees should revise the PDARP to ensure that open ocean funds are used for their intended purpose of restoring offshore ocean marine life and ecosystems.

We support the PDARP's focus on bycatch mitigation for the "fish and water column invertebrates" restoration type, especially pelagic species. This focus allows funding to complete the Pelagic Longline Bycatch Reduction Project and ensure the long-term restoration of open ocean resources injured by the oil spill. We urge the Trustees to take actions in the PDARP to ensure that these opportunities are not jeopardized by reallocation of funds away from this and other important open ocean projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
Lee Crockett
Director, U.S. Oceans

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Received: Dec,02,2015 11:01:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I am writing to ask that funds be set aside to protect sea turtles, and particularly the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle.

After the BP Oil Spill, these animals are struggling and truly need our help. Please prioritize funding for sea turtle projects. Thank you.

Also, thank you for your hard work. My uncle was with the Park Service for 35 years and I have great respect for the organization.

Sincerely,

Dr. Louisa Parks

Correspondence ID: 775 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
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Received: Dec,02,2015

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles have been fighting for survival for some time, and the situation has become far worse since the BP-oil spill. They are in desperate need of help.

An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: December 1, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

We applaud the efforts of all the Trustees in the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System (GCOOS) Regional Association is a 501(c)3 organization responsible for developing a network of business leaders, marine scientists, resource managers, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholder groups that combine their data to provide timely information about our oceans - similar to the information gathered by the National Weather Service to develop weather forecasts.

The GCOOS Regional Association includes members from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, seeks to establish a sustained observing system for the Gulf of Mexico to provide observations and products needed by users in this region for:

- Detecting and predicting climate variability and consequences,
- Preserving and restoring healthy marine ecosystems,
- Ensuring human health,
- Managing resources,
- Facilitating safe and efficient marine transportation,
- Enhancing national security, and
- Predicting and mitigating against coastal hazards.

We support the choice of Alternative A, Comprehensive Integrated Gulf Ecosystem Restoration, and we offer the following comments on the proposed Plan and EIS.

1. The governance structure proposed in Chapter 7 will be extremely cumbersome, inhibit comprehensive Gulf restoration, and will be expensive to administer. It will draw too many funds away from the ultimate public goal of Gulf restoration. The single Trustee Council established for the Exxon Valdez oil spill cost \$2M/year for the first few years with decreasing costs to \$700K/year by the end of the 20-year agreement (pers. communication, Executive Director of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council). We propose that one Trustee Council be established for the NRD component vs. the Council and eight Trustee Implementation Groups (i.e., nine governing bodies) currently proposed.
2. While we appreciate that monitoring with adaptive management is a feedback loop, and an overall Trustee goal in supporting comprehensive Gulf restoration, we do not think that funds for monitoring and adaptive management should be grouped with administrative costs and public education with no specific budget. Having no specific budget for monitoring and adaptive monitoring - and having it grouped with funds for the very expensive nine Trustee Councils/Implementation Groups, along with education and adaptive management - means that very little funding will likely go to monitoring the Gulf. One of the National Academy of Sciences important post-Deepwater Horizon findings was that insufficient baseline information was available to assess the impacts to the Gulf of Mexico. A specific, sufficient monitoring fund would help alleviate this problem in the future. In the agreement for the Exxon Valdez oil spill, 30% of the funds were specifically allocated for monitoring. Considering the greater need for restoration projects in the Gulf of Mexico vs. the post-spill needs in Alaska, we still urge the Parties to specifically allocate at least 15% of the NRD funds to comprehensive Gulf monitoring.
3. With regard to monitoring, data sharing, and Quality Assurance/Quality Control, we encourage the Trustees to use well-established, effective, existing standards, as much as possible. GCOOS-RA Staff are available to share knowledge of those standards with the Trustees. To help facilitate consistent monitoring and data sharing across all post-Deepwater Horizon activities, we also encourage the Trustees to consider the recommendations soon to be published by the National Academy of Sciences Gulf Research Program - Committee on Effective Approaches for Monitoring and Assessing Gulf of

Mexico Restoration Activities.

4. The NRDA component includes \$1.24 B to Open Ocean Projects, which is the only post-DWH funding that is focused on deeper ocean restoration to reefs and deep benthic habitats, and federally protected species, such as marine mammals, sea turtles, Gulf sturgeon, and sea birds. However, this definition is still too loose with some ill-fitting early restoration projects already being funded through this category (e.g., Bike and Pedestrian Lane in Davis Bayou, MS - \$7M, Ferry Project, Pensacola, FL - \$4M, Trail Enhancement at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, AL - \$545K). For more effective and efficient use of the restoration funds for this category, we recommend the Open Ocean Projects definition be abbreviated to, Open Ocean consists of restoration activities for resources primarily in the ocean with all funded projects clearly fitting this definition.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these critical documents for comprehensive restoration of the Gulf of Mexico. Please contact Dr. Barbara Kirkpatrick, Executive Director of the GCOOS Regional Association (941-724-4320 or barb.kirkpatrick@gcoos.org) for further information and/or discussion.

Best regards,

Dr. Barbara Kirkpatrick, Executive Director
On behalf of the GCOOS-RA Board of Directors

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Correspondence: Dear Sirs,
Please set aside monies for the recovery of our endangered sea turtles.
Thanks for your consideration of these comments.
Sincerely,
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Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees

Dear Trustees:

I am writing to provide the comments of The Nature Conservancy on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement addressing natural resource injuries from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in 2010.

The Nature Conservancy's Gulf of Mexico Program and our five Gulf State Chapters have reviewed these documents, and we submit the following specific comments:

1. Overall, the Natural Resource Trustees have produced sound and scientifically-based documents describing the environmental injuries from the Deepwater Horizon Oil spill in 2010, have proposed the types of actions needed to restore or compensate for those damages, have selected the appropriate species and systems that should benefit from those actions, and, with the information now available, have allocated funds appropriately to accomplish that restoration.
2. We agree with the statement contained in the draft documents that: "The northern Gulf of Mexico ecosystem is a complex web, in which certain physical

processes and biological interactions in one location have important impacts on organisms in other locations. For example, nearshore habitats provide food, shelter, and nursery grounds for many animals that use the open water of the Gulf, including fish, shrimp shellfish, sea turtles, birds, and mammals. In this way, the nearshore ecosystem fundamentally supports the entire Gulf of Mexico ecosystem, including offshore habitats". Thus we are supportive of the "comprehensive, integrated ecosystem plan with a portfolio of restoration types that address the diverse suite of injuries that occurred at both regional and local scales". This includes recognizing and protecting the connections between in-shore and offshore environments.

3. We endorse setting aside monitoring and adaptive management funds as part of the restoration process and the allocation of money to careful, ecosystem-based planning to guide restoration investments. Such planning is essential for identifying the specific strategies and actions that will most effectively compensate for the damage from the spill. We believe, however, that the amount of funding allocated to administration in the DARP should be examined carefully prior to finalizing the document, and periodically through the restoration process, to ensure that the large amount of administrative funding being allowed is actually needed to accomplish implementation of restoration plans or if, as is our preference, more of this funding can be dedicated to actual restoration activity.

4. While we realize that the funds allocated to adaptive management are intended to allow responses to new monitoring data and research findings over the 17 year period of the project, we suggest that there should also be a mechanism to move some portion of the funds within funding categories to region-wide or other project types based on new information and assessments of operational feasibility. In order to encourage large ecosystem scale restoration projects, there should be a clear mechanism to combine funding across geographic and programmatic boundaries to accomplish projects with multiple ecosystem benefit that meet the identified restoration goals.

5. The project selection system or systems should accommodate large projects with ecosystem-wide benefits by allowing for the allocation of multi-year funding.

6. Chapter 5 on Restoring Natural Resources does not give sufficient explicit recognition to the use of conservation land acquisition in fee or easement to accomplishing restoration goals. Land acquisition is often required to:

- Ensure access to and permanent maintenance of restoration sites such as wetlands, buffering uplands, riparian corridors and barrier islands
- Establish the permanent habitat connectivity emphasized in the DARP
- Offset habitat loss by avoiding the development and loss of coastal habitat types
- Secure inholdings to existing public lands to enable ongoing management such as through the use of prescribed fire and invasive species control
- Encourage compatible management by private landowners to, for example, reduce non-point sources of water pollution
- Provide public access for the use and enjoyment of the Gulf's natural resources

The final DARP should include such references in the appropriate parts of the text of Chapter 5.

7. The project selection process to be operated by the Trustee Implementation Groups (TIGs) requires further definition. The final DARP should more clearly set out standards and a structure for the individual TIG plans and for project selection. The proposed provisions for public notice and input should remain in the final document. The public should also have the opportunity to comment on development of the selection processes of the TIGs and the associated criteria. More specifically:

- On Page 7-13 of the DARP, the first sub-bullet under "Draft Restoration Plans", rather than say, "for example", the DARP should require that the plans include the several factors listed; these factors should become the outline of the restoration plans produced by the TIGs.
- The DARP should state that criteria should be adopted for project selection to fund those projects most likely to implement the plans that have been adopted by the TIGs
- In contrast to the Early Restoration Phases of NRDA, the restoration planning process should provide for public and stakeholder input at the comprehensive planning, project identification, selection stages of implementation.
- As stated in the PDARP, the Trustees should, to the extent possible, coordinate planning and restoration activities for natural resource damage funds to leverage NFWF funded planning and restoration efforts, and BP penalty funded projects implemented under the Consent Decree and RESTORE ACT. For example, in Florida, the NFWF funded "Restoration Strategies" restoration plan, that will incorporate projects and strategies identified in regional surface water improvement (SWIM) watershed plans, should help target specific projects that address the majority of restoration types receiving NRDA funding in Florida.
- It should be clear that, project selection for a particular restoration type within a state TIGs should be informed by the scientific analysis of damage and restoration strategies identified in the PDARP and by the monitoring results of similar projects funded in the Early Restoration phase of NRDA.

8. Overall, the project selection process should more clearly define how the Natural Resource Damage projects should be coordinated among the TIGs and with RESTORE and NFWF projects to fulfill the stated goal of comprehensive restoration.

9. Finally, the DARP should add language to the description of the Restoration Type Category: "Habitat Acquisition Projects on Federally Managed Lands" that provides that land additions to federally managed resources that protect habitat identified as critical for Gulf Coast restoration including coastal wetlands, marsh, oysters, submerged aquatic vegetation, sand beaches and dunes could qualify as projects that meet this restoration type.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these documents and for your preparation of credible and scientifically based restoration documents. Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Bendick
Director, Gulf of Mexico Program
The Nature Conservancy

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please prioritize funding to sea turtles and other endangered species that are struggling to survive from the lasting effects of the oil spill. The Gulf of Mexico needs turtle recovery plans to help species such as the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, which are now in a desperate state. These turtles, like other animals, are still dealing with toxic residues and environmental damage, along with decimated populations. Please don't forget the endangered animals and all those that depend on the ecosystems damaged from the spill.

Thank you.

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

Marilyn Sowles

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: Hello,

We are Clyde and Joann Daughtry, and we own two small reef fish commercial fishing boats out of Carrabelle, Florida. We want to support the Fish Restoration Approach #6 proposal of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (DARP) to "Reduce Gulf of Mexico commercial red snapper or other reef fish discards through an IFQ allocation subsidy program."

We primarily fish for grouper, but in recent years we've seen more and more red snapper on our grouper grounds. We don't have much red snapper allocation, and sometimes its difficult to find it on the open market. It's becoming harder and harder to avoid red snapper and we don't want to waste a perfectly good fish by discarding it, so that's why we were first in line to join the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Quota Bank earlier this year.

The quota bank helps get red snapper allocation to fishermen like us who need it. We get the quota we need and we report what we catch after every trip. We like the program because it helps us make our trips more profitable and we're wasting less fish. It's a win-win. We also like the fact that the program is run by fishermen in a non-profit organization and that it puts conservation first.

We'd like to see Fish Restoration Approach #6 be funded and help expand the Quota Bank and create others like it. Quota banks have worked well for salmon and halibut fishermen in Alaska, and for groundfish fishermen in Maine, Massachusetts, and California. We think it can work for snapper and grouper in the Gulf of Mexico, especially with resources through DARP. There aren't many proposals in DARP that will directly help commercial reef fish fishermen in the Gulf, so funding this would go a long way towards helping the fishermen who were impacted by Deepwater Horizon.

Thank you,

Clyde and Joann Daughtry
Carrabelle, Florida
f/v Dealers Choice

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
S. Davis

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Correspondence: Dear NRDA Trustees,

Thank you for your efforts to assemble this draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP), and for the opportunity to comment. The release of the Draft PDARP and the Consent Decree represents a critical milestone on the road to restoration, and I am eager to see funding flow for project implementation.

I commend the Trustees for recommending a comprehensive, ecosystem-scale approach to restoration. I also support the PDARP's emphasis on restoration of wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats, which benefit a large variety of wildlife species and provide essential ecological services.

However, I am concerned by the lack of details in the draft PDARP regarding the content of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Given that the procedures and practices set forth in the SOPs will guide implementation and coordination of restoration activities across the Gulf for many years to come, transparency at this juncture is critical. I strongly urge the Trustees to provide an opportunity for public comment on the SOPs before they are finalized.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 785 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459
Notes 58 individuals sent in emails of this correspondence to the Trustees. A copy of one of the original emails can be found in Appendix A.
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United States of America
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Affiliation: Member
Received: Dec,02,2015
Correspondence Type: E-mail

Correspondence: Dear Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees,

Thank you for your efforts to assemble this draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP), and for the opportunity to comment. The release of the Draft PDARP and the Consent Decree represents a critical milestone on the road to restoration, and I am eager to see funding flow for project implementation.

I commend the Trustees for recommending a comprehensive, ecosystem-scale approach to restoration. I also support the PDARP's emphasis on restoration of wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats, which benefit a large variety of wildlife species and provide essential ecological services. Specifically, I am pleased with the Council's consideration of diversions as a restoration tool. Diversions are a cornerstone in the State of Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan, and I am glad that the NRDA process will incorporate this science-based, widely supported Plan.

However, I am concerned by the lack of details in the draft PDARP regarding the content of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Given that the procedures and practices set forth in the SOPs will guide implementation and coordination of restoration activities across the Gulf for many years to come, transparency at this juncture is critical. I strongly urge the Trustees to provide an opportunity for public comment on the SOPs before they are finalized.

Thank you for your consideration of this request,

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Affiliation: Member
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Correspondence Type: E-mail

Correspondence: Deepwater Horizon Trustees

Dear Trustees,

Go and use your political power to protect ocean funding. The ocean has tons of species living in it, and probably even more that we don't know about. Funding the ocean helps protect those species. And some of those species are threatened or endangered. They especially need protection. since their numbers are not too far from extinction. And the endangered species are actually close to extinction. Harming the species will also harm the predators who eat them, including humans. As a matter of fact, the predators will be even more harmed since they'll be eating multiple of those intoxicated creatures.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Rosin

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Correspondence Type: E-mail
Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

I am concerned about "expensively" run administrative spending and other miscellaneous "opportunities" to siphon off funds from their intended purpose.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS). This plan provides a strong vision and rationale for undertaking an ecosystem approach to restoration of the Gulf of Mexico following the BP oil disaster. I commend the Trustees on the massive undertaking to collect and synthesize the wide range of impacts to the Gulf environment, and on your commitment to monitoring and adaptive management.

I am also pleased to see \$1.24 billion dedicated to restoring the open ocean, where the disaster occurred and where impacts continue to this day. However, I am concerned that the open ocean fund will also have to cover all federal trustee administrative and preliminary planning activities across restoration areas. Administrative and planning costs are important and necessary, but taking all federal administrative costs from the open ocean funding is inappropriate.

In addition, four of the early restoration projects to address lost recreational use have been reclassified as open ocean projects. These projects include roadway and trail enhancements and the purchase of boat ferries, totaling more than \$22 million. None of these projects occur in the open ocean and none fit the consent decree's definition of open ocean. I believe that allocating any open ocean funds to recreational use projects, past or present, sets a bad precedent that will allow Trustees to pull from this account for restoration activities that do not primarily benefit ocean resources. I believe these projects are better suited for the region-wide or state-based allocations in the states where the projects occur.

Thank you again for your time and your dedication to restoring the Gulf of Mexico.

Sincerely,
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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Thank you for your consideration!

Wendy Morgan
Galveston Island

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Dear Trustees,

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Sincerely,

Mary Burns

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Correspondence: Comments on Chapters 4 and 5 of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Hereinafter referred to as Draft)

By

Charles W. Caillouet, Jr., Ph.D.

Marine Fisheries Scientist-Conservation Volunteer

Montgomery, Texas

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2 December 2015

1. Among the following literature citations below, add those that were not already cited and discussed in the Draft to Sections 4.8.7 (References) and 5.11 (References), and (within Chapters 4 and 5) discuss the relevance of each publication and presentation to the damage assessment and restoration of Gulf of Mexico (GoM) sea turtle populations:

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2. On page 4-25, it is stated: Sections 4.8 (Sea Turtles) and 4.9 (Marine Mammals) describe the Trustees assessment of injury to these highly charismatic organisms, which are protected by the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The sea turtle assessment relied on extensive observations of oiled turtles to develop opinions regarding sea turtle injuries, as supplemented by veterinary assessments of captured turtles and a laboratory study of surrogate freshwater turtles. The marine mammal assessment synthesized data from NRDA field studies, stranded carcasses collected by the Southeast Marine Mammal Stranding Network, historical data on marine mammal populations, NRDA toxicity testing studies, and the published literature.

To supplement the approaches applied to assess injury to sea turtles, the Trustees should also synthesize sea turtle data from NRDA field studies, stranded carcasses collected by the NMFS SEFSC Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network, historical data on sea turtle populations, and the published literature (including literature listed under item 1 above). In other words, data existed from which these approaches could have been applied, just as they were applied to the marine mammals; they should work as well for sea turtles. If the Trustees actually applied them to sea turtles, then the statement on page 4-25 (item 2 above) should be corrected accordingly.

3. On page 4-169 it is stated: Assessing production foregone allows for a more thorough representation of spill-related injuries to water column organisms than would be captured by calculating what is lost by the direct kill alone. Results of the production foregone model are measured in biomass, which can be used to address biological concerns and can be informative when considering restoration needs.

Although the Trustees applied this approach to fishes, they should also apply forgone production modeling to sea turtles for which growth and survival have been estimated and modeled (see Rowe et al. 2007 in literature listed under item 1 above). This would supplement the other approaches that were applied to sea turtles. Rowe et al. (2007) noted that forgone production modeling &is not a direct method of increasing sea turtle production. Therefore, scaling was performed to estimate the number of hatchlings needed to compensate for the sea turtle injuries. This is especially relevant because increasing annual hatchling production on nesting beaches in Tamaulipas and Veracruz, Mexico as well as in Texas, is the most immediate restoration action that can be taken to restore exponential growth toward recovery of the Kemp's ridley population (see http://www.galvnews.com/opinion/guest_columns/article_68a51fea-6186-11e5-82f1-03855703a74a.html). Restoration and enhancement of annual hatchling production and releases from nesting beaches have long been demonstrated as effective means of restoring sea turtle population growth, especially for Kemp's ridley (see literature listed under item 1 above).

4. As stated on page 4-516: Inherent challenges to studying highly mobile marine animals (i.e., they are typically located in remote areas that are difficult

for researchers to access, they are difficult to find and capture at sea, and certain life stages spend most of their time below the surface) further restricted the Trustees survey efforts. For these reasons, the Trustees used expert opinion, surface oiling maps, and statistical approaches to apply the directly observed adverse effects of oil exposure to turtles in areas and at times that could not be surveyed. This produced estimates of the total number of sea turtles that were injured within the entire footprint and period of the DWH oil spill. On page 4-519, it was stated that Turtles frequently become accidentally entangled, ensnared, and hooked in fishing gear, including in trawls, nets, traps/pots, and on hook and line, and many of these interactions are fatal (Lewison et al. 2013).

In retrospect, bottom trawling with shrimp trawls would have been an effective method for sampling abundance of neritic life stages of sea turtles that spend most of their time submerged, and especially for sampling abundance of large subadult and adult females that have the highest reproductive value compared to all other life stages. This was a missed opportunity. It could have provided valuable data on abundance of large subadult and adult female sea turtles, especially Kemp's ridleys, during and following the oil spill. This was a possible reason why large subadult and adult female sea turtles failed to be detected within areas inside and outside (to the west and east) the expanding spill footprint. Not only could the oil spill have killed large subadult and adult Kemp's ridley, but it could have been a barrier to migration of these turtles to western GoM nesting beaches. The cold winter of 2009-2010 could have delayed their migration to the nesting beaches; the nesting season in 2010 was delayed. See literature authored by Galloway and other under item 1 above. This should be discussed in a revision of the Draft.

5. The injury assessment results for the female portion of the Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) population are woefully inadequate for purposes of informing this species restoration planning so that restoration can address the nature, degree, and extent of the injuries (see references under item 1 above).

According to Gulf Coast Vulnerability Assessment conducted by USFWS (2015), Of the species assessed, Kemp's ridley sea turtle is thought to be the most vulnerable species across the Gulf Coast. Experts identified its main threat as loss of nesting habitat to sea level rise, erosion, and urbanization. This implies that Kemp's ridley is considered to be a highly important index species for detecting environmental impacts and trends. In addition, its nesting beaches are habitats that are important to its survival and recovery, because they are annual sources of hatchling releases (i.e., additions to the population). This should be discussed in a revision of the Draft.

6. The 4.8.1 Introduction in the Draft stated: Given the extensive nature of the DWH oil spill, it is key to understand how different life stages are distributed, and how different species of sea turtles use habitats in these different areas, in order to assess impacts of the DWH oil spill. Consequently, the Trustees assessed injury to sea turtles by species and life stage.

However, on pages 4-516 and 4-517, GoM sea turtle species were combined to present numbers of large juvenile and adults killed by the DWH oil spill, as well as to present numbers of hatchlings injured by the DWH oil spill. All GoM sea turtle species, life stages, and sexes would not be expected to have been impacted in identical ways by the 2010 DWH oil spill (see Caillouet 2014, under item 1 above). Demographic, stock assessment, and regression models have shown that the female portion of the Kemp's ridley population suffered a major setback which began sometime between the ends of the nesting seasons in 2009 and 2010, and that this populations pre-2010 exponential growth (NMFS et al. 2011) has not resumed since then (see literature cited under item 1 above; see also Section 4.8.4.7 and Figure 4.8-15). The only life stages that could have influenced the documented annual numbers of Kemp's ridley nests on nesting beaches in Texas and Mexico in years 2010-2014 were adult females and large subadult females (i.e., those that matured and joined the adult life stage before or during each nesting season in years 2010-2014; see Caillouet 2014 under item 1 above). Only adult female sea turtles lay clutches of eggs (i.e., nests). Before the oil spill, growth in the female Kemp's ridley population, especially exponential growth, provided strong evidence that additions to the population through annual hatchling releases over the years had overwhelmed all losses due to anthropogenic and natural mortality for 2.5 decades (see Caillouet 2010 under item 1 above). NMFS predicted that Kemp's ridley would meet downlisting criteria by 2011. This should be discussed in the

7. Section 4.8.2.1 stated acknowledged that: This extensive oiling contaminated vital foraging, migratory, and breeding habitats at the surface, in the water column, and on the ocean bottom throughout the northern Gulf of Mexico for Kemp's ridleys, loggerheads, green turtles, hawksbills, and leatherbacks, across geographic areas used by different life stages. In fact, DWH oil contaminated areas designated as Critical Habitat under the ESA for loggerhead sea turtles in the northern Gulf of Mexico. The pervasive and prolonged nature of the DWH spill, particularly at the air-water interface where all sea turtles must go to breathe, made exposure to oil inescapable for many sea turtles, and caused significant injuries to sea turtle populations in the northern Gulf of Mexico. In the Figure 4.8-4 legend, it was stated that Boat-based efforts during the DWH oil spill focused on offshore areas that are inhabited by small juvenile sea turtles. Photos: (top left) Trustees searched convergence areas, which accumulate floating material, typically Sargassum and associated fauna, including sea turtles, as well as DWH oil; (top right) responders performed boat-based operations in offshore areas to rescue small juvenile sea turtles that inhabited convergence areas affected by the oil; (bottom) a heavily oiled, small juvenile Kemp's ridley turtle rescued during the spill. On page 4-534 is stated: It is important to note that the turtles documented during rescue operations—especially the number of oiled, dead turtles—underestimate the actual magnitude and degree of oil exposure that affected sea turtles during the DWH oil spill. The underestimation was due to several factors that hindered the ability of field crews to document live and dead turtles during the rescue efforts. Foremost was the vast expanse of the search area and distance from shore, which limited the proportion of the spill area that could be physically searched for small turtles, which are only visible from vessels. Disappearance of carcasses due to sinking of remains, scavenging, and rapid decomposition rates in summer temperatures limited the recovery of dead turtles as did the difficulty of seeing motionless, oiled small turtles among surface material and oil. In addition, rescue crews were restricted from working early in the spill period, during inclement weather, around the wellhead, and in more distant areas due to logistical constraints and safety concerns. On page 4-539 it is stated that: Given the many complexities of response operations and translocation of nests during the DWH oil spill, very little sampling was done during the actual nesting season in 2010. Studies of nesting females, eggs, and hatchlings in subsequent years primarily focused on Kemp's ridleys in Texas and were aimed at detection of ongoing exposure and effects. None of these studies yielded evidence of exposure to DWH oil; however, the limited scale of sampling, uncertainty about application of methods to sea turtles, and the variability in exposure probability among animals that forage in different areas may have prevented detection of possible oil exposure of nesting female sea turtles (Hooper & Schmitt 2015).

Absence of evidence should not have been taken as evidence of absence. The northern GoM includes well known foraging areas for large subadult and adult Kemp's ridleys, and these life stages are known to migrate through northern GoM corridors on their way to western GoM nesting beaches. Any large subadult and adult Kemp's that encountered DWH oil at the surface likely would have been killed or debilitated by inhaling fumes of the volatile components of DWH oil, by ingesting DWH oil, or both. Typically, large subadult and adult Kemp's ridleys occur farther offshore than smaller neritic life stages, and they are not typically associated with Sargassum. The proportion that large subadult and adult female Kemp's ridleys represent within the female population is small compared to younger life stages, but the large subadult and adult females have much greater reproductive value than the younger life stages (Seminoff and Shanker 2008; Bjorndal et al. 2011; Crowder and Heppell 2011; NMFS et al. 2011; NMFS and USFWS 2015). In addition, any large subadult and adult female Kemp's ridley that may have been killed or debilitated by the DWH oil, dispersants (e.g., COREXIT), or burning of the DWH oil at sea would have been less likely to strand dead or alive along the coast of the northern GoM because of their greater distances from the coast. In other words, numbers of documented deaths and injuries of large subadult and adult female Kemp's ridleys during the DWH oil spill probably were very low compared to numbers actually killed or debilitated by DWH oil, and their deaths or debilitation no doubt would have reduced nesting in 2010. Numbers of

nests dropped in 2010 and have remained much lower than expected ever since (see NMFS et al. 2011; NMFS and USFWS 2015) in Texas and Mexico. The drop was documented in Tamaulipas, Veracruz, and Texas. What else could have killed or debilitated large numbers of subadult and adult female Kemp's ridleys in 2010, if not the DWH oil and actions taken to mitigate its impacts on sea turtles? See the published sources under item 1 above. The draft assessment should at least include a discussion of various hypotheses put forward to date to explain the drop in nests throughout the western GoM, and cite the relevant literature listed under item 1 above.

Lutz and Lutcavage (1989) should be cited and mentioned in the damage assessment (see citation under item 1 above).

Also the quote above from page 4-539 should be revised to clarify exactly what was meant by response operations and translocation of nests during the DWH oil spill. If this passage referred specifically to response operations relating to sea turtles, it should be stated as such, because response operations dealt with many factors and biota. If translocation of nests related to Kemp's ridley, it should be stated as such, because translocation of clutches to protective corrals and polystyrene boxes containing beach sand is standard practice on Kemp's ridley nesting beaches in Tamaulipas, Veracruz, and Texas. However, if translocation of nests referred instead to the translocation of clutches of sea turtle clutches (<https://pub-dwhdata.diver.orr.noaa.gov/dwh-ar-documents/894/DWH-AR0021308.pdf>) from west Florida to east Florida nesting beaches during the oil spill, it should be stated as such. Translocation of sea turtle clutches from west Florida to east Florida beaches during the DWH oil spill should not be given as a reason that every little sampling was done during the actual nesting season in 2010. The fact that very little sampling was done during the actual nesting season in 2010, especially that of Kemp's ridley, could well be the major reason why data are lacking concerning impacts on large subadult and adult Kemp's ridley on the northern Gulf of Mexico foraging grounds. Since shrimp trawling has been designated the most important anthropogenic cause of mortality in neritic life stages of sea turtles at sea since 1990 (<http://www.nap.edu/catalog/1536/decline-of-the-sea-turtles-causes-and-prevention>), it would have been prudent to sample northern GoM foraging areas for large subadult and adult Kemp's ridley sea turtles with bottom trawls during the nesting season in 2010? In 2010, were there no strandings of large subadult and adult Kemp's ridleys documented along the northern GoM coast (Florida through Texas) before, during, and following the DWH oil spill? See Gallaway et al. (2013). A summary of annual numbers of strandings of large subadult and adult female and male Kemp's ridleys in each year 2009-2014, should be included in a revision of the Draft, and compared to strandings of smaller, neritic life stages of Kemp's ridleys. For 2010 only, these strandings should be grouped into two temporal categories, pre-spill and from beginning of the spill onward. Comparisons should also be made of carapace length distributions of the annual strandings of all neritic stage Kemp's ridleys, for years 2009-2014, with 2010 partitioned into the two categories above. This should determine the proportion of strandings made up of large subadults and adults (by sex) in each year 2009-2014, and evaluate how this proportion may have changed over years 2009-2015. It should also determine whether the proportion changed between pre-spill and from beginning of the spill onward in 2010. Methods and results of these analyses should be included in a revision of the Draft.

8. Also revealing is the following statement in Section 4.8.4.3: In a separate study, changes in chemical markers in carapacial scutes (i.e., the keratinized covering of turtles shells) of nesting adult Kemp's ridleys suggested that turtles in 2011 and 2012 foraged in different locations than areas used by turtles in 2010 prior to the DWH spill (Hooper & Schmitt 2015). Although the cause(s) of these observations is unknown at this time, a persistent effect on turtle foraging areas and/or prey availability or quality related to the DWH oil spill cannot be ruled out. Furthermore, because sea turtles tend to use the same foraging areas across years (e.g., Shaver et al. 2013), it is plausible that turtles that foraged in or traveled through the DWH oil spill footprint were exposed to oil.

The Kemp's ridleys mentioned in these studies were those that were examined after being found in the areas surveyed. These studies did not rule out the probability that significant numbers of large subadult and adult females were killed or debilitated by DWH oil during their migration toward western GoM nesting beaches in 2010, or prevented or delayed from migrating by DWH oil. Energy stores are required for their migration to nesting beaches and production of eggs; if the turtles were undernourished due to reduction of abundance of prey by the DWH oil spill, they may not have been able to migrate, produce eggs, or both. An examination and discussion of most if not all the sources listed under item 1 above should be included in a revision of Draft Section 4.8, since those sources provided numerous hypotheses regarding factors including the DWH oil spill and responses to it that could have contributed to the setback in the Kemp's ridley female population, evidenced by the substantial drops in nests on beaches in Tamaulipas, Veracruz, and Texas in 2010, which appears to have had lasting effects on nesting.

Also, a control group of 18 adult Kemp's ridleys exists at Cayman Turtle Farm Inc., Grand Cayman Island, BWI, from which carapacial scute samples can be taken for analysis of chemical markers, and comparison with those mentioned above. All of this should be discussed in a revision of the Draft.

9. The DWH oil spill footprint and the 50 m depth contour should be added to Figure 4.8-10 should depict

The legend of Figure 4.8-10 states that Trustees flew aerial surveys to document locations of sea turtles within the DWH oil spill footprint. Triangles indicate all sightings of Kemp's ridleys (blue; n=287 turtles) and loggerheads (orange; n=529 turtles) along all survey transect lines flown systematically from April through September 2010.

The DWH oil spill footprint should be added to Figure 4.8-10. Also, adult Kemp's ridleys are not abundant seaward of the 50 m contour, so the 50 m contour should also be added to Figure 4.8-10.

10. Section 4.8 stated Although DWH oil was unlikely to have had an impact on Kemp's ridley nesting abundance in 2010, it is likely DWH oil contributed to some unquantified extent to the observed reduction in projected nesting after 2010.

This begs the question; What caused the unprecedented and unpredicted substantial drop in numbers of nests in Tamaulipas, Veracruz, and Texas in 2010? Whatever it was also remains unquantified, but it obviously had a GoM-wide detrimental impact on large subadult and adult female Kemp's ridleys in 2010. Sources under item 1 above discuss a number of possible causes, which should all be discussed in Section 4.8.4.7 which states that: DWH oil did not arrive on the continental shelf of the northern Gulf of Mexico until late May or early June 2010. By that time, adult Kemp's ridley turtles that were going to breed in 2010 would likely have already departed the northern Gulf for their breeding and nesting areas in the western Gulf. This is conjecture. Trustees should provide evidence that large subadult and adult Kemp's ridleys that were going to breed in 2010 departed the northern GoM prior to late May or early June in 2010. A comparison of the time sequencing of Kemp's ridley nesting in Texas, Tamaulipas, and Veracruz during 2010 and the previous 10 years should be made. If the start of nesting was delayed in 2010 (e.g., by the cold winter of 2009-2010) as compared to the preceding 10 years, this would suggest that would-be nesters did not migrate from the northern GoM to western GoM nesting beaches before the DWH oil spill as suggested in the Draft. For years 2000-2010, data on daily Kemp's ridley nest counts probably exist for nesting beaches in Texas, Tamaulipas, and Veracruz. The time-sequence patterns of Kemp's ridley nest numbers at these three States in each year 2000-2010 should be examined and compared. For each year and State, I suggest that the cumulative number of daily Kemp's ridley nests over each of the 11 nesting seasons be calculated and graphed and the graphs compared. It should be possible to determine from such graphs whether nesting was delayed in 2010 compared to the previous 10 years. If nesting was not delayed in 2010, that might be taken as circumstantial evidence that Kemp's ridley female adults and large subadults left the northern GoM foraging grounds before the DWH oil could have affected them in 2010. If nesting was delayed in 2010, this could be taken as circumstantial evidence that something delayed migration to nesting beaches in 2010, leaving the turtles vulnerable to impacts by the DWH oil spill. One thing for certain is that the annual nest counts in Texas,

Tamaulipas, and Veracruz were much lower in 2010 than in 2009! The magnitude of the drop in annual nests in Tamaulipas (where most nesting occurs), between the ends of the 2009 and 2010 nesting seasons, was unprecedented as compared to annual nests in years 1966-2009. More than 4 decades of successful conservation efforts in the GoM were incapable of preventing this setback, or restoring exponential growth of the Kemps ridley female population. All of this should be discussed in a revision of the Draft.

11. Section 4.6.3.2.2 (River Water Releases) stated: With oil approaching the shoreline, salinity control structures at nine separate locations in Louisiana (Davis Pond, Caernarvon, Bayou Lamoque, West Pointe a la Hache, Violet Siphon, White Ditch, Naomi Siphon, Ostrica Lock, and Bohemia) were opened as part of a series of response actions intended to reduce the movement of oil into sensitive marsh and shoreline areas. The largest two of these structures allowed river water to flow into Barataria Bay and Black Bay/Breton Sound. The Caernarvon structure was opened on April 23, 2010, and remained open through the first two weeks of August at or near maximum capacity (approximately 8,000 cubic feet per second) (see Figure 4.6-13 for Caernarvon flow history) (Rouhani & Oehrig 2015b)&.

The winter of 2009-2010 was cold and wet (<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/extremeevents/specialreports/2009-2010-Cold-Season.pdf> <https://sites.google.com/site/whythe2009winterissocold/>), and the deliberate releases of river water mentioned in Section 4.6.3.2.2, as well as colder Mississippi River water outflow (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/2014JC010498/full>), may have delayed migration of large subadult and adult female Kemps ridley from the northern GoM in 2010, thereby allowing them to be impacted by DWH oil (under item 1 above, see Caillouet 2010, 2011, 2014; Galloway et al. 2013, 2014, in press; Galloway and Gazy 2014, 2015). This should be discussed in a revision of the Draft.

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS). This plan provides a strong vision and rationale for undertaking an ecosystem approach to restoration of the Gulf of Mexico following the BP oil disaster. I commend the Trustees on the massive undertaking to collect and synthesize the wide range of impacts to the Gulf environment, and on your commitment to monitoring and adaptive management.

I am also pleased to see \$1.24 billion dedicated to restoring the open ocean, where the disaster occurred and where impacts continue to this day. However, I am concerned that the open ocean fund will also have to cover all federal trustee administrative and preliminary planning activities across restoration areas. Administrative and planning costs are important and necessary but must be kept to a minimum. Taking all federal administrative costs from the open ocean funding is inappropriate.

In addition, four of the early restoration projects to address lost recreational use have been reclassified as open ocean projects. These projects include roadway and trail enhancements and the purchase of boat ferries, totaling more than \$22 million. None of these projects occur in the open ocean and none fit the consent decree's definition of open ocean. I believe that allocating any open ocean funds to recreational use projects, past or present, sets a bad precedent that will allow Trustees to pull from this account for restoration activities that do not primarily benefit ocean resources. I believe these projects are better suited for the region-wide or state-based allocations in the states where the projects occur.

This fund should be used only for repairing the effects of Deepwater Horizon's devastation of the Gulf of Mexico. Harmful effects persist to this day (dolphin health issues, fishing impacts, etc) & must take precedence over pork barrel type spending on roads, trails & adding ferries (that I guess will be used for tourism?). As for the trustees (I translate as "lawyers"), their compensation shouldn't waste dollars intended to ameliorate the impact of this event.

Thank you again for your time and your dedication to restoring the Gulf of Mexico.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Raymond

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles are fighting for survival after the BP-oil spill and desperately need our help. Providing sufficient funds for sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts in the Gulf of Mexico is of highest importance. I urge you to ensure funding for sea turtle projects.

Thank you,

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RE: Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Trustees,

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida is writing to support the emphasis on coastal restoration outlined in the draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP). We agree with the determination that the Deepwater Horizon oil spill constitutes an ecosystem-level injury rather than having an impact on any one species, habitat type, or region (PDARP, p. 1-6). Based on this determination, it is important that projects which deliver the highest restoration benefit across all the Gulf States are prioritized for funding.

The Conservancy urges the Trustees to allocate the majority of funds to restoration and conservation of habitat, water quality restoration, restoration and protection of coastal and marine resources, and necessary monitoring. In table 5.10-1, \$183,817,680 out of the \$680,152,643, or 27% of funds, proposed to be allocated to Florida are planned to be dedicated to enhancing recreational opportunities rather than environmental restoration. This is the highest recreation allocation of any Gulf state.

The Conservancy recommends a greater percentage of Floridas allocation be dedicated to environmental restoration rather than recreation and that projects be prioritized based on restoration value regardless of location. The impacts to tourism and recreation resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill are primarily attributable to damages to natural resources. Improving the Gulf ecosystem will provide indirect benefits to recreation and directly address the injuries resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and cleanup. For instance, projects such as the construction of the proposed Caloosahatchee River West Basin Storage Reservoir would provide a means to store excess freshwater during the wet season and prevent unnatural fluctuations in freshwater flow and salinity in the Caloosahatchee River. While this project is designed to restore water quality and coastal resources, it will also have a positive impact on tourism which is dependent on outdoor recreation opportunities at clean beaches and waterways.

The Conservancy supports the emphasis on coastal restoration in the PDARP and encourages the Trustees to consider directing additional funds to support environmental restoration to directly address the natural resource injuries associated with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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Correspondence: Just as a forest cannot be "un-cut-down," an ecosystem damaged by an oil spill of this magnitude cannot be restored. This disaster cannot be undone. After the Exxon spill happened, with such breadth of environmental damage, no oil spill since should ever have been allowed to happen. However, if the BP spill hadn't happened, the much-discussed, carefully-crafted, incredibly-complex "restoration" plan - an utter impossibility - would not be needed. Nor would we need "Trustees" or committees, think-tanks, or commissions; or programs, policies, or processes; or drafters, authors or reviewers of the impressively-titled Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement; or websites created, or tweets tweeted, or equipment purchased, or technicians, scientists, and academics hired or man-hours paid, or citizen comment submitted, or signatures signed, or hands shaken, or photo ops covered for the evening news.

As a fourth-generation resident of Florida, I have watched first-hand the crimes committed against my state's environment. My disgust and sadness have no bounds.

But since there is funding, courtesy of the BP criminals who will never be brought to trial personally, who will never serve time, who will NEVER receive the punishment they deserve for destroying the magnificence of the Gulf of Mexico, and who will certainly commit the crime again, then let the "restoration" begin! And good luck to you restoring the Gulf this time and the next time too.

I hope these comments are read by at least person who deserves to read them.

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Correspondence: As the damage is far wider and more serious than first evaluated, \$8 Billion does not seem enough for damaging the entire gulf ecosystem. I recommend asking for \$100 Billion and to reserving the right to ask for more money for restoration.

As far as starting with estuaries, that seems like a sound plan to me.

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Notes: This correspondence is continued in correspondence #798 below. The original copy of the full correspondence can be found in Appendix A.

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Correspondence: From: Charles A. Huber, C. A. Huber, Inc. 5 Captains Court, Williamsburg, VA 23185
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Dear Sir:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Deepwater Horizon Draft PDARP/PEIS. As the Aerial Dispersant Group Supervisor for the Deepwater Horizon release I was intimately involved in the operational decisions. Also, I initiated within our group a science team to continually determine if our dispersant application was effective and what impacts our dispersant spraying was having on biota in the underlying water column. We wanted to be sure we were doing the very best we could to reduce environmental damage that was being caused by the spill. The important result of that scientific effort was the publishing of the data in the OSAT Ecotoxicity Addendum (OSAT 2011) that showed that no harm to the water column test species was occurring.

I could not find any quantification of the environmental benefits of surface dispersant application. Only the harm caused by dispersant application was discussed. This would lead one to question why dispersants were approved for use. It is important to include a discussion of net environmental benefits so that government officials and the general public can better understand why dispersants were used. The removal and biodegradation of an estimated

15,000,000 gallons of Macondo crude oil by aerial application of dispersant (over 10% of the total released) had a significant benefit to offshore mammals, turtles, and birds and an even greater benefit to the shoreline habitat. This benefit was realized by using less than 10% of the aerial dispersant capability that could have been applied.

Even though the purpose of the report is to ascertain environmental damages, I recommend that a full analysis of the overall environmental impact of aerial dispersant operations be added to the report. This will assist future FOSCs, RRT members, government officials and the general public in understanding the benefits of using dispersants and may enable faster approval and acceptance of this valuable response tool.

Throughout the document there are many instances where dispersant impacts are discussed, but the specific manner of application, i.e., subsea injection or surface application, is not identified.

The two response techniques are quite different in application and results. For instance, the dispersed oil plume is often discussed without noting that this is a subsea plume resulting from the subsea injection of dispersants. It was shown by both fluorometry and water sampling that the surface application of dispersants led to dispersed oil entering the water column and within hours being diluted to background levels. Surface application did not create any measureable long lasting plumes. Aerial application applies a low dosage of dispersant over a very wide area measured in square miles; whereas subsea injection deposits dispersants continuously at one single spot (the 7 in pipe riser) in the ocean. Appropriate text be added to clearly indicate the results or statements that apply to subsea dispersant operations and those associated with surface application.

Comments on specific sections or paragraphs of the Deepwater Horizon Draft PDARP/PEIS are attached. If you have any questions concerning any of my comments, I will be glad to discuss them at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Comments on Deepwater Horizon Draft PDARP/PEIS
(preliminary damage and restoration plan/preliminary environmental impact statement)

1. Page 2-10 Incident Overview

A sentence should be added to the end of section 2.3.2 which states the other main purposes for using dispersants:

- to remove oil from surface waters to reduce harmful impacts to offshore marine mammals, turtles and birds that may become oiled when they surface to breathe or when they land or dive on or through the oil slick, and
- to reduce VOCs near the relief well vessels to protect workers on these ships from the inhalation hazards posed by evaporation of the oil spill.

2. Page 4-30

The word dispersants highlighted below should be modified to subsea injected dispersants. Surface applied dispersants did not travel through the deep sea but were quickly dispersed to background levels within the top 10 meters of the water column.

3. Page 4-31

The statement made below should clearly indicate that the dirty blizzard of oil marine snow was not caused by the use of aerially applied dispersants. The testing of water samples and fluorometry showed that aerially dispersed oil was quickly (in a matter of hours) diluted to background levels, and these applications were applied over large areas of the ocean measured in square miles.

4. Figure 4.2-3

Replace dropped chemical dispersant with quantitatively sprayed dispersant.
Aerial application of dispersant is calibrated to each spray aircraft, the nozzles they use, and their application speed and altitude to ensure that precise dosages and droplet sizes are produced.

5. Page 4-33

To the highlighted word dispersant, add injected at the well head to clarify that the dispersant entrained in deep-sea plumes and entrained in plumes that rose through the water were the results of subsea injection of dispersants, and not aerial application of dispersants. This addition will help readers better understand that the dispersant plumes came from subsea injection, and not from aerial or vessel application.

6. Page 4-37

Recommend removing the highlighted area below and adding a new sentence at the end of the paragraph which states: The surfactants used in Corexit EC9500A dispersant are some of the safest available and are also used in baby shampoo and facial creams as well as dishwashing liquids. This would

provide a better description of surfactants for reader understanding. (See table below)

7. Page 4-38

At the end of the first sentence add, & entrained in the water column and then are removed from the environment by naturally occurring microbes which biodegrade the dispersed oil. This would give a better understanding to readers of the end result of dispersing the oil. The dispersed oil does not sink nor stay indefinitely in water column.

8. Page 4-38

In the paragraph below it should also be stated that reducing the amount of surface oil reduces harmful impacts to offshore marine mammals, turtles and birds that may become oiled when they surface to breathe or when they land or dive on or through the oil slick. Additionally, surface dispersant application also provides safety to workers on vessels at the spill site by reducing the inhalation exposure to Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs) from the oil slick.

9. Page 4-39

The statement below about surface application of dispersants gives the impression that aerial application of dispersants increased biological damage by increasing oil concentrations in the upper water column. It should be stated that although surface application of dispersants temporarily increased dispersed oil concentrations in the upper area of the water column, it was shown that this temporary increase was at concentrations that did not have any harmful impact on biological species habiting this area based on measured chemical concentrations and results of toxicity tests with field collected samples. This fact was shown in the following reference which published the results of toxicity studies of the aerial dispersant operations.

OSAT Ecotoxicity Addendum (OSAT 2011). Summary Report for Sub-Sea and Sub-Surface Oil and Dispersant Detection: Ecotoxicity Addendum. Operational Science Advisory Team. Gulf Coast Incident Management Team, Deepwater Horizon MC252, July 8, 2011

Throughout this document use of the word dissolved referring to dispersed oil should be removed. Dispersed oil does not dissolve. Dissolving indicates that the dispersed oil would become inseparable from water and lose its identity. In fact, dispersed oil droplets of approximately the width of a human hair become neutrally buoyant and remain in the water column until they are biodegraded within a matter of days.

