

# POTENTIAL DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL RESTORATION PROJECTS:

## PROVIDING INFORMATION TO ASSIST WITH PROJECT ASSESSMENT

To help you propose projects to the State of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), we developed this project submission form. You are not required to complete this form to submit a project. However, completion of the form will help DEP gather the information required to completely and accurately evaluate a project against the selection and evaluation criteria. Where appropriate in the form, please provide references to any additional supporting information.

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**Project Name:** *(Include project number from DEP's existing list of submitted projects, if applicable.)*

Mexico Beach Canal Park Marina Improvements

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**Contact Information:**

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**Location for Project Implementation:** *(For example, city and county, GIS coordinates if known.)*

Canal Parkway of Highway 98 in Mexico Beach, Bay County, FL

Latitude: 29.9533      Longitude: -85.4287

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**Brief Project Narrative:** *(Describe what the project will do.)*

Several improvements are proposed to the Mexico Beach Canal Park including a new bulkhead to repair the existing, dilapidated bulkhead, new boarding docks, finger piers, additional and improved parking areas, as well as utility updates to water, power, lighting, and fish cleaning areas. These improvements will promote the use of the Marina and to the Gulf of Mexico.

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**Estimated Project Costs:** *(Describe the costs of the project, including any assumptions for contingency and ongoing operations and maintenance. Identify other available funding sources such as matching funds, in kind contributions or state or federal dollars. If possible, attach a schedule of anticipated costs, by year, over the anticipated project life.)*

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**Anticipated Project Outcome with Respect to Screening Criteria**

After the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the City of Mexico Beach suffered tremendously from the loss of fisherman, tourists, charter boats, and visitors to the marina. The City continued to fund the marina but without these activities to fund the marina, the only marina in Mexico Beach was run down. This grant would greatly benefit both the residents and visitors of Mexico Beach and promote fishing and the use of the Gulf of Mexico through the only public launching facility in Mexico Beach.

**S1. Technically and administratively feasible:** *(Briefly describe the critical technologies involved and any relevant past experience with similar projects.)*

The critical portion of this project will include will be the improvements made to the bulkhead of the marina. Coordination will be necessary to reduce the impacts made the the canal.

**S2. Provides environmental benefits:** *(Briefly describe the nature, magnitude, and timing of any environmental benefits attributable to the project and any potential environmental costs associated with implementing or maintaining the project, e.g., loss of a habitat or conversion of habitat from one type to another during implementation.)*

The Canal Marina in Mexico Beach is old and not well maintained. Use of the Marina can be unsafe for boaters and fishers as the sight distance is short around the boats. Improvements made to the Marina will improve boating and fishing safety as well as improve the water quality and habit for aquatic species.

**S3. Does not conflict with any ongoing or planned response or remediation work:** *(Briefly describe ongoing response activities in the project implementation area, if any, and why the project does or does not interfere with that work.)*

This project will not affect any ongoing response activities in the City of Mexico Beach.

**S4. Complies with applicable and relevant federal, state, local, and tribal laws and regulations:** *(No information is needed for this screening criteria.)*

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#### **Anticipated Project Outcome with Respect to Evaluation Criteria**

**E1. Will restore, rehabilitate, or replace a natural resource or service<sup>1</sup> believed/demonstrated to have been injured as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill or associated response activities:** *(Briefly describe the nature of any relationship between the new/improved resources or services and those adversely impacted by the oil spill.)*

After the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the City of Mexico Beach lost income from fisherman, tourists, charter boats, etc. as the Gulf of Mexico was closed. Once the Gulf was reopened, tourists and residents feared the Gulf which continued to increase the economic troubles facing Mexico Beach. As as result, the public water facilities suffered. This project would restore and enhance the City of Mexico Beach and the Gulf Coast by improving the only public boating facility in the City of Mexico Beach and thus promoting the use of the Gulf of Mexico.

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<sup>1</sup> In this form, "Services" (or "natural resource services") refers to the functions performed by a natural resource for the benefit of another natural resource and/or the public. Services can be "ecological services" – physical, chemical or biological functions that one natural resource provides for another (such as provision of food) – or "human services" – the use of natural resources used by humans that provide value to the public (such as hunting and fishing).

**E2. Is located in, or nearby, resources or services injured by the deepwater horizon spill:** *(Briefly describe where the project would be implemented with respect to past/ongoing remediation work.)*

The Mexico Beach Canal Marina is located directly on the Gulf of Mexico which was injured by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The project would benefit users of the Gulf as it provides the only public boating access in the City of Mexico Beach.

**E3. Is ready for implementation, e.g., design, permitting, and necessary impacts assessments have been completed:** *(Briefly describe where in the permitting process the project stands along with an estimated date of when the project can be implemented if it is not currently ready.)*

Design and permitting for the Mexico Beach Canal Marina have been completed. Once funding has been secured, the project will be ready to move to the implementation phase.

**E4. Is cost effective:** *(Briefly describe why you think the project is cost effective. Discuss whether this project is more cost effective than alternative projects which would provide similar resource or service benefits.)*

This project provides a great improvement to the Marina and to Mexico Beach. Repairs to a bulkhead and boarding dock tend to be expensive because the project is constructed over water. Considering the amount of work done in and over water, this project is cost effective. Additionally, this project provides a necessary and extensive benefit to both residents and visitors of the City.

**E5. Has a high potential for long-term success as demonstrated by incorporating established/reliable methods and technologies:** *(Briefly describe if/how critical methods and technologies that will be used to implement the project could be considered reliable or proven.)*

The success of the Mexico Beach Marina has been proven by its high demand in the past. Improvements made to the marina will improve and increase its life span and make promote the use of the Marina.

**E6. Is likely to provide benefits rapidly following implementation:** *(Briefly describe the anticipated change in benefits anticipated over time.)*

The Mexico Beach Canal Marina will provide benefits to the community and the tourist as soon as the project is implemented. The project will provide more parking and better access to boats. Boating slips will be increase and improve to provide a better service to existing customers and promote the use of the marina to new customers.

**E7. Has a high likelihood of public acceptance:** *(Briefly describe evidence to support the given answer based on surveys or results and assessments from past projects. Known or likely opposition to a project should be recognized.)*

Opposition to this project is not expected. The project will improve the public boating facility and provide numerous benefits to residents and visitors alike. A resolution has been passed by the City of Mexico Beach stating the support the City's support of the improvements made to the Marina.

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## WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

Submit this form via email to Jessica Kanes at [Jessica.Kanes@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Jessica.Kanes@dep.state.fl.us) . If you have any questions or concerns about the process for submitting a project, please contact:

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A current summary of projects is accessible through the Florida DEP's website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/projects.htm> (click on "View the list of restoration project ideas").