

Trustee Council

Working Together

After the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill, federal and state agencies came together to form the *Deepwater Horizon* Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Council. The Trustees studied the effects of the oil spill on natural resources such as wetlands, fish and birds. We developed a programmatic restoration plan for the Gulf of Mexico, released in February 2016 as part of a legal settlement with BP for up to \$8.8 billion.

We are now coordinating as a Trustee Council and as part of the Trustee Implementation Groups (TIGs) for the restoration areas shown below.

The TIGs are developing restoration plans and implementing projects to accomplish the work needed to restore the natural resources injured by the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. Our actions are guided by our programmatic restoration plan.

Trustee Council activities to date include:

- In late 2016, we updated the standard operating procedures for the long-term management, implementation, and administration of settlement funds for natural resource restoration and posted them on our website.
- Every April, we release annual reports, which can be viewed via the DIVER database, and which are also available on our website. The annual reports include updated information on restoration project activities, status, and budgets—as well as an overall financial summary report of funds allocated, expended, and unexpended for each restoration type and TIG.
- In early 2018, we released the Monitoring and Adaptive Management Manual, which provides guidance to evaluate restoration outcomes and benefits to injured resources.

Trustee Implementation Groups



Restoration Funding in Dollars

Major Restoration Categories	Unknown Conditions	Region-wide	Open Ocean	Alabama	Florida	Louisiana	Mississippi	Texas	Total Restoration Funding ^a
1. RESTORE AND CONSERVE HABITAT									
Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats				65,000,000	5,000,000	4,009,062,700	55,500,000	100,000,000	4,234,562,700
Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands				3,000,000	17,500,000	50,000,000	5,000,000		75,500,000
Early Restoration Projects (through Phase IV)				28,110,000	15,629,367	259,625,700	80,000,000		383,365,067
2. RESTORE WATER QUALITY									
Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Source)				5,000,000	35,000,000	20,000,000	27,500,000	22,500,000	110,000,000
Water Quality (e.g. Stormwater Treatments, Hydrologic Restoration, Reduction of Sedimentation, etc.					300,000,000				300,000,000
3. REPLENISH AND PROTECT LIVING COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES									
Fish and Water Column Invertebrates			380,000,000						380,000,000
Early Restoration Fish and Water Column Invertebrates			20,000,000						20,000,000
Sturgeon			15,000,000						15,000,000
Sea Turtles		60,000,000	55,000,000	5,500,000	20,000,000	10,000,000	5,000,000	7,500,000	163,000,000
Early Restoration Sea Turtles		29,256,165						19,965,000	49,221,165
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation						22,000,000			22,000,000
Marine Mammals		19,000,000	55,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	50,000,000	10,000,000		144,000,000
Birds		70,400,000	70,000,000	30,000,000	40,000,000	148,500,000	25,000,000	20,000,000	403,900,000
Early Restoration Birds		1,823,100		145,000	2,835,000	71,937,300		20,603,770	97,344,170
Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities			273,300,000						273,300,000
Oysters		64,372,413		10,000,000	20,000,000	26,000,000	20,000,000	22,500,000	162,872,413
Early Restoration Oysters				3,329,000	5,370,596	14,874,300	13,600,000		37,173,896
4. PROVIDE AND ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES									
Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities				25,000,000	63,274,513	38,000,000	5,000,000		131,274,513
Early Restoration of Recreational Loss			22,397,916	85,505,305	120,543,167	22,000,000	18,957,000	18,582,688	287,986,076
5. MONITORING, ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT									
Monitoring and Adaptive Management		65,000,000	200,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	225,000,000	7,500,000	2,500,000	520,000,000
Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning		40,000,000	150,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	33,000,000	22,500,000	4,000,000	289,500,000
Adaptive Management NRD Payment for Unknown Conditions	700,000,000								700,000,000
TOTAL NRD FUNDING	\$700,000,000	\$349,851,678	\$1,240,697,916	\$295,589,305	\$680,152,643	\$5,000,000,000	\$295,557,000	\$238,151,458	8,800,000,000

^aThe total restoration funding allocation for the Early Restoration work; each Restoration Type; and monitoring, adaptive management, and administrative oversight is \$8.1 billion (plus up to an additional \$700 million for Unknown Conditions and Adaptive Management).