10. Page 4-39

I question whether the highlighted wording below is a proven fact. The dispersant in the surface oil could also have been the result of subsea injection at the well head. I dont think there is any way to determine how the dispersant became a part of the surface oil slick. Additionally, the paragraph does not give any indication of the concentration of the dispersant in the oil slicks nor any indication that this concentration was harmful in any way.

With the small amount of dispersant that was applied in each aerial spray pass, and the effectiveness of the dispersant on the Macondo crude oil, the dispersant should not have stayed in the oil slick for a considerable period of time and at any substantial concentration.

Furthermore, it has been shown that dispersant applied to a surface slick will disperse the oil when wave energy is supplied within 3-5 days. It has also been shown that waves as small as 0.5 to 1.0 ft. are sufficient to disperse oil slicks and that rarely are there days in the Gulf of Mexico when waves of this size are not seen. (See reference below). Hence, dispersant applied to a surface slick would have been activated by wave energy before being transferred throughout the GOM.

Reference: US Minerals Management Service (MMS). 2006. Calm seas application of dispersants. Prepared by SL Ross Environmental Research Ltd., A. Lewis Oil Spill Consultancy, and MAR Inc. Final Report. September. 45 pp.

11. Page 4-40

After the highlighted area below, add, from subsea injection. This will help readers understand where the dispersant came from and that it was not from surface application by aircraft or vessels.

12. Page 4-40

Precede the word dispersants with subsea injected in the statement below to make clear that the dispersant did not come from the surface application of dispersant, but only from subsea injection.

13. Page 4-41

Remove item #2 shown below. Fluorometry showed that within hours of surface application there was only background concentrations of dispersed oil. Item #2 should be eliminated as it is hard to even imagine dispersed oil particles the width of a human hair falling and lighter than water falling 5,000 ft to the sea floor. If there is evidence of surface applied dispersant or dispersed oil sinking to the sea floor or forming a deep sub-sea plume, that evidence should be referenced.

14. Page 4-53 Exposure at Sea Surface

The statement below indicates that the dispersed oil in the upper water column was harmful to biota in that area when, in fact, the research showed that this was not the case. This fact should be included in the statement below or as a separate key point to emphasize the benefits of using dispersants (See

reference below). Additionally, there are no data showing that dispersants from surface application reached even 30 feet below the water surface. This paragraph should be changed to more accurately reflect the transport of dispersants in the water column.

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15. Page 4-53

It should be stated in this key point that responders on the relief well vessels, skimming vessels and ISB vessels were also exposed to the VOCs of the oil slicks and that this posed health issues.

16. Page 4-54

To the first highlighted statement below, add that, removing oil from the surface waters protects marine mammals, turtles and birds from being oiled. Sargassum rafts, which form offshore floating habitats, are also protected from being oiled. Applying dispersants is not done not just to protect sensitive shoreline habitat.

Second, the dispersed oil from the surface application of dispersants does not sink. Small dispersed oil droplets entering the water column are neutrally buoyant or rise to the surface. The DOSS or dispersant chemicals that were detected in deep sea samples were most probably from the subsea injection of dispersant rather than from surface application. With the minor amount of dispersant per area that was applied via aerial application over the vast primary operating area of 18,000 sqmi or more makes it extremely unlikely that the dispersants found in deep sea samples were from surface application.

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,
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Sincerely,
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Correspondence: I see that copying my comments into this area the photos and graphics are not allowed to be inserted. I will send via mail a hard copy so that you can see all of the graphics. I would appreciate a call at 757 253-9875 so that I can be sure that this information is received in a timely manner as I don't think the mail will arrive before your deadline of 4 Dec. Please accept my apologies as I have not had issues in submitting material prior to this. Thank you for your assistance in receiving my comments.
Charlie Huber

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17. Page 4-62

It should be stated that aerial dispersant operations dispersed an estimated 15,000,000 gallons of oil or slightly more than 10% of the oil released. Stating that some floating oil was sprayed is extremely inaccurate. The aerial application was a substantial effort and is the largest aerial dispersant operation ever performed with over 1200 dispersant sorties safely conducted. (See Aerial Dispersant Group After Action Report).

18. Page 4-63

The section below should indicate that research showed that the toxicity to biota in the upper water column was minimal and returned to background levels within hours of dispersant application based on field monitoring using fluorescence, field collected chemistry data, and laboratory toxicity studies with field collected samples. General statements like the one below give a picture that the dispersant application was not effective and was harmful, when exactly the opposite is true. (See earlier references to OSAT results)

19. Page 4-63

The statement highlighted below should be deleted as it has not been proven that this actually occurred. The amount of dispersed oil that was placed into the water column by the surface application of dispersants was a very small amount, was quickly diluted to background levels and was spread over more than an 18,000 sqmi operating area. Thus, it is not likely that surface dispersant application substantially added to the observed reaction. Unless the researcher can confirm his statements with supportable data, the statement should not be made.

20. Page 4-82

Precede the highlighted word dispersant with subsea injected to indicate the source of the dispersant application.

Providing information on the concentration of the dispersant will lead to clearer understanding of potential impacts.

The same comment applies to the highlighted word below to indicate that the dispersant referenced was from subsea injection. This will help readers understand the source of the dispersant and that similar impacts are not associated with surface dispersant application.

21. Page 4-82

It would be helpful to indicate the concentration of dispersants associated in these areas to provide better understanding of the potential environmental impacts.

This also is true for the other areas where dispersants are listed in Table 4.2-2.

22. Page 4-99

The identification of dispersant as nail polish remover in the statement below should be removed. The solvent in nail polish remover is acetone (Cutex nail polish remover MSDS) a highly flammable solvent, which is not representative of the solvents used in oil dispersants. This reference should be revised to something more closely associated with the solvents used in dispersants as shown in the following tables of dispersant components.

23. Page 4-99

In the statement below reports that the Trustees evaluated the toxicity of different types of exposures to aquatic resources of different oil-water mixtures. However, there is no reference to the fact that the toxicity research conducted and reported in the OSAT reference previously identified showed no observable impacts more than background samples. This should be included here.

This section also did not discuss the fact that surface applied dispersants were very effective on Macondo crude, the oil plus dispersant was no more toxic than the oil itself and the amount (concentration) of dispersed oil in the water column quickly diluted to background levels. The standard LC50s, i.e., for continuous exposures for 48 to 96 hours result in greater impacts than what biota in the ocean are exposed and are not really comparable to field exposures. This statement has been confirmed by the CROSERF research (Cooperative Aquatic Toxicity Testing of Dispersed Oil and the Chemical response to Oil Spills; Ecological Effects Research Forum (CROSERF) report which stated that constant exposure testing does not realistically assess the risk to marine or coastal organisms when rapid dilution is possible.

Additionally, the Trustees discussion did not evaluate the net environmental benefits of using dispersants, nor discuss the reduced environmental impacts to offshore marine mammals, turtles, and birds and the reduced damage to shoreline habitat. It is necessary to evaluate the total environmental impacts of the application of dispersants to understand the why dispersants were used and the resulting benefits.

24. Page 4-102

The toxicity testing program discussed below only evaluated the negative impacts of dispersed oil. The analysis should also compare the environmental impacts of using dispersants versus not using dispersants. The dispersing of an estimated 15,000,000 gallons of oil through the aerial dispersant application should have resulted in a substantial net environmental benefit. This benefit should be evaluated and stated.

25. Page 4-114

The Dispersant Toxicity section did not state the lengths of time the LC20 and LC50 values were conducted. This is critical as standard times of 48-96 hours far exceed field exposures times. Water column species were only exposed to elevated dispersed oil levels for a matter of hours before dilution to background levels. (See CROSERF reference in comment 23 above).

Studies reflecting actual field exposure would have substantially reduced the impacts of dispersant even more than the minimal effect the analysis states.

26. Page 4-183

Since the first and second highlighted areas speak about dispersants, it would be helpful to confirm that, of the 92 samples analyzed, two had detectable levels of PAHs, and add immediately following none contained dispersants, to clearly indicate this fact.

27. Page 4-245

The statement below, that floc occurred where dispersants were applied, does not appear supported by Figure 4.5-9 as there are 20 locations where no aerial dispersant application occurred, but where floc is found. Additionally, the greatest amount of floc occurred at the spill source site where aerial dispersant application was not allowed closer than 3 nm. Based upon these facts, the floc was not a result of surface dispersant application.

Another possible explanation of the dispersant found in floc, is that the dispersant was the result of the subsea injection of dispersant and that the floc assimilated the dispersant as it sank to the sea floor through the dispersed oil plume or was absorbed by the floc on the sea floor. The increased floc near the source site which is at the same location of the subsea dispersant injection further supports this theory. This possibility should be discussed as it is highly unlikely that aerial applied dispersant caused the floc due to the following:

- The swath widths of the application aircraft ranged from 60 to 150 ft which are very narrow areas when considering the vastness of the GOM
 - Standard application dosages of 5 gpa to produce a surface spray thickness of 0.005 mm on the sea surface
 - The resulting dispersed oil was shown to be diluted in the water column to background levels within approximately 3 hours.
- Hence, it is unlikely the amount of dispersed oil could have caused floc.

Unless there is firm scientific evidence as to how the dispersant entered the floc that was sampled, the below statement should be removed as it is more speculation rather than fact and can lead to misinterpretation of dispersant impacts.

28. Page 4-246

I recommend that the below comments be deleted as the aerial dispersant spray passes as shown below were not conducted over the Alabama Alps and Roughtongue reefs. The graphic below was prepared from the original SATLOC spray data from the aircraft and shows where all of the aerial spray sorties

were conducted through July 13, 2010, i.e., just prior to dispersant termination on July 19th. As can be seen there were no spray missions over these reefs (i.e., see that where the blue lines cross there are no red spray runs.)

In the area of the Roughtongue Reef there were very few spray missions conducted as there was little oil in this area and the oil that was found was weathered and emulsified, and therefore not targeted for dispersant application because the dispersant would not be effective. After July 13 there was limited aerial applications through the end of the response.

If you would like I can conduct a more thorough review of the original aerial spray passes and identify those that were near the subject reefs and how close they came and how much was sprayed as I still have all of the original spray data.

I am not sure how the dispersant spray runs were evaluated; however I do know that the spray missions graphed on the below graph are not representative of the size of the actual swath width of the application. These lines had to be made considerably larger on the graph, because if the spray run was shown to scale it would not be too narrow to appear on the graph. This may have caused an incorrect analysis that spray runs were done over these reefs.

Additionally, aerial dispersants operations were shown not to disperse the oil more than 10 meters in depth before being diluted to background levels. These reefs are at depths of 80-90 meters, i.e., well below the extent of dispersed oil or dispersants in the water column.

29. Page 4-246

The statement highlighted below indicates that bottom sediment contained dispersant that came from plume fallout. It should be noted that the plume came from the subsea injection of dispersant and was not associated with the surface application of dispersant. Surface application did not create any dispersed oil/dispersant plume as it was shown that concentrations of dispersed oil were diluted quickly (within several hours) to background levels. No concentrations of dispersed oil was detected lower than 10 m by SMART monitoring.

30. Page 4-263

I suggest that the highlighted area be changed to read subsurface oil/subsea injected dispersant plume to assist readers in understanding the source of the dispersant plume being referred to.

31. Page 4-272

The statement below should be corrected as to the statement that dispersants were frequently used in this area and in significant quantities. The actual &

32. Page 4-544

No dispersant spray sorties were conducted over or near sargassum as that area was recognized as a valuable habitat, and the oil contained in the sargassum was not dispersible. It is recommended that dispersant be removed from the statement below, unless actual proof or evidence can be provided that dispersant was applied to sargassum and caused it to sink. The report should not speculate on potential impacts.

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Correspondence: Please protect sea turtles & all of the ocean creatures.

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Correspondence: My name is Bubba Cochrane and I am a commercial red snapper fisherman from Galveston, Texas. I am the owner and operator of the commercial fishing boat Chelsea Ann and I have been commercial fishing all my life.

I'm writing in support of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (DARP) Fish Restoration Approach #6 proposal to "Reduce Gulf of Mexico commercial red snapper or other reef fish discards through an IFQ allocation subsidy program" (D.3.8).

Thanks to a successful IFQ program, there are more red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico now than there have been in years. Not only that, but the average size of red snapper is increasing, and fishermen are starting to catch more red snapper now in areas that they haven't been able to do so in years. This is happening in the eastern Gulf of Mexico right now. Sometimes it's difficult for a small boat fisherman in Florida to find red snapper quota, especially if that quota is coming from the western Gulf. So in many cases, grouper fishermen in Florida who catch red snapper end up throwing them back because they don't have the quota to cover their catch.

That's why we at the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance started our Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Quota Bank back in January of this year (<http://www.shareholdersalliance.org/quota-bank.php>). We wanted to find a way for fishermen to solve this problem rather than wait for the government to step in and "solve" it for us through bad ideas like reallocation (which hurts my business). In fact, we were so committed to starting this Quota Bank (the only one in the Gulf), that other guys and I actually donated thousands of pounds of quota to help start the program.

So far the program is working great. We get red snapper allocation to the grouper fishermen in Florida who need it, and in exchange these fishermen agree to operate at a higher standard of accountability and provide better and faster data on what they're catching. We put a premium on conservation to make sure that the Quota Bank is sustainable into the future.

Quota banks are a great tool that allow fishermen to get quota to other fishermen that need it. They can be built in a way that's tailored to the fishermen that participate and to the specific problem that they're trying to solve. They help get fishermen involved in promoting conservation while at the same time increasing the profitability of their businesses and keeping red snapper available to the businesses in the seafood supply chain. They have worked well in New England, Alaska, and California and we know they can work here in the Gulf.

(DARP) Fish Restoration Approach #6 is a great idea to help red snapper and the jobs and communities that rely on it in the Gulf of Mexico. We've started to show that already with our own Quota Bank. A capital investment in this program will help build a model that can increase its positive impacts throughout the Gulf by delivering triple-bottom-line benefits - red snapper conservation, grouper fishing business profitability, and fishermen education and awareness. Please support this approach.

Thank you,

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Correspondence: The following comments regarding the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (hereafter, D-DARP) have been jointly prepared by the undersigned Jeffrey W. Short, Harold J. Geiger and Charles H. Peterson, and reflect their consensus views.

As professional scientists who have published extensively in the peer-reviewed scientific literature, including on the environmental effects of oil spills, and particularly on both the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill as well as the 2010 Deepwater Horizon blowout, we have a keen appreciation for the many challenges that confronted the State and Federal trustee agencies (Trustees) in their efforts to assess the environmental damages caused by the Deepwater Horizon blowout in 2010, and we deeply appreciate this opportunity to comment. Any effort of such enormous scope and magnitude will necessarily involve considerable variation in the quality and hence reliability of the individual projects and programs that contribute to the final assessments of environmental damage. While we believe the entire D-DARP would benefit considerably from an independent peer review by scientific experts who were not involved in the underlying studies or in any aspect of the production of the D-DARP, perhaps conducted under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences, for the most part we find the results presented in the D-DARP at least adequate for their stated purposes.

However, in one important respect the D-DARP is seriously and un-acceptably defective: namely, in the assessment of injury to and mortality of birds. These deficiencies preclude even a minimally adequate evaluation of the ecosystem-level effects of the Deepwater Horizon, because seabirds collectively constitute a major component of marine food webs. Because the deficiencies in the assessment of injury to birds stands out in such marked contrast to assessments of other species and groups of species in the D-DARP, and in recognition of the pivotal role that birds may play in marine food webs, we confine the remainder of our comments to our concerns regarding the assessment of injury to birds in the D-DARP, as follows.

1. The D-DARP fails to provide a sound and reliable basis for rigorous estimation of oil-spill induced damages to bird populations, and hence cannot serve

as an adequate basis for scaling restoration.

The fundamental goal of the damage assessment process is to provide a rational basis for remediating damage, to make the environment and the public whole for injuries to natural resources. This is explicitly recognized in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), and is re-iterated in the D-DARP:

OPA specifies that trustees responsible for representing the public's interest (in this case, state and federal agencies) must be designated to act on behalf of the public to assess the injuries and to address those injuries. The Deepwater Horizon Trustees ...for the affected natural resources conducted a natural resource damage assessment to:

- " Assess the impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on natural resources in the Gulf of Mexico and the services those resources provide.
- " Determine the type and amount of restoration needed to compensate the public for these impacts. (p. 1-6)

Clearly, credible determination of the type and amount of restoration needed requires a reasonably complete understanding of the type and magnitude of injury involved. However, the Trustees' reliance on demonstrably flawed methods combined with clearly unwarranted assumptions have led to gross underestimates of the numbers of birds injured or killed by exposure to oil from the Deepwater Horizon blowout.

2. Serious underestimation of injury to birds resulted from a pervasive and acknowledged commitment to underestimation bias in the methods used to assess injury to birds by the Trustees.

Inspection of the studies and documents cited in support of the bird injury estimates presented in the DARP clearly shows that the Trustees have routinely erred on the side of caution in their consideration of the many factors that affect these estimates. While such caution may appear superficially prudent to the scientifically naive, it amounts to a fundamentally biased approach that guarantees underestimation of the final results, and hence subverts the requirements of the OPA to assess the full extent of damage. The magnitude of the overall bias in the Trustee estimates is very large, on the order of a factor of ten, with some of the more serious underestimates resulting from the following:

- " Reliance on a single field study to estimate the likelihood that a bird killed by exposure to oil offshore would be transported to a shoreline that was conducted during late summer the year following the Deepwater Horizon blowout (i.e. late July and August of 2011), when the wind and current regime was likely more conducive to shoreward transport of bird carcasses;
- " Failure to account for loss of carcass buoyancy caused by scavenging and decomposition at sea, with at least half the carcasses recovered from shorelines following experimental deployment offshore in 2011 consisting of skeletal and feather fragments that would certainly have sunk offshore had they not been attached to the buoyant floatation provided by the attached radiotransmitter. Proper scientific evaluation of the lost at sea factor requires equal consideration of the likely minimum value along with the likely maximum value given by the Trustees of one chance in six that a carcass killed offshore would reach a shoreline, and a credible estimate for the minimum value could be based on the ratio of the two intact carcasses that reached shorelines out of the 187 deployed offshore, or one in 94. This alone would lead to an upper bound for nearshore bird mortalities that is greater than the Trustees estimate by a factor of 15;
- " The unwarranted assumption that the ratio of birds killed by exposure to oil while onshore to those killed by exposure in nearshore (< 40 km) waters offshore is reliably reflected by the ratio of birds captured onshore to those captured offshore, without considering the large differences in search effort per unit area on- and offshore, or in the sizes of the areas to be searched, which led the Trustees to the flawed conclusion that two-thirds of the birds killed by oil were killed by exposure to oil while ashore. Lethal exposure to oil was overwhelmingly more likely to be the result of contact with the surface oil slick offshore, because most of the birds killed forage on fish either while alighted on or plunging through the sea surface which, when oiled, directly contaminates birds. Again, proper scientific evaluation of the ratio of birds killed by exposure onshore to those killed in nearshore waters offshore would include the possibility that up to ~90% or more of the oil exposures may have occurred in nearshore waters offshore, which would increase the range of possible mortalities by a factor of about 3 above the estimate given by the Trustees (and multiplicative with the smaller lower bound of 1:94 resulting from the lost at sea factor above);
- " The unwarranted assumption that for birds greater than 40 km offshore, the number of birds vulnerable to oil exposure was numerically equivalent to the number of birds that would have inhabited the sky above the average slick area during July of 2010. The average slick area was two to three times during May and June than it was in July, with similar numbers of birds inhabiting the region. A proper scientific evaluation of the number of birds vulnerable to oiling would have been based on the average size of the oil slick from May through July, which would have doubled the estimate of birds killed more than 40 km offshore, and furthermore would have considered an estimate based on a slick area three times the average area in July as a credible upper bound, which would have led to an upper bound three times greater than the Trustees estimate;
- " Failure to account for how movement of the oil slick across the sea surface during the more than 3 months when the slick was substantially present offshore would have exposed many more birds to oil than just the number computed above the average daily slick area during July 2010, along with additional failure to account for replacement of birds killed by oil above the oil slick through immigration, and failure to consider the average time required for birds inhabiting the skies above an oil slick to become exposed. Proper scientific evaluation of the likely numbers of birds exposed and killed requires consideration of the plausible range sea surface area covered by the offshore oil slick, and of the plausible range of times required for birds inhabiting the skies above an oil slick to become contaminated by oil. Proper consideration of these plausible ranges could increase the range of the Trustee estimate for birds killed far offshore by a factor of nearly 20, based on the total area of offshore sea surface contaminated by oil and the average offshore slick area during July presumed by the Trustees.

These are very large underestimation biases. Moreover, there are numerous instances of other assumptions and choices that combined lead to additional and substantive underestimation of bird injury and mortality. Taken together, underestimates of these magnitudes are simply not credible assessments of overall injury, fail to address the compensation requirements of the OPA, and do not provide a reasonable basis for remediation or restoration. In short, the public will not be made whole by relying in these biased underestimates to scale the remediation and restoration processes.

3. The results of the flawed methods used by the Trustees to estimate bird mortalities are misleadingly portrayed in D-DARP summary documents as upper and lower bounds, when in fact they merely reflect plausible ranges for only the lower bounds of these mortalities.

The net effect of the pervasive underestimation bias in the Trustee estimates of bird injury and mortalities leaves the true upper bounds for these estimates undetermined. The ranges presented more accurately portray the range of the likely lower bound for injury and mortality estimates, with even the highest values quoted remaining below the most likely unbiased estimates of injury.

4. The Trustees also misleadingly portray the precision of their bird mortality estimates, and fail to adequately address the many sources and influences of the uncertainties implicit in their estimation methods.

The Trustees created the false impression that they have precisely and accurately estimated the number of dead birds to within 20,000 animals. That is simply not the case. Additionally, they seem to have confused precision with accuracy-or at least ignored the issue of accuracy entirely. The high- and low-case estimates are based on estimated sampling error (affecting precision) from two relatively unimportant sources of error. If sampling errors were the only important source of uncertainty, then had the authors greatly increased their sample sizes they would have known the number of dead bird exactly. However, it should be obvious that greater sample sizes would not have led to perfect estimation because of the assumptions that went into the process. Some of the unproven and unwarranted assumptions must surely be wrong to varying degrees (affecting accuracy); equally plausible assumptions lead to estimates far outside the very narrow range provided. For example, the authors relied on estimates of carcass drift from an entirely different year than the year of the oil spill-a year with very different current and wind-drift profiles. Yet the authors simply ignored this important source of uncertainty. Again, this is a source of inaccuracy, almost certainly more important than small one-standard-error estimate of precision used to create the high and low cases. A full and complete assessment of mortality should include a sensitivity analysis (e.g. Goldsmith, C. H. (1998) "Sensitivity analysis." Encyclopedia of Biostatistics), showing how sensitive the estimates are to important assumptions, and also showing how other reasonable assumptions would have led to different estimates and determining what those estimates are.

In conclusion, we strongly urge the Trustees not to accept or rely on the estimates for bird injury and mortality that are presented in the D-DARP, especially for scaling future remediation and restoration efforts. Scientifically credible estimates that include both lower and upper bounds should be determined, presented to the public for additional comment, and if acceptable they should replace the seriously flawed estimates now presented in the D-DARP as the basis for scaling remediation and restoration efforts. Moreover, potential ecosystem-level effects that might result from the upper bounds of bird mortalities should be explored. These efforts would require modest additional effort and expense to achieve, as they would not require additional field work, but could be based on the studies presently available, and would only require a more scientifically-sophisticated and comprehensive evaluation and synthesis of the data.

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

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Please do not forget about the world's smallest sea turtle - the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival after the devastating BP-oil spill. They are in desperate need of help. Funding for sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is essential in the Gulf of Mexico. Please prioritize funding for sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,
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Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle- -the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle- -as you finalize the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. These sea turtles are fighting for survival since the BP-oil spill and are in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a graduate student of Sustainable Environmental Systems at Pratt Institute, I offer merit and expertise in the field of environmental planning and the Ecological impacts of urban infrastructure. I would like to formally submit my Comments on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. I submit that the following actions should be taken care under the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) given that they do have the potential to result in significant adverse environmental impacts, which could be lessened or eliminated by undergoing Environmental Impact Assessment and public comment for suggestions to make improvements.

Overview:

In 2010, the natural resources of the northern Gulf of Mexico were seriously impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Since that time, the Deepwater Horizon natural resource Trustees have worked together to assess the injuries to natural resources in the northern Gulf of Mexico and to the services those resources provide, and to determine the restoration needed to compensate the public for these impacts. Many habitats, plants, and animals in the northern Gulf of Mexico were injured; indeed, the Trustees believe that the northern Gulf of Mexico ecosystem itself was injured. The Trustees prepared this Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Draft PDARP/PEIS) in accordance with the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

(01) Restoration of water quality;

As I understand, water is an important resource on which every living being on this earth is dependent upon.

Under the Clean Water Act (CWA) to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters by preventing point and nonpoint pollution sources, providing assistance to publicly owned treatment works for the improvement of wastewater treatment, and maintaining the integrity of wetlands.

(02) Restore and conserve habitat

For restoration to address natural resource injuries, we need to make sure that the effect of this accident is not contagious. We need to ensure that the toxicity acquired during this incident is not carried forward through the generations of the existing habitat in that accident zone.

Clean Water Act penalties (RESTORE Act). The Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States (RESTORE) Act of 2012 dedicates 80 percent of any civil and administrative penalties paid under the Clean Water Act to the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund for ecosystem restoration, economic recovery, and tourism promotion in the Gulf Coast region.

(03) Replenish and protect living coastal and marine resources

Each of the proposed actions (01)-(03) facilitates restoration acts caused during the accident provided there is no political or public disruption on executing these actions.

Planning to restore the natural habitat and the eco system in the accident zone will inevitably improve the natural eco system and habitat and the quality of life in the region of northern Gulf of Mexico. We should be able to ensure that the many habitats, plants, and animals in the northern Gulf of Mexico which were injured are restored and put back to their natural original life system. Further care should be taken against these kinds of disasters so that the natural eco system is less affected.

Every measure we can take to make sure the quality of the habitat and eco system in the northern Gulf of Mexico should be prioritized.

Passing these actions will do nothing to assuage them or give the community a forum to voice their concerns about creating a more sustainable and equitable future.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our city.

Sincerely,

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As organizations with a long history working throughout the Gulf Coast region, the National Wildlife Federation and our affiliates Texas Conservation Alliance, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, Mississippi Wildlife Federation, and Florida Wildlife Federation thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP) and draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). On behalf of our 6 million members and supporters, we appreciate your continued efforts to restore public trust resources. The National Wildlife Federation submits these thoughts for your consideration on behalf of our Gulf Restoration Program. These comments should be considered supplemental to those we have provided in our comment letters with our national partners and with the Restore the Mississippi River Delta Campaign.1

Without question, the release of the draft PDARP/PEIS represents a critical milestone on the road to restoration for the Gulf. Given the unprecedented scope and nature of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, we appreciate your efforts to undertake this damage assessment and to produce a restoration plan befitting of the injuries incurred by Gulf ecosystems and communities, recognizing this was no minor task.

Overall, we believe that the draft PDARP/PEIS presented a very systematic analysis of estimated injury, and appropriately acknowledged the connectivity between habitats, resources, and ecosystem services in the Gulf of Mexico. We support the Trustees preferred approach for comprehensive, integrated ecosystem restoration, and applaud the heavy emphasis placed on restoring coastal and nearshore habitats given the critical role that they play for injured wildlife resources and overall system productivity. We are also pleased to see over 95% of restoration dollars allocated to restore the Gulfs urgent ecological injuries, rather than on recreational or public access projects.

After careful review of the documents, we believe there are a number of items that require additional clarification. In the comments that follow, we highlight these areas of ambiguity, and offer some suggestions to strengthen the implementation of this visionary restoration effort. In the draft PDARP, the Trustee Council recognizes the need to update their existing Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for adoption and adherence by each of the Trustee Implementation Groups (TIGs). Many essential restoration planning and coordination details hinge on these documents. However, the expected content of the documents is not elaborated in the draft PDARP, making it impossible to provide meaningful comment on many aspects of the governance structure. Given that the procedures and practices articulated in the SOP will guide restoration activities across the Gulf for many years to come, this is a critical juncture for soliciting public feedback. We therefore recommend that the PDARP commit to an additional public comment period to allow for needed public input regarding the MOUs and SOPs once they are drafted. In the cases where individual TIGs elect to develop supplemental MOUs and SOPs, these documents also should be subject to public comment periods before being finalized.

As you know, Gulf of Mexico restoration will be occurring at an unprecedented scale and scope, involving a multitude of state and federal agencies and restoration programs. We believe that the decentralized decision-making structure proposed in the draft PDARP, with restoration plans developed and projects selected at the TIG level, will increase efficiency in decision-making and accelerate implementation of critical restoration efforts around the Gulf. However, we also feel strongly that this structure necessitates proactive and formalized efforts to coordinate between TIGs and across other restoration programs (e.g., RESTORE and NFWF) to ensure that a Gulfwide perspective on restoration is not lost. More detail on the specific channels or processes that the Trustee Council will employ to promote coordination should be provided in the final PDARP, as well as in the SOP.

Additionally, we suggest the following as possible approaches to ensure regional coordination and informed-decision-making2:

Full Trustee Council continues to meet on a frequent and defined basis (we recommend annually at minimum) as a forum for TIGs to proactively share restoration plans, best management practices, and consider how their intended activities fit into the larger restoration landscape. These meetings could also provide a space for communication of ongoing and planned activities to the public and to other Gulf of Mexico restoration programs, including the RESTORE Council and NFWF.

Trustee Council completes biennial program reviews that examine whether projects are adequately coordinated and on track to meet goals.3 These program reviews could also serve as a resource to inform and engage the public.

Full Trustee Council develops an SOP that includes a set of high-level selection criteria for adoption across all restoration areas and by all TIGs. These criteria should include considerations such as level of scientific review, leveraging of other restoration dollars, and presence of a project in an existing

comprehensive plan.

TIGs prepare mandatory strategic restoration plans, built into project restoration plans where possible and updated as necessary to reflect changing conditions or evolving science. These strategic plans could assist in identification of opportunities to coordinate and leverage restoration efforts, and would compel TIGs to give thoughts to project sequencing and the order of injury restoration, accounting for recovery periods of injured resources. We appreciate that one of the restoration plans five goals is to provide for monitoring, adaptive management, and administrative oversight to support restoration implementation. It is critical that all restoration projects are accompanied by monitoring and adaptive management plans to track and maximize project success. We encourage the Trustee Council to strive for consistency in project tracking across the Gulf, including through the development of data collection and management protocols in the SOP.⁴ We note that in the PDARP, inconsistent metrics were used to describe injury to different resources (i.e., miles vs kilometers, metric tons vs. kilograms, etc.) Moving forward, this variability should be minimized where possible to facilitate efficient tracking and reporting of outcomes between restoration areas and across the broader Gulf landscape. Additionally, restoration plans should adequately account for climate change impacts, including sea-level rise, storm surge, and other scientifically predictable impacts, to ensure restoration activities are designed to be resilient and sustainable.

The PDARP/PEIS does not describe the intended process for scientific review of restoration projects. We request that additional details on the scientific review process be provided in the Trustee Council SOP and circulated for public comment. In addition to any project vetting that may occur at the TIG level, we stress that some form of external science review at the Gulfwide scale is essential in order to ensure a coordinated approach to ecosystem restoration. We recommend the Trustee Council work with other restoration programs, including the RESTORE Council and NFWF, to establish an overarching Science Advisory Committee (SAC) to provide independent technical guidance on the use of best available science in the development, implementation and evaluation of ecosystem restoration across the Gulf. The SAC could help ensure that science is integrated into restoration decisions by providing input on restoration objectives, priorities, strategies, and performance metrics; evaluating progress toward restoration goals via monitoring and other adaptive management mechanisms; and identifying restoration gaps, conflicts and opportunities for coordination across TIGs and with other programs. The SAC could also help develop a scientific review process to be used by the TIGs to evaluate and select projects to ensure that the projects, as a collective whole, support comprehensive ecosystem restoration of the Gulf of Mexico. Science staff sitting at the full Trustee Council level could help to coordinate and connect the work of the TIGs to this independent SAC.

There are a number of other points in the PDARP/PEIS that we believe require additional explanation:

We suggest that the Trustees clarify the relationships between the Restoration Management Portal, the DIVER interface, and the Gulfwide environmental data management system for which NOAA will receive \$37 million from another portion of the BP settlement.

We request additional information about the intended distribution of interest that will accumulate on the \$7.1 billion. The draft PDARP states that interest earned on TIG subaccounts may be used at the discretion of the TIGs for restoration within the jurisdiction of each TIG, including for restoration planning, operation, and administration, or other responsibilities described in the Council or TIG SOP.⁵ This seems to be contradictory to the Consent Decree, which directs all interest earned on the \$7.1 billion, along with the \$232 million for unknown conditions, to the Adaptive Management and Unknown Conditions TIG NRDAR subaccount.⁶ Clarification on this point would be helpful.

The draft PDARP also provides for the Trustee Council to designate dedicated support staff, as necessary, for conducting its business.⁷ However, it does not specify the origin of the funding to stand up the Trustee Councils support staff and operations structure. We suggest this be clarified in the final PDARP.

Finally, as noted above, we applaud the commitment in the draft PDARP to restoring coastal and nearshore habitats. In particular, projects that protect or restore healthy estuaries along the Gulf Coast will pay dividends by benefiting innumerable wildlife species and increasing the overall resilience of coastal systems. Although the draft PDARP/PEIS does not contemplate specific projects, we encourage the Trustees to begin to identify promising projects/suites of projects to restore injured resources, so that restoration can begin in earnest once settlement dollars start to flow. We recommend prioritization of projects that address underlying system stressors (including sufficient freshwater flows into Gulf estuaries), and that benefit several categories of resources concurrently, thereby maximizing impact and progress toward restoration program goals. In particular, we suggest the following projects/project types as ideal candidates for initial rounds of NRD dollars:

In Florida, the Caloosahatchee River (C-43) West Basin Storage Reservoir Project would improve the timing, quality, and quantity of freshwater flows to Caloosahatchee Estuary, which has suffered die-off of sea grasses and oysters due to unnatural fluctuations in salinity levels and nutrient pollution due to agricultural runoff. The Caloosahatchee River and Estuary are part of the larger Charlotte Harbor Estuary System, designated in 1995 as an estuary of national significance.⁸ The C-43 Reservoir project is authorized, making it a timely choice for NRD water quality funding. Farther up the Florida coast, completion of approved acreage additions to St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge would be another highly beneficial project with water quality funds.

In Alabama, the 100-1000: Restore Coastal Alabama partnership proposes to build 100 miles of intertidal oyster reefs, which will in turn protect and promote the growth of more than 1,000 acres of coastal marsh and seagrass. Mobile Bay has experienced a significant loss of oyster reefs, coastal marsh and seagrass beds. Yet the Bay has enormous potential for comprehensive ecological restoration- including replacement and enhancement of these lost habitats-due to the size of the estuary, historical distribution of oysters in the bay, high natural oyster-recruitment potential and warm water for fast growth. This project is an ideal candidate for NRD oyster funds.

Straddling Mississippi and Alabama, the Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge was established to protect one of the largest expanses of undisturbed pine savanna habitat in the Gulf Coastal Plain region. The marshes on the refuge provide wintering habitat for resident waterfowl and migratory birds and are extremely important to many recreational and commercial fish species, including speckled trout, red drum, and flounder. Strategic property acquisition and restoration within Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge would be an excellent usage of funds for habitat projects on federally managed lands.

In a drought-prone state like Texas, projects that restore or protect vital freshwater inflows to key estuaries, including Matagorda and Galveston Bays, would be an excellent use of water quality or habitat NRD funds. The assurance of adequate freshwater inflows is arguably the most critical long-term restoration need on the Texas coast. Because so much of the water that flows in Texas rivers has already been permitted for withdrawal through perpetual

water-use permits, affirmative measures, such as purchasing water rights from willing sellers, are needed to ensure that some of that previously permitted water is available for estuary inflows.

With thoughtful planning, strategic project selection, and proactive coordination, the Trustees have an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy for the Gulf of Mexico and its coasts. We look forward to working with you throughout the course of this restoration program, and again refer you to the letters we have submitted with our partners for additional comments. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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1. The discussion of Injury in the Draft Plan acknowledges the impacts to communities and individuals from lost recreational use, but it does not acknowledge the impacts to coastal communities in terms of their connection to their cultural and spiritual connection to the land. It also does not acknowledge the detrimental impacts which the oil spill has had on sacred sites (for all Coastal Tribes).
2. The discussion of Injury in the Draft Plan does not acknowledge the impacts to the livelihoods of coastal communities, beyond impacts to recreational use.
3. Add a further restoration goal to both address the need to ensure that restoration efforts involve local coastal communities (both in terms of their input and as a workforce) and do not add further injury to cultural and sacred sites.
4. Expand the monitoring to include the creation of a Regional Citizen's Advisory Council.

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Correspondence: The money for fines and penalties resulting from the Horizon rig tragedy should be spent wisely to repair the Gulf species and habitat destruction that have resulted from BP's misconduct. Padre Island National Seashore Park is the home to marine turtle reintroduction to traditional nesting grounds. This project apparently is already seeing a negative impact to the recovering population. This project and others like it should receive significant support to not only measure damage, but to expand the program's ability to benefit the impacted turtle population. Other native population of marine mammals have been damaged, and direct research needs to be supported by these funds. Scientists need to be actively monitoring the remaining oil, bacterial effects on pollutants, and other issues that have been uncovered in the aftermath of the disaster.

Inland development and tourism must not be allowed to use vital funding that is needed to answer crucial questions before the next oil drilling disaster-- which will occur the next time profits and deadlines takes precedence over a balanced and professional method of drilling as a team. The dead people from the Deepwater Horizon deserve more respect than to allow any frivolous use of these funds.

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Correspondence: Thank you firstly for caring about public comment. Secondly, for putting the time, effort and money into this worthy project. Please do all that you can to work to restore this land and the creatures that it supports. It is never a mistake to do what is right action. Sincerely, Trisha Perlman

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Notes: This correspondence has been modified to include the complete text of the letter (the second half was originally entered as correspondence #848). There is also an addendum to this correspondence, which was submitted as correspondence #820. The original copy of this letter can be found in Appendix A.

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Re: Ocean Conservancy's Comments on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Dohner:

Ocean Conservancy provides the following comments on the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS) to restore natural resources, ecological and recreational use services injured or lost as a result of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster. We thank the Trustees for outlining a comprehensive approach to restoration necessary to address the scale and complexity of injuries to wildlife and habitats across the extent of the northern Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. The proposed restoration plan includes a number of approaches that will address stressors that could inhibit the recovery of impacted resources. The proposed plan also provides opportunities to improve the health of the ecosystem, perhaps even beyond the (relatively unknown) baseline conditions that existed prior to the disaster.

Ocean Conservancy recognizes and thanks the Trustees for the enormous amount of time and effort they have committed to the process of injury assessment and restoration planning. On balance we believe this draft PDARP/PEIS provides a strong vision and rationale for undertaking an ecosystem approach to restoration of the northern Gulf ecosystem following the BP oil disaster. Ocean Conservancy also appreciates the robust information provided in the injuries assessment, the well-crafted summary of injuries information, the details provided regarding the allocation of natural resource damage (NRD) payments and the overarching commitment to monitoring and adaptive management. However, we are concerned that the proposed governance structure for the administration of NRD funds and execution of restoration plans could undermine the Trustees' implementation of this comprehensive ecosystem approach, will be costly to administer and will make coordination across restoration areas difficult and cumbersome. Taken together, we believe that these challenges significantly outweigh the benefits of streamlined decision-making.

Ocean Conservancy provided a letter to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in August 2015, outlining our recommendations for marine restoration to serve as a foundation for addressing the marine ecosystem elements of comprehensive restoration in the Gulf region. We applaud the Trustees for addressing and adopting many of these recommendations in the draft PDARP/PEIS. This letter provides more details about our prior recommendations as well as recommendations for improvements to the draft PDARP/PEIS that are still needed.

This settlement with BP and the draft PDARP/PEIS mark an important milestone for Gulf communities who have been engaged and committed to providing input and guidance to the Trustees since 2010. We appreciate the opportunity to provide formal comments on this draft PDARP/PEIS.

Ocean Conservancy provides the following overall recommendations for the draft PDARP/PEIS (additional recommendations are outlined in the body of this letter):

- The Trustee Council must continue to play a role in reviewing, approving and/or revising restoration plans;
- The Trustee Council's standard operating procedures (SOPs) must be developed with public input, made available for public review and comment, and must be adopted and implemented across TIGs to ensure consistency;
- The Trustees should revise the definition of the term "open ocean" and ensure that the open ocean allocation cannot be accessed for activities that do not restore or enhance marine resources;
- Federal planning and administrative costs from the open ocean fund must be explicitly capped at \$150 million;
- The Trustees must address the administrative burden as well as the barriers to coordination and public engagement that the current proposed governance structure will create; and
- The Trustees must ensure decisions for making claims on the allocation for unknown conditions and adaptive management are based on long-term monitoring data that documents and characterizes evidence of additional injury.

I. Governance

A "trust" is a legal relationship in which a person or entity (the "trustee") manages a property or resource for the benefit of another person or group. Trustees are legally bound to preserve the assets of the trust, allowing only judicious use of the assets and repairing the trust should it be harmed. The trustee must also manage the trust exclusively in the interests of the beneficiaries. Based on these legal principles, the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 created a system by which the federal and state government trustees must restore natural resources following an oil spill and must do so in the best interest of their citizens, to whom these resources belong. The NRD Trustees owe legally binding duties to the public as beneficiaries. As such the Trustee Council at hand has a duty to use settlement funds in the most efficient, effective and transparent way possible. Though we recognize the potential benefit of streamlined decision-making at the state level, we are concerned that the creation of eight Trustee Implementation Groups with decentralized decision-making authority could result in inefficient use of funds, and that will undermine the Trustees' own stated goal of ecosystemwide restoration.

A. Trustee Council and Trustee Implementation Group structure and management

The draft PDARP/PEIS provides a description of the governance structure proposed to administer and allocate NRD monies through the creation of eight Trustee Implementation Groups (TIGs), which are composed of a subset of Trustees. Under this proposal, the eight TIGs will take on all primary planning and decision-making responsibility. In essence, the proposal creates eight Trustee Councils in addition to the existing Council. The subdivision of central decision-making authority will undermine the effectiveness of local and ecosystemwide restoration and the functionality of the restoration governance system as a whole. We recognize that some of the Trustees may wish to streamline decision-making and that, given purported difficulties in achieving consensus for funding early restoration projects in some areas, there is a reluctance to continue with a centralized model. However, the overall commitment to a coordinated, comprehensive approach outlined in the PDARP/PEIS requires a thoughtful governance approach based on what is best for the ecosystem, which does not recognize political boundaries. The hurdles to reaching consensus that may have been encountered during early restoration should be overcome easily now that funding is allocated by resource to specific political subdivisions.

In the event that the proposed structure moves forward, we are recommending areas to strengthen coordination, ensure consistency and accountability across TIGs, and address restoration needs at an ecosystem scale. We do believe, however, that the proposed structure sets a troubling precedent for future large NRDAs and potentially undermines the Trustees' own stated goals of a comprehensive, ecosystem approach.

B. Standard operating procedures (SOPs)

According to the draft PDARP/PEIS, the Trustee Council will establish standard operating procedures (SOPs) for administration, implementation and long-term management of restoration. We urge additional requirements for the SOPs, including clear guidance and requirements for the TIGs in how they develop, implement, and monitor restoration plans, engage the public and coordinate restoration activities both across restoration areas and with other restoration programs (e.g., RESTORE Act and NFWF). Below, we have outlined several concerns about the way the TIGs may operate, and have provided recommendations for developing standard operating procedures.

B.1 Decision-making and delegation of authority

The details regarding how this proposed governance structure will be implemented hinge upon standard operating procedures (SOPs) developed by the full Trustee Council and the proposed Trustee Implementation Groups (TIGs). The content of these SOPs has not been finalized, and the PDARP/PEIS does not require the SOPs to be made available to the public for review and comment. We understand that prior to this settlement there were legal justifications for the Trustees to operate in secrecy. However, this settlement removes any barriers to transparency and creates an opportunity for more information to be shared with the public and to increase the public's role in restoration planning going forward, including making meetings open to the public. Indeed, engaging the public in restoration planning is a hallmark of other credible regional restoration programs, and we would like to see the same level of commitment by the Trustees. We encourage the Trustee Council to ensure transparency and public engagement opportunities for the duration of NRD restoration, including a public comment period in response to the SOPs.

Additionally, consistency in administration, implementation and long-term management of restoration across the Gulf is important. We recommend that the Trustee Council develop one set of SOPs for adoption by all TIGs, and make them available for public review and comment. The SOPs developed by the Trustee Council must provide sufficient detail regarding the operation of the TIGs and the Council to assure the public that restoration will be closely coordinated and avoid random acts of restoration. Once finalized, each TIG should adopt and implement these SOPs, and any additional procedures established by a TIG for a particular restoration area should be consistent with and build on the Trustee Council SOPs.

Summary of recommendations

- The Trustee Council SOPs must be adopted and implemented by each TIG;
- The Trustee Council must have express authority to approve, disapprove, partially approve or suggest revisions for all TIG restoration plans; and
- To the extent possible, meetings of the TIGs should be open to the public.

B.2 Funding, administrative procedures and project reporting

Ocean Conservancy believes the Trustee Council must have a meaningful role in administration, planning, implementation and long-term management of restoration. We are concerned that the proposed structure may result in excessive and inefficient use of funds and will undermine the goal of ecosystemwide restoration. Operating and coordinating the activities of nine Trustee Councils, rather than one, multiplies the functional administrative needs and substantially increases costs of the decision-making system. All four federal Trustees (DOI, NOAA, USDA and EPA) will sit on all eight TIGs, and each must be prepared to staff all eight TIGs, plus the primary Trustee Council, for the next decade and a half. How will the federal and state trustees cover the costs of maintaining the functionality of nine Trustee bodies, instead of one, for well over a decade? What will happen if and when the administrative costs exceed the amount allocated in the consent decree?

The federal Trustees have already incurred significant administrative expenses for early restoration planning they have conducted and for leadership, management and oversight of the Trustee Council. For example, the claims submitted to BP in 2014 alone by EPA, DOI and NOAA for the administrative costs (staff time and travel) of coordination and oversight of restoration planning totaled approximately \$35 million. Multiplying those costs by nine provides some indication of the extraordinary cost of implementing this proposed governance structure-cost that will likely exceed the \$150 million allocated to administrative oversight and comprehensive planning in the open ocean account. While we believe that federal Trustee participation in restoration planning and coordination is critical, we do not believe that the entire burden of costs for the federal Trustees to participate in this structure should be deducted from the open ocean account. The Trustees and the Department of Justice should explicitly cap the administrative costs from the open ocean allocation at \$150 million, after which any additional costs must come from the state allocations in which the Trustees are operating.

