



Deepwater Horizon

Natural Resource Damage Assessment & Restoration

Trustee Council
2025 Annual Public Meeting

Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Trustee Council Update
- Restoration Area Updates
- Your Comments



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Gulf Spill Restoration website. At the top, the title "GULF SPILL RESTORATION" is displayed alongside logos for NOAA, EPA, and USDA. Below the title is a navigation bar with links: Home, About Us, How We Restore, Restoration Areas, Data, Story Archive, and a search bar. The main content area features a large image of people interacting with a large circular display. Overlaid on this image is a text box that reads "Lake Charles Home of Nature Center and Children's Science Museum Completed" with a "Learn more" button. Below this image is a section titled "Restoration Areas" with icons and labels for Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, RegionWide, and Open Ocean. At the bottom, a green box contains the text "VISIT US ONLINE" followed by "Go to" and the URL www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/, with a description of the site's content: "for the latest information about restoration projects, monitoring and adaptive management, and more."

GULF SPILL RESTORATION

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Lake Charles Home of Nature Center and Children's Science Museum Completed

Learn more

Restoration Areas

Alabama Florida Louisiana Mississippi Texas RegionWide Open Ocean

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An aerial photograph showing a large, L-shaped wooden dock system extending into a body of water. The dock is constructed from light-colored wood and has several vertical posts along its edges. The water is a murky, greenish-brown color. In the background, there is a paved area and a line of trees. The dock is situated near a shoreline with dense vegetation.

Trustee Council Update

Trustee Council Responsibilities

- Fiscal oversight
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management direction
- Administrative Record
- Coordination and oversight of the groups below



Alabama

*Trustees for
Alabama*

*Federal
Trustees*



Florida

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Louisiana

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Mississippi

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Texas

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Texas*

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Open Ocean

*Federal
Trustees*



Region- wide

All Trustees

Restoration Timeline



APRIL 2010
Oil Spill

APRIL 2011
\$1B Early Restoration
Agreement with BP

APRIL 2016
Settlement Adds
\$7.8B in Natural
Resource Damages

April 2010 – April 2016
Early Restoration

June 2025



Restoration Timeline

More than **\$5.38 billion**
allocated to more than
370 restoration projects
to date

TODAY
June 2025

2017-2031

Trustees Receive Settlement Payments Every April
Trustees Release Annual Reports Every Year
Restoration Planning and Implementation and Monitoring



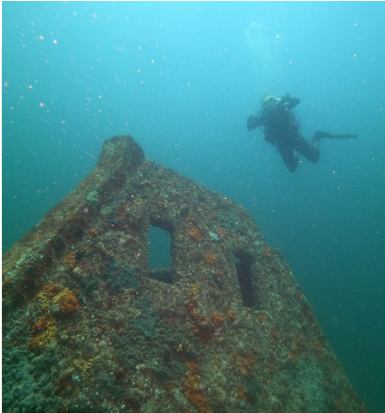
Restoration Timeline



Continued
implementation
and monitoring
of restoration
projects

2032 - beyond
Payments from BP end,
but the work continues

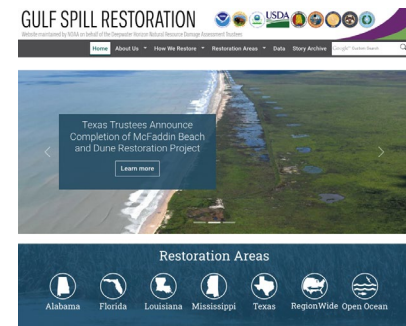
Accomplishments



More than
370
projects
approved
to date

In 2024 the Trustee Implementation Groups collectively finalized **4 Restoration Plans**

The Trustees have collectively approved approximately
\$5.38 Billion
to fund restoration projects



