

A photograph of two dolphins leaping from the water, creating a large splash. The dolphins are dark grey and sleek. The water is dark blue with white foam from the splash. The background shows a clear sky.

Alabama Trustee Implementation Group 2024 Annual Update

January 30, 2025

Webinar Participation



- The Alabama TIG will accept public comment on this webinar presentation until 11:59 PM CST/12:59 AM EST on February 6, 2025.
- Presentation slides will be posted on www.outdooralabama.com/programs/alabama-coastal-restoration-program and www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov after the webinar comment period has closed and will remain available for viewing on the Gulf Spill Restoration YouTube Channel.

Today's Agenda



- Alabama Trustee Implementation Group (TIG) Overview
- Alabama TIG Activities and Project Updates
- How to Find Additional Information and Make a Public Comment



Alabama TIG Representatives



**Alabama Department
of Conservation and
Natural Resources**



Geological Survey of Alabama



U.S. Dept. of Agriculture



**National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration**

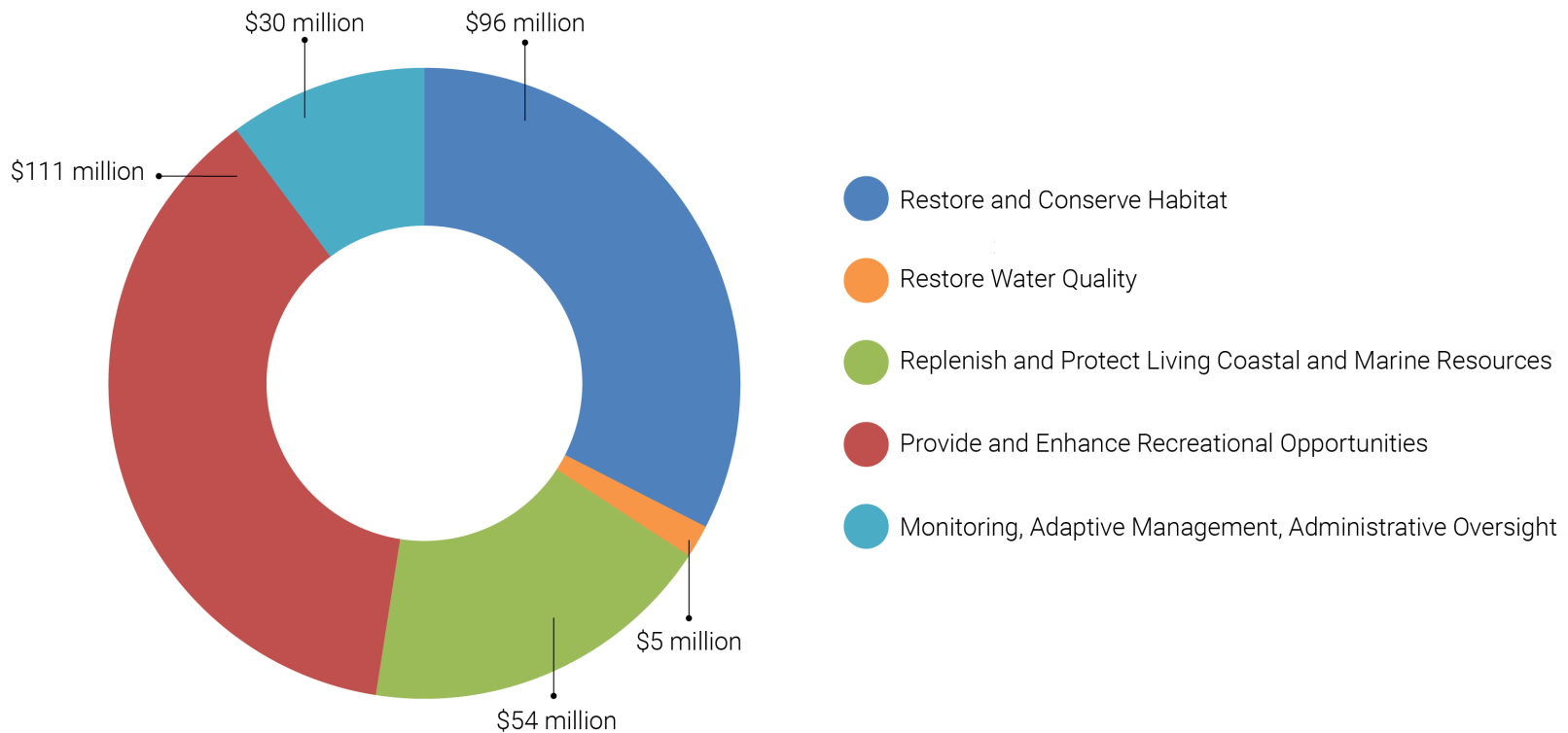


U.S. Dept. of the Interior



**U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency**

Alabama Allocation of Restoration Funds

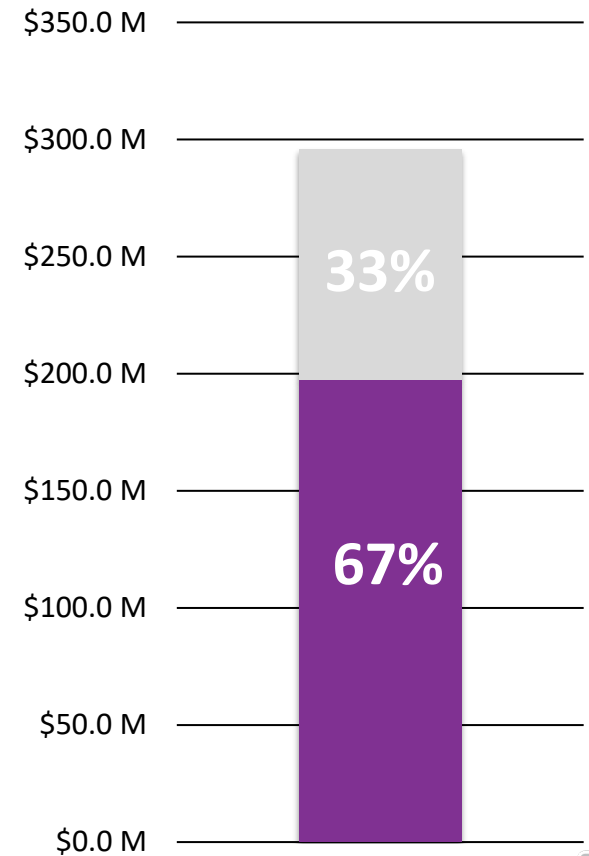


Values reflect Restoration Type allocations from DWH settlement. Earned interest is not included.

Funding Update



- Committed approximately \$197 million for projects and planning activities as of January 2025.
- The total settlement allocation is \$295 million (excluding earned interest).