The Trustees have identified a preferred restoration approach that will require extensive coordination and collaboration for successful implementation. We are concerned that, without dedicated staff to serve the Trustee Council, the Council's ability to provide the level of coordination and oversight envisioned by this restoration plan will be significantly impaired. Ocean Conservancy believes an independent, dedicated staff is the most efficient way to accomplish this effort. Therefore, the Trustee Council should, at a minimum, hire an executive director and a dedicated science coordinator to provide oversight, formalize planning, science and monitoring coordination across restoration areas and across other restoration programs (e.g., RESTORE Act and NFWF), and assist in identifying opportunities for collaboration and leveraging restoration funding. The Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council provides a good model of an appropriate and efficient staffing structure. We recognize that creating a staff component increases the initial administrative burden of the Council, but we believe that this is ultimately a more cost-effective approach that could actually result in cost-savings in the long-term, particularly if the Trustees rethink their proposed distributed governance approach.

Summary of recommendations

- Federal planning and administrative costs from the open ocean fund must be explicitly capped at \$150 million, and any costs exceeding \$150 million must be drawn from the state allocations in which the federal Trustees are operating;
- The Trustee Council must provide adequate staff capacity including but not limited to an executive director and science coordinator to fulfill their responsibilities in planning, implementing and monitoring restoration plans, programs and projects; and
- The Trustee Council must provide a detailed budget for administering the proposed governance structure that includes estimated costs for state and federal agency staff to participate in the TIGs.

B.3 Coordination and consultation opportunities among the Trustees

Chapter 5 of the draft PDARP/PEIS describes ecosystem injuries requiring an ecosystemwide response: The injuries affected such a wide array of linked resources over such an enormous area that the effects of the Deepwater Horizon spill must be described as constituting an ecosystem-level injury. Just as the injuries cannot be understood in isolation, restoration efforts must also be considered and implemented from a broader perspective.

The ecosystem and injuries are repeatedly described as linked and interconnected:
The biota of the northern Gulf of Mexico ecosystem resides in an interconnected fabric of linked habitats.

Because of its physical and biological connectivity, the northern Gulf of Mexico ecosystem is a complex web, in which physical processes and biological interactions in one location may have an important impact on organisms in other locations.

As such, the chosen restoration type-Comprehensive Integrated Ecosystem Restoration-creates "an integrated portfolio" and "maximize[es] the potential synergies among the restoration types and approaches." This preferred alternative is appropriate and laudable. It encompasses the complexities and interconnectedness of the Gulf's resources and seeks to address restoration in a holistic and all-inclusive manner. Yet, despite this well-founded and achievable aim, which will greatly enhance and improve the ecosystems, communities and economies of the Gulf, the draft PDARP/PEIS then establishes a governance structure based on political boundaries rather than a holistic ecosystem.

The management structure section (section 7.2) acknowledges that the "magnitude and geographic scale of the restoration in this draft PDARP/PEIS is far greater than in any other prior undertaking by natural resource trustees," but uses this fact as a rationalization for the creation of eight new Trustee bodies. It is exactly the magnitude and geographic scale of this restoration effort that requires a unified Trustee Council to ensure the funding achieves the chosen restoration type of "Comprehensive Integrated Ecosystem Restoration" using an "ecosystem-level approach." The Trustees identify coordination and collaboration across stakeholders, states and resource agencies as critical to the successful implementation of the restoration approaches identified in draft plan. The draft PDARP/PEIS states:

Coordination among programs will promote successful implementation of this PDARP/PEIS and optimize ecosystem recovery within the Gulf. The Trustee Council may consider the restoration actions of these other programs and facilitate the TIGs in identifying synergies, leveraging opportunities, and evaluating cumulative effects, as well as reducing potential redundancy when selecting projects under this PDARP/PEIS.

Instead, we believe the Trustees must be required to establish a formal coordination structure that will facilitate the identification of cross-TIG and cross-program opportunities for collaboration and leveraging restoration funding for greatest impact. Additionally, the Trustees should consider ways to

coordinate environmental review and permitting requirements across restoration programs. One approach the Trustees could take is to co-locate entities charged with managing protected and managed resources. This could streamline the review and permitting process and allow projects to move more quickly from planning to implementation. Coordination across restoration areas, programs and environmental review processes must be included in the SOPs.

The Trustee Council and TIGs could also facilitate coordination, consultation and cross resource planning by establishing advisory bodies which would provide objective, independent external review of restoration plans for technical merit and consistency with other restoration plans and overall restoration goals. The Trustees should consider taking steps similar to those taken by the RESTORE Council to avoid conflicts of interest among external reviewers.

Summary of recommendations

- The Trustee Council and TIGs must establish formal coordination and consultation procedures for restoration approaches that cross restoration areas and programs, such as the RESTORE Act and NFWF, and facilitate opportunities to leverage financial resources across natural resource areas and programs;
- The Trustee Council must establish a process to ensure environmental compliance that could include co-locating entities charged with managing protected and managed resources and coordinating NEPA analysis and environmental compliance with the RESTORE Council; and
- The Trustee Council and TIGs should establish a process for independent external review of restoration plans.

B.4 Restoration planning

The draft PDARP/PEIS identifies multiple restoration approaches and types that seek to implement projects across the Gulf and in multiple states. The Trustees acknowledge that coordination and collaboration will be required to improve consistency across restoration projects and programs. The draft PDARP/PEIS addresses this specifically under the planning and implementation considerations for several restoration approaches including: dune and beach habitat restoration, water quality restoration, fish and invertebrate restoration, Gulf sturgeon restoration, oyster reef restoration, sea turtle restoration, marine mammal restoration, bird restoration, and mesophotic and deep benthic restoration. The Trustees also state that where knowledge gaps will affect planning and implementation for multiple resources, it would be "most efficient and consistent for the Trustees to address these knowledge gaps in a coordinated fashion by collecting data relevant to all of the resources that depend on those data and/or analyses."

Ocean Conservancy urges the Trustees to develop strategic plans for resources where coordination across restoration areas is needed to ensure restoration goals are attained and potential conflicts among projects are avoided or minimized. Developing resource-specific strategic plans should guide the development of TIG restoration plans by establishing, where possible, clear outcomes that must be achieved for each resource. TIGs should then develop restoration plans that reflect resource-level priorities, and focus and sequence restoration activities to provide the most benefit to those resources and the restoration program. TIG restoration plans must include, at a minimum, the details of how projects will be sequenced or phased and how they contribute to achieving recovery objectives.

According to the draft PDARP/PEIS, TIGs will identify needs, objectives and scope, set priorities for targeted resource-level and/or cross-resource-level monitoring, and include monitoring and scientific support activities in restoration plans. The Trustee Council's SOPs need to include details about how the TIGs will use monitoring and scientific support to inform future restoration approaches and adaptive management. SOPs must also describe the process for coordinating resource-level and/or cross-resource-level restoration planning, monitoring and adaptive management plan development across TIGs. Coordination in restoration planning and monitoring could include sharing monitoring data aggregation and analysis responsibilities with each other, especially when restoration types overlap geographic areas, to assess the combined effects of restoration projects and to improve the efficiency and overall effectiveness of restoration evaluation.

Summary of recommendations

- The Trustee Council must develop resource-level strategic plans that identify key uncertainties and guide planning, monitoring, research and adaptive management for the resource across restoration areas;
- TIG restoration plans must include details about sequencing or phasing projects and how projects contribute to achieving objectives of the PDARP; and
- The Trustee Council's SOPs must define the process for sharing responsibilities and costs of monitoring across restoration areas and using monitoring data to inform project planning and implementation, especially when restoration types overlap geographic areas.

B.5 Public engagement and restoration tracking

While the Trustees outlined public review and comment procedures for restoration plans and included a commitment to public reporting, the creation and operation of nine Trustee Councils has troubling implications for public participation. For more than five years, Gulf communities have actively engaged in the recovery and restoration processes, attending dozens of meetings, reviewing restoration plans and providing public comments at each opportunity. For many members of the public, this has become increasingly difficult with multiple processes unfolding, a lack of coordination among them, insufficient time provided for review and comment, and barriers to language and literacy accessibility. Throughout, the public has consistently called for restoration of the Gulf ecosystem, understanding that the resources are interconnected. For example, people in Mississippi understand that improving water quality in Mississippi not only benefits living resources important to coastal residents, such as oysters, but also contributes to the health and recovery of these resources across the Gulf. Establishing a process that requires the public to track and engage with nine restoration planning efforts creates unnecessary challenges and barriers to participation, especially among the most vulnerable populations. For example, the draft PDARP states:

The frequency of restoration plans may vary by TIG. Each TIG may specify a restoration plan frequency in its specific procedures or may choose for a flexible planning schedule that brings forward proposed projects individually or in groups.

This proposed process places a burden on the American public, and some may view this structure as an effort to decrease transparency and public participation. The Trustees must provide a consistent restoration planning process across TIGs that will not require enormous expenditures of time and treasure from the public to participate.

The Trustees should also communicate the outcomes of restoration by reporting the progress toward meeting restoration goals and objectives to the public and other interested entities every three years. This reporting will not only secure the integrity of this process but it will also build the public's trust in how funding allocations are dispersed. The Trustees should also provide meaningful opportunities for public input by establishing advisory committees that include resource managers, stakeholders and experts, as is common practice in other large-scale restoration efforts. Finally, the Trustee Council, TIGs and advisory bodies are advising federal decisions and should be subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, a federal law that provides transparency and accountability by making information about how they operate available to the public.

Summary of recommendations

- The Trustee Council should produce a report every three years that communicates the outcomes of restoration activities to the public; and
- The Trustee Council, TIGs and any associated committees or advisory bodies should be subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

II. Injury to natural resources

Ocean Conservancy commends the Trustees for their detailed chapter on injury assessment. The clearly articulated information provided in Chapter 4 allows the public to understand and comment on the injury assessment fully for the first time. After five years of confidential injury assessment studies and the piecemeal release of science and research findings of the ecosystem impacts, we are now able to grasp the impact in numbers, mechanisms of injury and conclusions. The numbers of injured and lost animals are staggering. Throughout the different injury assessment sections of Chapter 4, the Trustees make the point that impacts will likely have an ecosystem-level effect on the northern Gulf of Mexico, and although these impacts were not quantified, they are incredibly important. Ocean Conservancy supports a continued long-term monitoring and research effort that will enhance our understanding of the ecosystem effects of the BP oil disaster and the interactions across injured natural resources. This effort will provide information needed for restoration planners and resource managers to monitor recovery trajectories of affected species and habitats.

Each restoration project proposed and implemented by the Trustees is essentially an experiment. Projects that are monitored provide an opportunity to generate valuable information about whether projects are performing as expected. The understanding of poorly performing or unsuccessful projects provides an opportunity to refine restoration approaches and improve our understanding of how environmental factors affect the outcome of a project. Monitoring the outcome of restoration projects will also inform adaptive management of restoration and ultimately the successful recovery of injured natural resources.

Need for monitoring for certain resource types

The Trustees evaluated numerous natural resource categories for injury and identified the reasons why their assessment may be an underestimate of true injury. In many categories, it appears the Trustees were able to use existing and new data from field and lab studies to determine injury from the BP oil disaster. The following discussion of underestimated or unquantified injuries illustrates the need to conduct long-term monitoring of certain resources.

First, the assessment of birds (section 4.7), appears to show a more significant underestimate than others. The Trustees acknowledge that their approach to estimating colonial bird mortality results in a "gross underestimation of mortality to the important bird habitats." Ocean Conservancy is concerned that the assessment approach and the subsequent underestimate of bird mortality sets a troubling precedent for the methodologies and appropriate amount of effort that should be applied to quantify bird mortality in future oil spills and for potentially underestimating the true cost of restoration. Unfortunately, five years have passed since the disaster, and baseline data or repeated estimates of parameters included in the "shoreline deposition model" cannot be produced for the conditions present at the time of the disaster. The need to better quantify injury to birds underscores the need to bolster monitoring efforts of bird populations in the Gulf by targeting the highest-priority uncertainties that prevented the Trustees from making a more thorough estimate of mortality.

Second, there is uncertainty about the "current levels of human-caused mortality and serious injury for this [sperm whale] stock" and bottlenose dolphin stocks. These human interactions and stressors are potential population controls that could either interfere with recovery or bolster recovery efforts if reduced. Further research and monitoring efforts would fill important gaps in understanding how and where stressors are interacting with whale and dolphin populations, and how they can be addressed in restoration plans. Other whale species, such as Bryde's whales, occur in small populations in the Gulf which are "highly susceptible to stochastic, or unpredictable, processes and genetic effects that can reduce productivity and resiliency to perturbations [...] the capability of the Bryde's whale population to recover from this injury is unknown." Long-term monitoring is imperative to understanding the population status and trends of Bryde's whales and the environmental and human factors that are driving population trends.

Third, a number of species in the Gulf are threatened or endangered, including four species of sea turtles impacted by the disaster. Chapter 4 states: "the complex and transient nature of the sea turtle population structure and the significant magnitude of the mortality resulting from the DWH oil spill will make complete recovery challenging." Additional research could improve our understanding about populations, stressors, and where and how sea turtles use the Gulf of Mexico. Mitigating stressors on threatened and endangered species is an important part of their recovery from the BP oil disaster and other stressors.

Continuing monitoring and research initiated through the NRDA process will fill key gaps in information in areas of the Gulf where monitoring efforts have historically been limited. For example, numerous studies were initiated in the deep-sea environment as part of the injury assessment. The contamination of the deep-sea sediments in the innermost impact zone continues, and the recovery trajectories for deep-sea organisms can extend for hundreds of years, making long-term monitoring and research of residual oil and the continued exposure of natural resources to BP oil imperative to understanding full injury. The surveys detailed in Table 4.5-1 are examples of efforts that begin to fill gaps in knowledge that were identified through Ocean Conservancy's survey of existing monitoring programs and priorities.

The larger ecosystem implications of injury from the BP oil disaster "may or may not have been fully captured by the larger natural resource injury assessment. In other cases, as with deep-sea hardground habitats, the inhabitants and ecological functions are less well understood, and the larger ecosystem implications of observed injuries are also less well understood." Therefore, further research to understand the natural resources and ecological functions in the Gulf of Mexico will better prepare us to quantify and understand injury for future disasters, whether oil related or otherwise. In addition, a deeper understanding of the Gulf ecosystem functions allows resource managers to better manage fisheries stocks and our interactions with Gulf ecology.

Summary of recommendations

- The Trustees should conduct long-term monitoring for species and resources that were either underestimated or unquantified; and
- The Trustees should conduct research and monitoring to better define stressors affecting injured species and design restoration approaches to mitigate stressors.

III. Ecosystem-level approach to restoration

Ocean Conservancy fully supports the Trustees' Preferred Alternative A: Comprehensive Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and applauds the Trustees for including restoration goals and approaches in the draft PDARP/PEIS that will provide the basis for planning, funding and implementing ecosystem-level restoration in the Gulf of Mexico. The draft PDARP/PEIS articulates the rationale for how these goals and the proposed restoration approaches will address

the natural resource injuries and lost or reduced services. Together with the proposed monitoring and adaptive management processes, this framework appears to provide the programmatic vision necessary for successful and integrated long-term restoration of a large ecosystem. The key to realizing this vision will, of course, be how well restoration plans are developed and executed at both the Trustee Council/TIG-level and across restoration areas.

Restore living marine resources

Ocean Conservancy applauds the Trustees for the overall approach to restoring marine resources and supports all the restoration approaches identified in the draft PDARP/PEIS. The Trustees recognize that restoration needs for the marine environment of the Gulf of Mexico are extensive. The draft PDARP/PEIS identifies key stressors and proposes a comprehensive suite of integrated and adaptive marine restoration activities to address those stressors. The Trustees have also determined that while some restoration activities can and should be implemented in the near term, there is a need to conduct more research to adequately design future restoration approaches. The focus on stress reduction, combined with the strong commitment for monitoring and science support to fill critical knowledge gaps, will allow restoration to begin immediately and evolve over time via the adaptive management framework. Overall, we are encouraged by the Trustees' programmatic approach to restoring marine resources and believe that, if implemented properly, it offers an excellent opportunity to fulfill the comprehensive and integrated vision laid out in the draft PDARP/PEIS.

Ocean Conservancy previously recommended three primary goals for funding restoration of the open ocean resources of the Gulf. First, the Trustees should seek to understand population status and trends for key marine resources. The Trustees have clearly articulated their understanding that, for many of the Gulf's marine resources, describing population size, structure, movement and response to stressors is an essential first step to prescribing restoration projects or management changes targeted to improve their condition. We commend the Trustees for identifying the need to fill knowledge gaps before undertaking certain restoration and management actions, while designing and implementing projects that have been successful in the past.

Second, the Trustees should undertake activities to reduce known stressors, which is the primary strategy for the initial restoration approaches for living marine resource categories. Approaches like reducing incidental capture of injured resources in fishing operations, reducing injury from vessel strikes and reducing the impacts of marine noise have the potential to improve injured populations in the short term, and we support the reduction of known stressors as the initial approach to restoration. The monitoring, science support and adaptive management processes will be important for updating our understanding of additional stressors and restoration interventions that must provide, as discussed above, additional strategies and approaches to aid recovery.

The restoration approaches for fish and water column invertebrates, marine mammals, sea turtles, and mesophotic/deep benthic communities all appear adequate and appropriate to address a subsection of the known stressors on these populations based on the information provided. Yet, we think the public would benefit from more details about restoration approaches including assessments of project feasibility and/or expected project outcomes. We are concerned that the marine restoration approaches that rely heavily on voluntary behavior changes, enforcement, outreach and education to achieve stress reduction will face implementation challenges based on current conditions and practices in these fisheries. For instance, new bycatch reduction technology in commercial shrimp trawl nets has historically faced challenges with successful uptake by fishermen even after years of incremental advancements in technology. Another example is the restoration approach to address bottlenose dolphin injury, harm and mortality by reducing illegal feeding and harassment activities. These types of approaches have traditionally involved outreach, education and enforcement activities that have proven less successful than desired, so it will be important to apply lessons learned in developing related activities going forward. While substantial investments in these kinds of programs may provide the intended outcomes, the Trustees should consider alternative techniques for stress reduction of injured populations that may be more productive. Ocean Conservancy recommends that Trustees conduct feasibility analyses and/or consider implementing pilot projects that describe expected outcomes for the restoration approaches for, at a minimum, all marine categories. The Trustees should also continually explore additional restoration options, adding to the "toolbox" as we learn more about impacts and what types of projects are most successful.

The draft PDARP/PEIS allocates funding to restore living coastal and marine resources through multiple TIGs. This funding provides a unique opportunity to coordinate restoration approaches for these resources. To accomplish this, TIGs must plan their restoration approaches for these resources with consideration of and in the context of the approaches included in the other TIG's restoration plans. Ocean Conservancy recommends that the open ocean TIG develop strategic plans for marine resources to inform cross-resource planning and development of restoration approaches and monitoring across TIGs. Strategic plans should include a comprehensive narrative that describes an integrated suite of approaches as well as the role of science support, monitoring and adaptive management in ensuring comprehensive restoration. A useful example is an approach that expands both fisheries-dependent and fisheries-independent monitoring programs in the Gulf to aid in assessing population health, establishing science-based limits to catch and keeping fishing mortality within those prescribed limits. Not only will these programs facilitate stress reduction of injured resources (i.e., keeping fishing mortality within limits), they will also inform future approaches to stress reduction via the adaptive management process (identifying bycatch hotspots, for example). Another example of a successful restoration approach targeted to inform future action is the currently proposed measurement of marine noise to improve knowledge and reduce impacts of anthropogenic sound on marine mammals.

Third, the Trustees should implement appropriate projects to restore or protect analogous resources where injury simply cannot be directly remedied but actions taken would support recovery of the resource overall. There are a handful of these restoration approaches for marine resources (two examples are increasing sea turtle and marine mammal survival through early detection and intervention of anthropogenic and natural threats, and enhancing sea turtle hatchling productivity), and we anticipate the monitoring and supporting science will uncover additional opportunities for successful restoration of analogous resources. Ocean Conservancy recommends that Trustees in the regionwide and open ocean TIGs develop detailed strategic plans for all living marine resource categories that spell out how these three important goals-filling data gaps, reducing known stressors and restoring analogous resources-will work together over time via the adaptive management framework. Strategic plans should also include measurable recovery goals for indicator species and resources representative of the spectrum of injuries in the marine environment. These plans, by their very nature, will be living documents, and we recommend formal review and update at least every five years.

Summary of recommendations

- Trustees should conduct a feasibility analysis and describe expected outcomes for the restoration approaches for all marine resources;
- Trustees in the regionwide and open ocean TIGs should coordinate to develop strategic plans for living marine resources to ensure cross-resource planning and monitoring;
- Strategic plans should articulate the process for using science and monitoring to inform the development of additional restoration approaches via the adaptive management process; and
- Trustee should update strategic plans at least every five years.

IV. Open ocean restoration area

Ocean Conservancy is pleased that \$8.1 billion has been allocated toward NRD, and applauds the Trustees for proposing to earmark \$1.24 billion for

projects in the open ocean. The BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster originated offshore, more than 40 miles off the Louisiana coast and 5,000 feet below the Gulf of Mexico's surface. Living marine resources, such as finfish, sea turtles, marine mammals, and seabirds, were exposed to oil and dispersants. The injury assessment and emerging information regarding impacts to natural resources continues to paint a troubling picture for the marine environment, underscoring the importance of restoration in the open ocean. Inclusion of the open ocean allocation in the settlement will allow for restoration and enhancement of not only the bays, marshes, and wetlands that were impacted by the BP oil disaster, but also restoration of the world-class fisheries and ocean habitats that are the backbone of the Gulf region's economy.

"Open ocean" definition

Ocean Conservancy has repeatedly recommended dedicated funds for restoration in the offshore waters of the Gulf of Mexico. However, we are disappointed with the broad definition and terms of funding for the open ocean allocation. The consent decree defines open ocean as "restoration activities for resources primarily in the ocean and Federal Trustee administrative and preliminary planning activities across Restoration Areas." This definition will allow funds to be drawn from this account for projects and costs that do not address ocean resources, which is an unacceptable proposition considering the extent of damage detailed in the draft PDARP/PEIS for ocean resources and habitats.

The NRD Final Allocation table, found at Table 5.10-1 of the PDARP, provides additional details on where the NRD money will be spent. Administrative oversight and comprehensive planning accounts for \$150 million of the open ocean funding. As previously stated, Ocean Conservancy does not support funding dedicated for open ocean restoration being spent on overhead costs for other restoration areas, and we are concerned that the costly administration of the proposed governance structure will not provide adequate funding to develop and implement a comprehensive restoration plan for the open ocean resources. We urge the Trustees to revise the definition of open ocean to ensure the proper use of the funds in that allocation.

Recommendation

- Define "open ocean" to consist of restoration activities occurring in the ocean or activities that create, enhance, or improve marine resource management, scientific research, or monitoring of natural resources in the ocean; and federal Trustee administrative activities, capped at \$150 million, across restoration areas.

Allocations for recreation use projects

Four of the early restoration projects to address lost recreational use have been reclassified as open ocean projects. These projects include nearly \$7 million for roadway enhancements (i.e., bike and pedestrian lanes) at Davis Bayou in Mississippi, \$545,000 for trail enhancement at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge in Alabama, more than \$10 million for a "beach enhancement project which involves removing fragments of asphalt and road-based material that are scattered widely over the Fort Pickens, Santa Rosa, and Perdido Key areas of Gulf Islands National Seashore, in Florida," and more than \$4 million for the "purchase of up to three pedestrian visitor ferries for use between the City of Pensacola, Pensacola Beach, and the Fort Pickens area of Gulf Islands National Seashore in Florida." Ocean Conservancy does not support the reclassification of previously approved, land-based recreational projects. How are these projects—which do not occur in the open ocean and do not fit the definition-able to be reclassified and accounted for as open ocean projects?

The consent decree's definition of open ocean is: "Restoration activities for resources primarily in the ocean and Federal Trustee administrative and preliminary planning activities across Restoration Areas." While we acknowledge that these projects were part of early restoration and that no further funding from this account is allocated for recreational use activities, we believe that allocating any open ocean funds to recreational use projects, past or present, sets a precedent of allowing restoration activities that do not primarily benefit ocean resources to be paid from this account. Of the \$832 million allocated for early restoration, only \$20 million has been allocated to restoring marine resources injured in this oil disaster. Reclassifying these recreational use projects reduces the amount of funding available for restoration and enhancement of the offshore marine environment, where the disaster took place and where significant injuries to natural resources occurred. While these projects may be worthy of restoration funding from other allocations, they are not suitable for the open ocean allocation. We recommend that the Trustees consider a more appropriate allocation for these projects, either from the states in which the projects are implemented or from the regionwide allocations.

Recommendation

- Reclassify early restoration recreational use projects currently allocated to the open ocean fund to the regionwide allocation or to the states in which the projects are implemented.

V. Monitoring and adaptive management

The Trustees have specifically allocated funding for monitoring and adaptive management across restoration areas in the draft PDARP/PEIS. The Trustees reasonably recognize that restoration will occur over more than a decade and that the dynamic ecosystem of the Gulf of Mexico is likely to change over time. Each of the restoration areas identifies funding for monitoring and adaptive management, which will allow Trustees to track changing conditions, understand how ecosystem change is helping or hindering restoration, and make necessary adjustments to underperforming restoration approaches. This is commendable.

The data that has been developed as a result of the injury assessment, coupled with the data that will be developed through restoration and monitoring programs, will enable increased efficiency and more effective restoration actions while reducing resource-specific uncertainties.

Address gaps in species ecology and status through long-term monitoring

In prior recommendations to NOAA, we specifically highlighted the need to address data gaps and fundamental science for marine resources before designing the bulk of the restoration approaches. For example, there are critical data gaps in our understanding of population-level status and trends in marine mammals, sea turtles and marine fish. Ocean Conservancy agrees that information is a key first investment needed to "support restoration planning across a suite of projects that benefit the same resource," and we commend the Trustees for this approach to planning and implementation.

Further, the Trustees have acknowledged the need to evaluate progress of resource-level restoration including the need to improve understanding of food web dynamics and trophic connectivity, habitat mapping and collecting baseline data where information gaps exist to better assess the population or stock levels of resources for tracking collective restoration progress. The Trustees use examples such as the need to improve understanding of deep-sea coral communities as well as status and trends in sea turtles. Ocean Conservancy supports this approach to monitoring and urges the Trustees to apply them to all natural resource categories.

Ocean Conservancy has recently completed an analysis of monitoring priorities and gaps in monitoring coverage for species and habitats impacted by the BP oil disaster; some are identified in the PDARP as priorities for further study. Additionally, monitoring and research initiated through the NRDA process, if continued, have the potential to fill key gaps in information. For example, numerous studies were initiated in the deep-sea environment as part of the injury assessment. Historically, this area of the Gulf has received limited monitoring attention. The surveys detailed in Table 4.5-1 are examples of efforts that begin to fill gaps in knowledge that were identified through Ocean Conservancy's survey of existing monitoring programs and priorities. We submit this assessment for the administrative record as a resource the Trustees can use to prioritize monitoring investments.

Use ecosystem indicators for assessing recovery and overall Gulf condition

Other regional restoration programs such as the Everglades restoration effort and the Exxon Valdez oil spill restoration program adopted a set of taxa, habitats and key services/natural processes to gauge the condition and function of an ecosystem recovering from an acute event or chronic stress. The use of ecosystem indicators is as much a tool for restoration and resource managers as it is for the public to understand how natural resources and processes are responding to restoration or to important changes and stressors in the environment. Given the finite amount of funding the Trustees will have for monitoring, we recommend the Trustees explore the benefits of indicator species, habitats and services for tracking recovery that are representative of injuries Gulf-wide. This approach would be consistent with the Trustees' methodology for determining injury whereby a suite of representative species, communities and habitats were evaluated and the results of these studies were used to make conclusions about injuries not directly studied. Proxies of recovery could serve the dual purpose of prioritizing limited monitoring funding and communicating to the public the status of the ecosystem using a subset of injured resources.

Integrate and coordinate monitoring to be consistent with the Trustees' approach to restoration

The interconnected, ecosystem-level nature of injuries to natural resources across the Gulf, as described in the draft PDARP/PEIS, necessitates a monitoring approach that is integrated, coordinated and comprehensive and transcends political boundaries. To avoid duplication of monitoring effort among the eight restoration areas, the Trustees should establish a Gulf-wide monitoring advisory group to prioritize and coordinate monitoring activities at the resource and cross-resource levels and to evaluate the uncertainties recognized by the scientific community. This would be consistent with the approach other regional, non-Gulf restoration efforts have taken to monitor resource status and trends at an ecosystem scale. The advisory group should consist of not only Trustee agency staff from each restoration area and but also non-Trustee experts and stakeholders that would view monitoring gaps and needs through an ecological lens and make recommendations to the Trustee Council or Trustee Implementation Groups. The recommended monitoring activities would serve as the basis for integrated restoration plans and should be implemented with funding allocated for each restoration area.

Establish data collection standards

For the science-based adaptive management process to function as intended by the Trustees in the proposed framework, the process will need to rely on the integration of data and information standards. This standardized approach will require adherence to data collection, integration and management protocols by each of the TIGs for data to be efficiently used to track the collective progress of restoration activities. For example, there should be a requirement for data to be registered at time of collection and deposited once all accepted quality control procedures have been completed. Ecosystem processes are complex and data collected to track the dynamics of these processes, while simultaneously tracking impacts from restoration, are equally complex. Lack of adherence to institutionalized protocols and data standards will cripple the ability to comprehend ecosystem responses to restoration.

At the project level, it is vital that the Trustees and the other restoration programs adopt the same standards and metrics for quantifying restoration results. A common currency for collecting data across programs will enable all programs to compare and aggregate results, producing a measure of collective impact and demonstrating that these programs' actions are truly greater than the sum of their parts.

Establish data management, synthesis and communication in support of restoration

A key aspect of establishing this type of efficient data system is the development of a robust data management framework that supports the multiple scales of science and monitoring used to plan and track restoration. It has been well documented that the absence of a comprehensive data management and preservation infrastructure leads to the long-term loss of data. For example, Gulf Watch Alaska funded a data recovery project to compile information on the approximately 1,400 funded projects from the Exxon Valdez oil spill, only to recognize a large number were inaccessible, with many datasets lost forever. Data are often used to provide critical reference points for science and management issues years later, in ways that are not foreseen by the originators. For instance, they can be combined for use in new modeling approaches or address initially unrecognized questions that enable greater scientific understanding that would not have been possible or validated without those previously collected datasets. This continued use of data must be recognized and appreciated through the NRDA process, in coordination with all other restoration programs in the Gulf, emphasizing the need to plan the appropriate standards and archiving processes at the beginning of one of the greatest scientific endeavors of our time.

The Trustees have outlined a strong rationale for using monitoring data to inform decision-making for current projects and in selection of future restoration. Ocean Conservancy agrees with the Trustees in their recognition of data management as a key aspect of adaptive management. We urge the Trustees to establish data management and sharing that conforms to federal standards. We support the web-based public portal to provide access to monitoring data and information. This web portal should serve not only as a source of data but also as a communication tool for the public and scientific community.

We believe the data management efforts of the Trustees must be tightly coordinated across restoration areas and other restoration programs (i.e., RESTORE Act and NFWF). The regional monitoring group described above would be in a strong position to facilitate coordination in consultation with dedicated Trustee staff (see Governance recommendations). The Trustees should leverage their efforts with those of other restoration programs to support the development of data infrastructure and to establish monitoring standards. These monitoring standards and protocols should be developed by the Trustee Council or the regionwide TIG but must be adopted uniformly by all TIGs. In the spirit of coordination and communication, the Trustees should also work with all Gulf restoration and research entities to hold an annual restoration symposium at which the results and the status of injured natural resource and broader Gulf ecosystem would be shared with the public. The annual Alaska Marine Science Symposium is one such model that could be adapted, or the existing Gulf of Mexico Research Institute (GoMRI) Oil Spill and Ecosystem Science Conference could be expanded to give the Trustee Council an opportunity to share the results of its work. This level of coordination in data collection and information sharing will contribute significantly toward a comprehensive understanding of how natural resources, individually and and the Gulf ecosystem more broadly are recovering from the BP oil disaster or tolerating other stressors.

The Deepwater Horizon event remains a troubling disaster for the Gulf ecosystem, with the full degree of impacts still unfolding under the lens of scientific inquiry. The Trustees now have the ability to begin to not only restore the ecosystem from the detrimental impacts of that event but to propel our scientific

understanding of the natural world that will better enable our sustainable existence within this complex system. This is an opportunity to expand the reach of our restoration and collective recovery investments, and to establish an enduring legacy of information infrastructure supporting scientific observation that will help address the current challenges of our time and those of future generations. Through this effort the Gulf may become a global model of environmental restoration through the integration of information on our global ecology.

Adaptive management

Basing restoration decisions on project performance or new information about resource condition or ecosystem change can be challenging in the context of the technically and geopolitically complex restoration effort described in the draft PDARP/PEIS. Therefore, we commend the Trustees adaptive management approach for achieving recovery in a complex ecosystem. The project-level and cross-resource monitoring and adaptive management strategies predicting and/or measuring the influence of external factors-both stressors and drivers-are the key to understanding populations and improving intervention strategies, particularly where little baseline information is available. The nested structure of assessment from project-level to regionwide scales provides for the best opportunity to develop a supporting hierarchy of evidence for how the ecosystem is responding to current restoration actions. The draft PDARP/PEIS does a great job of outlining the needs for adaptive management particularly where current scientific understanding of the resource is limited or absent in the case of organisms, habitats and ecosystems that have been previously understudied.

Summary of recommendations

- The Trustees should identify and track the recovery of indicator species, habitats and services that are representative of injuries Gulf-wide;
- The Trustee Council should establish a Gulf-wide monitoring advisory group to prioritize and coordinate monitoring activities at the resource and cross-resource level and inform best practices and methodologies;
- The Trustee Council or the regionwide TIG must develop monitoring standards and protocols to be adopted by all TIGs;
- The Trustee Council must establish data management and sharing standards and protocols for all state and federal Trustees that conform to federal standards;
- The Trustees must coordinate, share and leverage their monitoring efforts across restoration areas and other restoration programs (i.e., RESTORE Act and NFWF) to support the development of centralized or collaborative data infrastructure; and
- The Trustees must coordinate with all Gulf restoration entities to establish an annual symposium of restoration and supporting science to further enhance communication and coordination.

VI. Unknown conditions and adaptive management allocation (\$700 million reserve)

Ocean Conservancy greatly appreciates the inclusion of the reserve funding for unknown conditions in the settlement with BP. This reserve account is critically important to address restoration from injuries that are discovered or more fully understood subsequent to the settlement (e.g., latent, chronic, delayed manifestation in long-lived species). As the Trustees continue to learn more about the long-term impacts of the oil disaster, this account will provide the much-needed flexibility and adaptability to ensure restoration is supported with adequate capacity into the distant future. However, the consent decree does not outline a clear process for accessing that account. The consent decree states:

At any time between January 1, 2026 and the anniversary of the Effective Date in the assumed year 2032, the United States and all of the Gulf States may jointly demand payment of all or a part of the accrued and previously unpaid interest on the amount required [...]

According to the draft PDARP/PEIS, the funding set aside for addressing unknown conditions and adaptive management will be administered by a TIG comprised of all state and federal natural resource Trustees.

This TIG's function is separate from, but informed by, the continual monitoring and adaptive management that each of the above TIGs conduct as part of their overall restoration implementation responsibilities.

Ocean Conservancy agrees that this allocation should be informed by evidence gathered across TIGs from monitoring. However, neither the consent decree nor the draft PDARP/PEIS includes any guidance on the scientific justification needed for the United States and all of the Gulf states to bring a joint demand of payment from this account to address lingering or new injuries. Further, this demand of payment may be brought prior to the completion end of the payment period, reducing or potentially depleting funds available to address new injuries or unknown conditions after the effective date of the finalized consent decree. We are concerned that the lack of guidance and criteria for properly accessing these funds could unintentionally incentivize a demand at an earlier date, thus shortchanging the potential for the full accrual of \$700 million.

An undertaking this large is bound to encounter uncertainties, and, while Ocean Conservancy believes the Trustees have developed a sound vision for restoration, we continue to be concerned about how restoration approaches and strategies will be implemented. A number of the approaches included in the draft PDARP/PEIS have a degree of uncertainty, including "a limited scientific understanding of target resources, the use of novel approaches and/or techniques, restoration at large spatial scales and/or long time scales, and strong socioeconomic influence, among other factors."⁵⁶ Monitoring and adaptive management plans should be developed concurrent with implementation of the restoration approaches for each area, and the Trustees must ensure sufficient funding for these activities. Additionally, restoration plans must adequately account for climate change impacts and ensure restoration activities are designed to be resilient and sustainable with consideration of sea level rise, storm surge and other climate-related impacts that are predictable using best available science. Trustees should not, therefore, be able to access the funding allocated for unknown conditions and adaptive management to react to scenarios that were reasonably foreseeable in the planning process but that Trustee Implementation Groups failed to consider. Each TIG is allocated funding for monitoring and adaptive management and should budget appropriately for these activities rather than viewing the unknown conditions funds as a way to supplement the adaptive management process.

Evidence of additional injury required to access reserve account

The consent decree provides a broad definition for the use of funds from this account: "to address unknown injuries and/ or losses to Natural Resources" or "to adapt, enhance, supplement, or replace restoration projects or approaches initially selected by the Trustees."⁵⁷ Ocean Conservancy agrees that both addressing unknown injuries and adaptive management are critical to the long-term recovery of natural resources. The Trustees discuss the way that other ongoing scientific and monitoring activities in the Gulf could be leveraged to discover the existence of such currently unknown conditions, applying this information "to determine whether adjustments are needed to restoration at the project, resource, or cross-resource levels to ensure recovery of the resources from injury caused by the Deepwater Horizon incident."⁵⁸ Ocean Conservancy urges the Trustees to explicitly commit to this level of tracking at multiple scales and analysis of research and monitoring data. Further, the Trustees must develop a clear definition of unknown conditions and guidance for the type of documentation or evidence that will be needed to access the allocation for unknown conditions and adaptive management and avoid misuse of

these funds.

Ocean Conservancy supports the Trustees' decision to initiate restoration now; however, the Trustees have indicated that for many resources, including fish and water column invertebrates, sea turtles, and birds, additional injuries likely occurred but were not quantified or were underestimated. Further, the Trustees indicate injuries to benthic communities are likely to adversely affect the marine food web. Chronic or new injuries and any population-level or food web impacts cannot be ruled out. Oil released into sensitive coastal and marine environments can persist for decades, and the resulting environmental impacts can last just as long or longer. Studies of the Exxon Valdez oil spill show that some oil remained in Prince William Sound two decades later, and some injured resources had not fully recovered.^{59,60} Ocean Conservancy is concerned that without reasonable safeguards in place, this account could be zeroed out before the long-term impacts on natural resources are fully known. Therefore, the Trustees must conduct additional monitoring and supporting science needed to document and characterize injuries not accounted for in the draft PDARP/PEIS and to track recovery of injured resources. This monitoring data must be used to inform decisions for making claims on this account. It is critical that the Trustees establish conditions and criteria that must be met before a demand for payment may be made from this account. For example, the Trustees should provide the following: 1) evidence of worsening or continuing injury and/or any unknown conditions that have interacted with these injuries to prevent a full recovery as of January 1, 2016; and 2) a summary of program successes and setbacks that includes an explanation of progress, or lack of progress, in achieving goals and the underlying reasons, as well as an articulation of the changes the Trustees will make to accelerate the recovery of injured resources and to improve the likelihood of restoration success going forward.

Summary of recommendations

- Trustees must demonstrate that they considered the impacts of climate change in their original project design and implementation as a condition for accessing this allocation to repair or replace projects;
- Trustees must ensure the funding allocated for unknown conditions and adaptive management is not used to supplement the adaptive management process of TIGs;
- The Trustees must provide more information about how Trustees will make determinations that conditions have presented a rationale for accessing this account;
- The Trustees must provide a definition for unknown condition; and
- The Trustees must ensure decisions for making claims on the allocation for unknown conditions and adaptive management are based on monitoring data that documents and characterizes currently unknown conditions.

VII. Conclusion

In summary, Ocean Conservancy supports the Trustees' commitment to an ecosystemwide approach to restoration that provides resources for the open ocean, coastal restoration, monitoring and adaptive management. However, we have serious concerns that the proposed distributed governance structure of the Trustee Council subdivides responsibility for achieving ecosystem restoration in a way that decreases accountability and threatens the Trustees' ability to coordinate, threatens the funding available for ecological restoration in the open ocean and places an unfair burden on the public by increasing the time and effort required to meaningfully engage and participate in restoration planning and implementation. Making the best use of funds provided by the settlement for natural resource damages in the Gulf will depend on coordination, planning and careful setting of priorities for what is a significant but nonetheless limited amount of funding. The challenge and opportunity we now have is to leverage and allocate these funds to achieve maximum benefit for the ecosystem as a whole. In the end, restoration must not only result in benefits to individual resources or services but must collectively contribute to a healthier, more resilient Gulf ecosystem. Thank you for your consideration of these comments as you move toward finalizing the PDARP/PEIS and the consent decree. Please contact me at 504.208.5814 or Ivy Fredrickson at 503.505.6575 with questions or to discuss these comments in more detail.

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Thank you for the time, energy, and expense you have collectively invested in assessing damages to natural resources from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill/Explosion (BP Spill) occurring in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, and for estimating the monetary cost of restoring public trust resources to their

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4. Given that \$70 million is allocated to the states for the restoration of the inshore bottlenose dolphin populations (almost half of the total marine mammal allocation, disregarding the \$19M allocated region-wide, some of which will almost certainly be spent inshore), the allocation for offshore species restoration seems exceptionally low. Additionally, it seems that there is not a reported value on the life of a bottlenose dolphin when it seems easy to find out the value of them to wildlife watchers with dolphin watching occurring across Gulf estuaries and their ever present appearance in aquarium shows. These whales and dolphins, inshore and offshore (all species represented across the 22 populations assessed), will all have the same future problems with reduced fecundity and increased rates of mortality further hindering their recovery.

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6. The allocation for marine mammals did not consider what it will really take to restore the populations of marine mammals that were injured. How were the numbers / dollar values estimated by species or by individual. Tens of thousands of whales and dolphins are estimated to have been exposed to the oil toxic fumes. These species exchange almost all of their oxygen in their breaths at the water surface, thereby exposing their lungs and other internal organs to the highly toxic fumes at the surface more directly than any other species. It doesn't appear that even their commercial value has been estimated. Marine mammals values could be easily estimated to be much higher than assessed based on their very high commercial value from aquarium entertainment and education, wildlife watching, or even previous whaling values.

Lastly, the restoration plan for marine mammals appears to primarily address items that NOAA and NMFS are already required to address through management of fisheries and the public trust resources. No part to the plan appears to directly restore the populations of marine mammals impacted from the oil spill itself. The tools listed include collaborative partnerships with fishers to reduce their impacts and accidental takings (this is not an impact of the

spill and does need to be done but, it is not likely to restore sperm whale populations numbers taking 29 years to restore).

Another listed tool is providing more funding to marine mammal stranding networks for researching causes of death, possible rehabilitation of dolphins, and necropsies. Most stranded whales and dolphins are near shore inhabitants and it is very unlikely much will be learned about the more pelagic populations. And it is very unlikely a sperm whale might be rehabilitated and released back into the wild. There is not any disagreement that stranding networks are poorly funded and require more funding, but even a 7-fold increase in their funding will not restore populations of marine mammals. While this approach may contribute important information to understanding why (particularly coastal) marine mammals die, it is not a proactive restoration approach contributing to active restoration of populations impacted by the spill.

Were takings under the MMPA /Endangered species Act protections enforced under separate settlements or added to the value assessed for injury under the NRDA? If they are included in the NRDA assessment, the proposed allocation appears even more insufficient.

In summary, the proposed plan does not meet the Trustees obligations to compensate the public for the loss of these resources by restoring marine mammal populations. The plan doesn't include anything substantial toward active restoration of these populations and should incorporate the concepts identified above to provide more substantial refuge and protection to these populations on a more permanent basis, particularly in light of the uncertainty related to the recovery of the marine mammal populations affected by the spill.

Proposed Gulf Sperm Whale National Marine Sanctuary is outlined in the box above. See attached summary document regarding sperm whale distribution and selection of the boxed area as the sanctuary.

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Re: Commercial fishing industry comments on draft PDARP

To Whom It May Concern,

The Shareholders' Alliance is a non-profit organization that represents the interests of commercial reef fish fishermen and other stakeholders in the Gulf of Mexico. We work hard to maintain accountability and conservation-based management for our region's fisheries for today and future generations. By working closely with regional managers, state agencies, and federal representatives, we strive to stabilize and improve fishery management to ensure that we can continue to provide the American public with a sustainable source of domestically-caught Gulf of Mexico seafood. Everything we do is founded in our belief that conservation and stewardship protect fish populations and fishermen's businesses.

On behalf of the Shareholders' Alliance, please accept this letter outlining our strong support for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (DARP) Fish Restoration Approach #6 proposal to "Reduce Gulf of Mexico commercial red snapper or other reef fish discards through an IFQ allocation subsidy program" (D.3.8).

Red snapper are a fishery management success story. Thanks to strong conservation measures and the development of an accountable individual quota program (IFQ), red snapper quotas have nearly tripled in less than 10 years and are now at some of the highest levels on record. Commercial fishing businesses are profitable, and the seafood supply chain can provide American seafood consumers with fresh, sustainably-harvested red snapper from the Gulf of Mexico 365 days a year. Fishing communities, jobs, and public access have all benefitted from this responsible management plan. And it is these same fishing communities, jobs, and public access that are threatened by disasters like Deepwater Horizon. The commercial red snapper fishing industry needs the ability to evolve and adapt to address changing fishery conditions in a way that offers an alternative to the traditional top-down, slow, and inefficient system of federal management. The DARP Fish Restoration Approach #6 can provide that opportunity.

As the red snapper population continues to recover in the Gulf of Mexico, red snapper quotas should continue to increase and red snapper should continue to be relatively easy to catch. Because of this, commercial quota will likely be fully utilized (as it has been in the past), and access to quota will continue to be limited despite the biological gains in the fishery. Effort shift will likely maintain or increase red snapper discards in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, primarily with vessels who cannot readily access the allocation to accommodate their recent increased catch levels. The high cost of quota will likely continue to be a burden to these fishermen to the point where discarding red snapper remains the only viable option.

As a consequence, discarding red snapper represents forgone revenue and detriment to resource rebuilding which stands to undermine management and fishermen's businesses harming jobs and fishing community infrastructure. The red snapper individual fishing quota catch share, like many other catch shares, has demonstrated successes; however, as other fishing communities in New England and California have shown, the value catch share programs can be improved to with innovative and creative opportunities to address issues such as the one Fish Restoration Approach #6 proposes to address.

Mandates to forcibly reallocate quota undermine the intent and success of catch share programs as do other top-down approaches that harm some

businesses with the intent of helping others. Instead, industry-generated solutions that thrive in the market-based system of an IFQ are most likely to spawn success. This is where community quota banks can assume the responsibility of reducing red snapper discards in the grouper fishery in a way that maintains profitability of fishing businesses, increases public access to red snapper, strengthens the seafood supply chain, reinforces shoreside infrastructure and working waterfronts, and engage fishermen to become problem solvers.