In 2024
posted more
than **45** web
stories

Highlight Reel



Deepwater Horizon Restoration Highlights 2025



Restoration Area Updates



Alabama Restoration Area

Chris Blankenship

Alabama Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources

Alabama Funding Update



Amount committed for
projects and activities
as of May 2025

\$200 million

Total allocation

\$295 million



\$227 million in settlement funds received from BP to date

43 projects approved



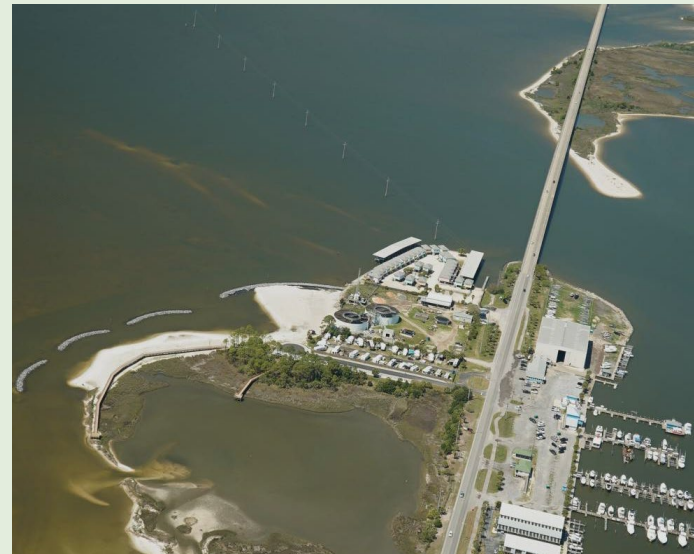
What We've Been Up To



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Projects in
progress

Implementing the enhancement and continuation of projects approved in **Restoration Plan IV** for projects in Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats; Nutrient Reduction; Birds; Oysters; and Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities Restoration Types



Held the Alabama TIG's annual public meeting (via video recording) in January

Lower Perdido Islands Habitat Restoration



What's Next?





Florida Restoration Area

Gareth Leonard

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Florida Funding Update



Amount committed for
projects and activities
as of May 2025

\$380 million

Total allocation

\$680 million



\$461 million in settlement funds received from BP to date

83 projects approved



What We've Been Up To



66

projects
ongoing

17

projects
completed
or closed

Completed the Florida TIG's
third restoration plan in July 2024,
which focused on water quality.



522

public
reports

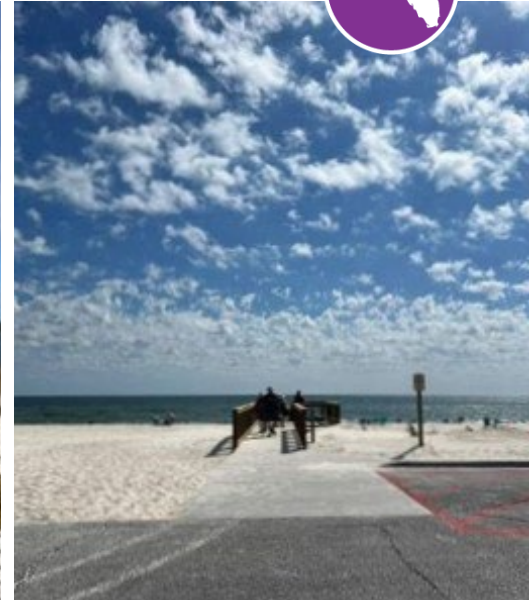
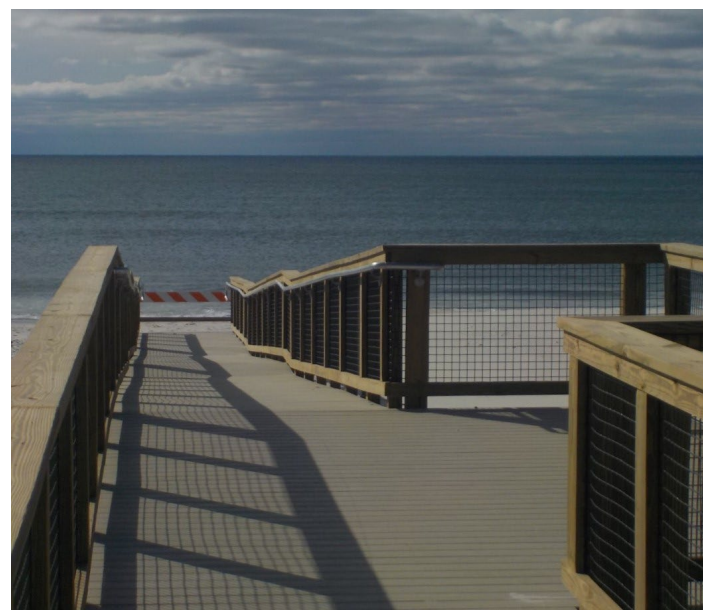
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cetacean
responses



Held the Florida
TIG 2024 annual
public meeting
on December 5

Featured Project – Johnson Beach Access Management and Habitat Protection (DOI)



What's Next?



