

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.

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

G8: Recreation Projects – Fishing Pier (St. Joe Beach/Windmark Beach)

PRIORITY #3-1 (Amended)

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

Gulf County

Lat. 29°53'15.13"N

Long. 85°21'24.89"W

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

This project will provide for construction of a fishing pier into the Gulf of Mexico, near the entrance to St. Joseph Bay. The County owns a paved parking area and restroom facility. There is also an easement from St. Joe Company across the old U.S. Highway 98 (S.R. 30) roadbed for public access. We have made contact with St. Joe Company to consider donating the easement portion to the County as well.

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.)

The estimated cost of this project is \$1,000,000.00.

Anticipated Project Outcome with Respect to Screening Criteria

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

The County would obtain the necessary permits to construct a large fishing pier into the Gulf of Mexico. There are currently no public fishing piers in Gulf County. Based on discussions with adjacent counties, fishing piers are tremendous assets for residents and visitors who do not have access to a boat.

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 largest benefit that will be created will be in providing a new recreation element in Gulf County to recover the tourism lost due to the oil spill. There are currently no large public fishing piers in the County, and constructing the pier adjacent to a public dedicated beach access point that has restrooms and a parking area will be beneficial to fishermen who are not boaters. There will be no negative impacts to the environment, and the associated environmental costs will be permitting of the project.

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.)*

The project location will be adjacent to St. Joseph Bay/Gulf of Mexico, west of B.P.'s previous staging area in Gulf County. The Vessels of Opportunity utilized the County's boat ramp in Highland View (which is located on the intracoastal waterway) and staged in that area. This project will not conflict with any response or remediation work.

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

Anticipated Project Outcome with Respect to Evaluation Criteria

E1. Will restore, rehabilitate, or replace a natural resource or service¹ 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.)*

The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill detrimentally affected tourism and the fishing industry in Gulf County. Not only tourists, but locals as well, were deterred from fishing and/or eating seafood. St. Joseph Bay and the Gulf of Mexico are major County assets and are heavily utilized by tourists and locals for food and recreation. This project will provide an additional fishing option for those who are not boaters, and will assist in restoring tourism and fishing in Gulf County.

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.)*

This project is located on the Gulf of Mexico, adjacent to St. Joseph Bay, approximately 5 miles west of the Highland View boat ramp where the B.P. staging area was located. All areas of St. Joseph Bay, Cape San Blas and Indian Pass were heavily monitored during the oil spill, and boom was placed across the mouth of the bay where it intersects with the Gulf of Mexico.

¹ 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).

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.)

The County will obtain the necessary environmental permits and construction of the fishing pier will begin upon receipt of funding and bids.

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 is cost effective in that it will provide a new source of recreation for Gulf County to utilize in our efforts to draw tourists back to the coast. With the current economic conditions, many materials can be obtained at a lower cost, and County employees can assist in the construction process, if necessary. It will also provide job opportunities for workers displaced during the oil spill.

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.)*

St. Joseph Bay and the Gulf of Mexico will always be utilized by fishermen. Construction of a fishing pier will provide an option that Gulf County does not have, and the proposed location provides access to existing public restrooms and parking. This addition, in conjunction with promotion by the T.D.C., will ensure higher utilization of the facility, and increased tourism and fishing opportunities.

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

Benefits to the County will be realized immediately upon construction of the fishing pier. Once the permits are obtained, the County will receive bids for construction of the fishing pier. We will then work with the T.D.C. to promote the new fishing pier, which is an amenity Gulf County does not currently have. The proposed pier can be seen from U.S. Highway 98 (S.R. 30) which is the main route used in Gulf County. A parking area and restroom facilities are already in place, therefore the benefits will be realized as soon as the pier is complete.

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.)*

There are many residents and visitors to Gulf County who enjoy saltwater fishing, but are not boaters. This new element will provide them with a designated place to enjoy their recreation. Fishing piers are an asset to any community located on the coast. There is no known opposition to this project.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

Submit this form via email to Jessica Kanes at 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").

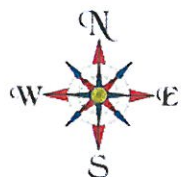
Florida Department of Environmental Protection - DWH Restoration Projects
Project Title: St. Joe Beach Fishing Pier
County, Municipality, or Agency: Gulf County
DATE: January 28, 2013

Cost Items	Cost Estimate
Planning	
Contracts	
Feasibility	
Engineering & Design & Permitting ¹	\$ 75,000.00
Planning Administration ²	
[other]	
Planning Subtotal	\$ 75,000.00
Construction	
Contracts - Pier Construction ³	\$ 875,000.00
Construction Administration	\$ 50,000.00
[other]	
Construction Subtotal	\$ 925,000.00
Monitoring	
Contracts	
Monitoring Administration	
[other]	
Monitoring Subtotal	
Project Cost	
TOTAL	\$ 1,000,000.00

¹ Includes data collection, design, permitting, landrights, bid documentation prep, etc. necessary to bring a project to contract readiness

² Administration costs for each section include overhead and indirect costs to conduct that portion of project implementation

³ Should include construction cost detail such as projected unit costs for each construction item, mob/demob, plantings, and any corrective actions (if applicable)



SJB Fishing Pier

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