In early 2015, the Shareholders' Alliance has launched the first and only community quota bank in the Gulf of Mexico - the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Quota Bank (Quota Bank). The Quota Bank operates as a community-based cooperative, securing access to red snapper quota for a group of qualifying fishermen from the Eastern Gulf of Mexico. Qualifying fishermen agree to eliminate red snapper discards by retaining, landing, and accounting for all legal-sized red snapper caught. In exchange for access to red snapper quota, these qualifying fishermen agree to operate their fishing business under a strict set of best business practices intended to minimize their impact on red snapper by actively avoiding red snapper where possible and acting in ways to improve the survival of the juvenile red snapper that must legally be released. This unique-to-the-Gulf program sought a high caliber of fisherman who is dedicated to the elimination of wasteful discarding, an increase in individual accountability, and the promotion of best business practices that foster conservation and sustainability. The Quota Bank was built in a way that harnesses industry leadership and builds capacity with fishermen.

In Year 1, Red snapper quota was acquired by the Quota Bank through individual donations and leases. This quota was then leased out to participating fishermen to cover red snapper discards in the red grouper fishery in exchange for leveraging increased conservation, economic, and community benefits. However, a long-term capital investment would stabilize and grow the Quota Bank to the point where it was self-sufficient and could affect positive change in perpetuity. With the stability of the Quota Bank comes additional capacity to engage additional fishing communities throughout the Eastern (and Western, if appropriate) Gulf to build and export a model for fishermen everywhere to use to address fisheries bycatch and other problems from the ground-up. Profits from an initial capital investment can be reinvested in fishing infrastructure, supply chain businesses, fisheries science, new gears and technologies, seafood traceability and value-added programs, and other fishing community needs that were weakened and undermined by the Deepwater Horizon event. This proposal would promote conservation, jobs, and seafood consumers' access to this public resource.

There are risks and benefits of subsidizing allocation versus increasing access to allocation at fair market value. Impacts of allocation pricing on fishing behavior and catch composition would need to be analyzed on an individual and community level in order to ensure that discarding of red snapper was being reduced, rather than the targeting of red snapper being increased. Furthermore, a market analysis should be conducted to evaluate the impacts of inputting subsidized allocation into the IFQ marketplace. The beauty of the Quota Bank and the model it represents is that this issue can be addressed in a way that meets the needs of the community participants - it's not a one-size-fits-all solution. Therefore, any DARP funding shouldn't be restricted to only providing allocation subsidies; rather a process should be established for evaluating the impacts of various pricing options.

In addition, the driver behind red snapper discards in the eastern Gulf of Mexico grouper fishery may not be solely the affordability of red snapper allocation. There are other factors to take into account as well, including fishing vessel capacity (i.e. hold size), fishermen's awareness of allocation availability, fishermen's perceptions of entitlement, and fishermen's perceptions of accountability. Therefore, any DARP funding shouldn't be distributed solely on the assumption of overly prescriptive economic drivers.

Finally, this proposal advises that any program be developed in consultation with fishery managers. We fully support a transparent and public process, and would further suggest that commercial fishermen themselves be required to be part of this collaborative process.

In conclusion, (DARP) Fish Restoration Approach #6 is one, if not the only DARP approach that would generate positive social and economic benefits for the commercial red snapper fleet in the Gulf of Mexico, and can do so in a way that also generates positive conservation benefits for this iconic species. Quota banks have been successful throughout the United States in allowing fishermen to create a model whereby they work collaboratively to address fishery problems. The Shareholders' Alliance launched the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Quota Bank in 2015 to demonstrate that this program adds value to the Gulf of Mexico. We have the infrastructure in place and the staff capacity to build and expand this program, as well as the commitment to conservation to ensure long term viability of program impacts. Through this DARP process, we strongly recommend that support and funding be allocated to this approach in order to build lasting, durable, and self-sustaining commercial fishery solutions in the Gulf of Mexico.

For more information about the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Quota Bank, please visit this link:
<http://www.shareholdersalliance.org/quota-bank.php>

For more information about how Quota Banks have worked throughout the United States, please visit this link:
http://capecodfishermen.org/images/documents/Campaign_Materials/CCFT_Brochure_Web.pdf

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: Dear Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Trustees:

Southern Mutual Help Association has worked as a Community Development Corporation in Louisiana's coastal communities for decades. As an institution, we witnessed the damage and distress that the BP Oil Spill and the consequent clean up process brought to the lives of those living and working on the coast. Therefore, we appreciate the significance of the Justice Department's consent decree for coastal communities. We are excited about the prospect of these monies restoring the coast and serving the coastal communities most severely impacted by the oil spill.

However, we are concerned that those living on the coasts are themselves left out of the Plan for Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Injury Restoration, the draft of which was released in October of this year. We at Southern Mutual Help Association would like to urge the Trustees to include the people of the coast in their assessment of damages to natural resources as they finalize their plan for the \$8.2 billion restoration efforts. The plan for restoration includes funds for restoring natural resources for recreational purposes, however, does not mention the importance of the coast's ecology for fishing, trapping, and other traditional ways of life.

Those communities whose livelihoods have been and remain intertwined with the Gulf ecosystem not only deserve to be consulted and employed by these restoration efforts. These people have the deepest knowledge of the landscapes and the ecologies in which they live and work, some of whose families have lived in these geographies for longer than our great country has existed.

We make several specific recommended changes and amendments to the plan. First, we call on the Trustees to specify that fishers will be trained and employed in monitoring and adaptive management of the restoration efforts. We see this as part of a crucial move to make fishers "Sentinels of the Gulf." We also urge the Trustees to have coastal restoration work strategically prioritize protecting coastal communities. While the plan outlines goals for wetland habitat restoration, we urge that goal combine with goals for protecting human communities as well. Finally, we echo calls from other regional non-profits in asking that the Trustees reevaluate the administrative structure and funding put forward in this plan. With five separate administrative councils, each with extensive administrative costs for over fifteen years, we fear the proposed funding \$289,500,000 will serve insufficient. We hope to see that number increased, rather than funds for restoration used to cover unexpected administrative costs.

Fishing communities have served as stewards of the coastline for centuries, with deep knowledge of how the marshes, ecologies, and marine populations have changed in recent memory. Much of this knowledge spans generations. These are the same communities that were deeply impacted by the oil spill. During the clean up process, fishing communities believed that BP's Vehicles of Opportunity program for fishing vessels would mitigate some of the negative impact the oil spill had on their income streams. Unfortunately, many small fishing boats whose livelihoods depend on the water were trained and asked to wait in reserve while highly capitalized operators with several boats were given commissions to conduct the clean up. We want the restoration efforts and monies to serve the communities better than the false promises of the clean up efforts.

The Trustees have the opportunity to improve the efficiency and efficacy of the restoration efforts while supporting those communities most severely hurt from this spill. They Trustees should include language in their plan that develops a training program to use current fishers as "Sentinels of the Gulf," conducting some of the monitoring work outlined in the plan.

The states and federal governments involved in this Trusteeship should understand the economic and cultural value of a working coastline, with many communities relying on income earned on the water. While harvests have decreased due to the spill, prices for seafood has decreased due to imports, these communities are seeking ways to maintain their water-based livelihoods. Allow these communities to participate in and benefit from coastal restoration work. They are perfectly positioned to conduct this monitoring.

To our second request, we request that the Trustees include language about wetland restoration with a metric that takes into account the benefit of a wetland project for nearby human populations. Coastal communities can be and should be better served by these restoration goals. For example, in this plan sediment diversions should focus on rebuilding land not only for wetland species' habitat, but also for the protection they can serve to local human populations. Rebuilding land should strategically prioritize protecting people while it rebuilds habitat for other species impacted by the spill.

In particular, we request the Trustees include language that prioritizes wetland rebuilding and habitat conservation around sacred indigenous grounds. At present, many mounds and ridges that are designated sacred sites for both federally recognized and non-recognized tribes in coastal Louisiana are washing into the Gulf. Coastal native communities have requested that these sacred grounds be prioritized for restoration and land-building efforts. We support their bid for maintaining sacred sites in conjunction with wetland restoration, and request the Trustees to include language to this effect in their plan.

Finally, we share the Ocean Conservancy and other organization's concern that the amount of funds provided for state run and federal trustee council's across the region is insufficient. We are concerned that the \$289,500,000 designated for administrative costs can not cover full staffing capacities at all of these councils for fifteen years. Such an oversight could lead to a reduction in monies usable for actual restoration work in the future, redirecting some of those funds towards administrative costs. We hope the Trustees seriously reconsider either the administrative structure they have outlined in this plan, or negotiate more money for administrative costs within this consent decree.

Southern Mutual Help Association commends the Trustees in their efforts to publicize the Plan for Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Injury Restoration, and for their efforts in soliciting public comment. Only with public input and participation can the monumental undertaking of restoring the Gulf landscape and ecosystem succeed in ecological, economic and cultural security. We hope and trust they will examine the public comments closely and take seriously the recommendations that the public puts forward. We thank the Trustees for taking our comment.

Sincerely,

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The First Peoples' Conservation Council (FPCC) of Louisiana is an Association that was formed in 2012 to provide a forum for State Recognized Native American Tribes and their respective Tribal Communities located in Coastal Louisiana to identify and solve natural resource issues on their Tribal lands. In early 2015, FPCC membership expanded to include a Tribe located further in-land, the Avoyelles-Taensa Tribe. The FPCC gives a voice to Louisiana's First Peoples on conservation issues that are important to the Tribes at the State and National levels. FPCC members work together in support of projects which support natural resources and the Tribes themselves, including various projects related to improving access to food and developing value added strategies.

The FPCC would like to raise the following concerns regarding the draft:

1. The discussion of Injury in the Draft Plan acknowledges the impacts to communities and individuals from lost recreational use, but it does not acknowledge the impacts to coastal communities in terms of their connection to their cultural and spiritual connection to the land. It also does not acknowledge the detrimental impacts which the oil spill has had on sacred sites (for all Coastal Tribes).
2. The discussion of Injury in the Draft Plan does not acknowledge the impacts to the livelihoods of coastal communities, beyond impacts to recreational use.
3. We recommend the addition of a further restoration goal to both address the need to ensure that restoration efforts involve local coastal communities (both in terms of their input and as a workforce) and do not add further injury to cultural and sacred sites.
4. We recommend the expansion of the monitoring component to include the creation of a Regional Citizen's Advisory Council.

Regards,

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees,

Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: The Marine Mammal Commission, in consultation with its Committee of Scientific Advisors on Marine Mammals, has reviewed the Trustees' Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS) for the Gulf of Mexico and has prepared extensive comments and recommendations.

The Commission commends the Trustees for the comprehensive assessment of impacts in the PDARP/PDEIS, especially considering the shortage of available information on pre-spill abundance, distribution, and vital rates for many of the Gulf's natural resources, including marine mammals. Determination of the extent of exposure and injury to marine mammals required an exhaustive analysis of information obtained from pre- and post-spill population surveys, behavioral observations, strandings, health assessments, toxicity testing, environmental and oceanographic studies, and the scientific literature. The number of marine mammals estimated to have been killed or injured due to exposure to oil and oil response activities is staggering and represents a significant challenge to the recovery of several marine mammal stocks.

The Commission has focused its comments and recommendations on the restoration and monitoring aspects of the PDARP/PEIS. The settlement agreement with BP directs the allocation of specific funding amounts among state, region-wide, and open ocean resources, and it is incumbent on the Trustees to ensure that marine mammal restoration and monitoring activities are designed and implemented to maximize recovery and minimize additional stress on impacted stocks.

The Commission's full comments and recommendations are in the form of two attachments (a letter and a report) being sent separately via email to gulfspill.comments@noaa.gov. They are also posted on the Commission's website at www.mmc.gov. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: This sounds like a plan that has forethought. I just hope all of the plan is carried through, and that 8.8 million dollars is enough to ensure the well-being of the animals, and the ecosystem is restored. The creatures and their habitat are priceless. Any loss is too much a loss!

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Re: Ocean Conservancy's submission of Charting the Gulf: Analyzing the Gaps in Long-Term Monitoring of the Gulf of Mexico for consideration in finalizing the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Dohner:

Ocean Conservancy submits Charting the Gulf: Analyzing the Gaps in Long-Term Monitoring of the Gulf of Mexico as an addendum to its public comments on the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS) to restore natural resources, ecological services and recreational use services injured or lost as a result of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster.

Charting the Gulf is the culmination of an assessment of monitoring needs and gaps in monitoring coverage for natural resources injured by the BP oil disaster. The findings are based on an extensive inventory of current and past ecosystem monitoring efforts combined with a comprehensive literature review and expert consultation on priorities for tracking the status of species, habitats and communities of concern. The report highlights aspects of a dynamic Gulf of Mexico that should also be priorities for monitoring because changes in key conditions can help explain why resources are not recovering or responding to restoration activities at a resource or cross-resource level.

We hope the report's findings, as well as the inventory of monitoring efforts documented throughout the Gulf, are useful to the Trustees as a framework for identifying data collection priorities needed to track resource status and trends in support of adaptive management and future restoration decisions.

The report is attached to this cover note, and the full inventory of programs can be downloaded here: <http://www.oceanconservancy.org/places/gulf-of-mexico/gap-analysis.html>.

If you believe it would be helpful to meet with you or your colleagues to discuss the report and its potential applicability in greater detail, we would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Bethany Carl Kraft
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Love, M., Baldera, A., Robbins, C., Spies, R. B., & Allen, J. R. (2015). Executive Summary, Charting the Gulf: Analyzing the gaps in long-term monitoring of the Gulf of Mexico. New Orleans, LA: Ocean Conservancy.
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Re: U.S. v. BP Exploration and Production et al, Civil No. 10-4536 (E.D. La.) (centralized in MDL 2179: In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, April 20, 2012), D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-10026.

Dear Sirs:

The City of Galveston is pleased to provide the following comments regarding the proposed Consent Decree resolving claims for federal civil penalties and natural resource damages related to the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

The City feels strongly that the allocation, awards, and expenditures of these funds should be limited to the open water of the Gulf of Mexico, the shorelines, and within the limits of the "Coastal Zone." These are the areas damaged by this tragic event and all efforts should be concentrated in those specific areas. Special consideration should also be given to our barrier island systems across the Gulf Coast as they are the front line of defense for extreme weather events and are the most susceptible to the detrimental effects of open ocean spills.

Outdoor recreation is a vital component of coastal community economics, as well, and this is the case in Texas as well as the other four Gulf states affected by the spill. The City would request that recreation allocations to the State of Texas be reconsidered, as well as hydrologic restoration funds.

The City appreciates the considerable efforts to reach a settlement in this unprecedented circumstance. However, communications and requests for public input are limited and most often so late in a particular process that it is difficult to assume the public's input has any influence on the decision-making. We

are hopeful that opportunities for public input will increase in the months and years ahead.
We appreciate the opportunity to comment and participate in this process, and hope you will give careful consideration to our remarks.

Respectfully,

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Re: Public Comments on the Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP) and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)

Dear Sirs,

I am submitting these comments on behalf of the Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation (Gulf Partnership), a coalition of 34 land conservation organizations operating in the Gulf region. Our mission is to work together across the Gulf of Mexico coastal region and within watersheds bordering the Gulf of Mexico to increase the pace, quality, and permanence of voluntary land and water conservation. The organizations that make up the Gulf Partnership have been working in the Gulf region for decades and have significant expertise in land conservation. We continue to offer our help and expertise to the Trustee Council as it determines the most appropriate ways to compensate the region for natural resource injuries from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

The Gulf Partnership applauds the Trustees for proposing a comprehensive, integrated ecosystem restoration plan in the Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP) and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). Further, we are in agreement with the five goals chosen by the Trustees:

- Restore and conserve habitat
- Restore water quality
- Replenish and protect living coastal and marine resources
- Provide and enhance recreational opportunities
- Provide for monitoring, adaptive management, and administrative oversight to support restoration implementation

We also support the components of the preferred restoration portfolio as outlined in the Preferred Alternative A - Integrated Ecosystem Approach (page 5-96).

In Appendix D, the Trustees describe 39 individual strategies to accomplish the five overarching goals, including: permanent land protection through acquisitions and easements on public and private lands, habitat restoration in conservation areas, and through agricultural conservation practices, forestry practices, and stream and riverbank conservation, establishing or expanding marine protected areas, conservation of nesting beach habitat for sea turtles, restoration and conservation of bird nesting and foraging habitat.

We agree with the OPA Appropriateness Evaluation determination (page 5-239) where you state the recommendation to "Protect and conservation, marine, estuarine, and riparian habitats," is appropriate. In the evaluation, you say, "...implemented properly, it can help return injured natural resources and services to baseline by minimizing or eliminating the potential for future loss or degradation of protected areas and/or enhancing the ecosystem services provided by protected areas over time relative to the future of those protected areas in the absence of the conservation action. It also can help compensate for interim service losses to 1) coastal and riparian buffer uplands; 2) coastal wetland, oyster, SAV, or beach/barrier island habitats; and 3) nearshore and

offshore living coastal and marine resources such as fish and shellfish, birds, sea turtles, and marine mammals that were adversely affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. This restoration approach may also compensate for interim service losses by increasing future ecosystem service provisioning from protected areas as compared to levels that would be achieved without conservation actions. The techniques described above have been widely used to restore habitats and species across the Gulf of Mexico, including in many other NRDA cases and in Early Restoration for the Deepwater Horizon spill. Previous work demonstrates that this approach is highly likely to succeed in long-term restoration applications relating to the spill. Collateral injury to other natural resources is expected to be minimal or avoided entirely by the application of this approach. The nature and severity of those impacts would depend greatly on the management goals for the land and the location of the project, and any such impacts would likely be outweighed by the long-term benefits derived from the management actions".

Throughout the process of assessing the damage from the Deepwater Horizon Disaster and developing plans and recommendations, the Gulf Partnership members have urged the Trustee Council and other restoration decision-makers to recommend investing in landscape scale land protection focused upon critical watersheds and natural habitats. Our partner organizations have demonstrated that permanent protection of watersheds, natural habitats, ecosystems, rivers and estuaries can be accomplished by strategic investments in land protection, followed by restoration and sustained management where needed. Over 80 percent of the lands in the Gulf region are in private ownership. We are pleased to see that permanent land protection will be a priority in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill restoration effort, and we stand ready to assist you in a strategic approach to land conservation as part of your integrated restoration effort.

Our organizations have a unique set of skills that can be used to increase the pace, quality and permanence of the Trustees' restoration efforts, including:

- A shared vision among our 34 partners for land conservation across the Gulf Coast region expressed geospatially (A Land Conservation Vision for the Gulf of Mexico Region, 2014) <http://gulfpartnership.org/index.php/site/issue/strategic-conservation>

- Strong, long standing relationships with private property owners in the Gulf Coast region, including those with working lands
- Expertise in land acquisition, including federal and state procedures
- Ability to acquire land within a short time-frame
- Experience in developing, negotiating, and managing conservation easements
- Landscape level planning and implementation capabilities
- Knowledge of local communities and their conservation and community priorities

We offer our help and support as a partnership and as individual land conservation organizations to you as the Trustee Council and Trustee Implementation Groups develop project-specific restoration plans for each of the 13 restoration types. We urge you to provide additional opportunities for public review and comments as you develop the Standard Operating Procedures and Implementation Plans, and to regularly communicate the outcomes of restoration activities to the public throughout this long-term effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the PDARP. The Gulf Partnership and our individual partner organizations look forward to collaborating with the Trustees and their federal, state and local partners to successfully implement these strategies.

Sincerely,

Bob Stokes
President, Galveston Bay Foundation
Chair, Gulf Partnership Executive Committee

Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation Member Organizations

Alabama

Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust
Alabama Forest Resources Center
Alabama Land Trust
Coastal Land Trust
Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuary
Pelican Coast Conservancy
Weeks Bay Foundation

Florida

Alachua Conservation Trust
Apalachee Land Conservancy
Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
Conservation Trust for Florida
Florida Wildlife Federation
Lemon Bay Conservancy
Wildlands Conservation Trust
Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy
Tampa Bay Conservancy

Louisiana

Land Trust for Louisiana
Trust for Coastal Stewardship

Mississippi

Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain
Mississippi Land Trust
Mississippi River Trust
Wolf River Conservation Society

Texas

Artist Boat
Bayou Land Conservancy
Colorado River Land Trust
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COMMENTS BY THE PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES AND THE TOWN OF GRAND ISLE TO THE PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE AMONG DEFENDANTS BP EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION INC. ("BPXP"), THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE STATES OF ALABAMA, FLORIDA, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI AND TEXAS

NOW COMES Plaquemines Parish Government ("Plaquemines Parish") and the Town of Grand Isle ("Grand Isle"), in accordance with the Court's Order dated October 5th, 2015, hereby submit the following comments ("Comments") to the proposed Consent Decree Among Defendant BP Exploration & Production Inc. ("BPXP"), the United States of America, And the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas ("Gulf States").

Plaquemines Parish and Grand Isle previously appeared at the public hearing held in New Orleans on October 22, 2015 and submitted comments regarding the Consent Decree and the PDARP-PEIS into the record of this matter. The following Comments supplement the previous comments raised by Plaquemines Parish and Grand Isle at the October 22, 2015 public hearing.

The purpose of these Comments is to request that the Consent Decree be amended to include certain clarifying language which more acutely reflects the intent of the parties to the Consent Decree as well as the permissible legal scope of the covenants contained therein.

Proposed Amendments to Certain Definitions and Provisions of the Consent Decree

Plaquemines Parish and Grand Isle propose the following revisions to the Consent Decree:

1. Definition of "Gulf State" or "Gulf States"

The Consent Decree's current definition of "Gulf State" or "Gulf States" presently reads as follows:

y. "Gulf State" or "Gulf States" means one or more of the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

Plaquemines Parish and Grand Isle request that this definition be amended to clarify the fact, as expressed in other sections of the Consent Decree, that "Gulf State" or "Gulf States" do not include Local Government Entities. The suggested revised definition would be as follows:

y. "Gulf State" or "Gulf States" means one or more of the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. This definition expressly excludes Local Government Entities (as defined in paragraph 74 below).

2. Definition of "Natural Resource" and "Natural Resources"

The Consent Decree's current definition of "Natural Resource" and "Natural Resources" Presently reads as follows:

dd. "Natural Resource" and "Natural Resources" means land, fish, wildlife, biota, air, water, ground water, drinking water supplies, sediment, habitat, supporting ecosystem, and/or any other such resources at any time belonging to, managed by, held in trust by, appertaining to, regulated by, assessed as part of the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damages assessment, or otherwise controlled by the United States (including resources of the exclusive economic zone; "system unit resources" as defined by 54 U.S.C. Â§ 100721(3); "park system resources" as defined by 16 U.S.C. Â§ 19jj(d); and marine "sanctuary resources" as defined by 16 U.S.C. Â§ 1432(8)), any Gulf State, and/or any Trustee.

Plaquemines Parish and Grand Isle request that this definition be amended to: (1) remove the words "at any time" in order to clarify that "Natural Resource" and "Natural Resources" subject to the Consent Decree do not include properties which may have once belonged to the United States or a Gulf State but where title was transferred prior to the effective date of the Consent Decree; and (2) to move the clause "assessed as part of the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damages assessment" to the end of the paragraph to clarify that "Natural Resource" and "Natural Resources" consist of those resources actually assessed as part of the Natural Resource Damages assessment. The suggested revised definition would be as follows:

dd. "Natural Resource" and "Natural Resources" means land, fish, wildlife, biota, air, water, ground water, drinking water supplies, sediment, habitat, supporting ecosystem, and/or any other such resources belonging to, managed by, held in trust by, appertaining to, regulated by, or otherwise controlled by the United States (including resources of the exclusive economic zone; "system unit resources" as defined by 54 U.S.C. Â§ 100721(3); "park system resources" as defined by 16 U.S.C. Â§ 19jj(d); and marine "sanctuary resources" as defined by 16 U.S.C. Â§ 1432(8)), any Gulf State, and/or any Trustee assessed as part of the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damages assessment.

3. Savings Provision

Paragraph 67 of the Consent Decree currently reads as follows:

67. Savings Provision. Except as provided in Paragraph 66, other than the Project Stipulations entered into pursuant to the Framework Agreement, these covenants not to sue do not affect rights under any written agreement or settlement, existing as of July 2, 2015 to which any instrumentality of the United States and any of the BP Entities are both a party.

Plaquemines Parish and Grand Isle request that this definition be amended to clarify that Local Government Entities are expressly excluded from the Consent Decree by adding the following sentence:

Further, these covenants not to sue do not affect the rights of any Local Government Entity (as defined in paragraph 74 below).

The suggested revised paragraph 67 would read as follows:

67. Savings Provision. Except as provided in Paragraph 66, other than the Project Stipulations entered into pursuant to the Framework Agreement, these covenants not to sue do not affect rights under any written agreement or settlement, existing as of July 2, 2015 to which any instrumentality of the United States and any of the BP Entities are both a party. Further, these covenants not to sue do not affect the rights of any Local Government Entity (as defined in paragraph 74 below).

4. Instrumentalities

Paragraph 74 of the Consent Decree currently reads as follows:

74. Instrumentalities. All references to the Gulf States in this Section XIII and Paragraph 5 shall include each and every of the five Gulf States and, respectively, all State Trustees, all branches, agencies, associations, authorities, boards, bureaus, councils, departments, educational institutions or systems, components, public benefits corporations, or other instrumentalities of any kind, administrators, elected or unelected officials, officers or delegates (other than in their individual capacities), attorneys, or other agents of any kind of each of the Gulf States, provided however that a reference to a Gulf State shall not include counties, parishes, municipalities, or any other local governmental or local political subdivisions authorized by law to perform local governmental functions.

Plaquemines Parish and Grand Isle request paragraph 74 be amended to specify the definition of Local Government Entities and to clarify that Local Government Entities are expressly excluded from the Consent Decree by adding the following text:

(collectively "Local Government Entities"). Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any rights or claims of Local Government Entities provided for under the OPA, general maritime law, or other applicable statute or law.

Plaquemines Parish and Grand Isle also request paragraph 74 be amended to omit the term in "this Section XIII and Paragraph 5" to clarify that the definition of Gulf States has one meaning throughout the entirety of the Consent Decree.

The suggested revised paragraph 74 would read as follows:

74. Instrumentalities. All references to the Gulf States shall include each and every of the five Gulf States and, respectively, all State Trustees, all branches, agencies, associations, authorities, boards, bureaus, councils, departments, educational institutions or systems, components, public benefits corporations, or other instrumentalities of any kind, administrators, elected or unelected officials, officers or delegates (other than in their individual capacities), attorneys, or other agents of any kind of each of the Gulf States, provided however that all references to a Gulf State shall not include counties, parishes, municipalities, or any other local governmental or local political subdivisions authorized by law to perform local governmental functions (collectively "Local Government Entities"). Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any rights or claims of Local Government Entities provided for under the OPA, general maritime law, or other applicable statute or law.

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Correspondence: 1) In the executive summary and throughout the document they state that this PEIS sets the programmatic plan to restore the resources effected by the Oil Spill and identifying future projects to be carried out by the trustees. It is said in different ways in different places on what this PEIS is and that is confusing in one part.

It is also confusing as there are other plans out there for Gulf Restoration being informed and carried out that also relate to the oil spill that are not mentioned in the sections and this is confusing to the educated reader who knows the other plans are out there. This is also confusing from a reasonable foreseeable future and cumulative impacts stand point. Recommend the document be updated to show the relationship of these plans to this PEIS and what is specifically being documented to be implemented in this plan and what those other plans will do.

2) As it relates to this PEIS, what additional NEPA documentation will be done for the project specific plans that are being highlighted/recommended? Will there be supplemental EIS's, project specific tiered EIS's or something else?

3) As with all Programmatic EIS's, the Plan did not address project specifics, but the overview of the process and how a path to established alternative considerations, etc., was adequate for the level of review for a Programmatic document.

4) With numerous entities participating in coastal restoration over the next 15 years, coordination between these entities is essential to enable Gulf coast recovery. The Plan states that "Throughout the restoration process, the Trustee Council will maintain coordination with the RESTORE Council and other appropriate restoration programs and/or partners in the Gulf of Mexico in order to identify synergies across programs and ensure efficiencies are realized where applicable." However, no other mention is made in the Plan about how this coordination would be implemented/maintained.

5) In the cumulative impacts section (Section 6.6.4.1) the Plan seems to limit the impact of reasonably foreseeable future actions for the RESTORE Council to only the \$183M in projects included in the initial FPL for bucket #2 funds, and not the \$4.4B included in the proposed settlement that will be available under the RESTORE Act for costal restoration. In addition, the plan only mentions \$395M of the \$2.5B that NFWF has available for coastal restoration.

6) Section "6.6.4.6 Dredged Material Disposal" does not appear to address dredge material disposal activities within in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District's area of responsibility.

7) The ODMDs referenced in the document only address the Mobile District's ODMDs. The Mobile District does not have an ODMD related to the GIWW. There are ODMDs for Gulfport, Pascagoula, Mobile, and Pensacola Harbors. The ODMDs used by the New Orleans District when dredging the Mississippi River, Southwest Pass, which is located in close vicinity of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, do not appear to be addressed. In addition, Table 6.B-7 it is noted that the segment under Louisiana that describes the New Orleans District's maintenance dredging program is not accurate. A better description of New Orleans District dredge activities would be:

"Current figures vary for how much of the average annual 75 million cubic yards that is dredged by the New Orleans District is available for the beneficial use of dredged materials program. An annual average of about 17 million cubic yards is used beneficially (about 21 percent of the annual average total). The remaining 79 percent is disposed in upland confined disposal facilities, in open water adjacent to the dredging reach, in ODMDs, and in a temporary staging area located within the Mississippi River banks at Head of Passes (e.g., the Head of Passes hopper dredge disposal area). However, not all dredged material is available or suitable for beneficial uses in coastal Louisiana. About 19 million cubic yards of annually removed dredged materials are located far enough away from the nearest potential beneficial use site that the cost to transport these sediments to these sites is economically infeasible. About 17 million cubic yards of annually removed dredged materials consists of "fluff" material that is not suitable for creating coastal habitat. Removal of these two categories of dredged materials from the average annual total available for beneficial use in coastal Louisiana results in a recalculation that about 39 percent of the dredged materials annually removed by the New Orleans District is used beneficially."

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SUBJECT:Comments on Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees,

Shell Energy Resources Company, on behalf of itself and its affiliates that support and conduct offshore and onshore exploration and production in and near the Gulf of Mexico (collectively referred to as Shell), is pleased to provide this response to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS). In addition to the comments in this letter, we support the comments submitted by the American Petroleum Institute (API).

Shell is one of the largest leaseholders and producers of oil and natural gas in the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), including the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf). The OCS, particularly the Gulf, is a significant domestic source of oil and natural gas and a key component to securing the United States energy security. There are approximately 4,000 offshore oil platforms and over 25,000 miles of active oil and gas pipelines on the sea floor of the Gulf. Shell has been an invested stakeholder and partner working to understand and minimize the effects of our offshore oil and gas operations on the marine environment in which we operate.

Shell recognizes the significant work of the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resources Damage Assessment Trustees (Trustees) in providing a comprehensive report and appreciates this opportunity to comment on the draft PDARP/PEIS. As a Gulf operator and active community stakeholder, we also recognize the importance of understanding the impact of the Deepwater Horizon spill and collaborating with the Trustees and the scientific community on an integrated approach to restoration. Shell and the broader oil and gas and ocean technology industries are making many positive contributions to the general scientific knowledge of the offshore marine environment, including efforts that can help inform elements of the restoration priorities and integrated approaches identified in the PDARP/EIS. We urge the Trustees to seek such contributions and consider the opportunity to collaborate in the implementation of restoration activities moving forward.

Given the length and technical complexity of the report and supporting information, we are still in the process of reviewing the details of the assessment, the conclusions derived from them, and the proposed processes for turning the conclusions into concrete restoration plans. Our review has raised some questions regarding the technical and scientific aspects of the assessment. We feel the conclusions derived from this report may have possible implications for future policy, regulations, contingency planning, and governance activities moving forward. We understand and appreciate the need to establish an effective and workable path forward, and therefore request that the Trustees consider extending the public comment period for at least 90 days, to allow us to provide detailed comments that we believe will contribute not only to improving the scientific and technical basis for the PDARP/PEIS, but also make the process for turning the conclusions into concrete restoration plans more inclusive of stakeholders like Shell. Regardless of whether the comment period is extended, we also request the opportunity for discussion in greater detail to enable us to gain full understanding in order to provide constructive contributions to the process going forward, and for industry stakeholders to be included in the restoration planning process.

Shell supports the protection of the marine environment and understands the oil and gas industry's responsibility to protect the marine environment and restore functioning ecosystems following a spill event. We also have a strong interest in environmental monitoring and informed decision-making supported by best available science; not only to better understand the environment in which we work, but also to mitigate potential risks to people and the environment. Shell actively participates in a number of public-private partnerships and scientific collaborations to assist the Gulf community to further understanding of the Gulf marine environment and ecosystem and to manage Gulf resources. There are also similar monitoring and scientific efforts, such as research programs focused on ocean noise and deep sea biodiversity, among others, across the broader oil and gas and ocean technology industries that can help to inform Trustees future actions and governance. Both Shell and industry efforts can help inform the Trustees efforts moving forward and we encourage the Trustees to incorporate a dialogue to learn and share information with industry and other stakeholders.

Shell appreciates this opportunity to review and provide input on the draft PDARP/EIS. We again encourage the Trustees to consider a collaborative and in-depth discussion to further understand the recommendations and the scientific and technical information in further detail with our company and the broader industry. Please contact me at 504.425.4252 if we can provide any additional or clarifying information as you move forward with this process.

Yours truly,

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The Marine Mammal Commission, in consultation with its Committee of Scientific Advisors on Marine Mammals, has reviewed the Trustees' Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS) for the Gulf of Mexico and associated notice (80 Fed. Reg. 60126). The Draft PDARP/PEIS summarizes the assessment of impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on Gulf natural resources and on the services those resources provide, and describes the Trustees' programmatic alternatives to restore natural resources, ecological services, and recreational use services injured or lost as a result of the spill.

The Commission commends the Trustees for the comprehensive assessment of impacts in the PDARP/PDEIS, especially considering the shortage of available information on pre-spill abundance, distribution, and vital rates for many of the Gulf's natural resources, including marine mammals. Determination of the extent of exposure and injury to marine mammals required an exhaustive analysis of information obtained from pre- and post-spill population surveys, behavioral observations, strandings, health assessments, toxicity testing, environmental and oceanographic studies, and the scientific literature. The number of marine mammals estimated to have been killed or injured due to exposure to oil and oil response activities is staggering and represents a significant challenge to the recovery of several marine mammal stocks.

The Commission has focused its comments and recommendations on the restoration and monitoring aspects of the PDARP/PEIS. The settlement agreement with BP directs the allocation of specific funding amounts among state, region-wide, and open ocean resources, and it is incumbent on the Trustees to ensure that marine mammal restoration and monitoring activities are designed and implemented to maximize recovery and minimize additional stress on impacted stocks.

The Trustees' preferred alternative The guiding principle of the Trustees' restoration plan, as mandated by the Oil Pollution Act, is to restore the range of habitats, resources, and services injured by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The Trustees have proposed to address this mandate by allocating restoration funds to meet the following high-level goals'

- Restore and conserve habitat;
- Restore water quality;
- Replenish and protect living coastal and marine resources;
- Provide and enhance recreational opportunities; and
- Provide for monitoring, adaptive management, and administrative oversight to support restoration implementation.

The Trustees have proposed to meet those goals through an "integrated restoration portfolio" that emphasizes the broad ecosystem benefits that can be realized through coastal habitat restoration in combination with resource-specific restoration in the northern Gulf of Mexico ecosystem (the Trustees' preferred alternative). Other alternatives considered and evaluated by the Trustees were a resource-specific restoration portfolio that emphasizes close, well-defined relationships between injured resources and the restoration types (Alternative B), the deferral of restoration plan development in favor of continued injury assessment (Alternative C), and the natural recovery/no action alternative (Alternative D).

The Commission supports the implementation of the Trustees' preferred alternative as it combines large-scale habitat restoration projects for areas determined to have been directly and indirectly impacted by the oil spill with species-specific restoration projects. The Trustees' preferred alternative also provides for Gulf-wide monitoring and adaptive management to track restoration performance and guide changes in projects when needed to enhance effectiveness. The large-scale nature of the oil spill and the extent of impacts across numerous habitats and species necessitate an integrated, region-wide approach which would not be addressed adequately by a resource-specific approach (Alternative B), a delay in implementing restoration (Alternative C), or reliance solely on natural recovery (Alternative D). Therefore, the Commission recommends that the Trustees implement their preferred alternative to maximize the potential for broad-scale environmental benefits while also addressing resource-specific restoration goals.

Marine mammal restoration activities

Under the preferred alternative, the Trustees have proposed a suite of activities to restore marine mammals impacted by the spill. They were designed to address three top level goals'

- Restoration of injured marine mammal stocks across the diverse habitats and geographic ranges they occupy;
- Mitigation of key stressors to support resilient marine mammal populations by collecting and using information from population and health assessments and information on spatiotemporal distribution; and
- Accounting for the ecological needs of the stocks, improving resilience to natural stressors, and addressing human-caused threats.

The Trustees' proposed approaches to achieve marine mammal restoration goals include'

- Reducing commercial fishery bycatch through collaborative partnerships.
- Reducing injury and mortality of bottlenose dolphins from hook and line fishing gear.
- Increasing marine mammal survival through better understanding of causes of illness and death and early detection and intervention of anthropogenic and natural threats.
- Measuring noise to improve knowledge and reduce impacts of anthropogenic noise on marine mammals.
- Reducing injury, harm, and mortality to bottlenose dolphins by reducing illegal feeding and harassment activities.
- Reducing marine mammal takes through enhanced state enforcement of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).
- Reducing injury and mortality of marine mammals from vessel collisions.
- Protecting and conserving marine, coastal, estuarine, and riparian habitats.

The proposed restoration approaches are focused on restoration of marine mammal stocks determined to have been directly or indirectly impacted by the spill, particularly bottlenose dolphins, with some activities (i.e., gaining a better understanding of the causes of illness and mortality) expected to also benefit marine mammal stocks beyond the oil spill direct-impact area. The Commission agrees that the proposed restoration activities meet the

requirements of the Oil Pollution Act by addressing some of the most significant anthropogenic threats that could impede recovery of oil spill-affected marine mammals in the Gulf. The Commission also recognizes that options are limited for other, more direct marine mammal restoration activities, such as rehabilitation or replacement of injured resources or acquisition of equivalent resources.

With the exception of measuring and characterizing sound sources and reducing anthropogenic sound in areas of overlap with high densities of marine mammals, the Trustees have limited activities directed toward restoration of Bryde's whales, sperm whales, and other oceanic stocks of impacted marine mammals. In this regard, one additional restoration approach that the Trustees should consider to enhance restoration efforts in oceanic waters is the designation of marine protected areas. Marine protected areas have the potential to benefit marine mammal populations (and other marine species) that were impacted by the oil spill and for which few other restoration options are available. Depending on the mechanism used, the designation could provide protection for recovering marine mammals by restricting oil and gas activities, restricting certain types of fishing activities or fishing gear, providing targeted education and outreach, and monitoring resources and activities.

Two areas that the Trustees should consider designating as marine protected areas are the DeSoto and Mississippi Canyons. These areas provide important habitat for Bryde's whales and sperm whales, respectively, as well as for other oceanic marine mammals and deep-sea coral communities. The northern Gulf of Mexico stock of Bryde's whales inhabits DeSoto Canyon and adjacent continental slope waters extending east and south of the Canyon, and Bryde's whales are the only regularly occurring baleen whale in the Gulf (Waring et al. 2013, Rosel and Wilcox 2014).

The northern Gulf of Mexico stock of sperm whales also represent a distinct stock in the Gulf. Sperm whales are found throughout offshore waters of the Gulf, but the Mississippi Canyon represents an important feeding area (Jochens et al. 2008). Both species of large whales were impacted by the oil spill, with estimates of 17 percent of the Bryde's whale population killed and 6 percent of the sperm whale population killed (DWH MMIQT 2015). Mississippi Canyon was subject to intense and prolonged oiling below and at the surface during the spill (Stout et al. 2015). DeSoto Canyon was less heavily contaminated but also experienced oiling at the surface and seafloor (Brooks et al. 2015). Other marine mammals found regularly or occasionally in these areas include Atlantic spotted dolphins, Blainville's beaked whales, Cuvier's beaked whales, Gervais' beaked whales, dwarf and pygmy sperm whales, oceanic and continental shelf stocks of bottlenose dolphins, pantropical spotted dolphins, Risso's dolphins, rough-toothed dolphins, short-finned pilot whales, spinner dolphins, and striped dolphins (Waring et al. 2013). Less is known about the distribution of other oceanic marine mammals within these areas, such as Clymene's dolphins, Fraser's dolphins, killer whales, false killer whales, melon-headed whales, and pygmy killer whales.

The designation of marine protected areas was noted by the Trustees as a mechanism for addressing key threats to mesophotic and deep benthic communities (Section 5.5.13.3). However, no information was provided in the PDARP/PEIS on what specific areas in the Gulf the Trustees might be considering for such designation. The Commission believes that areas that provide protection for multiple species, including marine mammals, should be priorities for designation. The Commission therefore recommends that the Trustees consider designating as marine protected areas those marine mammal habitats that were significantly impacted by the spill and for which few other restoration activities exist, such as DeSoto Canyon and Mississippi Canyon.

Potential impacts of habitat restoration projects on marine mammals

The primary focus of the draft PDARP/PEIS is the restoration of wetlands and coastal and nearshore habitats impacted by the oil spill. Under the Trustees' preferred alternative (Section 5.5), this would include the creation and enhancement of ecologically connected coastal habitats, the controlled diversion of Mississippi River waters into adjacent wetlands, and restoration across a range of coastal habitats in the spill-impacted area including beaches, dunes, islands, barrier headlands, oyster reefs, and submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). If executed properly, those projects should address the Trustees' restoration goals for many nearshore aquatic species impacted by the spill, including marine mammals such as bottlenose dolphins and manatees. However, as noted in the draft PDARP/PEIS, those projects also have the potential to result in unintended adverse impacts on inshore and nearshore marine mammals and their prey species.

Habitat restoration projects under the Trustees' preferred alternative would involve dredging, beach renourishment, restoration and construction of barrier and coastal islands, backfilling of canals, river and sediment diversions, and construction of living shorelines, groins, and breakwaters. Potential impacts on natural resources from these restoration activities were identified briefly in section 6.4 of the PDARP/PEIS, but the Commission would like to highlight the following specific concerns regarding potential impacts on marine mammals.

- Dredging of contaminated sediments can temporarily re-suspend pollutants into the water column where they may be ingested by marine mammal prey (Martins et al. 2012); resuspended nutrients can contribute to the development of, or exacerbate, harmful algal blooms (Van Dolah 2000).
- Beach renourishment can alter benthic communities and affect the prey of marine mammals (Peterson and Bishop 2005).
- Backfilling of canals can trap marine mammals and block access to their natural habitat, requiring rescue and relocation of the "stranded" animals.
- River diversions can increase freshwater input into marsh habitat, exposing dolphins to low salinity waters. Such exposure can compromise epidermal integrity (as evidenced by skin lesions), cause physiological stress, and contribute to secondary infections (Wilson et al. 1999; Holyoake et al. 2010; Mullin et al. 2015). Low-salinity conditions can also affect the distribution of dolphin prey (Barros and Odell 1990).

Disturbance from construction activities and associated vessel traffic can increase sound levels and disrupt foraging, habitat use, daily or migratory movements, and other behavior (Nowacek et al. 2001, 2004). Increased vessel traffic can also increase the risk of vessel strikes (FWS 2001, Wells et al. 2008, Bechdel et al. 2009).

If not carefully managed, habitat restoration activities could present a significant impediment to the recovery of inshore marine mammals impacted by the oil spill, including bottlenose dolphin stocks in Barataria Bay, the Mississippi River Delta, Mississippi Sound, and Mobile Bay. The Trustees estimated that 12 to 59 percent of the total population of those stocks was killed due to the oil spill, and that the timespan for recovery of those stocks could be from 31 to 52 years (Section 4.9). Although impacts to Florida manatees were not quantified by the Trustees and were likely not as severe, habitat restoration projects in certain areas also have the potential to impact manatees. To prevent additional impacts to all marine mammals, the Commission recommends that the Trustees conduct site-specific analyses under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of proposed habitat restoration projects and associated activities to ensure that there has been a thorough evaluation of potential project-specific and cumulative impacts on marine mammals, their habitat, and prey. The Commission further recommends that the Trustees work with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to ensure that habitat restoration projects are sufficiently adapted and monitored to minimize adverse short- and long-term impacts on marine mammals.

The importance of comprehensive monitoring

As noted in the draft PDARP/PEIS, monitoring is a critical component to evaluate restoration outcomes and determine the need for any corrective actions. A comprehensive and well designed monitoring program is critical to understanding the Gulf ecosystem, inform future decision-making, and gauge the effectiveness of restoration activities (see, for example, Goetz et al. 2004). A recent workshop convened by the National Academy of Sciences Gulf Research Program (2015) noted that "Environmental monitoring information can be used to increase basic understanding, identify emerging problems and long-term trends, inform restoration projects, prioritize use of resources, and provide information to guide policy and management. For rapidly changing regions like the Gulf of Mexico, monitoring efforts also can yield reference data that flag emerging environmental and health concerns."

Both site-specific and broad-scale monitoring should be part of the adaptive management system used by the Trustees and its restoration partners. In general, restoration monitoring plans should be interdisciplinary and inter-institutional, with monitoring goals and long-term stable funding identified at the outset. Plans should include monitoring of key physical, biological, and ecological parameters before, during, and after restoration activities. Biological and ecological monitoring should include regular, systematic, and long-term surveys of a broad range of representative marine species, including plants, invertebrates, fish, birds, sea turtles, and marine mammals. Such surveys should be conducted at sufficient levels of effort and frequency to allow detection of changes with a high level of confidence.

Enhanced monitoring of impacted marine mammal stocks, and the integration of newly collected information with existing databases and data sets, can help to focus marine mammal restoration activities and assess their effectiveness over the long term. It also can assist in identifying unintended and potentially adverse effects of habitat restoration activities on marine mammals. Rather than developing new, stand-alone data collection programs to track the restoration and recovery of impacted marine mammals and/or monitor the effects of habitat restoration projects, the Commission recommends that the Trustees use, support, and expand existing marine mammal monitoring programs in all areas of the Gulf as the basis for an integrated, long-term approach to monitoring the restoration of marine mammals.

There are several existing marine mammal monitoring programs that the Trustees should consider expanding as part of its project-specific and broad-scale restoration monitoring efforts.

