

Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Restoration Project Information Sheet

A General Information

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B Project Information

Project Name Gulf County Oyster Reef and Scallop Monitoring & Restoration			
Location (e.g. John Smith National Wildlife Refuge) Gulf County			
State(s) (Use 2-letter abbreviations separated by commas) FL	County/Parish Gulf	Watershed/Basin St. Andrew/Apalach Bay	
Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Project Size (Choose one) miles acres tons	Affected Area acres

C Project Description

Please provide more information about the proposed project. (Limit 2,750 characters.)

Gulf County is known around the country as being the home for bay scallops. St. Joseph Bay includes part of 5,018 acres of aquatic preserve which protect a regionally significant natural area with outstanding ecological, economic, historical and cultural values. The sensitive estuaries are identified in the USCG Area Contingency Plan as a "Three Diamond Sensitive Area," which is the highest protection priority designation. The bay is heavily promoted as one of the few areas for recreational scallop harvesting, and is visited by locals and tourists alike during scallop season every year. Indian Lagoon is also home to oyster reefs, where local oysters can be harvested. The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill negatively impacted the public's perception of consumption of these shellfish.

This project would allow Gulf County to test, monitor and restore scallops and oyster reefs in these two critical areas in Gulf County. This will ensure that future generations can continue to harvest and enjoy these shellfish, without the fear of oil and dispersant product contamination.

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D	Project Type(s)	(Check all that apply)	
		☒ Restoration	☐ Debris Removal
		☒ Protection	☐ Land Acquisition
			☒ Maintenance/Management
			☒ Education
E	Project Habitat(s)	(Check all that apply)	
		☐ Upland	☒ Marine/Estuarine Wetlands
		☐ Riverine	☐ Freshwater Wetlands
			☐ Beach/Dune
			☒ Subtidal (Nearshore/Offshore)
F	Resource Benefit(s)	(Check all that apply)	
		☐ Marine Mammals	☒ Shellfish
		☐ Birds	☐ Terrestrial Wildlife
		☐ Reptiles/Amphibians	☐ Corals
		☐ Fish	☐ Vegetation
		☒ Water Column	☒ Sediment/Benthos
			☐ Shoreline
			☒ Human Use (Recreational, Cultural)
		Will the project directly benefit State- or Federally-listed species? If so, please list them. If not, please indicate N/A	
		N/A	
G	Project Status		
	Property/Resource Acquisition	Time to Implementation	
	Project Planning/Design	Time to Project Completion	
	Project Permitting.		
	Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan? No		
	If so, please list:		
H	Project Costs	Estimated Cost	Funding Available
		\$4,000,000.00	
I	Project Partners	Partner 1 Organization	
		Partner 1 Contact	Partner 1 Involvement
		Partner 2 Organization	
		Partner 2 Contact	Partner 2 Involvement
		Partner 3 Organization	
		Partner 3 Contact	Partner 3 Involvement

Disclaimer:

The submission of project information does not guarantee project funding. Projects will be evaluated using criteria identified in OPA, NEPA, implementing regulations, and related laws. Selection and funding determinations will be made by the Trustee Council.