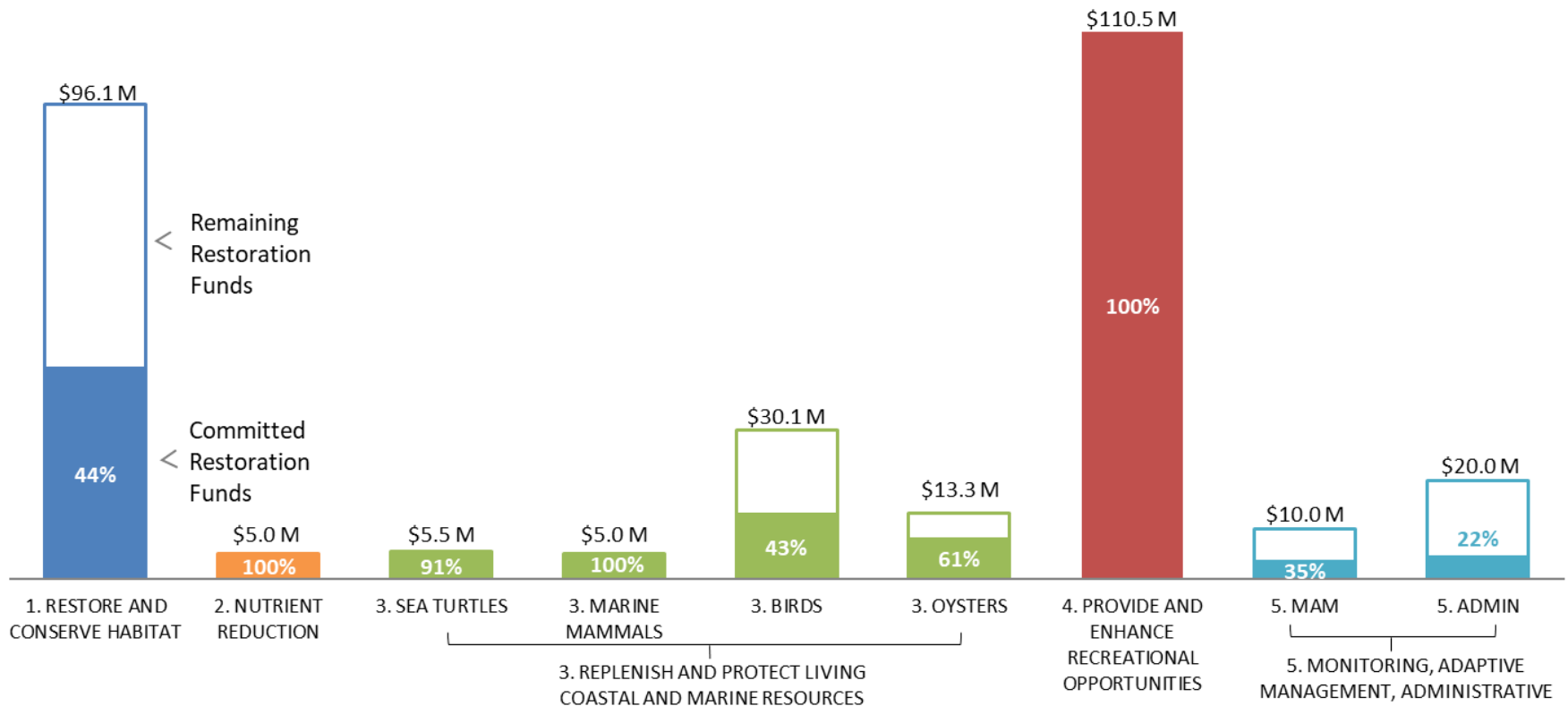


ALABAMA RESTORATION AREA FUNDING

Commitment of Restoration Funds



Commitment of Restoration Funds



Data current as of January 2025.

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Recent Activities



- Continued implementation of projects from Early Restoration; and Restoration Plans I, II, and III
- Approved Final Supplemental Restoration Plan II and Environmental Assessment: Marine Mammals
- Approved Final Restoration Plan IV and Environmental Assessment: Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats; Nutrient Reduction; Birds; Oysters; and Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities



AL TIG Restoration Status



To date, the AL TIG has approved 50 projects:

- 8 projects Completed
- 9 projects in Operations and Maintenance/Monitoring and Adaptive Management phase
- 31 projects in Implementation
- 3 projects terminated

Featured Project



Bayfront Park Restoration and Improvements – Phases IIa and IIb

Approved In: Restoration Plan III & IV

Project Budget: \$10,767,385

Project Status: In Progress

Project Updates:

- Pocket beach has been completed
- Construction of park amenities nearing completion
- Anticipated completion date is February 2025



Featured Project



Dauphin Island Eco-tourism & Environmental Education Area

Approved In: Restoration Plan I

Project Budget: \$2,238,613

Project Status: In Progress

Project Updates:

- Anticipated completion date is March 2025
- Project includes parking, restrooms, boardwalk, and kayak launch



Featured Project



Lower Perdido Islands Restoration – Phases I & II

Approved In: Restoration Plan II and IV

Project Budget: \$10,446,523

Project Status: In Progress

Project Updates:

- Construction begins February 2025
- Project will restore 23 acres of habitat on Walker Island for fish, birds, and other wildlife
- Anticipated completion date is August 2025