- Capture-mark-recapture studies (e.g., photo-identification) from small vessels can provide information on abundance, distribution, movements, behavior, and vital rates for bottlenose dolphins and manatees. Repeated, long-term studies allow detection of population-level changes in response to environmental and human-caused perturbations. Such studies are typically conducted by non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and state resource agencies, as well as NMFS (for bottlenose dolphins), and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS; for manatees). Centralized large-scale, collaborative photo-identification catalogs have been established (e.g., the Gulf of Mexico Dolphin Identification System, or GoMDIS), providing a basis for tracking movements of individual animals beyond project study sites and detecting range shifts in response to environmental changes.
- Visual observations from aerial surveys are used to determine abundance and distribution of bottlenose and Atlantic spotted dolphins and manatees in nearshore and coastal waters. Aerial surveys for dolphins are conducted by NMFS and for manatees by FWRI, USGS, and other entities.
- Shipboard surveys are used to determine abundance and distribution of oceanic cetaceans. They are used also as a platform for satellite tagging to provide information on individual ranging patterns; more sophisticated satellite tags also can provide information on diving patterns and habitat use. Shipboard surveys and tagging of oceanic cetaceans are conducted primarily by NMFS due to cost and infrastructure requirements, but surveys have also been conducted independently by, or in collaboration with, academic institutions and nongovernmental organizations.
- Remote biopsy samples collected as part of nearshore and offshore vessel-based surveys can provide information on stock structure, contaminants, diet (stable isotopes), and reproductive status (sex, hormones, etc.).
- Acoustic recordings of vocalizing cetaceans can be used to complement visual observations on shipboard surveys using towed arrays. Fixed acoustic arrays (i.e., acoustic buoys) can provide continuous detections of vocalizing cetaceans in a limited spatial area to determine presence and distribution; they also can be used to determine densities of animals if other species-specific information exists (such as group size and call rates). Acoustic data are obtained from fixed arrays deployed by academic institutions located in the Gulf and elsewhere, and also by NMFS.
- Live-capture/release health assessments of dolphins and manatees are used to investigate unusual mortality events and the effects of environmental stressors. Health assessments to investigate sublethal effects of oil on dolphins and manatees have been conducted from the two oil-impacted sites in the Gulf (Barataria Bay and Mississippi Sound) and at a long-term reference site in Sarasota Bay. Similar manatee health assessments have been conducted in Florida waters. Health assessments are personnel- and resource-intensive and typically involve collaborators from a large number of federal and state agencies and private institutions in the Gulf and elsewhere.
- The NMFS Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program oversees a national volunteer network of trained responders and veterinarians who are authorized under the MMPA to respond to, rescue, and rehabilitate live-stranded marine mammals and investigate dead-stranded marine mammals. The information collected from stranded marine mammals is used to assess marine mammal health and health trends; correlate health and trend data with biological, physical, and chemical environmental parameters; and coordinate responses to unusual mortality events. Stranding network members are located in each of the five Gulf states and are typically associated with non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and state agencies. NMFS provides administration, coordination, and data management for the program.
- The Manatee Salvage and Necropsy Program at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) supports efforts to salvage and necropsy Florida manatees throughout their range, including animals that strand outside the state of Florida, and to identify and track trends in manatee mortality.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and FWRI respond to calls about injured and distressed manatees throughout the southeastern United States. As necessary, they engage in or coordinate capture and transport to three authorized zoo and aquarium hospitals in Florida for rehabilitation and eventual release back into the wild through the Manatee Rescue and Rehabilitation Partnership.

Coordination and resources

The Trustees face a considerable challenge in implementing restoration activities for marine mammals in the face of data gaps and dispersed science capacity in the Gulf. Prioritizing data needs and meeting those needs through expanded data collection and monitoring will require strong leadership by the Trustees, Trustee Implementation Groups, and Individual Trustee Agencies. It will also require long-term, consistently maintained collaborations with Gulf marine mammal stranding network members, academics, not-for-profit organizations, educators, commercial and recreational fishermen, the oil and gas industry, wildlife tour operators, state enforcement agencies, and the public. Leadership from the agencies and organizations with prior experience collecting, analyzing, maintaining, and using biological, environmental, and socioeconomic data is central to building the collaborations needed to understand the status of, and address threats to, marine mammals.

The Department of Commerce/NOAA and the Department of the Interior (DOI) are key partners for marine mammal restoration and monitoring in the Gulf. Under the MMPA, NOAA's NMFS has lead responsibility for research and management related to cetaceans and the Department of the Interior's

FWS and USGS have lead responsibility for management and research (respectively) related to manatees. As demonstrated by the thoroughness of the damage assessments conducted after the oil spill, these agencies have significant expertise in designing and implementing population surveys, collecting and analyzing biological samples, conducting health assessments, and analyzing large data sets. They also have demonstrated leadership in coordinating with other public and private researchers, establishing data collection standards, training field personnel, conducting outreach and education programs, and maintaining and archiving data for broad access by other researchers and the public. NMFS and FWS have responsibility under the MMPA for reviewing and issuing marine mammal scientific research permits, stranding agreements, and incidental take authorizations, and under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for conducting consultations with other federal agencies regarding actions that may affect endangered and threatened marine mammals and designated critical habitat (including habitat restoration projects proposed by the Trustees). NMFS and FWS also enforce the taking prohibitions of the MMPA and ESA in partnership with state natural resource agencies.

The Commission is concerned that without additional staff resources over the timeframe identified for restoration, these agencies will have limited ability to help guide and coordinate marine mammal restoration and monitoring activities in the Gulf. Without such guidance and coordination, other restoration partners in the Gulf may undertake monitoring activities that are not compatible with, and do not build on, existing data collection and management programs. This would ultimately limit the Trustees' ability to evaluate the performance and long-term success of restoration activities. Additional staff are needed also to prepare and review environmental compliance documents required under NEPA and to conduct consultations and issue take authorizations as needed under the ESA and MMPA. With additional staff, these agencies also could help leverage and coordinate the broader suite of restoration resources available in the Gulf. Therefore, the Commission recommends that NOAA and DOI, as Deepwater Horizon Trustees, dedicate additional long-term staff to help guide and coordinate marine mammal restoration, monitoring, and environmental compliance activities in the Gulf.

To assist the Trustees in its planning efforts, the Commission is enclosing the summary report from the Gulf of Mexico Marine Mammal Research and Monitoring Meeting convened by the Commission and several partners in April 2015. The objectives of the meeting were to identify high priority marine mammal information needs for the next 5-15 years and to discuss existing and emerging funding opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico. The report highlights what is known (and not known) regarding marine mammal abundance, distribution, stock structure, habitat use, and causes of mortality and morbidity. It also provides information that may be useful in mitigating human impacts on marine mammals in the Gulf associated with oil and gas exploration and development, commercial and recreational fishing, shipping, tourism, military operations, and pollution.

The Commission hopes that information presented at the April meeting and summarized in the report will assist the Trustees in their planning efforts and also help pave the way for additional collaboration in the Gulf region. More information regarding the meeting, and PDF versions of the presentations and posters, are available at: http://www.mmc.gov/gom/gom_meeting.shtml. The Commission understands that the Trustees will be developing their implementation strategy in more detail over the coming year. The Commission would welcome the opportunity to contribute to those efforts in any capacity that the Trustees deem appropriate.

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RE: Joint Comments on the BP Consent Decree

Dear Mr. Cruden and Mr. Rauch:

On behalf of the undersigned members of the Gulf Future Coalition, we would like to thank the Department of Justice for its leadership in securing a settlement with BP and the Gulf states regarding natural resource damage claims and Clean Water Act civil claims. This settlement marks an important milestone for Gulf communities, and provides significant opportunities for comprehensive ecosystem restoration. We appreciate the opportunity to provide

formal comments on the consent decree and the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment Restoration Plan/Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS).

Public Engagement and Restoration

We appreciate the inclusion of important new requirements that BP must fulfill to monitor and publicly report on its efforts to improve the safety of drilling operations in the Gulf of Mexico. These requirements are critical to ensure that our coastal communities, and those that rely on the health of the Gulf for their livelihood, are provided with safeguards from future disasters.

While we appreciate your timely response to our request for an extension of the comment period, we disagree that it is in the best interest of the public to keep the deadline as planned. Being there are two long and complex documents for interested parties across the Gulf to read, comprehend, and provide comment on, the 60-day comment period is unreasonable. Additionally, for individuals who make their living shrimping in Gulf Coast waters, the chosen comment period was at the height of the season. We are very concerned with the lack of translated materials provided at all meetings, particularly the failure to provide translation services at the Texas meeting in Galveston. These oversights do a tremendous disservice to the citizens of the Gulf Coast, of whom these restoration dollars are meant to benefit. These funds, particularly those related to the Natural Resource Damages are public funds. It is a disservice to the public when our trustees don't provide adequate opportunities for communities who were most impacted by the disaster.

We have significant concerns that the proposed governance structure in the Consent Decree and the PDARP/PEIS will prevent meaningful participation from Gulf Coast communities. In its current form, eight newly created Trustee Implementation Groups (TIGs) creates substantial hurdles for public engagement and participation in the TIG's planning process. As each TIG will develop its own engagement strategies, the public will be forced to follow eight individual NRD processes - each with their own timeline and decision-makers. Such a dispersed system may seriously prevent wide-ranging public engagement among rural, low-income, communities of color, and limited English members of the public. These individuals have an important stake in the outcomes of these proceedings, however, with the additional hurdles of tracking eight different processes with minimal resources, this system may not be able to support their engagement.

This proposed unstructured and uncoordinated process places a enormous burden on the American public. It can reasonably be perceived that this proposed structure is an effort to decrease transparency and public participation. The Trustees must provide a consistent restoration planning process across TIGs that will not require enormous expenditures of time and treasure from the public to participate.

In response, we suggest the consent decree and DRDARP be revised to support a multi-tiered approach to public engagement:

- The Trustee Council should develop strong standard operating procedures (SOPs) requiring each Trustee Implementation Group to develop common approaches, coordinated timelines and resources for engaging the public in developing draft restoration plans, in order to ensure inclusive participation. SOPs should promote steps to reach populations such as low income, minority, rural and limited English proficient communities and commercial and subsistence fishers across the coast which face hurdles to accessing public engagement opportunities and are disproportionately impacted by the health of coastal ecosystems. The public should be able to review and provide input on the Trustee Council's SOPs, including procedures for public engagement.

- The Trustee Council should require the Government Accountability Office to audit the restoration activities and monies spent by federal, state, and local municipalities to ensure compliance of expenditures under the Consent Decree.

- The Trustee Council should promote engagement strategies beyond public meetings to support comprehensive dialogue about restoration. In particular, the consent decree and DRDARP should create a public advisory committee to facilitate sustained input from representatives of the public at-large and key stakeholder groups on the planning, evaluation, fund allocation, and conduct of restoration activities. Such a committee, and relevant sub-committees could ensure key interests across the Gulf Coast states including commercial and subsistence fishers, conservationists, recreational users, socially vulnerable and native stakeholders relevant to the various TIGs are informed, involved and can help educate broader constituencies about the decision making process going forward.

- Terms should be added to the Consent Decree to promote the use of local workers and firms within NRD restoration. As cited in the DRDARP, local hiring is one of the top concerns of local residents during previous phases of public hearings on NRD. Terms should include a requirement to post new job opportunities created by contractors, or relevant subcontractors, as a part of NRD funded restoration work with relevant state and local workforce development agencies nearest the site of such work if state law does not already require such postings. Additionally, contractors should be required to consider workers referred to contractors and subcontractors by these local workforce agencies. Such terms would align with the language under the RESTORE Act, recent state laws in Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi and examples in federal contracting.

- The Trustee Council and TIGs should ensure adequate funding for public engagement. In particular, the Council should consider allocating a portion of the resources currently committed for administration under the regional restoration TIG to promoting public engagement across TIGs. There is substantial concern that the proposed governance structure segments the responsibility of achieving ecosystem restoration that threatens the Trustees' ability to coordinate and reduces accountability. This proposal places an unjust burden on the public by increasing the time and effort required to meaningfully engage and participate in restoration planning and implementation.

Open Ocean Allocation

We are pleased that \$8.1 billion has been allocated toward NRD, and that \$1.24 billion of the NRD allocation is dedicated to restoration and enhancement of the open ocean. The BP oil disaster began off the shore of Louisiana, 5,000 feet below sea level. The sea life that depends on our the health of our oceans, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, finfish, and sea birds, were all exposed to massive amounts of oil and dispersants. The oil disaster began in our coastal waters, and the open ocean is in dire need of comprehensive restoration. Emerging information regarding the impacts to our ecosystem signifies troubling outcomes for our marine environment, which emphasizes the need for meaningful restoration in the open ocean. Inclusion of the open ocean allocation will allow for restoration of the Gulf Coast's premier fisheries and ocean habitats, both of which are essential to the health of the economy in the region.

However, we are concerned that the proposed governance structure for the administration of Natural Resource Damage (NRD) funds and implementation of restoration under the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment Restoration Plan/Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS) will be extremely costly and make it difficult to plan and implement restoration activities to achieve the Gulf-wide and ecosystem-scale goals set by the Trustees.

While we appreciate the dedicated funding for blue water restoration, we are disappointed with the broad definition and terms of funding for the open ocean allocation. The consent decree defines Open Ocean as "restoration activities for resources primarily in the ocean and Federal Trustee administrative and preliminary planning activities across Restoration Areas." By this definition, projects and associated costs that do not address ocean resources will be able to be drawn from this account. This proposal is unjustifiable considering the plethora of damages specified in the PDARP/PEIS for ocean resources and habitats.

Additionally, four of the early restoration projects that address lost recreational use have been reclassified as open ocean projects. These projects include nearly \$7 million for roadway enhancements (bike and pedestrian lanes) at Davis Bayou in Mississippi, \$545,000 for trail enhancement at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge in Alabama, more than \$10 million for a "beach enhancement project which involves removing fragments of asphalt and road-based material that are scattered widely over the Fort Pickens, Santa Rosa, and Perdido Key areas of Gulf Islands National Seashore, in Florida," and more than \$4 million for the "purchase of up to three pedestrian visitor ferries for use between the City of Pensacola, Pensacola Beach, and the Fort Pickens area of Gulf Islands National Seashore in Florida."

As we examine and evaluate the types of projects conducted in previous phases of restoration, we are alarmed that these four projects have been reclassified as open ocean projects. None of the above listed projects occur in the open ocean and do not fit the definition provided by consent decree. This sets a dangerous precedent for future funding of projects in any component, where Trustees are able to pull funds from restoration accounts that do not benefit the stated resources. Additionally, of the \$832 million allocated for early restoration, only \$20 million has been allocated to restoring marine resources injured in this oil disaster. Classifying recreational use projects as one that address injuries to the open ocean reduces the amount of funding available to restore and improve the our marine environment. The offshore ecosystem is where the disaster occurred and where resources to address significant injuries must still be directed. Funding these projects may be suitable under different allocations; however, they are inappropriate for the open ocean allocation. We recommend that the consent decree and its related documents consider an alternative, applicable allocation for these projects, either from their respective implementation state or from the region-wide allocations.

The NRD Final Allocation table provides additional details on where the NRD money will be spent. "Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning" accounts for \$150 million of the open ocean funding. It is unclear if the \$150 million amounts to the total allocation for "Federal Trustee administrative and preliminary planning activities across Restoration Areas," as explained in the open ocean definition. This clarification is crucial as it could indicate additional monies are removed offshore restoration. Is the \$150 million the final allocation total for Federal Trustee planning and oversight? Could additional funding from other portions of the open ocean allocation also be used for Federal Trustee planning and oversight? Should federal administrative and planning costs exceed \$150 million, where will the funding be derived from? With the costly administration expenditures of the proposed governance structure, how will the Trustees ensure there will be adequate monetary support to develop and implement a comprehensive suite of restoration projects for the open ocean resources?

Due to the significant concerns outlined above, we are frustrated and troubled that funding for open ocean restoration will be spent on overhead costs for other restoration components and on reclassified, previously approved, land-based recreational projects. We implore the Department of Justice to revise the definition of Open Ocean in the consent decree to guarantee the proper use of the funds in that allocation. Further, the consent decree must make explicit that administrative costs should absolutely not exceed the \$150 million allocated, and should only pertain to costs related to staffing and travel. The open ocean allocation must not be used for Federal Trustee planning costs across restoration areas.

Suggested definition of "Open Ocean":

"Open Ocean" consists of restoration activities occurring in the ocean or activities that create, enhance, or improve marine resource management, scientific research, or monitoring of natural resources in the ocean and Federal Trustee administrative activities, capped at \$150 million, across Restoration Areas.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests; please let us know if we can provide additional information or assistance. For additional information, please contact Jordan Macha at the Gulf Restoration Network (jordan@healthygulf.org).

Sincerely,

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The Gulf Future Coalition is a diverse gulf-wide network of conservation, community, human rights, and social justice organizations working together to ensure the Gulf of Mexico environment and communities are made whole from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster.

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 Phase III Early Restoration Fact Sheet, Gulf Islands National Seashore Ferry Project, available at <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/wp-content/uploads/FerryFactsheet4.pdf>.
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 In September 2015, Trustees approved Phase IV of early restoration bringing the total approved to be spent to \$832 million from the \$1 billion BP pledged for early restoration. See <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2015/09/latest-round-of-early-restoration-projects-approved/>.
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The American Petroleum Institute (API) is a national trade association that represents over 625 members involved in all aspects of the oil and natural gas industry, including the exploration and production of both onshore and offshore Federal resources. The U.S. oil and natural gas industry supports 9.8 million U.S. jobs and 8 percent of the U.S. economy, delivering tens of millions per day in revenue to our government. API members provide most of the nation's energy and are backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 25 million Americans.

API provides this letter in response to the draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill dated October 2015. API strongly supports the protection of the marine environment and restoration of the resources following an oil spill. API believes in utilizing all tools in the toolbox under the right circumstances to minimize harm to the environment and other shared values and would like the opportunity, at some point in the future, to engage in dialogue with NOAA and other government agencies to better understand the scientific assumptions and conclusions contained in these documents.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. We look forward to your response and should you have any questions or wish to discuss this in further detail, please contact myself or Ray Bradley at 202.682.8186 or bradley@api.org.

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RE: Environmental Law Institute Comments on the Proposed BP Consent Decree and Draft PDARP/PEIS

Dear Mr. Cruden and Mr. Rauch:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information to assist the U.S. Department of Justice and the Trustees in finalizing the BP Consent Decree (Consent Decree) and the Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS). The substantial effort to design an effective approach to Gulf restoration following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill is evident from the depth and breadth of these documents. Our comments focus on ways to improve public participation in the proposed natural resource restoration program.

As the program is currently structured, it is unclear to what extent the public will be able to meaningfully participate. We see two main barriers to the public's involvement: (1) limited participation mechanisms; and (2) a complicated governance structure that could deter public participation.

Limited Participation Mechanisms

While the PDARP/PEIS sets out some ways that the public can participate in the restoration program, it provides few opportunities for the public to meaningfully engage:

- Meetings: the PDARP/PEIS notes that the Trustees will hold public meetings "to provide information to, and to receive comment from, the public on restoration activities" (PDARP/PEIS, 7-27). It is unclear, however, whether these meetings will take place on a regular basis. At the same time, it is unclear whether any of the Trustee Council or Trustee Implementation Group (TIG) meetings will be open to the public.

- Review and comment: the PDARP/PEIS indicates that the public will have the opportunity to review and provide comments on proposed and revised restoration plans. A similar opportunity does not, however, exist in regard to other key documents, including the Trustee Council standard operating procedures (SOP) or any TIG SOP.

- Information sharing: the PDARP/PEIS sets out a robust system for information sharing, which will include the current Trustee Council website, the restoration planning and implementation administrative record(s), and a Restoration Management Portal. While the public will be able to access information from these sources, it is unclear whether this information will be provided in a usable and understandable format. In addition, it is unclear what the public can do with this information. For example, as it is currently drafted, the PDARP/PEIS does not include any mechanism for the public to engage in the monitoring and adaptive management processes, unless those processes lead the Trustees to make changes that require a new or revised restoration plan.

Complicated Governance Structure

The PDARP/PEIS puts in place a "distributed governance structure" that includes a Trustee Council and eight different Trustee Implementation Groups (TIGs), with each TIG responsible for decision-making for a defined restoration area. As the restoration program is currently structured, each TIG has the flexibility to determine its own timetable for restoration planning, and to determine whether to put in place its own additional memorandum of understanding (MOU) and standard operating procedures (SOP). Depending on the timing and degree of coordination among the TIGs, this complexity could make it very difficult for the public to keep track of the TIGs' various procedures and actions. This in turn will make it difficult for the public to meaningfully participate in the restoration program.

Recommendations

In light of these potential barriers to meaningful public participation, we offer the following recommendations:

- Create a citizen advisory group: we recommend creating a citizen advisory group for the Trustee Council and each TIG. This would enable public participation throughout the restoration program, including during restoration planning, implementation, and monitoring and adaptive management. Such an approach could be outlined in the Consent Decree and PDARP/PEIS, and developed as part of the public participation provisions of the SOP. Note that a number of public comments have already called for the creation of a citizens' advisory council (see PDARP/PEIS, 5-146 to 5-147).

- Establish additional mechanisms for the public to participate: the Trustees should establish additional mechanisms or points in the program for the public to participate. Some examples include:

*Seek public input on SOP: the SOP will guide Trustee Council, TIG, and individual trustee agency activities. A process should be put in place that allows public input into development of the Trustee Council SOP and any TIG SOP.

*Schedule regular public meetings: the Trustees should commit to scheduling regular public meetings, where the Trustees would update the public on the status of the restoration program and seek public input.

*Open Trustee Council and TIG meetings to the public: the Trustees should open Trustee Council and TIG meetings to the public.

- Commit to providing useable and understandable information: given the amount of data that will likely be generated, the Trustees will need to ensure that data that are released to the public are aggregated in a way that is understandable and usable by members of the public, so that they are able to follow and contribute information to the restoration program.

- Ensure coordination among the TIGs: the TIGs should ensure that their work is sufficiently coordinated so as to decrease the burden to the public in participating in the various TIGs. This could include, for example, TIGs coordinating on timing of decisions, issuing joint restoration plans, and/or holding joint meetings. Such coordination mechanisms appear to be authorized by the PDARP/PEIS, but could be expressly required and further developed as part of the SOP.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed BP Consent Decree and draft PDARP/PEIS.

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\$44 billion - amount BP made in 2014
5 trillion - estimated number of larval fish killed in the oil spill, fish that would have become food for the ecosystem and humans had they survived
If BP paid just one penny for each of those fish (completely discounting the economic effects of the region and other environmental damage already estimated to be in the many millions), that's 50 billion

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To: Deepwater Horizon Natural Damage Assessment Trustees Council

RE: Comments on NRDA Trustees draft Comprehensive Restoration Plan for the Gulf of Mexico: Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP) and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)

Dear NRDA Trustees,

On behalf of the community of Gulf of Mexico education and science professionals, we write first to thank you for including "environmental stewardship, education, and outreach" as a restoration approach in your plans for the Gulf. We intend to vigorously promote the opportunities provided by your commitment to education, extension and outreach (E/O) with our colleagues in the region.

We also write to offer our active support for these NRDA E/O efforts to help ensure their success. In that context, we urge you to consider taking the following actions to elevate and strengthen implementation of the Trustees' commitment to E/O. We are convinced that these steps will be beneficial to the success of your plans for restoring the Gulf. To this end, we recommend the following:

1. Include E/O expertise in your decision-making by appointing a Senior E/O lead from the Gulf region to your team.

This person would provide both NRDA Trustees and the outreach community a trusted source for process transparency. With such an individual in place as a point of contact, we can then help your team by providing expert reviewers for project selection, implementation, and evaluation. Working through an education and outreach lead will help reduce your workload and increase efficiency.

2. Ensure higher quality and higher impact educational programming by requiring that established and recognized best practices be used by grantees, ensuring adequate funding for E/O project components, and working with regional E/O experts.

Education, outreach, and stewardship span a broad array of actions, tools, and practices. Selecting projects that use established education and outreach best practices and are most appropriate for a particular restoration program will increase their impact. Providing adequate funding to these projects will enable them to have a realistic chance of accomplishing their goals. Utilizing E/O experts in the region in your decision-making and implementation will ensure the local community benefits from, and supports, restoration investments.

3. Document stewardship, education, and outreach by requiring and collecting performance metrics as well as better communication with the community.

It is not clear to us who is doing what. By tracking and publicizing your E/O efforts and their successes, the good work accomplished through NRDA will become more transparent, and the community will recognize the full nature of your investment. Such data collection will also help eliminate duplication and overlap while helping to counter the misconception that no one cares about education.

The Gulf of Mexico Region has many formal and informal education programs, place-based outreach centers, communication teams, and local, state, and regional organizations that can support NRDA Trustees efforts. With your help as described above, we offer this network of professionals to help accomplish the much-needed restoration of the Gulf.

Sincerely,

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Gulf of Mexico University Research Collaborative (Dr. Christopher F. D'Elia, Incoming Chair)

Geosystems Research and Northern Gulf Institutes (Robert J. Moorhead II, Director)

Alabama Organizations:

Alabama Coastal Foundation (Mark Berte, Executive Director)
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Dauphin Island Sea Lab (Dr. John Valentine, Executive Director)
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Florida Sea Grant College Program (Karl Havens, PhD, Director)
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Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources Department (Charlie Hunsicker, Director) Bradenton, FL

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Mississippi Organizations:

Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium (Dr. LaDon Swann, Director)
Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (William (Monty) Graham, Interim Executive Director)
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Louisiana Environmental Education Association (Amy Ouchley, President)

Louisiana Sea Grant College Program (Robert R. Twilley, Executive Director)
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Science & Spanish Club, Inc. (Richard Gonzales, Founder)
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The Honorable John C. Cruden
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The Honorable Samuel D. Rauch III
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RE: Public Comments on the BP Oil Spill Consent Decree and Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan

Dear Mr. Cruden and Mr. Rauch:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we would like to thank the Department of Justice and the State and Federal Trustees for their leadership in advancing a settlement with BP for natural resource damage claims, Clean Water Act civil claims and economic claims. Given the resources at stake and the impacted coastal communities reliance on healthy ecosystems, it is critical that this agreement ensures effective, accountable governance and inclusive, meaningful public engagement to harness the full potential of these resources on behalf of the public.

We are concerned that the governance structure proposed in Consent Decree and in the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan for implementing the Natural Resource Damage claims may hinder Gulf Coast communities ability to play a significant role in restoration without significant improvements.(i) By distributing restoration decision-making across eight newly created Trustee Implementation Groups (TIGs) as opposed to a single Trustee Council, this agreement creates significant hurdles for the publics ability to having a meaningful voice across each TIGs planning process. With each TIG developing its own engagement strategies, the public must follow eight individual NRD processes, each with its own timelines and decision-makers. We are concerned this approach could create inefficiencies for the trustee agencies implementing public engagement and the public tracking the process. Such a diffuse governance structure threatens the inclusivity of public engagement among low income, rural, minority and limited English proficient members of the public, as well as those engaged in commercial fishing enterprises, who have interests across multiple TIGs but face additional hurdles to tracking all these different processes over time without greater coordination and additional resources and policies to support their engagement.

Currently the consent decree and DRDARP provides few detail about how the Trustee Council and TIGs will approach public engagement beyond generalized commitments to hold periodic open meetings at the discretion of TIGs and developing a web portal. Despite significant hurdles to engagement outlined above, the agreement takes no real steps to mitigate these challenges and support broader community involvement in restoration. Given the scale of the resources becoming available under this consent decree, the significant interest of Gulf Coast communities in ensuring they are used properly to restore coastal ecosystems, and the limited opportunity to weigh in on NRD restoration proceeding the development of the consent decree, it will be important to develop coherent and sustained public engagement strategies going forward. The limited engagement and secrecy from federal and state trustee agencies to date continues to be a source of frustration by stakeholders and members of the public. Gulf Coast communities want a more authentic, sustained two way conversation about restoration with decision-makers going forward to be able to have greater understanding about developing plans and provide more significant and detailed input, based on the deep traditional ecological knowledge and interests of communities and stakeholder groups.

In response, we suggest the consent decree and DRDARP be revised to support a multi-tiered approach to public engagement:

" The Trustee Council should develop strong standard operating procedures (SOPs) requiring each Trustee Implementation Group to develop common approaches, coordinated timelines and resources for engaging the public in developing draft restoration plans, in order to ensure inclusive participation.

SOPs should promote steps to reach populations such as low income, minority, rural and limited English proficient communities and commercial and subsistence fishers across the coast which face hurdles to accessing public engagement opportunities and are disproportionately impacted by the health of coastal ecosystems. The public should be able to review and provide input on the Trustee Councils SOPs, including procedures for public engagement.

" The Trustee Council should promote engagement strategies beyond public meetings to support a two way dialogue about restoration. In particular, the consent decree and DRDARP should create a public advisory committee to facilitate sustained input from representatives of the public at-large and key stakeholder groups on the planning, evaluation, fund allocation, and conduct of restoration activities. Such a committee, and relevant sub-committees could ensure key interests across the Gulf Coast states including commercial and subsistence fishers, conservationists, recreational users, socially vulnerable and native stakeholders relevant to the various TIGs are informed, involved and can help educate broader constituencies about the decision making process going forward. The Exxon Valdez Consent Decree and Memorandum of Agreement between Alaska and the United States similarly required meaningful public participation in the injury assessment and restoration process, which shall include establishment of a public advisory group&. (ii) The public advisory committee has been a critical part of informing restoration in Alaska. Subsequently, President Obamas National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling recommended that if a settlement of NRD claims with BP is reached by the Trustee Council, that a public advisory committee should be created in the Gulf.(iii) The consent decree and DRDARP should require the creation of such a committee by the Trustee Council with appropriate public input on its makeup.

" Terms should be added to the Consent Decree to allow federal and state trustees and related agencies to give a preference in contracting and grantmaking decisions to promote the use of local workers and firms within NRD restoration. As cited in the DRDARP, local hiring has continued to be one of the top concerns of local residents during previous phases of public hearings on NRD.(iv) Terms on the consent decree should also include a requirement to post new job opportunities created by contracts or grants related to NRD restoration, or relevant subcontracts or subgrants, with state and/or local workforce development agencies nearest the site of such work, if state law does not already require such postings. Additionally, contractors should be required to consider workers referred to contractors and subcontractors by these local workforce agencies. Such terms should align with the language under the RESTORE Act, recent state laws in Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi and examples in federal contracting.(v)

" The Trustee Council and TIGs should ensure adequate funding for public engagement. In particular, the Council should consider allocating a portion of the resources currently committed for administration under the regional restoration TIG to promoting public engagement across TIGs. We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the consent decree and DRDARP to build a more vibrant, productive future for the Gulf of Mexico, its ecosystems and its communities. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please let us know if we can provide additional information or assistance. For additional information, please contact Jeffrey Buchanan, Senior Domestic Policy Advisor at Oxfam America at (202) 299-7930 or jbuchanan@oxfamamerica.org.

Sincerely,

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Alabama Rivers Alliance (Birmingham, AL)

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Back Bay Mission (Gulfport, MS)

Boat People SOS (Bayou La Batre, AL)

Brighter Future Foundation

Calhoun County Resource Watch (Seadrift, TX)

Center for Fair Housing (Mobile, AL)

Commission on Stewardship of the Environment of the

Louisiana Interchurch Conference (Baton Rouge, LA)

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Galveston Baykeeper (Galveston, TX)

Gulf Islands Conservancy (Gulfport, MS)

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Louisiana Language Access Coalition (New Orleans, LA)
Louisiana Shrimp Association (Grand Isle, LA)
Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper (Baton Rouge, LA)
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TRAC (Thibodaux, LA)
TruFund Financial Services (Belle Chase, LA)
Turkey Creek Community Initiatives (Gulfport, MS)
United Houma Nation (Houma, LA)
Vanishing Earth (New Orleans, LA)
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ENDNOTES:

- (i) Consent Decree, Appendix 2, U.S. v. BP Exploration and Production et al, Civil No. 10-4536 (E.D. La.) (centralized in MDL 2179; In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico, April 20, 2012), D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-10026; Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Chapter 7
- (ii) Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree at pg. 11. United States v. State of Alaska, No. A91-081 CIV (D. Alaska, filed Aug. 23, 1991).
- (iii) Deepwater: Recommendations to the National Commission on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, January 2011 Available at: http://cybercemetery.unt.edu/archive/oilspill/20121210200707/http://www.oilspillcommission.gov/sites/default/files/documents/OSC_Deep_Water_Summ

ary_Recommendations_FINAL.pdf; Staff Paper: Long-term Regional Restoration in the Gulf: Funding Sources, Governance and Structure, National Commission on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, January 2011, Available at: http://cybercemetery.unt.edu/archive/oilspill/20121211011552/http://www.oilspillcommission.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Long-Term Regional Restoration in the Gulf_Funding Sources and Governance Structures.pdf;

(iv) Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Chapter 5, page 13; 134; 146-147; 193.

(v) Resources and Ecosystem Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, And Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2011. Senate Report 112-100. Available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CRPT-112srt100/html/CRPT-112srt100.htm>; Mississippi Jobs First Act of 2012, Mississippi Code 800.00-800.04 <http://www.sos.ms.gov/ACProposed/00019129b.pdf>; Louisiana First Hiring Act, Chapter 27 of Subtitle III of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 39:2211 through 2214 <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=877313>; Job Orders- Department of Economic Opportunity Florida Department of Economic Opportunity http://www.floridajobs.org/PDG/TrainingPresentations/wp_basics/Job_Orders_Part1.ppt

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RE: "Deepwater Horizon Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan/Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement ("PDARP/PEIS")

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as comments by the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club on the two topics referenced above: the proposed "BP Consent Decree" and the Draft PDARP/PEIS, which are separate documents but with interrelated and intertwined issues. Our comments serve to address both these topics and should be considered as submissions for the respective comment opportunities.

The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club is the state-level arm of the nation environmental organization in Texas. Our organization has a long history (50 years as an organized entity in Texas) in working on coastal, fish and wildlife, water, and many other related environmental and natural resource issues along our state's coast and in the Gulf of Mexico.

First, we support the approval of the proposed "BP Consent Decree" as described and referenced in the "Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decrees Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act" in the Federal Register/Vol. 80, No. 192/Monday, October 5, 2015. While we had hoped for a larger monetary settlement in this critical case in order to assure that all of the short-term and long-term impacts (direct and indirect) of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010 would be conclusively addressed for this and future generations, we recognize the practical benefits of avoiding a long-term trial and possible appeals and reaching a settlement that may start providing funds to address those impacts as expeditiously as possible.

However, we share and support the concerns raised by a number of other environmental and conservation organizations in comments on the proposed BP Consent Decree and the related Draft PDARP/PEIS regarding issues of transparency, governance structure, and funding for administrative costs in carrying out the efforts to restore the Gulf of Mexico. These concerns were expressed most recently in the December 2, 2015 joint letter to the Justice Department by National Audubon Society, Environmental Defense Fund, National Wildlife Federation, Ocean Conservancy, and The Nature Conservancy. The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club supports and endorses the recommendations made in that letter, including but not limited to the following:

- The Trustee Council should develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Trustee Implementation Groups (TIGs), and these SOPs should be open to public review and comment before adoption and should be applicable to all TIGs.
- The Trustee Council should develop and implement other procedures to ensure formal coordination and consistency among the TIGs in carrying out restoration responsibilities (these should include adoption of monitoring standards and protocols).
- Meetings of the TIGs should be open to the public to the extent possible.
- The amount of "open ocean" funding dedicated to Federal administrative costs should be limited to \$150 million.
- Efforts to address currently "unknown conditions" such as the impacts of climate change on the marine environment in the Gulf of Mexico and on natural resources (including fish and wildlife) along the Gulf coast should be based on monitoring data and other information that documents and characterizes those conditions as part of the adaptive management process.

The bottom line is that in keeping with the stated intention of the Trustee Council to address the needs of restoration in the Gulf of Mexico in a comprehensive and consistent manner, the BP Consent Decree and the final PDARP/PEIS must establish a framework for governance and public input that supports such an intention.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments on these historic and critical documents.

Respectfully,

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Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Trustee Council
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Dear NRDA Trustee Council,

National Audubon Society (Audubon) recognizes that, given the unprecedented scope of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, the Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration is also unprecedented in scope, complexity, and magnitude. We appreciate the depth of thought and research, and the public scoping and expert opinion that have so clearly contributed to shaping this Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (DPDARP) and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS).

Audubon herein provides comments focused primarily on some of the habitat restoration, bird restoration, and bird injury sections of the DPDARP document. More comprehensive comments by Audubon are codified within the public comment letter from the Mississippi River Delta Restoration Coalition.

Audubon supports the ecosystem approach to restoration as the preferred alternative (Alternative A), and believes that the focus on coastal habitat restoration, with additional attention to specific injured resources, will have the best outcome of the alternatives. We applaud the broad principles the Trustees have considered in restoration planning, including specifying a portfolio approach to balance risks and gains, attention to linkages, resiliency, and sustainability, and alignment with the overarching goals previously identified by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force (GCERTF 2011). We particularly call out our support for the inclusion of the goal to Provide for Monitoring, Adaptive Management, and Administrative Oversight to Support Restoration Implementation as a means to ensure that restoration is science-based, responsive to changing conditions, and will ensure long-term benefits to the injured natural resources.

Audubon recognizes, given the complexity of the spill and the extent of damages, the need for this document to be programmatic. We encourage the Trustees to follow through on plans to identify and select a comprehensive restoration plan linked to injury to guide and direct subsequent development and selection of specific restoration projects. We expect that the details of those specific restoration projects will ultimately determine, in a synergistic manner, the fate of injured natural resources, and whether projects will fully restore them or may have unintended consequences that reduce the benefits to key resources. We encourage the Trustees to remain transparent, to develop criteria for restoration project selection, and to encourage robust public comment into subsequent restoration types, approaches, techniques and projects. We look forward to working with the Trustees to help identify projects that will provide maximum benefits to birds, wildlife, and habitats.

It is important to recognize that ecosystem restoration in the Gulf of Mexico will be an ongoing need for decades into the future, regardless of the success of individual restoration efforts, because of the threats to the entire system from sea level rise, altered river flows, and altered storm severity and intensity due to climate change. Given these realities, it is important to implement some habitat restoration projects that will have a shorter lifespan in order to maintain ample habitat in the near-term, while working to create more sustainable projects that will provide habitat in the mid-term. In the long-term, and beyond the scope of this PDARP, we need to work together on creating recognition by funders and decision-makers that restoration will be ongoing and iterative, and that we need to create political will and funding streams to support continued adaptation and resilience of our coast. This legacy, in part established by the programmatic restoration process already implemented (e.g., early NRDA) and codified by the Trustees in the PDARP, should in itself be an important and explicit goal moving forward.

Restoration:

All restoration projects, including habitat restoration and economic restoration through RESTORE and other funding sources, need to consider the timing of nesting and the availability of undisturbed critical habitat to reduce breeding failures during those important recruitment periods. Although some disturbance of nesting habitat will need to occur during critical periods for restoration, every effort should be made to ensure that within bioregions, a reasonable amount of breeding habitat for priority and injured species remains available and protected from disturbance. To accomplish this critical outcome, one or more biologists should be on each project planning team to represent birds and sea turtles and to ensure that all necessary care is employed to protect birds regionally during ongoing, Gulf-wide restoration. Birds and sea turtles will benefit in the long-term by large-scale restoration, but also need to be able to reproduce, forage, and rest during critical periods to not sustain further losses as a result of the Deepwater Horizon incident.

Restoration Type: Wetlands, coastal and nearshore habitats

Audubon applauds the focus on wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats as the foundation for the preferred alternative, and supports the particular focus on the historic Mississippi River Deltaic Plain in Louisiana, given the disproportionate stressors to this region, and its disproportionate contribution to the

natural resources of the northern Gulf of Mexico. We applaud the recognition that river diversions are an important restoration tool. In addition, we support the concept of restoring a matrix of interconnected habitats within each region, to support ecological function even if that is not in direct proportion to the injury within the region. We also approve of the plans to create a heterogeneous mix of habitats in each region to support the full breadth of natural resources, and to plan projects to take advantage of restoration undertaken through other funding streams. We believe this foundational approach will result in the best resiliency and sustainability of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem and her natural resources.

Restoration Type: Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands:

Audubon recognizes the need to conduct habitat restoration projects on federally managed lands that provide, in many respects, the backbone of available habitat to conserve and protect natural resources. Restoring these lands where the injury occurred is one way to make whole the environment and restore resources held in trust by the federal government for the American people. Audubon advises an emphasis on sustainability, though. Given the high demand for some resources, such as sediment, federally managed lands that may not be sustainable in the near term should not necessarily be restored in situ, but instead perhaps replaced through acquisition of nearby, more sustainable lands or restoration on other federally managed lands that support the same habitat types and species. We encourage the implementation of BMPs and mitigation to support the reduction of visitor impact on restored federal lands.

Restoration Type: Birds

Audubon supports the three broad goals of restoring lost birds, restoring or protecting habitats, and restoring injured birds by species where actions would provide the greatest benefits within the geographic ranges that include the Gulf of Mexico. We would encourage that ongoing coastal development and new coastal development in response to migration of human populations because of climate change are added to the list of threats facing birds (pg. 5-74), as these are significant and likely increasing threats to their populations. Additionally, it would be helpful to specify loafing and roosting habitat in the list of habitats which should be restored or protected.

We encourage the inclusion of two additional restoration approaches. First, bay islands, although small and expensive for the acreage, provide some of the most optimal and critical nesting habitat, often free from predators, for a variety of coastal bird species. We encourage inclusion of bay islands explicitly as a restoration approach (or specified within Create, restore, and enhance barrier and coastal islands and headlands). Second, we would encourage the addition of a goal to Promote bird and habitat stewardship, education, and outreach. Through education of coastal communities and visitors that will be increasingly attracted to lands restored for recreational use, an ethic to share our coasts with birds will be developed. That outreach and education should include a full social marketing approach to identify and strategically change behaviors to allow people on our coasts to more fully protect birds, as they currently do with sea turtles.

We appreciate that stewardship has been identified as a restoration approach to include the protection of important nesting and migratory stopover sites from humans and also from predators. Stewardship can tremendously enhance the value of existing coastal habitat for nesting and migrating birds; thus, it is relatively cost effective, especially at increasing breeding productivity, which will go a long way in recovering bird populations. Given the nature of the threats in the Gulf of Mexico, it is critical that direct protection for birds is funded over the life of the restoration program. The most intensive pressure on birds already exists in the narrowest and most fragile bands of habitat along our coast. Creation of habitat without concomitant protection for birds directly will likely result in disturbance, reduced survivorship, and reduced productivity that will limit the ability of the program to replace the birds injured and lost during the oil spill.

We encourage adoption of the following suggestions within the 'Bird Restoration Techniques Appendix, to ensure best possible outcomes. Under the broad technique of restoring and conserving bird nesting and foraging habitat, include an emphasis on enhancement and management of existing habitats that currently are not being utilized due to predators, fire ants, and/or vegetation management. This technique will result in more immediate increased recruitment than building new sites, and thus is a useful addition. Also, loafing and roosting habitat should also be targets for this technique.

To increase the effectiveness of habitat enhancement through vegetation management, make linkages to other habitat restoration types more explicit. Use comprehensive planning to ensure adequate habitat is created within regions for the suite of birds of conservation concern. Ensure an avian biologist reviews all project plans to maximize communication about types of habitat needed to attract and support birds. Review of economic restoration plans by an avian biologist will also help to reduce impacts or allow for mitigation in order to benefit birds.

Years of coastal stewardship experience shows that without appropriate management, predators, fire ants, and disturbance can negate conservation gains quickly. Please ensure that management of all of these threats is explicit within the description of the technique. To improve outcomes for nesting and foraging area stewardship, please specifically add outreach, education, and social marketing as protection, either as a restoration approach or a specific restoration technique. Consider the use of local or regional legislation as an important restoration technique to ensure longer-term protection of some key sites against human disturbance. Consider funding enhancement of enforcement of existing legislation, in combination with stewardship, at critical times during nesting. Finally, include all of these techniques and activities within the Restore or Create Riverine Islands restoration technique.

We fully support the establishment (or re-establishment) of breeding colonies to restore injured birds. We agree that phased implementation will be helpful to determine best techniques for different locations and species.

In the Preventing Incidental Bird Mortality technique section, we offer six additional suggestions. First, ensure that bird rehabilitation centers that are supported are staffed by trained and licensed employees. Second, incorporate removal of marine debris in addition to removal of derelict fishing gear. Third, ensure that appropriate research and monitoring are conducted to beta-test new lights and/or lighting patterns for oil and gas platforms, to attain the most effective reduction in collisions and/or circulation events, in order to maximize restoration success and compliance. Fourth, support deployment of independent observers to monitor circling and mortality at oil rigs. Fifth, if voluntary compliance is not sufficient to alter bird mortality significantly, consider an adaptive management outcome of changing industry-specific lighting requirements. Finally, to reduce seabird bycatch, promote non-use of detrimental fishing gear, and ensure that appropriate research is conducted to develop the most effective activities to reduce seabird bycatch.

Restoration Type: Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities

Audubon is encouraged by the emphasis on habitat and water quality restoration, and on education and outreach, to create sustainable habitats and a conservation ethic while increasing human use of coastal habitats. We strongly encourage that Trustees undertake measurement of 1) impacts of increased human use, 2) changes in the related environmental stewardship, and 3) changes in the conservation ethic that it is hoped will be developed. Although many people are ethical and considerate coastal visitors and residents, we encourage a willingness to fund enforcement of protective legislation where necessary to protect safe human recreation and the associated habitats and living natural resources of the coast. And where human recreational activities are most intense in proximity to coastal bird nesting sites, sustained social marketing techniques can be effective, targeting behaviors by visitors (such as

letting dogs run free, flying kites or other disturbances) that unintentionally can cause nest failures at single or colony levels. We approve of the use of BMPs or other mitigation measures to avoid adversely affecting natural resources, and encourage monitoring and adaptive management to ensure a balance of good outcomes.

Monitoring and Adaptive Management:

Given the extensive perturbations across the Gulf of Mexico that will span decades, it is critical that we employ efficient, long-term monitoring to understand the health of sensitive natural resources over decades of intense change and disturbance in the ecosystem. Habitat restoration may be counterbalanced by economic development, and it is important to understand the cumulative impacts on our natural resources. Additionally, as beneficial as it will be in the long run, restoration represents an additional perturbation in the system, and we have an opportunity to understand these cumulative and interacting stressors in a more comprehensive way. It is important that monitoring appropriately assess recovery successes so that recovery dollars can be maximized. We are also pleased that the Trustees have identified the Gulf of Mexico Bird Monitoring Working Group (5.5.12.4) to coordinate and oversee monitoring efforts. This think tank includes leading coastal ornithologists, biometricians, and conservation planners to ensure that recovery of bird populations is adequately understood and documented. Audubon will continue to work within this group to develop, disseminate, and encourage the adoption of both qualitative and quantitative performance metrics to evaluate restoration projects. We support the Trustee Council and RESTORE Council working closely with this group to ensure available funding is used in the most effective manner possible. We would like to encourage the Trustees to support not only monitoring that effectively counts birds, but also assesses genomic, physiological, and reproductive injuries that are ongoing.

Audubon recognizes the value of a scaled approach to monitoring and adaptive management, which can ensure that limited resources are used with maximal benefit to resolve uncertainty about restoration that may be based on several factors, including the novelty of the restoration approach, the scale of the restoration technique, the understanding of the impact of the restoration approach on the target resource(s), and other factors such as socioeconomics. We encourage this rational approach to monitoring and adaptive management to maximize restoration benefit while conserving limited resources. We strongly support tasks the Trustees intend to undertake, including aggregation and analysis of monitoring results across restoration types, development of minimum monitoring standards, development of regional-scale environmental monitoring networks, and establishment and maintenance of infrastructure to manage monitoring data. As in all activities, we encourage transparency and public access to products and information.

