

Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Restoration Project Information Sheet

A General Information

Organization			
Franklin County Board of County Commissioners			
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B Project Information

Project Name			
Apalachicola Bay Oyster Industry Restoration			
Location (e.g. John Smith National Wildlife Refuge)			
Apalachicola Bay and St. Vincent Sound			
State(s) (Use 2-letter abbreviations separated by commas)		County/Parish	Watershed/Basin
FL		Franklin	Apalachicola
Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Project Size (Choose one)	
29°42.887	84°52.837	miles 11,600 acres tons 8,000 acres	

C Project Description

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

The Apalachicola Bay produces 90% of the oysters sold from the state of Florida. The Bay is recognized with national and international environmental designations for its high ecosystem diversity, water quality, and resource production. The damage the BP oil spill caused the Louisiana oyster industry is the catalyst for this project. The BP oil spill damaged the entire Gulf coast oyster industry and the public perception of the oyster as a food item. This project is intended to enhance and renourish the Apalachicola Bay oyster industry so that it continues to maintain its preeminence.

This proposal is to repair and replenish the natural oyster bars with proper substrate so that oyster spat will continue to have a place to grow. The project is intended to put new substrate on all the natural bars and increase the productivity of the industry over the long term. The proposal also includes a component to develop and test food safety measures so the consumer will continue to have confidence in oysters as a food source.

The third component of the project will be to work with the industry to develop methods of harvesting the oysters so that the product itself comes to the market under the best conditions possible.

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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.	
		sea turtles	
G	Project Status		
	Property/Resource Acquisition	Not Started	Time to Implementation
	Project Planning/Design	In Progress	4-6 months
	Project Permitting	Not Started	Time to Project Completion
			11-20 years
	Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan? If so, please list:		
H	Project Costs	Estimated Cost	Funding Available
		\$30,000,000.00	\$100,000.00
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.