Featured Project



Gulf State Park Pier Renovation

Approved In: Restoration Plan III

Project Budget: \$3,955,606

Project Status: Complete

Project Updates:

- Pier was damaged by Hurricane Sally in 2020
- Rebuilt and reopened in August 2024



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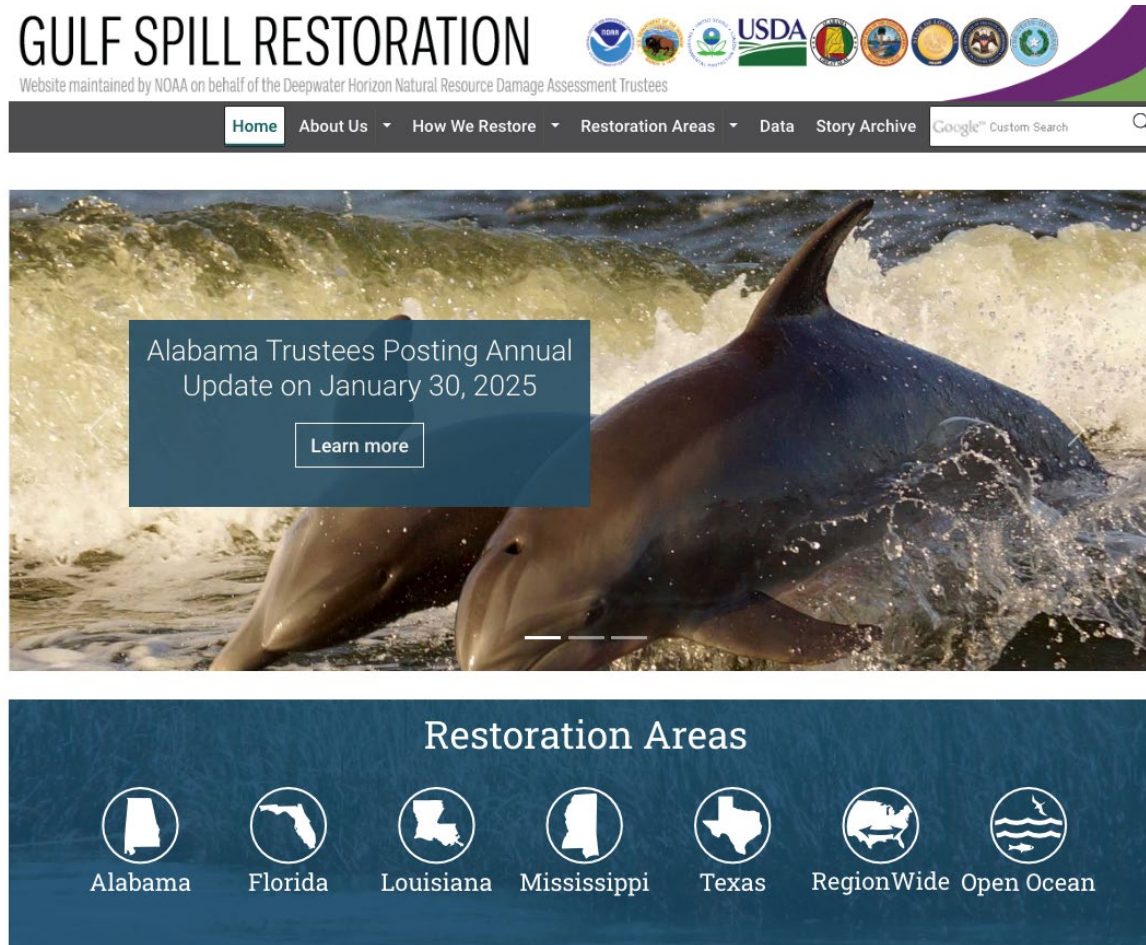
Future Activities



- Continue implementation and monitoring of projects
- Continue restoration through future restoration planning
- Program-level monitoring and adaptive management