Comprehensive planning and timing of project implementation (Air traffic control):

We continue to call for a spatially explicit, publicly accessible GIS database to map existing and planned restoration projects related to all funding streams in the Gulf of Mexico. Such a tool, more advanced than the current Gulf of Mexico-housed GIS project map, would assist in ensuring that decades of restoration yield the maximum benefit and minimize project footprint overlap that could mitigate or erase project benefits. To be truly effective, the GIS system would need to be used for all stages of restoration project planning, engineering and design, implementation, and evaluation. The complexity of such a database cannot be overstated, because it would have to mirror the complexity of the spatial and temporal scope of Gulf of Mexico restoration. It would help to identify conflicts between restoration project goals, helpful synergies, and opportunities to overlay protection. For example, if habitat is created to meet the goal of restoring coastal habitats, and a road is developed into that habitat to restore lost recreational use, the overlay of those projects could help to identify a need for environmental education, fencing, or stewardship to protect the living natural resources within the project areas. In addition, such a tool could be used within seasons to ensure that, regionally, a minimum acreage of each critical habitat type remains undisturbed, in order that living resources relying on the habitat have at least some safe area for nesting, foraging, or resting. Without this tool, species could experience more stress, disturbance, and even reduction in food resources as new sediment is deposited over existing resources. Spatial planning is critical to ultimate restoration success without significant further interim losses.

Outreach, Education, and Social Marketing:

To reach a more sustainable future for our coastal birds, long-term outreach and education within a framework of social marketing targeting human behavior changes, must be funded. This PDARP represents an opportunity to change the culture of human coastal use, and to create an ethic of sharing of coastal habitats with fragile natural resources. Particularly for beach-nesting and colonial waterbirds, this moment is an opportunity to create understanding of the vulnerability, needs, and responses of birds, and to create a more optimistic shared future.

Goal of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990:

Audubon takes seriously the responsibility of the Trustees to make the environment and the public whole following the Deepwater Horizon disaster. Indeed, the Trustees recognize the need of the public for a full accounting of damage, stating Phase III early restoration scoping particularly re-emphasized the public's interest in a complete description of the injuries to resources and services caused by the spill (pg. 5-14). While we appreciate that considerable time and effort went into the injury quantification for birds, we feel the quantified injury falls short by at least an order of magnitude. Given the scope of the spill is many times larger than that of the Exxon Valdez, that the number representing injury is much lower seems extremely conservative. Given the large and seemingly more comprehensive estimates of injury to natural resources that are more hidden, more cryptic, or more difficult to measure, including larval fish, planktonic invertebrates, sea turtles, and marine mammals, it is perplexing that a better estimate was not attained for birds.

Injury to Birds:

Audubon values and respects the tremendous research and expertise that has gone into the calculation of bird injury. We are encouraged by the number and diversity of technical reports that contributed to the injury assessment of birds. The overall tone emphasizes the widespread impacts the Deepwater Horizon oil spill had on birds in a variety of habitats (nearshore, offshore, waterbird colonies, and marshes), and recognizes the impacts by including powerful photographs and images. The Trustees also recognize that the injuries ranged from acute mortality, to altered behavior, reduced reproductive output, and physiological and genomic changes, which may result in cumulative impacts that affect survival and fitness for decades to come.

We would strongly suggest changing the wording in the Key Aspects of Injury section to read true mortality is likely several times higher than the upper range of the quantified mortality estimate. Because of the unquantified injury, a mix of projects to restore in excess of tens of thousands of individual birds & risks falling short of bird recovery. Injuries (section 4.7) expresses that mortalities for this modeled injury were likely towards the higher end of this range (56,100 to 102,400), yet this estimate is known by the Trustees to not assess all injured bird groups. How many birds are estimated will be recovered by habitat restoration projects that would then also remedy harm to birds? We would expect that at a bare minimum 100,000 birds be recovered through direct bird restoration, while recognizing that justice for our nations birds would be reached by restoring several times that higher end of range number.

The Trustees have concluded that avian mortalities ranged from 56,100 to 102,400 birds, but despite the general recognition by the Trustees of the substantial impacts the Deepwater Horizon incident had on birds and their habitats, it seems that the Trustees have chosen to publish an extremely

conservative estimate. The quantified mortality estimate as a result of the DWH is of great importance, because this estimate bears directly on:

- " the amount of funds available for restoration of injured resources,
- " the scientific basis for restoration planning and the allocation of available funds,
- " understanding the nature and scale of ecosystem injury beyond injury to birds per se,
- " public understanding of the true nature and magnitude of injury to birds (as well as other resources), and
- " NRDA approaches to future spills in the Gulf or elsewhere.

Based on our review of the underlying technical reports--particularly the reports on the Quantification of Nearshore Avian Mortality Using the Shoreline Deposition Model and Lost at Sea Factor and Estimating the Offshore Mortality of Birds Killed by DWH Oil--we point to several concerns with the quantified mortality estimate provided by the Trustees.

For the offshore mortality:

- " Mortalities were only estimated for the months of July and August, yet actual mortality spanned a period of five or more months.
- " The size of the oiled area at sea is based on the average for July 2010, yet the area of oiled sea surface in May and June was substantially broader than the 4,940 km² used in the offshore mortality estimate.
- " It is acknowledged that there are seasonal fluctuations in bird species and numbers within the area of interest (p. 4 in the offshore technical report), yet estimated mortality was based on an average density in July and August without any repopulation of offshore habitats over the span of five or more months of the actual event. This seems like an important source of significant underestimation.

For nearshore mortality:

- " No estimates are provided for marsh birds and for birds in colonies.
- " Daily deposition rates are assumed to be constant between searches for carcasses, yet wind and weather conditions varied daily. Those changing conditions are known and could have been integrated into the models.
- " The carcass drift study was conducted a year after the actual spill event, with no apparent adjustment for differences in wind directions and speeds and ocean currents between the actual and experimental conditions (e.g., how many days in the experimental period had onshore winds versus actual conditions?). This seems critical in determining deposition rates.
- " The carcass drift study does not consider the effect of transmitter buoyancy, which may have enabled breached or compromised carcasses to reach shore when those carcasses would otherwise have sunk. This would lead to an overestimate of shoreline deposition and an underestimate of mortality.
- " It is assumed that only 32% of the birds found on shorelines were killed at sea, notwithstanding the much larger area at sea and the much greater search effort on shorelines.

Additionally, categories of mortality, lost reproduction, and other injury were not quantified and were acknowledged by the Trustees:

- " Exposure and mortality of interior marsh birds were not estimated, but Trustees noted that meaningful injury to interior marsh birds was likely to have occurred.
- " Methods to quantify island waterbird colonies were inadequate.
- " lack of completely quantified mortality likely resulted in substantial underestimation of bird injury.
- " Assessment considered only effects within first year post spill.
- " Reproductive output lost was only estimated for 2010 and 2011.
- " The true loss of fledglings because of the spill is likely higher than their estimate by some unquantifiable amount.

The result, however, is that the Trustees have made an explicit decision to err on the side of what is likely a gross underestimate of avian mortality. We believe that a more realistic and balanced assessment would better serve restoration planning and public understanding related to this event.

Recommendations:

- " Given that the mortality estimate is extremely conservative, and that Trustees acknowledge many categories of injuries not counted, the range represents a minimum estimate. At the very least, change wording throughout to acknowledge that true injury is likely well above the upper range of the estimates, and avoid phrases stating the true injury is likely closer to the upper range of the estimates.
- " The carcass study was conducted in 2011 (Ford et al. 2014, Industrial Economics Inc. 2015, NRDA Technical Report Series), when currents and environmental conditions may have been considerably different from the time of the spill in 2010. A comparison of wind directions and speeds, oceanic currents, temperatures, and sea conditions between 2011 and 2010 should be presented to determine relevance of a 2011 study that assessed a 2010 impact.
- " In light of the fact that several groups of birds were particularly difficult to assess at the time of injury, we would urge the Trustees to consider alternative methods for estimating this injury. Given Trustees estimates are far below published estimates that were admittedly based on assumptions without some data being available at the time (i.e., Haney et al. 2014a,b, Marine Ecology Progress Series), we urge Trustees to utilize such models and methodologies as part of the injury assessment, replacing assumptions with the wealth of data collected during the spill.
- " As clearly as possible, the Trustees should emphasize that total mortality was well above the presented range of numbers. We would recommend that one or additional paragraphs more completely discuss which bird groups have unknown estimates and why. For example, a series of technical reports reveal density estimates of several (but not all) species of marshbirds and estimate the number that were likely exposed to oil (although exposure does not equate to mortality, we recognize). Additional NRDA studies were conducted to understand the relationship between exposure and injury, which includes physiological, genomic, and reproductive damages. We recommend that more details be presented in the PDARF to inform the public about these sub- or non-lethal injuries.
- " Since a settlement is pending, and the injury quantification will not go through the courts, we urge the Trustees to incorporate more of the quantifiable data from additional technical reports, as well as incorporating changes as suggested above to the shoreline deposition model, to reach a more realistic number of quantifiable injury.

Nexus between bird injury estimate and bird restoration:

The trustees estimate that the \$403.9 million allocated to this restoration type could restore in excess of tens of thousands of individual birds representative of the types of species injured by the spill. Of concern is that the upper range of the quantified injury, including lost individuals and lost reproduction, is 102,400. Because this quantification leaves out significant categories of injuries, it is entirely possible that the \$403.9 million, although in excess of that usually available for birds following an oil spill, will not be sufficient to restore to the American people the birds injured in this disaster.

Despite the estimate for bird injury that other scientific evidence, with modeling and peer review, reveals may be an order of magnitude higher than that stated by the Trustees, Audubon feels that birds may be recovered in the northern Gulf of Mexico if the following recommendations are implemented:

- " The ability to move money among restoration types is triggered to increase money for bird restoration if needed, but is not used to decrease money for bird restoration;
- " A comprehensive study is conducted to determine the amount of each type of habitat in a matrix across bioregions necessary to support each population of conservation concern;
- " Increased recreational opportunity does not conflict with the effort to support target bird populations (i.e., habitat exists in a relatively undisturbed condition);
- " Appropriate habitat management is done to ensure that bare ground, shell, marsh, lightly vegetated, and shrub habitats are maintained in appropriate proportions to support the full suite of birds;
- " Outreach, education, and a social marketing strategy are employed at scale so that the American people alter their behaviors, particularly to support nesting birds undisturbed;
- " Further monitoring in conjunction with the above study is used to trigger release of some of the \$700 million in adaptive management money if needed to further support bird restoration approaches.

The PDARP seems to suggest that the ecosystem approach to restoration will account for unknown injuries to birds. We have been told by experts that the process of going from the more quantified injury assessment to the restoration incorporates a lot of art to counterbalance the science. We recommend that those assumptions and arts be made explicit, because as it is written, with such a low quantified estimate, it remains unclear that the available restoration funding will be sufficient to restore the unquantified injuries.

Despite our concerns, Audubon is somewhat reassured that, in conjunction with the habitat restoration, land acquisition, and restoration of food web resources that will come from other restoration types, birds may indeed be restored in the Gulf of Mexico. But without a more realistic injury assessment, the injury to the birds, the services they provide, and thus the ecosystem will not have been identified justly, and the American public, and birds, will not have been made whole.

Respectfully,

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Correspondence: Dear Trustees of the Gulf Oil Spill Restoration,

I would like to provide comments/questions on the Draft PDARP/PEIS for Gulf Sturgeon.

" In the MS Canyon 252 Pre-Assessment Plan for the Collection of Data to Determine Potential Exposure and Injuries of Threatened Gulf Sturgeon that was finalized in September, 2010 there were two primary objectives. These were focused on exposure and potential injury: physical fouling and potential injury: behavioral modification. In reviewing the results of the Draft PDARP/PEIS for Gulf Sturgeon, I found no mention of the impacts the Gulf Oil Spill had on Gulf Sturgeon behavior. Given the importance of this issue in the original study objectives, I feel it should be factored into the final Damage Assessment and Environmental Impact Statements.

" In the USFWS Injury Report (2015) there are several unpublished USFWS reports for Gulf Sturgeon population estimates for individual drainages that are ultimately used to estimate drainage specific injury rates. I would urge the authors to utilize the joint USFWS-NMFS (2009) Gulf Sturgeon five year status review which underwent peer-review. I would also suggest incorporating the findings of Rudd et al. (2014) into the injury report as the authors provide drainage specific estimates of population metrics (e.g. apparent survival and interbasin exchange).

" It is unclear to me how the USFWS Injury Report (2015), which forms the basis for the estimates in the Draft PDARP/PEIS for Gulf Sturgeon, accounts for size based differences in the marine residency of sturgeon resulting from ontogenetic shifts in foraging habitats over the course of their life span. I would like to know how these differences were factored in during the calculation of drainage specific injury rates as the population estimates that were used to generate them are often based on both sub-adults and adults.

" The Proposed Restoration for Gulf Sturgeon notes that it is focused on approaches that are consistent with those identified in the federal Gulf Sturgeon Recovery Plan (FWS & GSMFC 1995) with an emphasis on spawning habitat and reproductive success (page 5-45). It goes on to further note that the focus will be on priority rivers (5-101). The Gulf Sturgeon Recovery Plan provides a list Priority 1 Recovery Tasks (see executive summary) and the restoration of natural riverine habitats is listed as the fourth task. Above this in the third position is the reduction and elimination of incidental mortality. The recent paper by Rudd et al. (2014) which modeled apparent survival of Gulf Sturgeon by habitat type estimated that riverine survival was greater than marine survival. If the problem is in the estuarine and marine environments as suggested by Rudd et al. (2014), then why is the focus of restoration taking place in the river?

" The Proposed Restoration Type for Gulf Sturgeon claims for illustration purposes only that use of the \$15 million to modify/remove known barriers to Gulf Sturgeon migration may make it possible to restore >100 km of riverine habitat to the benefit of hundreds of Gulf Sturgeon from multiple populations (page 5-106). The reliance of restoration of riverine habitats implies that access to spawning habitat is a limiting factor for Gulf Sturgeon recovery in these systems. I am not aware of any published studies which have shown that access to spawning habitats is at present believed to be a factor in the recovery of

Gulf Sturgeon. I would ask that the Trustees examine the premise of this question especially in light of the recent findings of Rudd et al. (2014) which suggest that estuarine and marine mortality rates play a larger role in driving recovery in this species.

" The Proposed Restoration Type for Gulf Sturgeon notes that the funds should target approaches focused on sturgeon recovery in Priority Rivers (page 5-101). In reviewing the document, I was not able to find a definition for Priority Rivers. Of the eight populations of Gulf Sturgeon, injury was documented for all but the easternmost populations (i.e. Apalachicola and Suwannee Rivers). I strongly feel that since these funds are being set aside for recovery as a result of injury from the Gulf Oil Spill, they should be directed towards those systems where injury occurred. The absolute numbers of Gulf Sturgeon injured (Table 3: USFWS 2015) as a result of the Gulf Oil Spill suggest that the greatest number of injuries occurred to individuals from the Choctawhatchee River (36.6%), followed by the Yellow River (31.0%) while the remaining systems combined to represent 32.4%. These results are likely influenced by the relatively large population sizes found in Choctawhatchee and Yellow Rivers but they also underscore the level of documented injury in these more distant systems as a result of the highly mobile nature of Gulf Sturgeon in the marine environment.

" In reviewing the Draft PDARP/PEIS there is much effort proposed for the reduction of incidental take for other species including pelagic fishes, marine seabirds, and sea turtles. Given the results of Rudd et al. 2014, which note that apparent mortality rates are highest during periods of marine residency, I am curious why the trustees have not decided to focus efforts on the impacts of commercial fisheries, in particular trawls, on Gulf Sturgeon. Other ESA listed sturgeons (e.g. Atlantic and Green Sturgeon) are known to be highly vulnerable to trawls and efforts to reduce bycatch and or improve post-release survival have shown much promise. I would ask that the Trustees consider a similar approach as there is a growing body of evidence suggesting that incidental bycatch mortality in nearshore trawls may impact Gulf Sturgeon conservation and recovery.

Thank you very much for allowing me the chance to comment.

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Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely,

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Dear addressed parties and all others who will be engaged in public review of the information that is contained in this official public comment document.

Dear Judge Barbier,

Strategic Consulting Group LLC is respectfully requesting for the US Federal District Court of Equity, not to approve, the BP settlement as proposed, due to the fact that the proposed settlement is not financially adequate, due to under reporting by legal federal authority understating the long term adverse understood adverse impact to the GOM environment and human public health resulting from the chemical dispersant application which introduced approximately 3203 tons of 2butoxyethanol to directly interface with crude oil forming confirmed toxic to human health environmentally dispersed crude oil contamination.

A. Directly because the proposed settlement has no identified dedicated funding, specifically designated to fund necessary detoxification mitigation (direct detoxification of the confirmed toxic DWH dispersed crude oil contamination).
B. Confirmed toxic DWH dispersed crude oil contamination is fully cable of being safely detoxified and timely removed from the GOM environment when the US EPA NCP listed EA bioremediation (OSEII) technology is allowed to interface with the contamination.

" Detoxification is necessary to foster microbial degradation (natural removal of the contamination the GOM environment).

A complete review of Attachment A, B, C and D confirms the accuracy of SCGs comment letter to DOJ and to US Federal District Court officials.

SCG does not expect the court to take direct action based on what SCG asserts in this letter. SCG hopes instead the court will directly review and discover what SCG has already proven and confirmed to both legal federal authority (US EPA) and to the White House in 2013. Since 2013 SCG has been forced to pursue persistent efforts with EPA Administrator from (2013 thru 2015) in attempt to get US EPA to follow EPAs mission to protect human health and the environment from the 2010 DWH confirmed toxic to human health environmentally trapped dispersed crude oil contamination.

EPA refusal to follow its mission despite SCG persistent efforts from 2013 thru 2014, realizing fully that the adverse human health reality of the situation was that while EPA played games refusing to follow EPAs mission. EPA stonewalling resulted in adverse human public health.

Realizing such directly required SCG to file an official complaint with EPA OIG asking EPA OIG to investigate and intercede, hopefully to directly compel US EPA to follow its mission on 9/11/2014 referenced by Hotline Number 2014-245 (see attachment, F).

" Of which resulted in EPA OIG in February 2015 advises SCG that an investigation is under underway and to expect a report to be afforded in several weeks. Of which resulted in EPA OIG deciding not investigating and closing the investigation without justification.

When the court discovers what SCGs micro research represents regarding 2butoxyethanol synthetic solvent being mixed with crude oil, in addition to what NIOSH (CDC) authored historically in 1998 with respect to 2butoxyethanol, (See attached document A, page 3 section d) which was known to US EPA in addition to what US EPA official disclosed to SCG in 2012 that EPA intentionally did not allow EPA monitors to sample for 2butoxyethanol. The court will realize that the official under reporting regarding the dispersed crude oil direct environmental chemical poisoning exposure the public has been allowed to experience.

The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment. (EPA's purpose is to ensure that):

1. all Americans are protected from significant risks to human health and the environment where they live, learn and work;
2. national efforts to reduce environmental risk are based on the best available scientific information;
3. federal laws protecting human health and the environment are enforced fairly and effectively;
4. environmental protection is an integral consideration in U.S. policies concerning natural resources, human health, economic growth, energy, transportation, agriculture, industry, and international trade, and these factors are similarly considered in establishing environmental policy;
5. all parts of society -- communities, individuals, businesses, and state, local and tribal governments -- have access to accurate information sufficient to effectively participate in managing human health and environmental risks;
6. environmental protection contributes to making our communities and ecosystems diverse, sustainable and economically productive;
7. and the United States plays a leadership role in working with other nations to protect the global environment.

Understanding fully the above clearly defined mission of US EPA is to protect human health and the environment is the very foundation of US EPA of the public trust afforded to US EPA to represent US legal federal authority for our U.S environment.

The court will clearly understand what SCG research affirmed with respect to EPAs historical actions and decisions, made from 1998 thru present with respect to the use of chemical dispersants in US Waters containing the synthetic solvent 2butoxyethanol. (See attachment (A), page 3 section d)

" US EPA did not take any action. (See Attachment K).

In 1999, EPA NCP NOTEBOOK table 14 clearly affirms EPA did not take any action and this document clearly affirms that both 2010 utilized dispersants contained 2butoxyethanol synthetic solvent.

Realizing with respect to this specific issue, that US EPAs hands were not clean with respect to the fact that US EPA historically can be viewed as being negligent for not banning all NCP Listed technologies which were confirmed to contained 2butoxyethanol. AS US EPA should have prevented their use and any introduction of any chemical agents that contain 2butoxyethanol from being put into the open waters of our country.

" Understanding this reality, then it is somewhat obvious that no immunity protection is afforded to EPA for intentionally not following EPAs mission directly allowing 2butoxyethanol in US waters in 2010.

The court will also discover that EPA historically was also was erroneous in 2010 when EPA and RRT NRT officials denied official request of BP and three RRT member states to legally use and implement the OSEII technology in 2010. The OSEII technology was erroneously denied official right use directly because of EPAs confirmed historical incidence of human error or omission in 2000 on the part of US EPA OEM officials historically who authored the erroneous 2000 bioremediation fact sheet prepared for RRT NRT decision makers. (See attachment B)

Understanding such in 2013, when US EPA was officially informed by SCG of the historical error that occurred historically with respect to the OSEII technology, EPA should have immediately corrected the historically confirmed erroneous bioremediation fact sheet guidance document which RRT-NRT officials use to guide Coast Guard FOSC decisions makers.

EPA in its official capacity as US Legal Authority, upon receipt of (Attachment B) should have amended the realized historically erroneous 2000 the bioremediation fact sheet expeditiously correcting it in 2013 to properly list 3rd type of bioremediation which officially existed and has been listed on the US EPA NCP list.

Today this error being allowed to persist still blocks official RRT NRT consideration for legal to use NCP technology allowing proper consideration by RRT NRT decision makers.

Unknown is what political pressures that exist.

Clearly all of the above information confirm incidence of documented errors, omissions or negligence on the part of legal federal authority (US EPA). Surely all of which has had profound negative impact to our US environment and public health of all who experienced exposure to the dispersed crude oil contamination specifically resulting from 2010 DWH incident response.

EPA in 2013, was afforded by SCG a clear decision path to follow to allow EPA to be heroic upon receipt of SCGs threat assessment document. Unknown is why EPA refused to approve the recommended next phase of clean up for the GOM. EPA refusal to follow EPAs mission, explains why EPA under reported to all.

Unknown to SCG, if any confirmed federal under reporting has directly influenced the federal litigation process and conversely the recently proposed BP settlement, as federal data most likely was accessed in the litigation process.

" All of which could have had an influence and proposed BP settlement to be financially not adequate due to federal under reporting.

Historically the court and the public knows that EPA stood silent in 2010 and allowed BP to implement two Corexit dispersants (9527 and 9500) from existing global stockpiles of staged owned dispersant technologies, which BP needed during the 2010 DWH incident response.

Both 2010 DWH utilized chemical dispersants contained 2butoxyethanol as they were historically stockpiled in the event of a disaster globally and directly utilized during the 2010 DWH incident response. EPA allowed BP to implement Corexit 9500 due to the fact that BP had existing stockpiles of Corexit 9500, when EPA made BP switch to a less toxic dispersant in May of 2010. Understanding fully, that EPA knew both of the dispersants contained the same synthetic solvent. (See attachment K).

Both utilized dispersants contained differing concentrations of the 2butoxyethanol (ethylene glycol monobutyl ether- a hydrocarbon based synthetic solvent) in concentrations of 60% a 30% formula weight. Of which affords the grim reality that in 2010 US EPA allowed approximately 3203 tons of 2butoxyethanol to be directly introduced into the GOM environment, specifically interface with approximately 200 million gallons of reported oil that was present in the GOM since the DWH accident.

EPA water monitor data confirms 2butoxyethanol was not detected by EPA monitors. SEE EPA monitor data (Attachment L). EPA monitors reported N/D readings for 2butoxyethanol officially during the 2010 DWH incident response.

- o US EPA officially issued two official response to SCGs directly raised concerns and direct questions regarding the presence of 2butoxyethanol in the GOM environment in 2010.
- o EPA responses directed SCG to review EPA monitor data that depicted NON DETECT readings, allowing all including SCG a false sense of security due to EPAs under reporting.

Confirmation of EPAs under reporting is evident by the disclosures EPA made to SCG advising SCG that EPA officially made the conscious decision not to allow EPA monitors to sample for 2butoxyethanol during the 2010 DWH incident response. Understanding the peer review medical essays contained in Attachments A and D, US EPA under reported the chemical poisoning direct threat to all in the Southern United States as dispersed crude oil vapors exposed millions of American citizens to dispersed crude oil contamination.

SCG has no vision of what the court may or may not know with respect to SCG research data and EPA direct disclosures to SCG. Specifically the reality, that EPA officials during the 2010 DWH incident response, made the conscious intentional decision NOT to allow EPA monitors to sample for the environmental presence or increased environmental presence of 2butoxyethanol. (See attachment J)

- o In 2012, US EPA official made this disclosure very clear to SCG and others during a conference call which was recorded. Understanding the reality of this disclosure, with respect to SCG compelled presented micro research to US EPA (legal federal authority). SCGs direct persistent efforts attempting to get EPA to do what is necessary to protect human health and the GOM environment was justified.

- o Understanding the confirmed science that was known since 1998, EPAs 2010 conscious informed decision not to allow EPA monitors to sample for 2butoxyethanol is bad. Just as bad as EPAs 25 months of total refusal and direct stonewalling efforts disregarding SCGs direct persistent efforts to have the GOM detoxified in order to preserve a safe living environment for the coastal zone U.S. civilian population.

- o SCG is confident that the court of equity upon transparent discovery of all of SCGs 2013 to 2015 direct email communications and congressional letters sent to US EPA, the court will affirm that indeed the proposed settlement is not financially adequate and also discover that legal federal authorities (US EPA) hands were not clean with respect to following the clearly defined mission of US EPA, negligent in protecting both human health and the environment.

- o SCG is confident the court will realized directly that the toxic environmentally trapped dispersed crude oil must be allowed to be detoxified in order to prevent greater incident of human collateral damage and total economic loss of the region.

Understanding the clearly that crude oil contamination and dispersed crude oil contamination are similar in as much as both are types of hydrocarbon based environmental contamination; dispersed crude oil behaves drastically different, because of the introduction of the carcinogenic synthetic chemical solvent

2-butoxyethanol.

o 2-butoxyethanol and other dispersant chemicals components transforms the environmental behavior of the crude oil with respect to humans and the environment.

" Environmental presence of this solvent threatens fresh drinking water aquifers and has been characterized to have both biocide tendencies with bioaccumulation tendencies.

" Human Health is adversely affected by this solvent, as it has been confirmed to be an efficient chemical delivery mechanism for any chemical it happens to mix with it, in the environment as it represents a chemical mixture that has the efficient ability to pass thru human moist human skin allowing both direct (dermal absorption) and indirect (vapor) human exposure. (See attachment A, pages 1-2) Any such exposure directly impacts human health negatively as human blood and circulatory systems efficiently receive acutely toxic blood contamination exposure to any environmental contamination which happens to interface with 2-butoxyethanol having direct negative impacts on human blood causing direct negative impacts on human health.

o Without detoxification mitigation authorization funding and implementation; the entire GOM coastal zone civilian population will continue to be persistently exposed. Prolonged allowed human total exposure over a duration of time, will cause adverse human health realities defined in SCG research data. Direct human development of chemical sensitivities where humans will ultimately experience accelerated shortened life, directly resulting the public dispersed crude oil trapped environmental contamination exposures. Families realizing such, will understand that the region is no longer safe for them to live, work and recreate. This will cause them to move away from the contaminated region in an effort to try to help their families health improve. Human depopulation will be realized because of the human adverse health that results from direct human persistent prolonged exposure to the dispersed crude oil contamination. This is confirmed fully by the medical and scientific essays SCG provided to EPA, non-refutable concurrence afforded by historically authored NIOSH documents affirming the accuracy of SCGs 2013 presented direct threat assessment containing SCGs strategic economic decision modeling which SCG historically provided to EPA Administrator and White House officials in 2013. (see attachment B)

o The second reason the settlement is not financially adequate is because adverse human health is no longer insurable in the GOM coastal zone region. This is due to the fact that the dispersed crude oil contamination total exposure to the regions civilian population has been allowed by US EPA (legal federal authority) to persist for the last 66 months for unknown reasons, resulting in prolonged human blood persistent exposure to the 2010 DWH environmental contamination.

" Adverse human health occurrences in this region are no longer subjective but anticipated and scientifically known to result. (See attachments A and D)
" In 2011, CDC should have never advised GOM coast zone residents not to have their blood sampled (see attachment I), CDC should have encouraged human blood sampling in a consistent manner as NIOSH authors advised 13 years prior as 2-Butoxyethanol is toxic to humans. Following long-term or repeated exposure, effects on the blood may be observed (except taken from section 13.1 1998 WHO ICHEM CICADS 10 (2-butoxyethanol) (see attachment A)

o Peer review human blood sampling data is available to confirm to the court this reality. (See attachment E)

o SCG can also supply to the court with coastal zone resident who can supply the names of families living in the region with human blood sampling depicting blood VOC PAH contamination consisting of (men women and children) upon request.

o SCG can also deliver to the court copies of human blood sampling which was delivered to congressional oversight officials in 2011 as well, upon request.

o The court can also contact Dr. Wilma Subra to seek independent confirmation as to the accuracy of SCG presented research and threat assessment

historically presented to US EPA and recently to La State officials in 2015.

o AS long as dispersed crude oil contamination from the 2010 DWH incident response remains present in our GOM and our GOM coastal zone, adverse human health is confirmed scientifically to occur in humans. Human blood sampling confirms this reality, as human blood and human circulatory systems have no protection from exposure to this type of toxic to human health environmental contamination.

Understanding the transparently accurate scientific and medical reality, SCG respectfully ask US Federal District court not to approve the proposed BP settlement without (A) specific detoxification set aside funding adequate to completely detoxify and remove the confirmed chemical poisoning direct threat to public health that exist presently. (B) Understanding from SCG letters to US EPA Administrator, that US EPA should have allowed detoxification for the GOM but did not 2013, that greater incidence of adverse human health occurring is confirmed, federal monies should be also set aside to cover the medical health care cost of all who have been allowed total vapor exposure and persistent re exposure to the dispersed crude oil contamination from 2010 to such time that the dispersed crude oil contamination is removed from the GOM region. Affording the reality that specific set aside health care funding is required due to EPA conscious willful disregard to follow the mission of US EPA.

SCG prays that the court will find merit with SCGs direct comments resulting in the court to request total court discovery of all of SCGs historically transparently supplied research data that has been given to legal federal authority that has not been introduced into the BP litigation. Once complete discovery has been achieved, SCG is confident the court of equity will rule in an equitable manner to amend the settlement to make sure whatever detoxification funding is needed to restore the environmental integrity to the GOM and the GOM coastal thru dedicated detoxification funding purely for human health and economic preservation reasons. SCG also prays that the court will respect SCGs 2013 direct request presented to legal federal authority (US EPA) to pay SCG invoices and consider appointing SCG to oversee over the detoxification process for the GOM (see attachment B, page 9) Understanding fully that SCG has a forthcoming post presentation billing invoice that will be presented when SCG closes out its official efforts with final presentment to the court or congressional oversight.

SCG is confident when the court has the opportunity to discover all of SCGs presented research to EPA contained in the congressional letters and direct emails between SCG to EPA (2010 thru 2015) of which can be supplied electronically upon request by the Courts or requested directly from EPA via FOIA request. When the court receives discovery of the recorded EPA disclosures to SCG, confirming the fact that EPA intentionally made the conscious decision not to allow EPA monitors sample for the presence of or the increase presence of 2-butoxyethanol during the 2010 incident response while 3203 tons of 2-butoxyethanol being introduced into the GOM with the approval of EPA. (see attachment J)

Attached critical documents table:

A. SCGs 3/1/15, Fact Sheet Prepared for Presentment to Congressional Oversight Committees.

B. SCGs 9/20/2013 letter to Bob Perciasepe (sent thru congressional mail),

C. SCGs 10/15/13 letter to Gina McCarthy,

D. SCGs 11/7/2013 letter to Gina McCarthy.

The four documents listed in the critical document table affirm and clarify the environmental chemical poisoning direct threat the toxic environmentally trapped dispersed crude oil abandoned contamination which can be detoxified, safely and completely removed from the GOM and GOM coastal zone environment.

o All of which affirms what SCGs compelled reimbursable strategic economic consequential damage assessment decision modeling threat assessment proved to US EPA and the White House in September of 2013.

o SCG prays that SCG comment to US Federal Court spurs direct transparent discovery of SCG objective research.

o SCG additionally prays that US Federal Court officials will recognize the work of SCG has done to protect the GOM environment, the GOM coastal zone

residents health (skilled domestic work force and how important SCG research is to protect the GOM coastal zone industrial and economic interest.
o SCG prays the court of equity will provided financial means to fund payment of SCGs initial presentment billing invoice to legal federal authority (US EPA) and SCG final close out billing that will be accompanying SCG final presentment to Congressional oversight or to this Court of equity at the appropriate time. Thereby allowing SCG to receive direct reimbursement of SCG cost and justified billing to EPA which has been solely funded by the personal savings and retirement of the David Fakouri family. Understanding the immense financial sacrifice

Additional document being provided to the Court is a complete copy of the Rip Kirby data which confirms the reality that human direct contact with the trapped environmental dispersed crude oil contamination directly impacts human health as ultraviolet light affirms chemical patterning on human skin with human blood sampling affirming blood contamination. (See attachment H).

Confirmation that human blood is being and has been contaminated from human allowed exposure to the 2010 DWH dispersed crude oil contamination. (See attachment E)

SCG research and supplied disclosures affirm the clear reality that US EPAs hands are not clean with respect to the damages realized from the EPA not following EPA mission in 1998, confirmed in 1999. EPA actions were erroneous, not allow RRT NRT officials to consider the use of EA bioremediation OSEH technology to be accessed by US industry to mitigate toxic hydrocarbon based environmental contamination in the US environment after 2000. EPA deficiencies directly caused increased economic injury to BP, and the Environment.

o The 5.6 billion in proposed federal penalties should be redirected and dedicated to fund the initial cost of detoxification mitigation for the GOM coastal zone and GOM in order to protect human health and prevent catastrophic economic loss to the GOM coastal zone states and our US Economy.
o Understanding the GOM energy Corridor, and the Mississippi River corridor requires a health skilled domestic work force to facilitated operations. Any environmental direct threat to this skilled domestic work force threatens: our U.S. national security, U.S. economic interest and our U.S. energy interest which operate in this extremely significant geographic region.

SCG is requesting the court of equity to consider re directing the identified federal penalties and ask the court respectfully to classify the penalty funds as emergency detoxification dedicated funds. Understanding fully that if additional funds are required FEMA dollars can also be allocated from the US treasury. Understanding that a presidential order is required, understanding the fact that US EPA is under the direct authority of the Office of the President, EPAs not clean hands are also the not clean hands of the executive Branch of government. Therefore, presidential approval of US FEMA dollars is appropriate to fund any additional financial needs for detoxification emergency funding.

In closing, SCG respectfully welcomes direct dialog with the court of equity, in the event that the court requires any additional data that SCG might have to help the court do what is required to protect human public health, the environment and the economic survivability of the GOM and the GOM coastal zone so that this region has to opportunity to have a future.

Respectfully,

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Attachments : A, B, C, D, E, F, G ,H, I, J, K, L,

Attachment A:
Attachment B
SCGLLC direct letter to EPA Deputy Administrator sent via congressional correspondence with CC copies as noted.

9/20/2013
Mr. Bob Perciasepe
US EPA Deputy Administrator

RE: Identified erroneous RRT-NRT fact sheet/ Identified direct environmental threat to the general public (Correcting the historical human error (realized by SCGLLC) in the 2000 RRT-NRT bioremediation fact sheet; allowing the realized toxic problematic dispersed crude oil contamination (direct threat) to be resolved timely, allowing the administration and EPA directly to be credited with preserving public health, environmental safety and economic survivability of the GOM region of the 5 coastal zone states impacted by the DWH incident.)

Dear Mr. Perciasepe,

I am David Fakouri, a Louisiana citizen; father with 3 children who vacations on our Gulf of Mexico (GOM) beaches, just as millions of others do each year. In addition, I am also the strategic economist with Strategic Consulting Group, LLC of Louisiana and La Economic Foundation.

As we do not know each other personally, some at your agency in particular, Mr. Craig Matthiessen of EPA policy section is aware of me directly and my firms sincere persistent efforts regarding our directly expressed concerns regarding the trapped toxic problematic dispersed crude oil contamination that has been allowed to remain in our Gulf of Mexico region since the DWH accident to present.

Our firms collective efforts are contained in a file at EPA please contact Craig Matthiessen and request a copy of his offices file denoting my firms persistently expressed concerns over the last 41 months. A review of which will afford you the direct understanding that our firms consequential damage assessment research is very accurate which has required us to transparently present our firms research findings only to those with authority on such issues as all is very sensitive. Our firms compelled documented efforts are only as a direct result of the appearance of federal oversights indifference and dis concern to the human health and environmental issues that have not been able to be properly addressed because of the erroneous fact sheet resulting in severe economic loss to the region.

Disclaimer: SCGs staff and its strategic economist David Fakouri are not medical professionals, scientist but instead strategic economist. Conversely, all of

our firms collective references to adverse human health are based on our firms observations and conclusions derived from our research from peer review science and medical essays from Pub Med and E Med with respect to the synthetic solvent 2butoxyethanol effects on human skin. Behavior characteristics the combination of the synthetic solvent (2bte) when it is mixed with crude oil in water (wet environments) with humans exposures possibilities is of great interest to our firm as Louisiana and the entire GOM region is able to be directly impacted as a direct health threat and economic threat of which has been our focus as a strategic economist. Such studies regarding this type of situation asserts human health realities as noted by Science Corps 2010 Crude Oil Hazards reports; Valdez related historical research. Direct discovery research with CDC organic chemist 2010 during the DWH incident and direct observations during the DWH incident. As we sincerely hope that we have made a mistake with our observations, however we feel that our firms objective directly expressed concerns are unfortunately correct and accurate; this has resulted in our responsible transparent efforts.

The reason why I am addressing this letter directly to you instead of Mr. Matthiessen whom I have been in direct contact with is that we have discovered errors within EPA. Discovery of such an error once confirmed must be corrected rather than overlooked conversely this is why we have contacted you directly because of your position as deputy administrator.

We realize that your vision is total within your agency as well as you have direct access to senior white house advisors as well as the President if such is needed for direct approval when issues of significance arise as described in this letter. For these reasons, our firm felt compelled to contact you directly and share our firms research and observations that reveal that within EPA human error has occurred also express our understanding of the direct threat we have realized to be present from the chemically dispersed crude oil trapped contamination that represents problematic situation for all collectively if the threat is not allowed to be removed.

We feel this issue was created by human error perhaps. Conversely, when properly corrected such will allow EPA and the RRT-NRT a direct path to remove or mitigate the identified threat we have recognized and expressed responsibly to be present and exist.

Conversely SCG realizes that within any organization big or small, involving the human element, human errors or omissions are always possible. Once identification errors, the next course of action is proper correction of the error or omission. Such we feel is the case today.

Our firm respectfully request your personal attention to the following items covered in this letter:

" The GOM presently has a problematic dispersed crude oil contamination challenge that must be resolved timely as such is possible in order to preserve the human health and economic survivability of the GOM 5 coastal states economies that impact our nations economy directly which our office considers a direct threat.

" Addressing the fact that human error or omission has occurred during the creation of the 2000 RRT-NRT fact sheet as SCGs research has confirmed that indeed three types of bioremediation exist on the NCP list instead of the two. Please review erroneous RRT-NRT bioremediation fact sheet authored in 2000 by Al Venosa (83 and 84). Erroneous as it failed to include EA class of bioremediation as a rebuttal letter (85) clearly confirmed at the time that indeed there are 3types of bioremediation existing on the NCP list of technologies. Conversely in 2012 the three types of bioremediation (86) have been published clearly affording a complete understanding. EPAs proper clarification and complete understanding of the OIL SPILL EATER II (OSEII) Enzyme Additive bioremediation class and its only NCP listed technology would afford EPA and RRT-NRT to effectively clean up and remove present toxic hydrocarbon based contamination from our US environment. Providing the EPA and the administration desires to remain in compliance with the US clean water act. Utilization of the Oil Spill Eater II (87) US EPA NCP EA technology affords compliance with the US clean water act.

Today, the proper correction of the historical error that we have identified would allow your agency and present RRT-NRT leadership to reevaluate the EA bioremediation NCP technology (OSEII) as a mitigation solution that can properly address the toxicity issues and remove the problematic dispersed crude oil contamination that is steadily growing in the GOM region from the dispersed crude oil from both the DWH accident and subsequent natural seeps from the cracked fissure discharges that collectively is problematic for all parties. In doing so, EPA can take direct action today on behalf of the administration to be the true protectors of the US natural resources and guardians of the US environment.

With great hope Mr. Perciasepe , your agency will be able to correct the identified human error on the 2000 fact sheet and officially recognize and concur swiftly on the OSE II EA bioremediation technologies ability to remove the toxic hydrocarbon based contamination the our firm considers presently a direct threat to the GOM region. Conversely, failure to correct the human error; failure to officially recognize and concur on the OSEII technology will only confirm what a complete review of the data suggest as a possible dichotomy of interest being present at EPA with respect to EPA intentionally not using proven NCP technologies that actually meet and comply with the guidelines of the US clean water act. Objectively with a comprehensive review of our research data, our firm believes such is not the case as the contents of this letter reflect strongly that our firm feels that the identified occurrence of human error will be corrected presently so that the environmental challenges reflected can be resolved timely.

Restating, it our sincere hope that this direct letter affords EPA justification to correct the direct error and move towards the next phase of clean up and removal of the problematic dispersed crude oil contamination that our firm has understood since June 2010.

" Our review of the past facts has afforded SCGLLC an early understanding of the future fate of the GOM as the dispersants were utilized in lieu of the EA bioremediation technology that our firm attempted to have utilized following our objective vetting of the NCP list of technologies available for direct use. At the time our efforts as well as the technology was ignored despite the fact that the OSEII technology which we delivered was indeed correct and appropriate for use; nevertheless our firms sincere efforts failed get federal oversight to take appropriate direct action as will full blindness by those in direct oversight has failed over the last 42 months to recognize the fact that the GOM situation is problematic and the OSE II technology is the sole source mitigation solution that solely is capable of resolving the challenges created by the crude oil discharge and the dispersants that were administered allowing for compliance with the US clean water act guidelines.

" Historical record review affords confirmation of the fact that long term environmental damage has been known to be realized at both the Mexican IXTOC and Valdez spills. As little is known from the Mexican spill other than the long term environmental damage is known to have occurred as the Corexit dispersant (Corexit 9527) was applied just as it was applied in 2010 to the DWH incident. The same is also known as long term environmental damage has occurred at the Valdez spill as well with known toxicity issues existing as the crude oil cannot experience microbial degradation.

" Greater understandings have been known about the Valdez incident as it occurred in US Waters.

" Clearly with respect to the Valdez incident similar long term environmental damage as best described by NOAA scientist Stanly Jeep Rice published report: Persistence, Toxicity and Long Term Environmental Impact of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (1). It is clear that both oil spill events are different; both incidents afforded our firm the realization that accidents involving crude oil discharges are long term problems greater than 25 years as known toxicity issues have blocked the natural microbial degradation process from occurring. Utilization of the OSEII technology will eliminate the toxicity issues known and allow the GOM not to experience the same destiny as the previously mentioned environmental disasters that were extremely minor compared to the DWH incident.

" The Corexit 9527 dispersant was used during the Mexican IXTOC oil spill accident clean up. The Corexit 9527 dispersant contained 30-60% bweight of the synthetic solvent 2bte as noted on the chemical manufactures MSDS sheet.

" As the Valdez response involved some dispersant use, with a great deal of the French bioremediation product INIPOL 22 was applied to the shoreline of the region by clean-up workers during the Valdez incident as a storm had broadcasted the discharge inland along a rocky shoreline. (Our 2013 research affirmed that adverse human health issues were known to occur directly because of the ability of the 2bte treated crude oil being able to penetrate human skin and directly impact human health as references to the Johansson studies were cited in the recently researched OSHA report (3); However our initial research failed to official confirm but suspect such in 2010 as it was not possible because medical records from the incident were sealed by federal officials. All of which allowed our firm the reality that human health was known to be problematic when the 2bte solvent is administered to the crude oil in wet conditions as human skin affords no protection from the dispersed crude oil contamination.)

" The utilized INIPOL 22 technology contained 12% bweight of 2bte. (2)(72), conversely long term environmental damage has been recorded with both incidents. Just as the Valdez incident and DWH incident were both of the accidental discharge events that were different they were similar with respect to the fact that both incidents realized the intentional indirect introduction of the synthetic solvent 2bte directly into the environment as it has been applied to the crude oil directly by attempted clean-up efforts following the accidental discharge.

" Our research has confirmed that allowing crude oil contamination to be treated with the synthetic solvent 2butoxyethanol yields long term environmental damage as well as it is directly harmful to human health as historical records reveal. Clearly supporting the fact that the synthetic solvent 2butoxyethanol (2bte) is problematic to the US environment when it is applied to crude oil contamination in wet conditions. Such is clearly realized by understanding the implications of June 2010 publication by the Science corps articles (4)-(5). These understandings compelled our efforts to persist as it has been apparent that human collateral damage probabilities existed for the DWH incident.

" Please understand that visual proof exist as the dispersed crude oil contamination does impact human health directly is directly visible using ultraviolet light coupled with blood sampling of the subjects as they come in direct or indirect contact with the tar balls from the DWH incident that is present in the GOM. Our firm reviewed the published findings of the Geologist James Kirby his research confirmed by accident the issue. (See PDF attachment).

" Further confirmation in late 2012, proved not only that the Rip Kirby data is accurate as it supports the peer review Science Corp science data from 2010 that the solvent facilitates transmission of the carcinogenic crude oil components directly in the human system; our firm secured the direct understanding as to the efficiency of upload of the synthetic solvents ability to leave the environment and directly enter the human circulatory system in moist environments. Confirmation of this can be realized with both blood data sampling by the James Kirby paper that is attached as Metamatrix labs confirmed the fact that human blood was contaminated. Secondly the recently published papers by Dr. Paul Sammarco originally contained blood sampling data that our firm is aware of, but did not include in this report. As the publisher required the blood sampling data to be taken out of which the blood sampling data is directly being published as well.

" Please understand that consistently with our research it is known that human blood is impacted when the dispersed crude oil either directly or indirectly is exposed to human skin as the vapors are also problematic. This data our firm has viewed as being very sensitive and thus has not publically made our research available, conversely our earlier attempts to secure a direct confidential meeting to convey our firms data was denied by EPA of which has resulted in this direct letter. Please review all related articles our firm has researched in PUB MED and E MED on percutaneous absorption/penetration of 2butoxyethanol in man (43-78). The problematic issue is very sensitive and required our review of multiple essays to confirm what was suspected, that the GOM has a dispersed crude oil contamination problem with toxicity issues that is problematic requiring immediate removal. We have extensively researched this issue of which we have listed many essays from public health sources to confirm that the 2bte solvent (a carcinogen) allows crude oil components (carcinogens from the crude oil) to directly enter the human blood stream and deposit the carcinogens in the organs of humans.

" Persistent prolonged exposures to the contamination creates chemical sensitivities

" Our firm is not addressing the extent of human adverse health exposure as we are not qualified to properly address such. Conversely we have included approximately 50 sources from public health to published public accounts of direct adverse human ill health. Please review them and you will realize that our GOM toxic dispersed crude oil contamination is problematic and as it is capable of being removed from the environment it must be in order to make sure public health and economic survivability is preserved in the region.