- Continue implementing and monitoring:
 - Early restoration projects
 - RP1, RP2, and RP3 projects
 - Planning and MAM projects
- Continue assessing progress and adjusting restoration planning efforts
- Hold the FL TIG annual public meeting in late 2025





Louisiana Restoration Area

Maury Chatellier

Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

Funding Update



Amount committed for
projects and activities
as of May 2025

\$3.85 billion

Total allocation
\$5 billion



\$3.1 billion in settlement funds received from BP to date

74 projects approved



What We've Been Up To



LAKE BORGNE

Joint RP/EA #1: Chandeleur Islands Restoration

Robust Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program



BAYOU LA LOUTRE RIDGE

Featured Project



**Lake Charles Science Center
and Educational Complex**

What's Next?



EAST ORLEANS LANDBRIDGE

**Initiation of RP/EA 8.1,
Raccoon Island and East
Orleans Landbridge
Restoration**



RACCOON ISLAND

**New Restoration
Planning
Opportunities**



Mississippi Restoration Area

Chris Wells

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Funding Update



Amount committed for
projects and activities
as of May 2025

\$214 million

Total allocation

\$295 million



\$227 million in settlement funds received from BP to date

29 projects approved



What We've Been Up To



24

Projects in progress



Held the Mississippi TIG's
annual public update last
November as part of
the Mississippi
Restoration Summit

What We've Been Up To



**Improve Habitat by Removing Debris
from Mississippi Barrier Islands**

What We've Been Up To



Clower Thornton Nature Park Trail Improvement



What's Next?



- Release of Draft Restoration Plan 5/Environmental Assessment in early 2026
 - Restoration Types include Birds and Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Source)
- Complete construction of Hancock County Marsh Living Shoreline Phase 6
- Complete final design and permitting of St. Louis Bay Living Shoreline
- Construction of the Jourdan River Boardwalk



Texas Restoration Area

Robin Riechers
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Texas Funding Update



Amount committed for
projects and activities
as of May 2025

\$150 million

Total allocation

\$238 million



\$184 million in settlement funds
received from BP to date

34 projects approved



What We've Been Up To



22
Projects
in progress



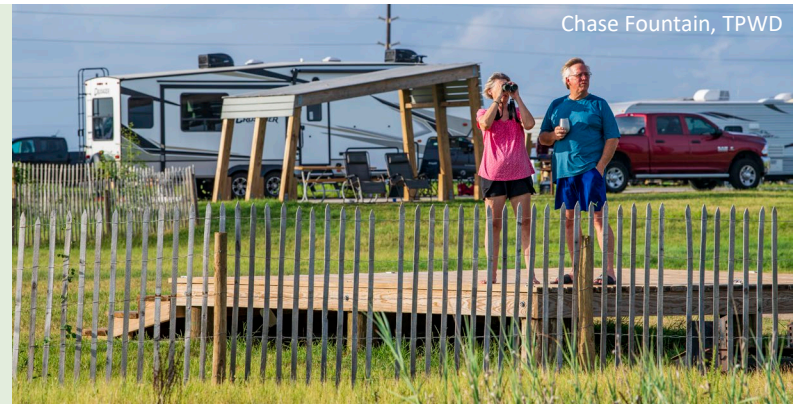
Hector Chenge,
Gladys Porter Zoo

Chase Fountain, TPWD



4,602
Acres of
habitat
preserved

12
Completed
projects



Chase Fountain, TPWD

Texas Rookery Island Project



**DICKINSON BAY
BIRD ISLAND**
Monitoring
since 2022

**ROLLOVER BAY
ISLAND**
Construction to
start in 2025

**DRESSING POINT
ISLAND**
Construction
through 2025



**Nesting Pairs at
Dickinson Bay Island**

4,000+

0

2023

2024

Texas Rookery Island Project



Dressing Point



Dickinson Bay

What's Next

An aerial photograph of a coastal wetland restoration project. The landscape is a mix of vibrant green marsh grasses and dark, silty water channels that meander through the area. In the background, a small coastal town is visible along the shoreline, with the ocean extending to the horizon under a clear blue sky.

Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment #3



Open Ocean Restoration Area

Laurie Rounds

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Open Ocean Funding Update



Amount committed
for projects and activities
as of May 2025

\$432 million

Total allocation

\$1.2 billion



\$759 million in settlement funds received from BP to date

45 projects approved



What We've Been Up To



10+

Events with marine industry to explore piloting noise reduction technology

30

Sites monitored for ocean noise in cooperation with a RESTORE project



1,000+

New mesophotic coral colonies growing in TX coral propagation lab

~200

Days at sea to collect data and restore deep sea coral communities



41,000+

Anglers participated in Return 'Em Right training

98%

Participants reported better understanding barotrauma

Featured Restoration: Immersive Deepsea Education



- Opened exhibits at three Gulf locations
- Hosted a traveling exhibit of 370 deep Gulf species
- Held 35 public livestreams at sea or in labs
- Developed multiple free educational resources for teachers

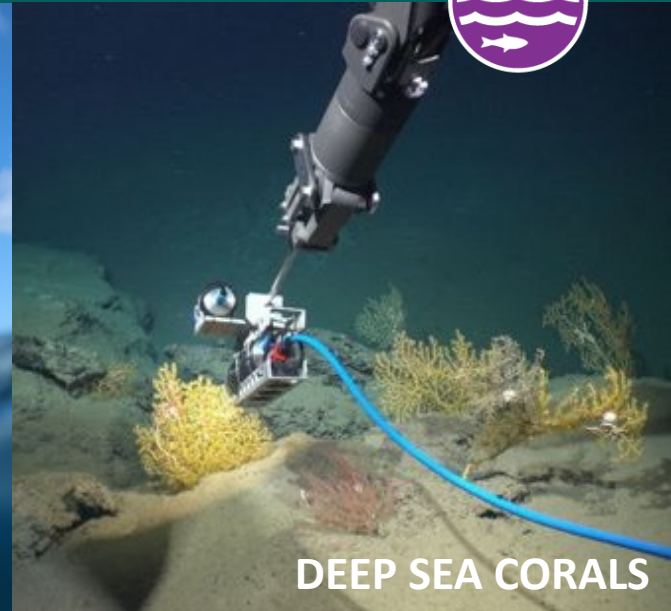
What's Next?



MARINE MAMMALS



SEABIRDS



DEEP SEA CORALS



SEA TURTLES



FISH AND WATER COLUMN INVERTEBRATES



Regionwide Restoration Area

Jaime Miller, Alabama Department of
Conservation and Natural Resources

Tim Landers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Funding Update



Amount committed for
projects and activities
as of May 2025

\$160 million

Total allocation

\$350 million



\$219 million in settlement funds received from BP to date

15 projects and planning activities approved

What We've Been Up To



Gulf-wide TED
trainings and
workshops

154

TEDs inspected
for proper
installation



Project partners are connecting
with industry members to begin
data collection for the
Shrimp Trawl Effort project.

Coastal Bird
Stewardship

1,231

nests protected
in 2024



Featured Project - Bird Nesting and Foraging Area Stewardship



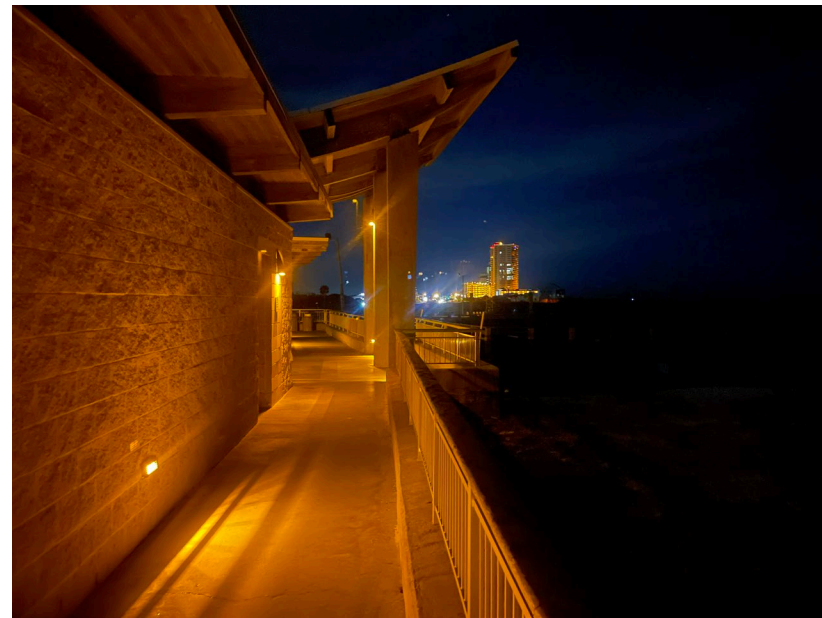
June 2025

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What's Next?



- Completed implementation and continued monitoring of two Early Restoration projects benefiting sea turtles
- Continue implementation and monitoring for the 11 projects approved in Restoration Plan 1
- Discuss / identify current and future Regionwide TIG priorities





**We'd Like to Hear
From You**

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