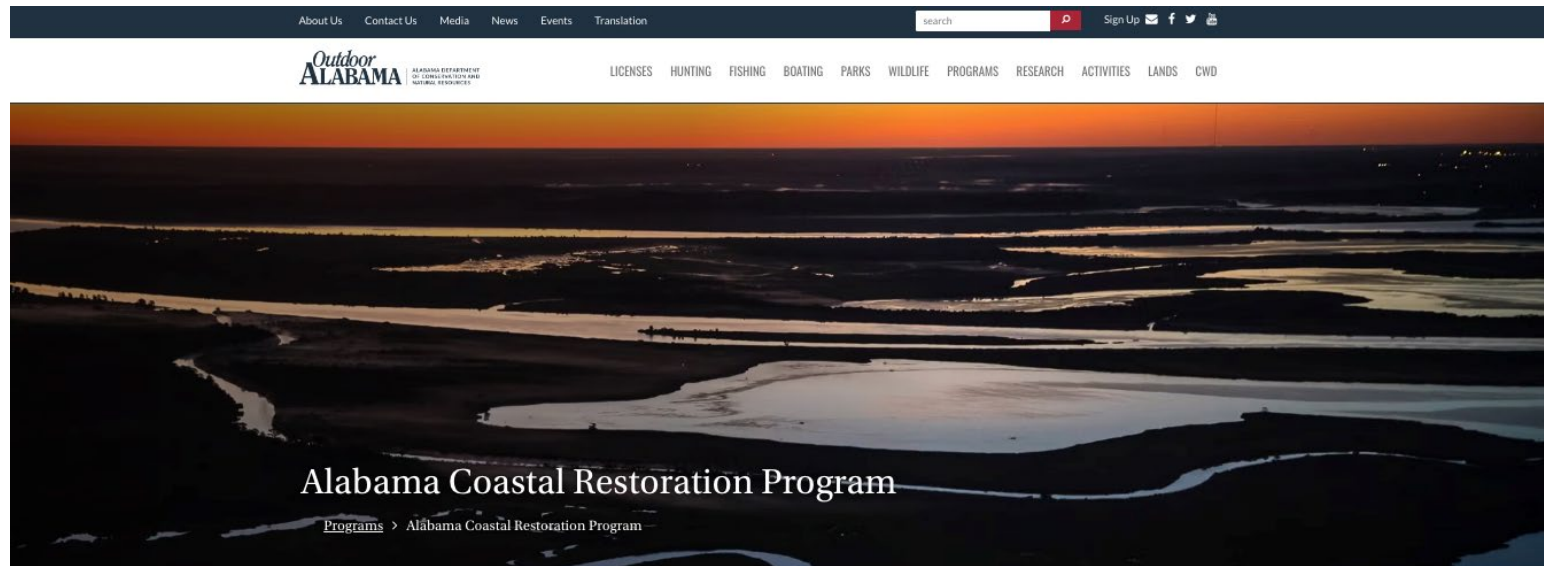


Where to Find Additional Information



www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov

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Understanding the DWH Restoration Processes in Alabama

The Deepwater Horizon (DWH) oil spill resulted in several settlements with responsible parties, leading to subsequent payments of fines and claims related to a number of statutes including the Oil Pollution Act and the Clean Water Act. A number of different entities oversee the distribution and oversight of these funds, and the processes for decision-making varies from state to state. Below is additional information about each process.

[DWH Natural Resource Damage Assessment \(NRDA\)](#)

[National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund \(NFWF-GEBF\)](#)

[Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council \(Federal RESTORE\)](#)

[Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council \(AGCRC\)](#) *This site is for historical reference of the program.*

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How to Submit a Comment



- Written public comments are welcome and will be accepted until 11:59 PM CST/12:59 AM EST on February 6, 2025.
- To submit a comment, simply email ALTIG@dcnr.alabama.gov by the deadline.

Please include your full name and affiliation with your comment.

A large brown pelican is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, against a background of blue water. The bird's head is turned back, and its long beak is visible. The wings show detailed feather patterns, with darker feathers on the underside and lighter ones on top.

Thank You

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