Dispersant utilization containing synthetic solvent (2butoxyethanol) during the DWH incident

" The same solvent has also been introduced directly into the GOM environment with the Corexit dispersants (as 2bte was present in both Corexit dispersants formulas for 9527 and 9500 (as noted in the 1999 EPA NCP notebook, table 14) which were extensively used during the DWH incident as both dispersants were applied on the surface and on the subsurface. (see attachment)

" Both applications are problematic according to our understanding from our research as the subsurface application was not authorized fully by EPA until testing proved its application was first effective as it was clearly noted by Administrator Jackson as in 2010. (This issue is not the focus of our firms interest or efforts only confirms the fact that the dispersant use was problematic) At the time, 2/3 of the test proved the trial application to be in-effective. She discussed third party testing in the interview. Published findings by the WHOI report 1/26/11 on the subsea application confirmed that the subsea dispersant use was not effective. Unknown is if this independent test was the 3rd of 3 test mentioned by Ms. Jackson or 4th of 4 test, either way the subsurface application was most likely confirmed not effective thus the dispersants and the crude oil on the gulf floor is a concern as it has not degraded as WHOI report confirmed due to the toxicity issues. Clarification must be made with respect to effectiveness as it has different meanings relative to the dispersants in comparison to other NCP listed technologies.

" With respect to surface application, it is known that the dispersants transfer the crude from the surface to the subsurface as the EPAs swirling flask testing methods confirmed. Adverse tradeoffs associated with their direct use must be reevaluated as discovery that the 2000 RRT-NRT fact sheet was erroneous just as greater knowledge that the tradeoffs that were perceived acceptable may no longer be acceptable as they are problematic as identified in this letter with respect to the 2bte solvents impact human health and the fact that the dispersed oil does not degrade and is not removed from the environment per the Clean Water Act. Again, it is clear to our firm the cascading impact of identified faulty RRT-NRT bioremediation fact sheet.

A record of the 2butoxyethanol environmental exposures levels present in the GOM environment at the time of implementation is not important as the known fact that residual dispersed crude oils presence in the sediments, seafloor, tidal zones beaches and tar mats affirms the direct requirement for the next phase of clean up activity to initiate is allowing for the direct detoxification and complete removal of the problematic dispersed crude residuals via OSE II.

" Unknown is the actual exposure concentration levels of the solvents when they were first being introduced in the environment since there was great impact on the general population as was reported publically. Levels of 2bte are unknown as EPA monitors did not check for the presence of the synthetic solvent when the dispersants were being applied. Our firms initial review of the 2010 monitor data only depicted ND (non-detect) which did not make sense at the time and was misleading as it afforded the perception the 2bte was not present when indeed it was. Conversely we were informed that EPA made a conscious decision not to have its monitors detect for the solvents presence during the application of the dispersant therefore the actual concentration that was present at the time in our GOM coastal zone is unknown. This is a real concern as bioaccumulation is a characteristic of the solvent when it is mixed with crude oil in wet conditions.

From the research reviewed and presented it is clear that the dispersed crude oil remains present in the GOM environment. The trapped PAH dispersed

crude oil components recognized by the University of Auburn Research Brief I & II (SEE Attached PDF) confirms such because the dispersed crude oil is trapped and bio accumulating. As residuals of the dispersed crude oil has been confirmed literally everywhere in our GOM environment the problematic situation does exist as it cannot degrade timely and therefore it must be removed as its presence is a direct threat to human health.

" Specifically because the OSE II NCP technology does exist which can remove the contamination directly when it is allowed to be administered so that the identified contamination can be removed therefore it must be removed.

" Please recall that the OSEII technology was officially requested by multiple parties including the responsible party during the DWH incident.

" Please recognize that the human error that SCGLLC has brought to the attention of US EPA has had a cascading negative consequential impact to decisions at EPA and RRT-NRT, all of which is correctable.

Historically, throughout the DWH incident, our firm persistently had hoped that federal or state oversight would responsibly take appropriate direct action to address the concerns we transparently have consistently raised was clearly noted by our March 8-9th 2011 trip to Washington.

" On that trip, we met with officials and delivered data packages from independent scientist affording congressional oversight the clear vision of the issues affording them justification to directly request a change in the federal response using the EA bioremediation technology in order to resolve the issues identified.

" This effort failed to generate any direct corrective action by federal oversight in 2011.

" Such is unfortunate as the independent scientific data was correct, was present and was ignored.

In review of the historical incident, it is safe to assume yet again that the cascading impact of the RRT-NRT erroneous 2000 bioremediation fact sheet most probably restricted consideration of the OSE II mitigation solution presented in the document set. At the time as to the reason why or how come the issues we raised did not receive any direct federal corrective action from our direct efforts. Of which, only allowed our firm to make assumptions in trying to determine why no federal corrective action was taken.

" Clearly the valid concerns raised by SCGLLC have been confirmed as a direct concern.

" With the passing of time to represent what our firms considers our coastal environment presently a direct threat to public health! (As the historical Valdez incident research has afforded the understandings that a gestation period for realizing adverse human health occurrence becomes evident in the 36th to 60 month). Presently we are in the 42nd month of the realized gestation period. Removal of the contamination from the coastal zone will stop the human exposure and heightened chemical sensitivity which contributes directly to declines in human health as the persistent exposures possibilities are reduced or eliminated.

" On this issue our research could not confirm with absolute certainty as all health related records have been federally sealed not able to be publically researched. Conversely on this sensitive issue, our firm can only express our historically noted direct concerns which support our present direct threat assessment position.

Conversely, we feel strongly that the conveyance of our firms research source data when verified will positively afford the administration and EPA, the vision that the direct threat potential exist; human error within EPA has denied direct use of NCP EA technology that our firm collectively has confirmed and presented clearly the viable solution that is available to the resolve the challenges that exist presently, allow for the next phase of clean up and decontamination to occur timely. Of which, this is collectively in the best interest of all; as it averts the prospect of greater human collateral damage potential occurrence and preserves the economic survivability of the region which is at direct risk for certain probability of direct loss.

Overview

Present environmental contamination identified with review of peer reviewed documents represents a direct threat to the health and safety of our general public in the 5 coastal states in the GOM region.

Direct Threat Potential Understood from problematic dispersed crude oil contamination

Directly, this letter respectfully request that US EPA recognize that our Gulf of Mexico has a toxic dispersed crude oil contamination problem that is problematic as confirmed by our firms research. Also our firms research has determined that it is completely possible to remove the toxicity issues of the contamination allowing for rapid microbial degradation process to occur so that the problematic trapped dispersed crude oil contamination can be safely removed from our GOM coastal zone environment. At present this trapped dispersed crude oil contamination is very problematic as it does not behave like normal crude oil because of the Corexit dispersants components like the DOSS and synthetic solvent 2butoxyethanol (2bte). This synthetic solvent mixed with the crude oil with moisture present is capable of negatively impacting human health by directly passing thru human skin and entering our human circulatory system according to the peer review data that our firm has researched. Unfortunately, such is the case at present in our GOM coastal region and as such is very problematic based on our research.

Removing threat versus not removing threat

Our strategic economics firm considers this to a direct threat to both public health and to our regions economic survivability.

If the known problematic contamination is allowed to remain in the environment: not treated and not removed.

" Changes in public perception will occur of which will directly impacts initially recreation use and tourism. The loss of such has been identified to be at minimum \$122 billion for the 5 coastal states collectively. Whereas total loss of the region is possible of which the economic damages are easily in excess of many trillion dollars without inclusion of any values for human collateral losses. This simply must not be allowed to occur, as it is totally avoidable!

" Conversely any present changes in present public perception will result in direct losses we envision.

" Depopulation is the eventual reality, as families will realize that the region where they live, work and play are contaminated as their realized incidence of adverse human health is directly attributed to the environmental contamination from the dispersed crude oil. Such realizations will require them to move away from the contaminated environment.

" Acceptance of this threat is not an option, because South Louisiana in particular with its industrial river corridor and ports requires a skilled domestic work force for its operations in our coastal zone region. Similarly this is also true for the Texas coastal area as well as the Mississippi and Alabama coastal regions.

" Depopulation threat is very problematic for our national security as all of our industrial installations are of significance to the economic and security interest of our nation.

Presently great discussions are taking place regarding coastal restoration efforts in this region. Conversely our firm has conveyed to Louisiana officials that any future coastal restoration efforts must include decontamination in order to prevent greater incidence of additional human collateral damage from the trapped PAH contamination in our coastal zone environments.

" All of the above mentioned and non-mentioned exposures are possible if no positive direct federal action is realized allowing the detoxification of the dispersed crude oil contamination identified.
" Impacted states also have the constitutional right to act independently of federal oversight when deemed necessary according to our firms understandings.

Ability to Cure

We are very pleased to advise you that EPA and the RRT-NRT command structure has the direct ability to remove this direct threat from accessing the general public and stop it from further impacting human health, if EPA is willing to recognize and address the fact that apparent human error has caused the omission of key data from the 2000 RRT-NRT bioremediation fact sheet has occurred. Hopefully, this error is recognized and corrected by receipt of this letter; then EPA along with RRT-NRT command can concur on its use thus allowing the safe and effective application of OIL SPILL EATER II (OSEII) as the next phase of cleanup operations in the GOM region.

" OSEII is the sole source NCP listed EA bioremediation technology that possesses the proven capabilities for removing timely the problematic dispersed crude oil contamination from the environment.

" As the dispersants were added to the natural crude oil contamination its presence in the environment is known as problematic and must be removed as it is possible with the OSE II NCP technology being applied. Conversely it is clear that the dispersed crude oil contamination is hydrocarbon based with identified toxicity issues. As the OSE II technology when applied will interface with the toxic dispersed crude oil where it will be detoxified timely and safely removing the toxicity issues that are understood; Unlocking the blocked microbial degradation process; thus allowing the timely removal of the problematic contamination completely from the environment as its safe defined endpoint is confirmed to be CO₂ and water.

" If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Steven Pedigo directly as the CEO of OSEI Corporation or visit their official web site and view their online technical package as our firm has done regularly during our evaluation of the OSEII technology and understand its capabilities. Our firm has found the CEO to be very transparent and forthcoming with accessing all data contained on his web site pertaining to his Oil Spill Eater II technology during our initial vetting in April 2010 to present. His web site contains actual data from thousands of actual oil spill clean ups, federal testing, industry testing, actual accounts of successful field use. Specifically, his found on his web site is the technical package regarding his US EPA NCP listed EA bioremediation technology. His website is WWW.OSELUS His personal contact point is 214 783 6992.

Our review found that the OIL SPILL EATER II is the sole source US EPA NCP EA bioremediation technology that is proven effective to totally and safely be able to detoxify and completely remove the problematic contamination timely from the environment. Our firm directly showcased this technology directly to Craig Matthiessen and Nick Nichols on 12/19/2012 in our 1:17 minute conference call. The focus of our efforts was to confirm the existence of a proven capable NCP solution which was ignored during the DWH incident wrongly as it represented the only transparently proven mitigation solution that could effectively, safely and quickly remove the toxicity issues that plague the dispersed crude oil contamination. A challenge that our firm has directly expressed with 41 months of directly raised concerns requiring mitigation and removal from the GOM Coastal region.

" When EPA corrects the erroneous 2000 RRT-NRT fact sheet, concurs on its use and application in the GOM it will be totally possible to clean up and remove the direct threat our firm has addressed with EPA from publically available data research.

Please view the following ULRS and watch the videos as they are very telling as you will witness crude oil being removed from sand and plastic in the Gulf of Arabia with the simple spray on application of the OSEII EA bioremediation technology as the applicator is not concerned with any toxicity issues as the OSE II technology is totally safe and nontoxic. This demonstration secured and vetting secured Saudi Aramco has issued a product code for its use within its company globally.

" (79) <http://osei.us/archives/1135> See crude oil be removed from Sand in the Gulf of Arabia in Saudi Aramco demonstration and acceptance of the technology. The Saudi Aramco registration number for OSEII is 10050807 affirming approval from PME, NEMAC and ROPME.

" (80) http://osei.us/wp-content/uploads/Nigeria_Shell_testing_OSEII_on_Ogoniland_soil_Nov5-27-2012.pdf See Shell Global actual clean up test results from the Nigerian delta as confirmed by Shells engineers report.

" Significance of this report is because the clean-up results occurred in a delta region that is identical to our GOM Louisiana coastal zone region. As denoted by the Reuters news report (78) <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/08/04/us-nigeria-ogoniland-idUSTRE7734MQ20110804>

" (81) <http://osei.us/wp-content/uploads/ArgentinaGreencorheavyoilTank-201302.pdf> See Argentine Greencor test result of OSEII removing heavy waste crude oil from Tanks

(Please do not mistake SCGLLCs motives with sending this letter and referencing the OSEII EA bioremediation technology)

1. We are not pushing a product; we are pushing for EPA and federal oversight to implement the legally available NCP solution that represents exist and is the only means possible to treat the dispersed crude oil contamination and remove it safely from the environment.
2. AS our research has determined such to be a direct threat to the health of our GOM residents as the dispersed crude oil that is trapped in the sediments and is present in the tar balls is collectively with direct or indirect contact capable of directly impacting human health.
3. All of which our firm considers a direct threat to the economic survivability of all the coastal 5 states of the GOM and directly impacts the economy of the nation.

Decision Modeling

(Cost to Cure versus Cost not to Cure)

Cost to cure calculations are known(See attached SCG Decision modeling) to range from \$ 13 to 31 billion with and the ongoing required mitigation application of the OSE II NCP EA technology to cost annually \$ 3-7 billion as required maintenance due to the fact that the natural seeps will continue for at least 25 more years. (The accuracy of these values is subjective the actual volume of contamination realized from the DWH incident).

" Because detoxification is possible it simply must be authorized.

" The ability to quickly remove the direct threat swiftly and quietly averts a negative shift in public perception as it relates to the safety of the GOM region.

The cost not to cure is also known; as SCGLLCs strategic economic consequential damage assessment initially reflected the fact in 2010 and has been confirmed, thus driving the direct efforts of our firm to persistently express our direct concerns and our direct threat assessment to federal oversight. " By continuing the path of not removing the identified direct threat represented by the identified dispersed crude oil contamination that has toxicity issue and is problematic. Such environmental contamination will ultimately result in discovery by the public that the GOM region is indeed not safe.

" Of which, will trigger a direct shift in public perception regarding the safety of the GOM.

" Federal authority will loss the trust of the general public

" The direct economic loss first realized will be either \$72 or \$122 billion annually. As our firm calculated the value of recreation use and tourism revenue; representing a best worst case loss exposure scenario for the nation and directly the impacted 5 coastal states collectively (Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas).

" Because it is known that the dispersed crude oil contamination where the synthetic solvent has been introduced, long term environmental contamination is known. Conversely, as the DWH incident also has natural seeps which are expected to be discharging for at least 25 more years. It is then understood that the minimum best worst cast loss exposures are identified to range from \$2.075 trillion to 3.05 trillion.

" Conversely, 2-3 trillion in direct losses is identified as direct minimum losses for deciding not to clean up the GOM as such is possible. Long term losses are known collectively to be greater than we all can afford. Especially when considering the region will depopulate and the total loss of the region will be realized.

v It is known that our GOM coastal zone region faces persistently known natural threats such as hurricanes, sea level rise and subsidence. These natural threats exist and are fully known. Conversely these threats only pose direct threat to human life when events occur with frequency such as weather related incidents. Of which our region is accustomed. Subsidence which is very real in as much as our land is sinking West of Mobile Bay to Texas is a problem over time

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RE: Joint Comments on the BP Consent Decree

Dear Mr. Cruden and Mr. Rauch:

On behalf of the undersigned members of the Gulf Future Coalition, we would like to thank the Department of Justice for its leadership in securing a settlement with BP and the Gulf states regarding natural resource damage claims and Clean Water Act civil claims. This settlement marks an important milestone for Gulf communities, and provides significant opportunities for comprehensive ecosystem restoration. We appreciate the opportunity to provide formal comments on the consent decree and the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment Restoration Plan/Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS).

Public Engagement and Restoration

We appreciate the inclusion of important new requirements that BP must fulfill to monitor and publicly report on its efforts to improve the safety of drilling operations in the Gulf of Mexico. These requirements are critical to ensure that our coastal communities, and those that rely on the health of the Gulf for their livelihood, are provided with safeguards from future disasters.

While we appreciate your timely response to our request for an extension of the comment period, we disagree that it is in the best interest of the public to keep the deadline as planned. Being there are two long and complex documents for interested parties across the Gulf to read, comprehend, and provide comment on, the 60-day comment period is unreasonable. Additionally, for individuals who make their living shrimping in Gulf Coast waters, the chosen comment period was at the height of the season. We are very concerned with the lack of translated materials provided at all meetings, particularly the failure to provide translation services at the Texas meeting in Galveston. These oversights do a tremendous disservice to the citizens of the Gulf Coast, of whom these restoration dollars are meant to benefit. These funds, particularly those related to the Natural Resource Damages are public funds. It is a disservice to the public when our trustees don't provide adequate opportunities for communities who were most impacted by the disaster.

We have significant concerns that the proposed governance structure in the Consent Decree and the PDARP/PEIS will prevent meaningful participation from Gulf Coast communities. In its current form, eight newly created Trustee Implementation Groups (TIGs) creates substantial hurdles for public engagement and participation in the TIG's planning process. As each TIG will develop its own engagement strategies, the public will be forced to follow

eight individual NRD processes - each with their own timeline and decision-makers. Such a dispersed system may seriously prevent wide-ranging public engagement among rural, low-income, communities of color, and limited English members of the public. These individuals have an important stake in the outcomes of these proceedings, however, with the additional hurdles of tracking eight different processes with minimal resources, this system may not be able to support their engagement.

This proposed unstructured and uncoordinated process places a enormous burden on the American public. It can reasonably be perceived that this proposed structure is an effort to decrease transparency and public participation. The Trustees must provide a consistent restoration planning process across TIGs that will not require enormous expenditures of time and treasure from the public to participate.

In response, we suggest the consent decree and DRDARP be revised to support a multi-tiered approach to public engagement:

- The Trustee Council should develop strong standard operating procedures (SOPs) requiring each Trustee Implementation Group to develop common approaches, coordinated timelines and resources for engaging the public in developing draft restoration plans, in order to ensure inclusive participation. SOPs should promote steps to reach populations such as low income, minority, rural and limited English proficient communities and commercial and subsistence fishers across the coast which face hurdles to accessing public engagement opportunities and are disproportionately impacted by the health of coastal ecosystems. The public should be able to review and provide input on the Trustee Council's SOPs, including procedures for public engagement.
- The Trustee Council should require the Government Accountability Office to audit the restoration activities and monies spent by federal, state, and local municipalities to ensure compliance of expenditures under the Consent Decree.
- The Trustee Council should promote engagement strategies beyond public meetings to support comprehensive dialogue about restoration. In particular, the consent decree and DRDARP should create a public advisory committee to facilitate sustained input from representatives of the public at-large and key stakeholder groups on the planning, evaluation, fund allocation, and conduct of restoration activities. Such a committee, and relevant sub-committees could ensure key interests across the Gulf Coast states including commercial and subsistence fishers, conservationists, recreational users, socially vulnerable and native stakeholders relevant to the various TIGs are informed, involved and can help educate broader constituencies about the decision making process going forward.
- Terms should be added to the Consent Decree to promote the use of local workers and firms within NRD restoration. As cited in the DRDARP, local hiring is one of the top concerns of local residents during previous phases of public hearings on NRD. Terms should include a requirement to post new job opportunities created by contractors, or relevant subcontractors, as a part of NRD funded restoration work with relevant state and local workforce development agencies nearest the site of such work if state law does not already require such postings. Additionally, contractors should be required to consider workers referred to contractors and subcontractors by these local workforce agencies. Such terms would align with the language under the RESTORE Act, recent state laws in Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi and examples in federal contracting.
- The Trustee Council and TIGs should ensure adequate funding for public engagement. In particular, the Council should consider allocating a portion of the resources currently committed for administration under the regional restoration TIG to promoting public engagement across TIGs. There is substantial concern that the proposed governance structure segments the responsibility of achieving ecosystem restoration that threatens the Trustees' ability to coordinate and reduces accountability. This proposal places an unjust burden on the public by increasing the time and effort required to meaningfully engage and participate in restoration planning and implementation.

Open Ocean Allocation

We are pleased that \$8.1 billion has been allocated toward NRD, and that \$1.24 billion of the NRD allocation is dedicated to restoration and enhancement of the open ocean. The BP oil disaster began off the shore of Louisiana, 5,000 feet below sea level. The sea life that depends on our the health of our oceans, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, finfish, and sea birds, were all exposed to massive amounts of oil and dispersants. The oil disaster began in our coastal waters, and the open ocean is in dire need of comprehensive restoration. Emerging information regarding the impacts to our ecosystem signifies troubling outcomes for our marine environment, which emphasizes the need for meaningful restoration in the open ocean. Inclusion of the open ocean allocation will allow for restoration of the Gulf Coast's premier fisheries and ocean habitats, both of which are essential to the health of the economy in the region.

However, we are concerned that the proposed governance structure for the administration of Natural Resource Damage (NRD) funds and implementation of restoration under the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment Restoration Plan/Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS) will be extremely costly and make it difficult to plan and implement restoration activities to achieve the Gulf-wide and ecosystem-scale goals set by the Trustees.

While we appreciate the dedicated funding for blue water restoration, we are disappointed with the broad definition and terms of funding for the open ocean allocation. The consent decree defines Open Ocean as "restoration activities for resources primarily in the ocean and Federal Trustee administrative and preliminary planning activities across Restoration Areas." By this definition, projects and associated costs that do not address ocean resources will be able to be drawn from this account. This is proposal is unjustifiable considering the plethora of damages specified in the PDARP/PEIS for ocean resources and habitats.

Additionally, four of the early restoration projects that address lost recreational use have been reclassified as open ocean projects. These projects include nearly \$7 million for roadway enhancements (bike and pedestrian lanes) at Davis Bayou in Mississippi, \$545,000 for trail enhancement at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge in Alabama, more than \$10 million for a "beach enhancement project which involves removing fragments of asphalt and road-based material that are scattered widely over the Fort Pickens, Santa Rosa, and Perdido Key areas of Gulf Islands National Seashore, in Florida," and more than \$4 million for the "purchase of up to three pedestrian visitor ferries for use between the City of Pensacola, Pensacola Beach, and the Fort Pickens area of Gulf Islands National Seashore in Florida."

As we examine and evaluate the types of projects conducted in previous phases of restoration, we are alarmed that these four projects have been reclassified as open ocean projects. None of the above listed projects occur in the open ocean and do not fit the definition provided by consent decree. This sets a dangerous precedent for future funding of projects in any component, where Trustees are able to pull funds from restoration accounts that do not benefit the stated resources. Additionally, of the Of the \$832 million allocated for early restoration, only \$20 million has been allocated to restoring marine resources injured in this oil disaster. Classifying recreational use projects as one that address injuries to the open ocean reduces the amount of funding available to restore and improve the our marine environment. The offshore ecosystem is where the disaster occurred and where resources to address significant injuries must still be directed. Funding these projects may be suitable under different allocations; however, they are inappropriate for the open

ocean allocation. We recommend that the consent decree and its related documents consider an alternative, applicable allocation for these projects, either from their respective implementation state or from the region-wide allocations.

The NRD Final Allocation table provides additional details on where the NRD money will be spent. "Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning" accounts for \$150 million of the open ocean funding. It is unclear if the \$150 million amounts to the total allocation for "Federal Trustee administrative and preliminary planning activities across Restoration Areas," as explained in the open ocean definition. This clarification is crucial as it could indicate additional monies are removed offshore restoration. Is the \$150 million the final allocation total for Federal Trustee planning and oversight? Could additional funding from other portions of the open ocean allocation also be used for Federal Trustee planning and oversight? Should federal administrative and planning costs exceed \$150 million, where will the funding be derived from? With the costly administration expenditures of the proposed governance structure, how will the Trustees ensure there will be adequate monetary support to develop and implement a comprehensive suite of restoration projects for the open ocean resources?

Due to the significant concerns outlined above, we are frustrated and troubled that funding for open ocean restoration will be spent on overhead costs for other restoration components and on reclassified, previously approved, land-based recreational projects. We implore the Department of Justice to revise the definition of Open Ocean in the consent decree to guarantee the proper use of the funds in that allocation. Further, the consent decree must make explicit that administrative costs should absolutely not exceed the \$150 million allocated, and should only pertain to costs related to staffing and travel. The open ocean allocation must not be used for Federal Trustee planning costs across restoration areas.

Suggested definition of "Open Ocean":

"Open Ocean" consists of restoration activities occurring in the ocean or activities that create, enhance, or improve marine resource management, scientific research, or monitoring of natural resources in the ocean and Federal Trustee administrative activities, capped at \$150 million, across Restoration Areas.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests; please let us know if we can provide additional information or assistance. For additional information, please contact Jordan Macha at the Gulf Restoration Network (jordan@healthygulf.org).

Sincerely,

The undersigned organizations from the Gulf Future Coalition:

Action Communication and Education Reform Inc., Duck Hill, MS
Alliance Institute, New Orleans, LA
Artspot Productions, New Orleans, LA
Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, Baton Rouge, LA
Earth Ethics, Pensacola, FL
Galveston Baykeeper, Galveston, TX
Gulf Islands Conservancy Inc., Biloxi, MS
Gulf Restoration Network, New Orleans, LA
Idle No More, Gulf Coast, Rayne, LA
Louisiana Environmental Action Network, Baton Rouge, LA
Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper, Baton Rouge, LA
Mind Power Collective, New Orleans, LA
Mobile Bay Sierra Club, Mobile, AL
Mondo Bizarro, New Orleans, LA
Mothers for a Sustainable Energy, Rayne, LA
Oasis Earth, Anchorage, AK
On Wings of Care, New Orleans, LA
Operation Homecare, Mobile, AL
Pelican Coast Conservancy, Mobile, AL
Public Lab, New Orleans, LA
Synergy Strategic Communications, Mobile, AL
Vanishing Earth, New Orleans, LA

Notes:

The Gulf Future Coalition is a diverse gulf-wide network of conservation, community, human rights, and social justice organizations working together to ensure the Gulf of Mexico environment and communities are made whole from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil disaster.

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Consent Decree, Appendix 2 at Â§2.1.1.
Bike & Ped Lane GUIJS MS (\$6,996,751), Bon Secour NWR Trail, AL (\$545,110), Beach Enhancement G.I. National Seashore (\$10,836,055), Gulf Islands National Seashore Ferry Project (\$4,020,000). See Appendix 2 Table 2 of Consent Decree at: <http://www.justice.gov/enrd/file/780686/download>
Phase III Early Restoration Fact Sheet, Gulf Islands National Seashore Beach Enhancement Project, available at <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/wp-content/uploads/BeachEnhancementFactsheet4.pdf>
Phase III Early Restoration Fact Sheet, Gulf Islands National Seashore Ferry Project, available at <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/wp-content/uploads/FerryFactsheet4.pdf>.

"Restoration activities for resources primarily in the ocean and Federal Trustee administrative and preliminary planning activities across Restoration Areas." Consent Decree, Appendix 2 at Â§2.1.1.
In September 2015, Trustees approved Phase IV of early restoration bringing the total approved to be spent to \$832 million from the \$1 billion BP pledged for early restoration. See

<http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2015/09/latest-round-of-early-restoration-projects-approved/>.
Early restoration included a bycatch-reduction project estimated to cost \$20 million. Consent Decree, Appendix 2, Table 2.
Consent Decree at Appendix 2.1; Table 5.10-1 Draft PDARP/PEIS at page 5-103.
Consent Decree, Appendix 2: Agreement Among the United States and the Gulf States Relating to Natural Resource Restoration; Draft PDARP/PEIS at page 7-4.

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Please do not forget about the world's smallest turtle - the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle. These sea turtles are fighting for survival post BP-oil spill and in desperate need of help. An infusion of funds into sea turtle recovery and restoration efforts, and sea turtle recovery plans is needed in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to prioritize funding sea turtle projects!

Sincerely
Dave Valentino

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hello,my name is Gianna. I am a lover of the ocean. now when I tell people this they look at me weirdly and it hurts me so bad. I love the ocean with all my heart so so so much! without the ocean I know I would be long gone and that my life would be misery. I am so so so proud to see people raising money to keep oceans open to everyone and everything! I love seeing people try! my research is extreme and I would love to talk to an expert and my dream is to become a professional diver and marine biologist. since I was 5 1/2 I've loved to ocean and knew it. I write letters to the ocean everyday! I'm only 12 but I can hold my breath for 2 minutes and 27 seconds and I now it's not a lot but I want to improve and I want to improve in the sea! I want to keep it open and I want to keep it safe and clean! contact me at 1-(224)735-5630 or at gegedib@comcast.net you may use hanadidib@sbcglobal.net as last resource if needed but it's highly unlikely. I love the ocean and I love u!

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Thank you for the time, energy, and expense you have collectively invested in assessing damages to natural resources from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill/Explosion (BP Spill) occurring in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, and for estimating the monetary cost of restoring public trust resources to their previous states. The Deepwater Horizon incident brought months of continuous gushing that released 134 million gallons of oil from the sea floor and into the three-dimensional pelagic environment of the ocean from the abyssal zone to the photic zone, flowing shoreward into many estuaries of national significance, floating onto over 1300 miles of beaches and shorelines, and evaporating into the air that marine mammals and sea turtles breathe, along with an additional 1.84 million gallons of dispersant applied throughout the water column and at the sea surface. The event is the most catastrophic manmade environmental disaster in the history of the United States. It is really hard to imagine that the assessment of the damages is complete or that the monetary value proposed to settle the public claims for natural resource damages is the total amount required to fully restore the public trust resources of the Gulf region, considering this restoration plan considers injuries to such a wide array of resources, including everything from brown pelicans to soft corals, sea turtles, marshes, oysters, sperm whales, 21 other species of marine mammals, and more (water column resources). Many species of animals (from sperm whales to small marsh periwinkles), plants (e.g., phytoplankton on smooth cord grass), and many other species that have yet to even be discovered were killed, injured, or impaired for life. This value cannot be truly estimated.

In reviewing the proposed restoration plan it seems that it is almost impossible to have comprehensively assessed the damage and accurately estimated the value of compensation required to restore the Gulf. The attempt is admirable and I realize that we as a nation must move forward on restoration after five years. As stated in the plan it will not be fruitful for the Gulf to have to wait 20 years or more for a complete assessment. Nevertheless, my comments here focus on the apparent insufficiency of a significant component of the plan: its consideration for the lives of the largest and most charismatic animals in the Gulf. These are the sperm whales and their toothed cousins (dolphins) and un-toothed cousins (baleen whales). The amount of funding allocated for the restoration of marine mammals, and the restoration approaches considered for these species, seem paltry and insufficiently evaluated given the damages to marine mammals outlined in the injury assessment chapter, which are compounded in the context of previously depleted populations due to whaling and human impacts so severe that special federal legislation was passed to protect them (the Marine Mammal Protection Act). One pelagic species of marine mammal in the Gulf is protected under the Endangered Species Act, the sperm whale. Estimating damage to the sperm whale population and proposing methods of restoration for it and its habitat must certainly be challenging given how very little is known about sperm whale life history or physiology, or about rates of global recovery from whaling. More is known about the damage to bottlenose dolphin populations in the Barataria-Terrebonne estuaries, and the trustees assumptions related to similar toxicity impacts affecting sperm whales and other species of marine mammals in the Gulf are reasonable. The injury assessment states that 1,100 marine mammals were observed in the surface slick. Humans in the vicinity donned respirators and HAZMAT suits, and even they suffered adverse respiratory affects. The NRDA trustees have estimated tens of thousands of dolphins and whales were exposed in the described contaminated prime marine mammal habitat in the estuarine, nearshore, and offshore waters of the northern Gulf of Mexico. It is known that marine mammals inhaled or aspirated liquid oil and this caused death in stranded dolphins. Other routes of exposure and evidence of injury are documented. 1,000 dolphins and whales were found stranded. The annual average of strandings increased four fold.

The offshore and more pelagic species likely did not strand and no bodies were seen or recovered. How were the numbers of their mortalities or sublethal injuries estimated? It can only be surmised that the offshore and more pelagic species of whales and dolphins living in the prime marine mammal habitat affected by the spill also have lung disease, adrenal disease, and poor body condition from the extreme exposures resulting from the Deepwater Horizon event. Data for strandings following DWH reflect the largest and longest lasting marine mammal unusual mortality event on record in the northern Gulf of Mexico.

The injury assessment report states that dolphin and whale populations living offshore were generally less affected than bay, sound, and estuary dolphins. How can this be known? How was this data evaluated? These populations are smaller, congregate in the area affected by the spill, are dependent on the full spectrum of offshore water column habitats, and their bodies are much less likely to strand. The public is generally unaware that 22 species of marine mammals are found in the northern Gulf or that the Gulf hosts resident sperm whales; very few people have even heard of a Brydes whale. The pelagic environment where most species of the impacted whales and dolphins live is far from shore, requiring a full day to reach in seas that are frequently unpredictable. Most people will never see this part of the Gulf. Despite this, the public holds whales in high regard and there is global pressure to protect all whales and dolphins from fisheries and harvesting, to release captive killer whales, to stop the capture of whales and dolphins for aquariums, and to participate in whale watching. It is highly unlikely the NRDA trustees have evaluated this true value to the public of whales and dolphins.

Please consider the following requests for integration of additional restoration approaches into the proposed plan, revisions of proposed allocations of funds for restoration, and contingency for failure of the Trustees proposed approaches for restoration of marine mammal populations:

A. Establishment of a Gulf Sperm Whale/Pelagic Ecosystem National Marine Sanctuary of significant size

This sanctuary will serve as a truly pelagic sanctuary for the remaining estimated 700 resident sperm whales in the Gulf of Mexico, providing safe haven for the Gulf's largest and most endangered marine mammal species, which is the most dependent on the full spectrum of depths and habitats in the offshore water column. Sperm whales rest at the surface, dive to and feed in depths over one mile, and are most frequently found associated with the interface between cold-core and warm-core eddies along the 1,000m isobath. There is very good data for sperm whale feeding and calving aggregations in the Gulf from the research conducted under the Gulf Cet program funded by the former Minerals Management Service (now BOEM). With data from Gulf Cet and the expertise of marine mammal researchers involved in this research it would be easy to establish appropriate boundaries for the Gulf Sperm Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

The Gulf is unique in that it hosts a resident population of sperm whales, which is considered strategically important in the global restoration of this species. It is not evident in the NRDA assessment and restoration plan that the impact of the spill on the global population of sperm whales has been calculated or addressed. It is important that this damage is calculated and added to the monetary valuation of the damage to sperm whales.

A Gulf Sperm Whale National Marine Sanctuary will protect many other species of marine mammals, billfish, tuna, and other species known to spawn in similar areas associated with features on the bottom, water column chemistry and currents, and eddy/gyre features. While such water column features can move slightly from season to season or year to year, it is possible to identify the areas in which they typically occur, offering the greatest protections to the species associated with them (see the attached map showing my proposal for an area that could be considered). It is vital that these areas be protected from human impacts and the formation of this marine protected area will also address all of the goals and methods listed in the restoration plan for marine mammals (see below). A large component of direct restoration for pelagic species will have to be a protected area for them specifically free of fishing, unnatural sound, and oil and gas exploration and development impacts. These species need a place free from the many threats that exist in the Gulf of Mexico: potential future oil spills, unnatural sound, drilling, dead zones, pollution, ship strikes, etc.; a no-human zone, no oil zone, and/or research only zone.

Scientific data exists to support establishing a truly pelagic sanctuary, and the sperm whale is the perfect poster child for such a sanctuary. This approach would turn what is now an exceptionally vague proposed restoration plan, incorporating limited tools, into something profound and meaningful for the pelagic environment that was damaged drastically by the DWH oil spill. Using the NMSA to designate a protected area would provide a mechanism through which all of the other proposed restoration strategies for marine mammals could be accomplished, giving back to the sperm whales what BP and oil exploration took away from them. As identified in the PDARP, several areas between the Mississippi Canyon and the DeSoto Canyon have known high densities of sperm whales likely because of localized and highly productive habitats. Setting aside an area for the protection of the sperm whale will have cascading impacts of improved protection and restoration for many pelagic species of fishes, cephalopods, and invertebrates.

B. The creation of the Sperm Whale and Pelagic Ecosystem Interpretive Center on-shore

A specialized, high tech facility provided for the interpretation to the public of sperm whale life histories and population dynamics, and of the pelagic environment generally, creates the capacity to educate the American public about the complex pelagic environment that very few people are ever able to directly witness. The offshore Gulf has fueled the economy through fisheries (tuna to anchovies), shipping, and oil and gas. People need to understand why, as well as what animals live there and how humans impact them. The depths of the Gulf are generally unknown to the public. The lives of sperm whales are extreme by any measure of comparison to other animals on earth and in the oceans. Sperm whales spend their lives regularly going where humans cannot, in an environment humans spend great amounts of money to minimally explore. Through interpretation of the story of the lives of sperm whales, people can gain an understanding of the abyssal zone, migrations of species through the water column (e.g., the deep scattering layer), migrations of dispersed males to Antarctica, and even more basic and essential principals such as the differences between the aphotic, mesophotic, and photic zones of the ocean, or the important roles sperm whales play for other species deep in the water column and connecting the surface and the deep ecosystems. This center should be located in a location or locations accessible to the greatest numbers of people in the Gulf of Mexico region, such as the metropolitan areas with the largest populations in Houston, New Orleans, and Tampa.

C. Design, development, and commissioning of the Gulf Sperm Whale and Pelagic Ecosystem research vessel, an offshore vessel dedicated to studying marine mammal population growth in the pelagic environment

The study of the pelagic environment takes specialized talents and technologies, and is truly multidisciplinary. With the establishment of the Gulf Sperm Whale National Marine Sanctuary there must be a mechanism for the natural resource managers, researchers, and others to access the sanctuary and the pelagic environment of the northern Gulf. It will be necessary to invest substantial time in assessing the growth or decline of populations, health of the marine mammals (fecundity and mortality and dispersion), and learn further about the life histories of the sperm whales and other marine mammals in the Gulf. One cannot assess the recovery and restoration of the marine mammals and other pelagic species without consistent, long-term assured access to the pelagic environments of the Gulf.

D. Review of the proposed monetary allocation by the NRDA of \$144 million for the restoration of marine mammals.

This allocation should be adjusted by adding an allocation of \$70 million for the sole purpose of establishing and managing the Gulf Sperm Whale National Marine Sanctuary, and adding a \$100 million endowment dedicated to sustained research, restoration, and adaptive management in the Gulf Sperm Whale National Marine Sanctuary, lasting at least the life time of an average sperm whale, bringing the total to \$314 million in funds to restore the marine mammals of the northern Gulf.

Reassessment of the NRDA valuation of damages to sperm whales and other marine mammals is requested on the following grounds.

1. The sperm whale population is globally significant. These resident sperm whales raise their young in highly structured social groups. The males ultimately disperse and travel to Antarctica and throughout the world's oceans. A loss of a male sperm whale from DWH is a much bigger loss than just its loss to the Gulf. With already globally reduced populations, each male is essential to genetic diversity at global level. The same is the case with a female sperm whale because if one female becomes infertile the entire global population is impacted with reduced fecundity as a whole. If the sperm whales have similar problems as the bottlenose dolphins, scientists won't know if fecundity (or morbidity) has been affected until at least 2018.

2. Sperm whales can dive to depths more than twice as deep as the DWH wellhead, and therefore the oil and increased contaminant concentrations on the bottom surrounding the wellhead are affecting the habitats where they feed. Of all the species impacted by the DWH it will be the hardest to assess the impact on the sperm whales. The current draft restoration plan does not appear to have considered or assessed the value of the feeding grounds of sperm whales, which is particularly problematic given their endangered status.

3. It is shocking to read the extremely low NRDA estimation of \$144 million allocated to restore the populations of marine mammals in the Gulf of Mexico. Based on the material presented in the plan, almost 1.4 million lost cetacean years resulted from the spill, and the allocation provides only ~\$104 per lost cetacean year. The numbers of individual marine mammals impacted is estimated in the tens of thousands of dolphins and whales, with one affected species, the sperm whale, being listed as endangered under the ESA, protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and protected by the International Whaling Commissions global ban on harvest. Using the abundance estimate for sperm whales in the northern Gulf of Mexico provided in the introduction to the marine mammal injury assessment (page 4-590; 763 individuals), and the mortality estimate of 6% of the population of sperm whales killed as provided in table 4.9-6, about 46 sperm whales were directly killed by the spill (this figure would be more than doubled if the pre-spill abundance estimate of 1635 from tables 4.9-5 and 4.9-12 is accurate; the reason for this discrepancy in abundance estimates should be explained). A humpback whale in Australia is estimated to be valued at \$1.25 million for the whale watching tourism industry. Using just that ecotourism value as a proxy for the value of a single sperm whale could yield a value for the loss of sperm whales alone of at least \$57.5 million, which is over one third of the proposed marine mammal allocation but reflects a value for only one species of the 22 populations assessed. How was the value of a sperm whale calculated? Certainly the public would value the opportunity to see a sperm whale similarly to seeing a humpback whale, were the public more generally aware of this injury. How was the value of each sperm whale, dolphin, and other whale or dolphin species evaluated? A captive male killer whale has a reported value of \$7 million dollars to an aquarium.

4. Given that \$70 million is allocated to the states for the restoration of the inshore bottlenose dolphin populations (almost half of the total marine mammal allocation, disregarding the \$19M allocated region-wide, some of which will almost certainly be spent inshore), the allocation for offshore species restoration seems exceptionally low. Additionally, it seems that there is not a reported value on the life of a bottle nosed dolphins when it seems easy to find out the value of them to wildlife watchers with dolphin watching occurring across Gulf estuaries and their ever present appearance in aquarium shows. These whales and dolphins, inshore and offshore (all species represented across the 22 populations assessed), will all have the same future problems with reduced fecundity and increased rates of mortality further hindering their recovery.

5. \$540 million is allocated in the plan to address lost human uses of the Gulf of Mexico. There is absolutely no way that humans have lost more uses of the Gulf than sperm whales, bottlenose dolphins, and other species of whales/dolphins. Not one beach-goer or fisher lost his or her life breathing the fumes, became infertile from the toxins, or gave birth to a stillborn child. Marine mammals suffered all these effects. If humans lived in an area where contaminants were causing a 46% reduction in reproductive viability, the area would be declared a Superfund site and people would be removed. How will the trustees assure marine mammals live in an environment that is not toxic? Injury assessment identifies specific habitat areas where marine mammals congregate, but the restoration plan doesn't acknowledge this. It is very questionable that so much more is allocated for restoration of human uses across the same four states where only \$144 million has been allocated for the species that are the apex predators and utilize all components of the three dimensional ocean from the offshore depths and surfaces to near shore estuaries.

6. The allocation for marine mammals did not consider what it will really take to restore the populations of marine mammals that were injured. How were the numbers / dollar values estimated by species or by individual. Tens of thousands of whales and dolphins are estimated to have been exposed to the oil toxic fumes. These species exchange almost all of their oxygen in their breaths at the water surface, thereby exposing their lungs and other internal organs to the highly toxic fumes at the surface more directly than any other species. It doesn't appear that even their commercial value has been estimated. Marine mammals values could be easily estimated to be much higher than assessed based on their very high commercial value from aquarium entertainment and education, wildlife watching, or even previous whaling values.

Lastly, the restoration plan for marine mammals appears to primarily address items that NOAA and NMFS are already required to address through management of fisheries and the public trust resources. No part to the plan appears to directly restore the populations of marine mammals impacted from the oil spill itself. The tools listed include collaborative partnerships with fishers to reduce their impacts and accidental takings (this is not an impact of the spill and does need to be done but, it is not likely to restore sperm whale populations numbers taking 29 years to restore).

Another listed tool is providing more funding to marine mammal stranding networks for researching causes of death, possible rehabilitation of dolphins, and necropsies. Most stranded whales and dolphins are near shore inhabitants and it is very unlikely much will be learned about the more pelagic populations. And it is very unlikely a sperm whale might be rehabilitated and released back into the wild. There is not any disagreement that stranding networks are poorly funded and require more funding, but even a 7-fold increase in their funding will not restore populations of marine mammals. While this approach may contribute important information to understanding why (particularly coastal) marine mammals die, it is not a proactive restoration approach contributing to active restoration of populations impacted by the spill.

Were takings under the MMPA /Endangered species Act protections enforced under separate settlements or added to the value assessed for injury under the NRDA? If they are included in the NRDA assessment, the proposed allocation appears even more insufficient.

In summary, the proposed plan does not meet the Trustees obligations to compensate the public for the loss of these resources by restoring marine mammal populations. The plan doesn't include any thing substantial toward active restoration of these populations and should incorporate the concepts identified above to provide more substantial refuge and protection to these populations on a more permanent basis, particularly in light of the uncertainty related to the recovery of the marine mammal populations affected by the spill.

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Correspondence: The National Ocean Policy Coalition ("Coalition") is an organization of diverse interests representing sectors and entities that support tens of millions of jobs, contribute trillions of dollars to the U.S. economy, and seek to ensure that actions under the National Ocean Policy ("NOP") Executive Order¹ are implemented in a manner that best benefits the National interest, including protection of the commercial and recreational value of the oceans, marine-related natural resources, and terrestrial lands of the United States.

Since its founding in 2010, one of the Coalition's primary efforts has been to identify and recommend practical and reasonable alternatives to the coastal and marine spatial planning ("CMSP") initiative within the NOP because of its potential to result in unnecessary restrictions or prohibitions on commercial and recreational activities through zoning plans, new and costly constraints on regulatory options, and the establishment of protected areas outside of statutorily authorized entities and processes. To that end, we have encouraged alternative planning processes that promote clear authority, meaningful stakeholder participation, transparency, and non-binding advisory products.²

The Coalition's concerns have been underscored by the decisions of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Bodies to draft marine plans based on ecological features that some believe warrant additional zoning measures and protection, outside the normal regulatory process.³

Given that the NOP requires federal agencies to engage in CMSP regardless of Regional Planning Body or state participation,⁴ the Coalition has also been monitoring National Ocean Policy/CMSP implementation activities of relevance to all regions, including those where all states choose not to participate in a regional planning body for CMSP.

Developments outside the Regional Planning Body context that have highlighted the potential for the NOP/CMSP effort to inject uncertainty into legal and regulatory procedures, thereby affecting economic and societal interests, include but are not limited to the following:

- NOP Implementation Plan's call for "protect[ing] significant natural and cultural marine and Great Lakes areas and sufficient habitat to ensure maintenance of ecosystem processes;"⁵

- Interior Department reference to CMSP as "a new paradigm and planning strategy for coordinating all marine and coastal activities and facility constructions with the context of a national zoning plan;"⁶

- Interior Department citation to the NOP as justification in part to exclude commercial activity across a large swath of U.S. waters through at least 2017;⁷ and

- Language in the Updated Framework for the National System of Marine Protected Areas of the United States stating that "effective regional collaboration" for marine protected areas should include linkages to Regional Planning Bodies, and that the MPA Center "may contribute to regional planning efforts and efforts by individual MPA programs to identify and fill important conservation gaps that may be effectively filled through the establishment of new MPAs and MPA networks"⁸

In this instance, the Coalition is concerned about language in the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees' Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement ("PDARP/PEIS") that references spatial planning (without defining or addressing it with specificity) as well as the potential establishment or expansion of marine protected areas.

As NOAA notes, the purpose of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment ("NRDA") process such as the one being conducted in this instance is to address the impact of one specific event.⁹ Thus, the PDARP/PEIS and NRDA process underway should be limited accordingly and not used to set policy, influence regulatory activities, or apply to other scenarios. The inclusion of the NOP Executive Order in a list of "Other Laws and Executive Orders" underscores the Coalition's concerns about making unwarranted reference to a far more expansive policy.¹⁰

Specifically, in addressing the restoration of marine mammals, the Draft PDARP/PEIS includes the following statements regarding spatial planning, which we interpret to convey the same intent as CMSP or other language that could lead to zoning efforts that would be beyond the context and scope of the process underway:

- Recovery of marine mammals "necessitates a portfolio of restoration approaches that...includes...spatial planning..."

- "Critical needs for identifying priority threats include...spatial planning."

- "Monitoring and scientific support for adaptive management of restoration approaches would include...development of spatial planning information management tools (e.g. GIS maps, databases, and statistical models)..."

- "...information is needed to...prioritize those [marine mammal] stocks in need of additional restoration, adaptive management, or conservation actions using spatial planning tools."

- "Updated information with finer spatiotemporal resolution is needed to develop and distribute more accurate spatial planning and decision support tools to further inform restoration, define restoration activities, and monitor the effectiveness of all the restoration activities."

- "There could be efficiencies in developing spatial planning tools by coordinating with other efforts such as sea turtle geospatial planning."¹¹

The Draft PDARP/PEIS further notes that one goal of marine mammal restoration would be to implement an integrated portfolio of restoration approaches, one of which is the measurement of noise to improve knowledge and reduce impacts of anthropogenic noise on marine mammals.¹² In another example where the PDARP/PEIS moves beyond the limited scope and purpose of the NRDA process underway, it is further noted that this approach "may involve...implementing spatial planning and decision support tools" and that the combination of information on marine mammals and their habitats "will be incorporated into...spatial planning tools for use in environmental impact assessment, operational planning, and permitting by federal agencies."¹³

Another identified marine mammal restoration approach is the protection and conservation of marine, coastal, estuarine, and riparian habitat.¹⁴ The Draft PDARP/PEIS notes that establishment or expansion of protections for marine areas (marine protected areas) is a technique that could be employed to implement such an approach.¹⁵

As to restoration of mesophotic and deep benthic communities, the Draft PDARP/PEIS includes a goal to actively manage valuable communities to protect against multiple threats and a restoration approach focused on protection and management.¹⁶ In stating that "spatially based management provides a framework for addressing key threats," the Draft PDARP/PEIS notes that marine protected areas "can restrict oil and gas activities, limit types of fishing gear, restrict anchoring..."¹⁷

Further expanding on the mesophotic and deep benthic community protection/management restoration approach, the Draft PDARP/PEIS notes that establishing protections could include expanding existing management or designating new areas for management and that "projects that manage and prevent future injuries from known threats can often have more certain outcomes and be more cost-effective than projects designed to create these resources."¹⁸ In discussing implementation considerations, it references federal statutes and mechanisms including the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, Antiquities Act, no-activity zones, and habitat areas of particular concern.¹⁹

Since the issuance of the NOP Executive Order in July 2010, the Coalition and many other groups have been concerned that NOP/CMSP implementation could, among other things, upend the regulatory process by forcing agencies to comply with marine spatial plans developed outside congressionally-authorized processes, potentially leading to inappropriate restrictions on access for a myriad of human use activities that are critical to the nation's economic and societal health. In addition to economic implications, since it has not been authorized by Congress and given the mandate for federal implementation, significant uncertainty also remains with regard to potential NOP/CMSP impacts on legal certainty under existing statutory and regulatory processes.

If it is in fact the intent to refer to spatial planning under the NOP, the Coalition strongly urges the Trustees to avoid the potential for the restoration plan to add to those uncertainties and concerns by removing all references to spatial planning. The need for doing so is magnified by the fact that most of the public and many decision-makers remain unaware of the NOP/CMSP initiative, and since the Gulf Coast states have elected not to form a Regional Planning Body to participate in the effort during the five years that the NOP has been in place. Given the entirety of these circumstances, the Draft PDARP/PEIS is not an appropriate mechanism for furthering the NOP/CMSP in the Gulf of Mexico.

To the degree that the Trustees do not intend to refer to the NOP/CMSP when mentioning "spatial planning" and decide to maintain such references in the final product, the PDARP/PEIS should describe in detail the spatial planning activities and processes that are intended to be referenced and carried out and the specific statutory and regulatory authorities that would permit their use, and allow additional opportunities for the public to comment on those draft activities and processes.

With regard to the references to the establishment or expansion of marine protected areas, and in light of previous and ongoing linkages between CMSP and marine protected areas (see above), the Coalition also urges the Trustees to clarify that any such establishment or expansion would be developed and implemented only to the extent that they are specifically authorized by statute.

The Coalition also urges the Trustees to remove the reference to the potential use of the Antiquities Act (see above) to establish protected areas. The need for doing so is underscored by language in the Draft PDARP/PEIS noting the continuing availability of public comment opportunities to ensure public participation and engagement in restoration activities,²⁰ recent developments in the Northeast that have highlighted deficiencies in transparency and public engagement surrounding potential Antiquities Act designations,²¹ and the fact that the Antiquities Act does not include public comment and engagement requirements.²²

Lastly, in making protection of coastal, estuarine, and riparian habitats and mesophotic and deep benthic communities the focus of restoration approaches, the Draft PDARP/PEIS presents marine protected areas as the sole mechanism for action, with a conclusion that mesophotic and deep benthic communities "would particularly benefit from a preventive restoration project because they are sessile and therefore susceptible to threats such as oil and gas activities, fishing activities, and marine debris."²³ Given the limited scope and purpose of the NRDA process underway, such statements and related recommendations that could be used to influence or establish policy, regulations, or other federal decision-making activities should be removed from the PDARP/PEIS.

To the extent that marine protected areas are addressed in the final draft, the Coalition urges the Trustees to identify them as a potential means to accomplish a particular goal or objective, which would be established through a public process, and not as protection for the sake of protection absent appropriate justification, procedural grounding, and a measurable outcome.

As the Draft PDARP/PEIS acknowledges but does not fully evaluate, designation or expansion of a protected area "may restrict some activities within certain areas."²⁴

Highlighted by the potential for socioeconomic impacts, any decision to establish or expand a marine protected area must be the result of a statutorily-authorized, well-informed, and case-by-case process and assessment that considers a range of potential actions (including those not related to marine protected areas), is grounded in sound science and strong user group and public engagement, and avoids pre-determined outcomes and judgements. The Draft PDARP/PEIS text should be revised accordingly.

The Coalition appreciates your consideration of the comments herein and the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft PDARP/PEIS.

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An undertaking this large is bound to encounter uncertainties, and, while Ocean Conservancy believes the Trustees have developed a sound vision for restoration, we continue to be concerned about how restoration approaches and strategies will be implemented. A number of the approaches included in the draft PDARP/PEIS have a degree of uncertainty, including "a limited scientific understanding of target resources, the use of novel approaches and/or techniques, restoration at large spatial scales and/or long time scales, and strong socioeconomic influence, among other factors."⁵⁶ Monitoring and adaptive management plans should be developed concurrent with implementation of the restoration approaches for each area, and the Trustees must ensure sufficient funding for these activities. Additionally, restoration plans must adequately account for climate change impacts and ensure restoration activities are designed to be resilient and sustainable with consideration of sea level rise, storm surge and other climate-related impacts that are predictable using best available science. Trustees should not, therefore, be able to access the funding allocated for unknown conditions and adaptive management to react to scenarios that were reasonably foreseeable in the planning process but that Trustee Implementation Groups failed to consider. Each TIG is allocated funding for monitoring and adaptive management and should budget appropriately for these activities rather than viewing the unknown conditions funds as a way to supplement the adaptive management process.

Evidence of additional injury required to access reserve account

The consent decree provides a broad definition for the use of funds from this account: "to address unknown injuries and/ or losses to Natural Resources" or "to adapt, enhance, supplement, or replace restoration projects or approaches initially selected by the Trustees."⁵⁷ Ocean Conservancy agrees that both addressing unknown injuries and adaptive management are critical to the long-term recovery of natural resources. The Trustees discuss the way that other ongoing scientific and monitoring activities in the Gulf could be leveraged to discover the existence of such currently unknown conditions, applying this information "to determine whether adjustments are needed to restoration at the project, resource, or cross-resource levels to ensure recovery of the resources from injury caused by the Deepwater Horizon incident."⁵⁸ Ocean Conservancy urges the Trustees to explicitly commit to this level of tracking at multiple scales and analysis of research and monitoring data. Further, the Trustees must develop a clear definition of unknown conditions and guidance for the type of documentation or evidence that will be needed to access the allocation for unknown conditions and adaptive management and avoid misuse of these funds.

Ocean Conservancy supports the Trustees' decision to initiate restoration now; however, the Trustees have indicated that for many resources, including fish and water column invertebrates, sea turtles, and birds, additional injuries likely occurred but were not quantified or were underestimated. Further, the Trustees indicate injuries to benthic communities are likely to adversely affect the marine food web. Chronic or new injuries and any population-level or food web impacts cannot be ruled out. Oil released into sensitive coastal and marine environments can

persist for decades, and the resulting environmental impacts can last just as long or longer. Studies of the Exxon Valdez oil spill show that some oil remained in Prince William Sound two decades later, and some injured resources had not fully recovered.^{59,60} Ocean Conservancy is concerned that without reasonable safeguards in place, this account could be zeroed out before the long-term impacts on natural resources are fully known. Therefore, the Trustees must conduct additional monitoring and supporting science needed to document and characterize injuries not accounted for in the draft PDARP/PEIS and to track recovery of injured resources. This monitoring data must be used to inform decisions for making claims on this account. It is critical that the Trustees establish conditions and criteria that must be met before a demand for payment may be made from this account. For example, the Trustees should provide the following: 1) evidence of worsening or continuing injury and/or any unknown conditions that have interacted with these injuries to prevent a full recovery as of January 1, 2016; and 2) a summary of program successes and setbacks that includes an explanation of progress, or lack of progress, in achieving goals and the underlying reasons, as well as an articulation of the changes the Trustees will make to accelerate the recovery of injured resources and to improve the likelihood of restoration success going forward.

Summary of recommendations

- Trustees must demonstrate that they considered the impacts of climate change in their original project design and implementation as a condition for accessing this allocation to repair or replace projects;
- Trustees must ensure the funding allocated for unknown conditions and adaptive management is not used to supplement the adaptive management process of TIGs;
- The Trustees must provide more information about how Trustees will make determinations that conditions have presented a rationale for accessing this account;
- The Trustees must provide a definition for unknown condition; and
- The Trustees must ensure decisions for making claims on the allocation for unknown conditions and adaptive management are based on monitoring data that documents and characterizes currently unknown conditions.

VII. Conclusion

In summary, Ocean Conservancy supports the Trustees' commitment to an ecosystemwide approach to restoration that provides resources for the open ocean, coastal restoration, monitoring and adaptive management. However, we have serious concerns that the proposed distributed governance structure of the Trustee Council subdivides responsibility for achieving ecosystem restoration in a way that decreases accountability and threatens the Trustees' ability to coordinate, threatens the funding available for ecological restoration in the open ocean and places an unfair burden on the public by increasing the time and effort required to meaningfully engage and participate in restoration planning and implementation. Making the best use of funds provided by the settlement for natural resource damages in the Gulf will depend on coordination, planning and careful setting of priorities for what is a significant but nonetheless limited amount of funding. The challenge and opportunity we now have is to leverage and allocate these funds to achieve maximum benefit for the ecosystem as a whole. In the end, restoration must not only result in benefits to individual resources or services but must collectively contribute to a healthier, more resilient Gulf ecosystem. Thank you for your consideration of these comments as you move toward finalizing the PDARP/PEIS and the consent decree. Please contact me at 504.208.5814 or Ivy Fredrickson at 503.505.6575 with questions or to discuss these comments in more detail.

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I'm writing to urge you to spend every dollar of the BP settlement on effective restoration of the Gulf's coast and communities.

"All of the natural resources of the northern Gulf of Mexico ecosystem were threatened and many were injured and destroyed as a result of the Deepwater Horizon incident," the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration concluded after five years of study. "These injuries and death caused significant adverse effects to the environment ... and to the economy of the region." In all, NOAA's report estimated that between 50,000 and 84,000 birds died as a result of the disaster. Sea turtle losses were calculated at 4,900 to 7,600 larger sea turtles and 56,000 to 166,000 small juveniles. Most of the deaths will never result in bodies washing ashore. The Gulf region is an amazing natural and cultural treasure, and a key economic driver for the nation. Yet, 5 years since the BP disaster and 10 years since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Gulf's communities and wildlife continue to suffer from the impacts of coastal wetland loss and BP's oil. The undersea gusher damaged the hearts of fish and the lungs of dolphins, fouled beaches where birds and turtles nest, and killed marsh plants that provide food and shelter for other animals. Plans have been developed to restore coastal lines of defense and protect the Gulf's communities, but these plans have yet to be fully funded and implemented. The threat to the people of the Gulf Coast is real and urgent.

That's why it is essential that we spend the BP restoration dollars on funding ACTUAL RESTORATION. Already, POLITICIANS are talking about USING BP dollars on WASTEFUL PROJECTS LIKE A BEACHFRONT CONVENTION CENTER AND a minor league baseball stadium and other unnecessary infrastructure. PLEASE do the right thing and spend these precious funds on effective restoration, not pork-barrel politics. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE REBUILD THE HABITATS AND DO WHATEVER IT TAKES, HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES TO REPLACE ALL THE ANIMALS THAT WERE LOST. And to get fisheries back to protect jobs that have been lost for 5 years.

Sincerely,
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Correspondence: The signatories to this letter represent a coalition heavily engaged in addressing the damages from the largest oil spill in US history and how those efforts interface with long-term coastal restoration planning and implementation. The impacts from the oil spill were unprecedented - surface oil slick extended 15,300 square miles, oil was detected over 43,300 square miles of the ocean, 1,300 miles of shoreline and 12,500 acres of sand beach habitat were contaminated. Accordingly, the restoration activities must also be unprecedented.

We applaud those who have worked very diligently on the Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP) and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). Your work in developing a vision and a restoration plan that fairly addresses an endlessly complex ecosystem and the impacts to this spill is evident. Focusing on ecosystem linkages and connectivity provides a system-based approach to restoration that will lead to large-scale benefits across the Gulf of Mexico (GoM). It is important that we acknowledge and recognize that restoration does not know political boundaries, therefore restoration benefits, especially when accruing at large spatial scales, can have cascading benefits throughout the northern GoM. Striking a balance that addresses resource injuries through holistic systems-based restoration, as the PDARP does by evaluating injuries to representative ecological processes and linkages, builds the most rational framework to guide the long-term investment of the BP settlement. Overall, the draft PDARP/PEIS has done an excellent job of assessing the impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on various components of the northern GoM ecosystem, the direct resource injuries and their compensatory restoration measures, types and impacts of compensatory restoration action, and broad scale programmatic restoration alternatives. The focus of the PDARP on coastal habitats is wholly justified since it is the interface between the ocean and the land systems. Coastal habitats are the incubator for marine and estuarine organisms and nurture the biological richness of the GoM. Coastal habitats are, furthermore, where most people interact with the Gulf and where great economic value is realized. In our view, the PDARP/PEIS complies with the basic requirements of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and the National Environmental Policy Act and associated regulations, and it should be finalized without delay so restoration can begin in earnest. Therefore, the comments below, organized by sections of the PDARP/PEIS, are intended only to make minor improvements

Support for Alternative A

In a tight timeframe for preparing the draft PDARP/PEIS, the Trustee Council has marshalled massive amounts of scientific data and analyses to support its findings and recommended courses of action. The PDARP alternative portfolios consider key ecological factors like linkages, as well as factors such as resiliency and sustainability. The investments range across resource groupings and supporting habitats in order to maximize the likelihood of appropriately compensating the public for all the resources and services injured by the spill. The investment of funds focuses on restoring Louisiana coastal marshes as an essential element of the preferred alternative. This focus is key given both the extensive impacts to Louisiana marsh habitats and species and the critical role that these habitats play for many injured resources across the GoM and the overall productivity of the Gulf. Coastal and nearshore habitat restoration is the most appropriate and practicable mechanism for restoring the ecosystem-level linkages disrupted by the spill.

We fully support the selection and implementation of Alternative A (Preferred Alternative), described as Comprehensive Integrated Ecosystem Restoration, which recognizes the ecological interconnectivity of the northern GoM ecosystems and emphasizes that broad ecosystem benefits can be realized through coastal habitat restoration in combination with resource-specific restoration. Accordingly, Alternative A specifies the need to focus restoration efforts on broad, regional scale projects to benefit areas and resources known to have been injured by the spill. Alternative A recognizes that essential drivers of Gulf restoration, such as river inflows and restored estuarine functions, underlie the coastal processes that support a wide array of habitats, organisms, and coastal lifestyles, specifically emphasizing the central importance of restoration of the Mississippi River delta and the need for major investments in Mississippi River sediment diversions as a central strategy for wetland restoration. We strongly agree with this focus in the context of the broader restoration strategy outlined in Alternative A.

The Trustees should coordinate with all available funding mechanisms and programs from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to define comprehensive restoration goals and targets, considering the future without action, project synergies and conflicts, and real-world constraints such as limited funding, time and sediment. We support the adaptive approach described in the PDARP which includes iterative planning, implementation and monitoring to optimize restoration results that shift over time in response to scientific data. We recommend the Trustee Council work with these other programs to establish an over-arching Science Advisory Committee (SAC) to provide independent technical guidance on the use of best available science in the development, implementation and evaluation of ecosystem restoration of the northern GoM. The SAC would help ensure that science is integrated into comprehensive restoration by providing input on restoration objectives and priorities, strategies and performance metrics; evaluating progress toward restoration goals via monitoring and other adaptive management mechanisms; and identifying restoration gaps, conflicts and opportunities for coordination with other programs. The SAC can also help develop a scientific review process to be used by the Trustee Implementation Groups to evaluate and select projects for inclusion in Alternative A to ensure that the projects, as a collective whole, support comprehensive ecosystem restoration of the northern GoM.

Restoration of the Mississippi River Delta

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill caused widespread damage to northern GoM ecosystem resources. As the PDARP recognizes, its impact was most severe in coastal Louisiana given the proximity of estuaries in and around the Mississippi River Delta (MRD) to the spill, the penetration of the oil into Delta estuaries and the deteriorated condition, and thus vulnerability, of the Deltas barrier islands and wetlands. The ongoing deterioration and loss of the Deltas wetlands, which has been exacerbated by the oil spill, will have significant adverse consequences for the recovery of the northern GoM ecosystem, its fisheries and wildlife from the oil spill. Noting these circumstances, the PDARP recognizes that a) sustaining MRD wetlands that otherwise would erode and subside and b) rebuilding already lost wetlands in shallow, open water would not only have benefits for the Delta itself but would have more broad benefits to the entire northern GoM and its estuaries.

The PDARP identifies sediment diversions and other projects in Louisianas Coastal Master Plan as approaches to advance restoration of the MRD ecosystem. We strongly support the allocation of significant NRDA funding for these projects. Investing a large portion of settlement funds, including but not limited to NRDA funds, to advance Delta ecosystem restoration, specifically through the construction and operation of sediment diversions, will have major and long-term benefits for the well-being of the entire northern GoM ecosystem as well as the resources and productivity of the Delta itself. This is a

reasonable strategy to redress uncompensated damage to Delta wetlands and northern GoM biological resources impacted by the BP Oil Spill on a regional scale.

Sediment Diversions as a Primary Restoration Tool

The Mississippi River and its Delta has a profound influence on the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. The river has shaped the coastline, affects ocean circulation, and supplies large quantities of fresh water, sediments, and nutrients that influence a large part of the northern Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. The deltaic wetlands support the trophic interactions throughout the Gulf and provide habitat and nursery groups for a wide variety of important species. The PDARP soundly recognizes that controlled sediment diversions that reconnect the Mississippi River with its Delta are a primary tool for preserving and restoring Delta wetlands. The PDARP states, Diversions of Mississippi River water into adjacent wetlands have a high probability of providing large-scale benefits for the long-term sustainability of deltaic wetland systems and help restore injured wetlands and resources by reducing widespread loss of existing wetlands through 1) reintroducing nutrients and freshwater into salt-stressed, nutrient starved ecosystems, and 2) increasing sediment deposition to partially offset RSLR and help build new habitats. The importance of diversions to the PDARPs restoration strategy supports and reinforces findings of the November 2004 Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystem Restoration Final Report of the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Strategy and Louisianas 2012 Coastal Master Plan.

In addition, the draft PDARP/PEIS accurately points out that river diversions not only have a capacity to build land in subsiding areas, but can also provide indirect benefits to coastal wetlands across a larger area of the deltaic plain through the re-introduction of large quantities of fine sediment to the shallow coastal environment. The scope and ecological significance of these indirect benefits can be enormous, especially since the large amounts of fine-grained silts and clays that diversions can convey deep into receiving basins will sustain existing wetlands that would otherwise erode and subside.

While all Gulf coast estuaries and coastal wetlands are subject to the stress of sea level rise, coastal Louisianas Deltaic region is under far greater stress, with coastal subsidence and sediment starvation compounding the consequences of sea level rise. Redirecting water and sediment of the Mississippi River into its Deltaic basins via diversions presents a unique opportunity for ecosystem sustainability and restoration that is not available elsewhere in the northern Gulf region. Taking advantage of the sediment resources of the Mississippi River therefore represents the premier restoration opportunity for the northern GoM ecosystem.

The PDARP points out that the long-term benefits of the types of restoration activities described in Alternative A, including construction and operation of river diversions, generally far outweigh any short-term adverse impacts; it also appropriately calls for monitoring and adaptive management to ensure that benefits are maximized and unintended impacts are minimized.

Governance

The NRDA Trustees have proposed a distributed governance structure that delegates restoration decision-making to the level of the Trustee Implementation Groups (TIGs) while maintaining the Federal Trustee Council for a number of broader administrative functions, including to ensure coordination and efficiency across the TIGs by establishing procedures and practices needed to standardize or provide for consistency of some TIG activities. We believe this structure has potential to serve as a good foundation for restoration decision-making and implementation. To provide for effective governance, efficient delivery, and optimal coordinated use of NRDA funds, we urge the Trustees to include the following refinements and clarifications in the final PDARP.

The Trustee Council recognizes the need to update their existing Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for adoption and adherence by each of the TIGs. Many essential restoration planning and coordination details hinge on these documents. However, the expected content of the documents is not elaborated in the PDARP, making meaningful comment on many aspects of the governance structure impossible. Given that the procedures and practices articulated in the SOP will guide restoration activities across the Gulf for many years to come, this is a critical juncture for soliciting public feedback. We therefore recommend that the PDARP commit to an additional public comment period to allow for needed public input regarding the MOUs and SOPs. In the cases where individual TIGs elect to develop supplemental MOUs and SOPs, these documents also should be subject to a public comment period before being finalized.

We believe that the decision-making structure set forth in the PDARP, with restoration plans developed and projects selected at the level of the TIG, will increase efficiency in decision-making and accelerate implementation of critical restoration efforts around the Gulf. We also agree that TIG flexibility to phase project implementation is important and appropriate, given the 15-year payment schedule. However, the decentralized governance structure set forth in the PDARP necessitates proactive and formalized efforts to coordinate between TIGs and across other restoration programs (e.g., RESTORE and NFWF), to ensure that a Gulfwide perspective on restoration is not lost. The full Trustee Council is responsible for ensuring this coordination, and the PDARP provides for the Council to designate dedicated support staff, as necessary, for conducting its business. However, it fails to articulate the specific channels or processes that the Trustees will employ to promote coordination and ensure that restoration activities are not siloed. More detail on the topic of coordination should be provided in the final PDARP, as well as in the SOP.

To ensure crucial regional coordination and informed restoration decision-making, we recommend several enhancements to the governance structure proposed in the PDARP.

TIG restoration plans should be shared with the full Trustee Council on a frequent and defined basis. This process would provide an opportunity for TIGs to exchange ideas, share best management practices, and consider how their intended activities fit into the larger restoration landscape; it also could provide a space for communication of ongoing and planned activities to other Gulf of Mexico restoration programs, including the RESTORE Council and NFWF. The Trustee Council should be responsible for completion of program reviews that examine whether projects are adequately coordinated and on track to meet goals, and the PDARP directs the Trustee Council to undertake such reviews approximately every five years. We believe a biennial review would help to prevent missed coordination opportunities and would provide for more nimble adaptive management. These program reviews could also serve as a resource to inform and engage the public.

Additionally, coordination and consistency between TIGs should be ensured through development of a set of high-level project selection criteria for adoption across all restoration areas. Given the overlap in resources being restored, a common set of project selection criteria is appropriate and necessary. These selection criteria should include such considerations as level of scientific review and presence of a project in an existing comprehensive plan. We recommend that the full Trustee Council develop these criteria for inclusion in the SOP. Each TIG should be free to build upon this baseline, supplementing or adding to the criteria as appropriate to guide work in its particular restoration area.

Strategic restoration planning also is needed to assist in identification of opportunities to coordinate and leverage restoration efforts. We recommend that TIG preparation of strategic restoration plans - currently optional - be made mandatory in the final PDARP and built into project restoration plans where possible. Further, strategic planning would compel TIGs to give thought to project sequencing, and the order of injury restoration. The PDARP does indicate that previous regional restoration plans may be considered in selection of projects. We recommend that in the state of Louisiana, projects currently identified in the Coastal Master Plan and/or the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinators Office Regional Restoration Planning Program be considered first as to avoid unnecessary costs toward development of new projects.

We have identified a number of other decision-points where additional clarity is needed. In the final PDARP, we recommend that the Trustees define the management levels and expertise of employees who will be designated to sit on the TIGs. Additionally, the operation of the Unknown Conditions and Adaptive Management TIG is still somewhat unclear, and we suggest the Trustees specify the process that this TIG will use to identify and prioritize unforeseen needs as they accrue.

Regarding budgeting and financial management, the final PDARP should clarify the intended use of the administrative oversight and comprehensive planning allocations. The first restoration plans developed in each TIG should include a financial plan that details how the TIGs will use the administrative and planning allocation over the lifetime of the program. These financial plans should make clear whether staff payments will be derived only from this

allocation, or if the Trustees are envisioning charging staff time directly to projects.

The Individual Trustee Agencies are tasked with identifying and budgeting for long-term maintenance needs of each project over its intended lifespan. We feel that information regarding what a project's lifespan entails is critical to make this determination. The PDARP provides that the responsibility of long-term project maintenance can be delegated to third-parties at the Implementing Trustees discretion. We have concerns that paying third parties for long-term maintenance may be very costly, and we would respectfully suggest that cost-control measures and contracting standards be identified, and that third parties be further defined (e.g. municipalities, NGOs, landowners, levee boards, private corporations, individuals). We also suggest the PDARP specify additional parameters for the types of maintenance activities that could be eligible to receive this funding for long-term maintenance.

Finally, we appreciate that an opportunity for public comment will be provided on each draft restoration plan and NEPA analysis. However, we urge the Trustees to further define and solidify the opportunities for public participation throughout the restoration process, including in project identification. We are encouraged to see that updates on implementation progress will be provided to the public by the Trustee Council from one central online Restoration Management Portal. We urge the Trustees to use this platform to track and communicate both TIG and Gulfwide progress toward restoration, in a format comprehensible to the general public. We also suggest that the Trustees clarify how the Restoration Management Portal will work in conjunction with the Gulfwide environmental data management system that will be funded with \$37 million from another portion of the BP settlement.

Injury Assessment

The PDARP addresses and recognizes the cumulative impacts of the oil spill by using a holistic ecosystem restoration approach based on available information. We recognize, however, that many specifics of the injuries have not been fully measured and that some are certainly under-recognized. The PDARP should clarify that the Trustees injury assessment represents a snap-shot of the currently-known dimensions of overall injuries, that research is ongoing to more fully realize impacts, and that monitoring dollars put in place by the settlement will help further elucidate those impacts. We recommend that the Council note the limitations of the analysis, clearly describe the factors that were included in the injury calculations, and describe anticipated future work to understand and monitor injuries. Attachment A to this letter identifies a number of issues related to gaps and uncertainties in the existing science, as well as clarifications that we recommend be addressed through implementation of the PDARP and ongoing monitoring.

Moving Forward

Again, we commend the Council for developing this thoughtful path forward to address the issues and injuries identified through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process. The undersigned organizations appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments, and we urge the Council to consider and adopt the recommendations above. We believe the PDARP, including the Comprehensive Integrated Ecosystem Restoration approach outlined in Alternative A, will provide the blueprint for critical restoration work under NRDA, including key investments in sediment diversions, to address priority resource needs post-spill. Our organizations look forward to timely approval and implementation of the PDARP, and to continuing our work with the Council and its members to advance its restoration goals.

Wetland Habitat Assessment

The recognition of the importance of the nearshore ecosystem as a critical component in the health of not only nearshore environments, but the GoM as a whole, is an important observation and its emphasis warranted. Although the nearshore environmental injury assessment was thorough, we had some concerns, especially the injury and impact to wetland habitat and the organisms that use them. We are concerned that in some regions, especially Louisiana, shoreline impacts were underestimated by up to 40% due to the use of 2008 shoreline maps to assess impacts. This is a large underestimation and there is no explanation for how assessment of impacts accounted for the discrepancy between 2008 and 2010 shorelines. It is unclear if the damages reported in the PDARP accounted for this and were increased by 40%. In addition, most of the injury assessment documents reference miles of shoreline for injury assessment, but some specific cases, assess oiling spanning into the marsh, not just along the edge. The latter could generate a measure of impact area, not just linear miles of shoreline. It seems that assessing damage by linear miles does not account for oil pushed back into low lying marsh during high tides and fronts. We are concerned that the use of linear miles instead of area underestimates damages experienced in wetland habitats. This would especially affect the assessment of damages in Louisiana, given that 95% of oiled wetlands occurred in Louisiana.

In addition to concerns about wetland habitat injury assessment, we are also concerned about how damage to the vegetation was assessed. First, although the uptake of oil and oil by-products were assessed for submerged aquatic vegetation, this same affect was not assessed for marsh vegetation. With oil exposed to the sun and other decomposers/weatherers of oil, it is likely that the oil that was deposited in the wetlands was broken down in to smaller constituents that are present in the oil. Some of these constituents could be biologically available for plant uptake, affecting important plant processes such as photosynthesis, reproduction, growth and vegetative expansion (asexual reproduction). There is no indication if this was studied and no explanation of why it was studied in SAV and not wetland vegetation. If it was studied and no effect found, or if there is evidence that wetland vegetation does not uptake oil, this should be stated clearly in the PDARP. Plant uptake of oil and oil by-product could be a long-term injury that affects many generations of plants, that were not accounted for. Second, only damage and reduction to aboveground biomass was assessed, whereas belowground biomass was ignored. Reductions in belowground biomass can affect nutrient uptake, soil stabilization, oxygenation of soils and vegetative expansion. The lack of consideration of reduction or effect to belowground biomass, again leads to an underestimation of actual wetland injury and impacts from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Wildlife Assessment

The wildlife of the Gulf of Mexico are irreplaceable natural resources that serve important roles in the environment and are highly valuable to the public. Because sea turtles and marine mammals of the Gulf are, in general, highly migratory and inhabit a broad range of habitats, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and subsequent response activities impacted these animals through several pathways. As a result, tens of thousands of endangered and threatened sea turtles were injured or lost due to unrealized reproduction and the adverse health effects of the oil spill on marine mammals contributed to the largest and longest unusual mortality event on record in the northern Gulf. Without restoration, sea turtles and mammals could take decades to recover. Recovery and restoration of the Gulf's wildlife requires the use of a multi-pronged approach that prioritizes restoration and improvement in quality of a range of habitat used by the injured animals and their food sources as well as identifying and addressing species-specific stressors and threats. We commend the Trustees for recognizing the need for an integrated portfolio of approaches for the recovery and restoration of wildlife that emphasizes the benefits that restoring coastal and nearshore habitats would have for many of the affected species in the northern GoM.

We appreciate that the PDARP recognizes the importance of cascading effects among trophic levels, as this further justifies the need for a strategy of ecosystem recovery (Alternative A). The connection between injured or impacted animals and other organisms in the ecosystem that were not directly affected can influence complex population dynamics across multiple trophic levels. An emphasis placed on restoring the nearshore ecosystems as the best and most comprehensive way to restore injured animal populations, and therefore the health of the GoM ecosystem, shows the important role these ecosystems play in supporting the vast web of organisms that reside in or visit the GoM, many of which are commercially and recreationally important. Although the toxicity of oil and other effects were studied in a variety of specific species, the PDARP fails to extrapolate these findings to a broader set of species within those guilds or trophic levels, much less the entire ecosystem. For example, a species of amphipod was used to represent burrowing soil organisms, and although 407 metric tons of the amphipod were removed due to oiling, no predictions of injury to other similar species is made. This connection is consistently not made for all of the representative species and therefore greatly underestimated the damages to organisms and many trophic levels.

Bird Assessment

Given the central importance of MRD-generated habitats on coastal bird populations across the Gulf, we applaud numerous positive restoration opportunities highlighted by the PDARP that would benefit birds, including the restoration and enhancement of nesting and foraging habitat, coastal wetlands, dunes and beaches, and islands and headlands. Recognizing that these are some of the habitats most disturbed by human activity, we particularly support the inclusion of direct bird protection through stewardship and beach vegetation management as restoration scenarios (increase and decrease where

appropriate). We suggest that beach vegetation be managed strategically within and across bays and regions, ideally by a central entity, to ensure the optimal mix of early successional and later successional beach habitats to support nesting birds and other wildlife. We would like to also see bay island restoration more prominently highlighted as a restoration tool. These projects are expensive for the amount of land they construct, but provide critical and irreplaceable nesting sites for a couple dozen species of colonial waterbirds including several of great conservation concern.

We are also pleased to see a substantial amount of money set aside for bird restoration, as well as monitoring. Given the extensive perturbations across the Gulf of Mexico that will span decades, it is critical that we employ efficient, long-term monitoring to understand the overall health of birds (and other wildlife) over decades of intense change and disturbance in the ecosystem. Habitat restoration may be counterbalanced by economic development, and it is important to understand the cumulative impacts on our natural resources. Additionally, as beneficial as it will be in the long run, restoration represents a perturbation in the system, and we have an opportunity to understand these cumulative and interacting perturbations in a more comprehensive way.

Ultimately, it is important that monitoring appropriately assesses recovery so that restoration dollars can be utilized for the greatest impact. Additionally, long-term monitoring is critical to trigger release of some of the adaptive management money set aside in the settlement in the event of detection of chronic or emerging impacts to birds. We are also pleased that the Trustees have identified the Gulf of Mexico Bird Monitoring Working Group (5.5.12.4) for adopting standardized protocols. We encourage the Trustee Council and RESTORE Council to also work closely with this group that has created a structured decision-making value model to ensure available monitoring funding is used in the most effective and impactful manner possible. The Trustees should support monitoring that effectively counts birds, and those that assess genomic, physiological, and reproductive injuries that are ongoing.

We are, however, concerned that a mix of projects to restore in excess of tens of thousands of individual birds& (section 5.10) will not restore the full damage to birds from the disaster. The Trustees express that mortalities for this modeled injury were likely towards the higher end of this range [51,000 to 102,400] (section 4.7); however this estimate is explicitly acknowledged by the Trustees to not assess all injured bird groups. In fact, the damage estimate explicitly leaves out secretive marsh birds, many birds nesting on the interior of island colonies, and the non-lethal impacts including poor health, protracted exposure, and delayed effects. The Trustees estimate of damage is an order of magnitude lower than a peer-reviewed, published estimate of direct mortality. We expect that at a minimum 100,000 birds must be recovered through direct bird restoration, while emphasizing that justice for our nations birds would be reached by restoring several times that higher end of range number. Additionally, we would encourage the trustees to, at the very least, incorporate some of the estimates available in technical reports to reach a quantification of bird injury that is more inclusive than the currently published range.

Dispersant

There was little mention of the use of dispersant and how it may have affected nearshore environments or organisms. This is a large oversight. If dispersant was studied in nearshore environments and none was found or no effect was found then this should be mentioned. There are numerous laboratory studies that have taken place investigating the effects of dispersant and none were reported, for wetlands or organisms. Many laboratory studies were used to confirm the toxicity of the oil and therefore quantify injury, but it was not indicated that this was done for dispersant. Injury from the dispersant should be included in the injury assessment or an explanation of why it was not included should be provided. This could also result in the underestimation of injury to nearshore ecosystems and animal populations.

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In the paragraph below it should also be stated that reducing the amount of surface oil reduces harmful impacts to offshore marine mammals, turtles and birds that may become oiled when they surface to breathe or when they land or dive on or through the oil slick. Additionally, surface dispersant application also provides safety to workers on vessels at the spill site by reducing the inhalation exposure to Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs) from the oil slick.

17. Page 4-62

It should be stated that aerial dispersant operations dispersed an estimated 15,000,000 gallons of oil or slightly more than 10% of the oil released. Stating that some floating oil was sprayed is extremely inaccurate. The aerial application was a substantial effort and is the largest aerial dispersant operation ever performed with over 1200 dispersant sorties safely conducted. (See Aerial Dispersant Group After Action Report).

18. Page 4-63

The section below should indicate that research showed that the toxicity to biota in the upper water column was minimal and returned to background levels within hours of dispersant application based on field monitoring using fluorescence, field collected chemistry data, and laboratory toxicity studies with field collected samples. General statements like the one below give a picture that the dispersant application was not effective and was harmful, when exactly the opposite is true. (See earlier references to OSAT results)

19. Page 4-63

The statement highlighted below should be deleted as it has not been proven that this actually occurred. The amount of dispersed oil that was placed into the water column by the surface application of dispersants was a very small amount, was quickly diluted to background levels and was spread over more than an 18,000 sqmi operating area. Thus, it is not likely that surface dispersant application substantially added to the observed reaction. Unless the researcher can confirm his statements with supportable data, the statement should not be made.

20. Page 4-82

Precede the highlighted word dispersant with subsea injected to indicate the source of the dispersant application. Providing information on the concentration of the dispersant will lead to clearer understanding of potential impacts. The same comment applies to the highlighted word below to indicate that the dispersant referenced was from subsea injection. This will help readers understand the source of the dispersant and that similar impacts are not associated with surface dispersant application.

21. Page 4-82

It would be helpful to indicate the concentration of dispersants associated in these areas to provide better understanding of the potential environmental impacts. This also is true for the other areas where dispersants are listed in Table 4.2-2.

22. Page 4-99

The identification of dispersant as nail polish remover in the statement below should be removed. The solvent in nail polish remover is acetone (Cutex nail polish remover MSDS) a highly flammable solvent, which is not representative of the solvents used in oil dispersants. This reference should be revised to something more closely associated with the solvents used in dispersants as shown in the following tables of dispersant components.

23. Page 4-99

In the statement below reports that the Trustees evaluated the toxicity of different types of exposures to aquatic resources of different oil-water mixtures. However, there is no reference to the fact that the toxicity research conducted and reported in the OSAT reference previously identified showed no observable impacts more than background samples. This should be included here.

This section also did not discuss the fact that surface applied dispersants were very effective on Macondo crude, the oil plus dispersant was no more toxic than the oil itself and the amount (concentration) of dispersed oil in the water column quickly diluted to background levels. The standard LC50s, i.e., for continuous exposures for 48 to 96 hours result in greater impacts than what biota in the ocean are exposed and are not really comparable to field exposures. This statement has been confirmed by the CROSERF research (Cooperative Aquatic Toxicity Testing of Dispersed Oil and the Chemical response to Oil Spills: Ecological Effects Research Forum (CROSERF) report which stated that constant exposure testing does not realistically assess the risk to marine or coastal organisms when rapid dilution is possible.

Additionally, the Trustees discussion did not evaluate the net environmental benefits of using dispersants, nor discuss the reduced environmental impacts to offshore marine mammals, turtles, and birds and the reduced damage to shoreline habitat. It is necessary to evaluate the total environmental impacts of the application of dispersants to understand the why dispersants were used and the resulting benefits.

24. Page 4-102

The toxicity testing program discussed below only evaluated the negative impacts of dispersed oil. The analysis should also compare the environmental impacts of using dispersants versus not using dispersants. The dispersing of an estimated 15,000,000 gallons of oil through the aerial dispersant application should have resulted in a substantial net environmental benefit. This benefit should be evaluated and stated.

25. Page 4-114

The Dispersant Toxicity section did not state the lengths of time the LC20 and LC50 values were conducted. This is critical as standard times of 48- 96 hours far exceed field exposures times. Water column species were only exposed to elevated dispersed oil levels for a matter of hours before dilution to background levels. (See CROSERF reference in comment 23 above).

Studies reflecting actual field exposure would have substantially reduced the impacts of dispersant even more than the minimal effect the analysis states.

26. Page 4-183

Since the first and second highlighted areas speak about dispersants, it would be helpful to confirm that, of the 92 samples analyzed ,two had detectable levels of PAHs, and add immediately following none contained dispersants, to clearly indicate this fact.

27. Page 4-245

The statement below, that floc occurred where dispersants were applied, does not appear supported by Figure 4.5-9 as there are 20 locations where no aerial dispersant application occurred, but where floc is found. Additionally, the greatest amount of floc occurred at the spill source site where aerial dispersant application was not allowed closer than 3 nm. Based upon these facts, the floc was not a result of surface dispersant application.

Another possible explanation of the dispersant found in floc, is that the dispersant was the result of the subsea injection of dispersant and that the floc assimilated the dispersant as it sank to the sea floor through the dispersed oil plume or was absorbed by the floc on the sea floor. The increased floc near the source site which is at the same location of the subsea dispersant injection further supports this theory. This possibility should be discussed as it is highly unlikely that aerial applied dispersant caused the floc due to the following:

- The swath widths of the application aircraft ranged from 60 to 150 ft which are very narrow areas when considering the vastness of the GOM
 - Standard application dosages of 5 gpa to produce a surface spray thickness of 0.005 mm on the sea surface
 - The resulting dispersed oil was shown to be diluted in the water column to background levels within approximately 3 hours.
- Hence, it is unlikely the amount of dispersed oil could have caused floc.

Unless there is firm scientific evidence as to how the dispersant entered the floc that was sampled, the below statement should be removed as it is more speculation rather than fact and can lead to misinterpretation of dispersant impacts.

28. Page 4-246

I recommend that the below comments be deleted as the aerial dispersant spray passes as shown below were not conducted over the Alabama Alps and Roughtongue reefs. The graphic below was prepared from the original SATLOC spray data from the aircraft and shows where all of the aerial spray sorties were conducted through July 13, 2010, i.e., just prior to dispersant termination on July 19th. As can be seen there were no spray missions over these reefs (i.e., see that where the blue lines cross there are no red spray runs.)

In the area of the Roughtongue Reef there were very few spray missions conducted as there was little oil in this area and the oil that was found was weathered and emulsified, and therefore not targeted for dispersant application because the dispersant would not be effective. After July 13 there was limited aerial applications through the end of the response.

If you would like I can conduct a more thorough review of the original aerial spray passes and identify those that were near the subject reefs and how close they came and how much was sprayed as I still have all of the original spray data.

I am not sure how the dispersant spray runs were evaluated; however I do know that the spray missions graphed on the below graph are not representative of the size of the actual swath width of the application. These lines had to be made considerably larger on the graph, because if the spray run was shown to scale it would not be too narrow to appear on the graph. This may have caused an incorrect analysis that spray runs were done over these reefs.

Additionally, aerial dispersants operations were shown not to disperse the oil more than 10 meters in depth before being diluted to background levels. These reefs are at depths of 80-90 meters, i.e., well below the extent of dispersed oil or dispersants in the water column.

29. Page 4-246

The statement highlighted below indicates that bottom sediment contained dispersant that came from plume fallout. It should be noted that the plume came from the subsea injection of dispersant and was not associated with the surface application of dispersant. Surface application did not create any dispersed oil/dispersant plume as it was shown that concentrations of dispersed oil were diluted quickly (within several hours) to background levels. No concentrations of dispersed oil was detected lower than 10 m by SMART monitoring.

30. Page 4-263

I suggest that the highlighted area be changed to read subsurface oil/subsea injected dispersant plume to assist readers in understanding the source of the dispersant plume being referred to.

31. Page 4-272

The statement below should be corrected as to the statement that dispersants were frequently used in this area and in significant quantities. The actual &

32. Page 4-544

No dispersant spray sorties were conducted over or near sargassum as that area was recognized as a valuable habitat, and the oil contained in the sargassum was not dispersible. It is recommended that dispersant be removed from the statement below, unless actual proof or evidence can be provided that dispersant was applied to sargassum and caused it to sink. The report should not speculate on potential impacts.

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Notes: The original copy of this letter can be found in Appendix A

Name: Tran, Thach

Address: N/A N/A, UN N/A
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,11,2015

Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: My name is Thach Van Tran

Pin no. "01055945" PIN Dup Water "100091168".

I would like to request to open the "BP" record.

In 2011, I have a lawyer who deceived me by forging my signature, saying that I don't need "Deepwater Horizon Court Supervised Settlement Program

Exclusions Department", so I haven't received the money.

I would like to request a reconsideration to reopen the record.

Since I arrived to the US, as I don't speak English, I have worked on the sea very hard but still cannot earn enough money, even got a debt. I want to find another land-based job, but as I don't speak English and don't have a proper schooling, even with a sea-based job, I can't earn enough money. I have been deceived by lawyer Hai in the "BP" program. Please help to reopen the case for me.

I would like to ask for help from fellow Vietnamese to translate this letter, as I don't speak English nor know to use computer. My mailing address is 12211 Corona VN Houston, my phone number is 832 870 4389". My sincere thanks for all help.

(Signature)

Correspondence ID: 854 **Project:** 60779 **Document:** 68459

Notes: The original copy of this letter can be found in Appendix A

Name: Le, Rose

Address: N/A N/A, UN N/A
United States of America

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Affiliation:

Received: Nov,15,2015

Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: My name is Rose Le, PIN number "01041840"= Deepwater "100091209". Ship no "Catherine", Ship no 1032635. I have had this ship since 14 years, and changed its name from "T-Rain" to the current name in 2011, the Ship no. remains 1032635. Current address is 12211 Corona Ln. Houston Tx 77072. I am begging for mercy from BP to reopen the case. I didn't receive any money yet from the beginning, and then the lawyer forged my signature saying that I don't need the money of the "Deepwater Horizon Court Supervised Settlement Program Exclusions Department", that's why I didn't be granted the money. I was a victim of injustice and it is very hurt. Since the Oil Spill in 2010, I can't make money, as I cannot catch shrimp, and still have to pay the fuel cost. I have suffer financial loss, and don't have the money to repair my ship, and to repay the bank and assurance. I still have a debt until this moment. I am very sad because when coming to the USA, I don't speak English, nor I know to use computer, I only have this fishery job to earn livings. The work is very hard, and I have to take out a loan to buy fuel to go for fishery, while not being sure that I can get enough shrimps. I can only pray to God for peace and luck to pay my debt and repair my ship. I can't believe that the lawyer can deceive me, so that I don't receive any money until that day. I beg for help from "BP" to help me to reopen the case. Thank you very very much. I would like to ask for help from any Vietnamese to translate this letter into English. Please call me at 281 725 4901 if needed. Thank you very much.

Signature.
