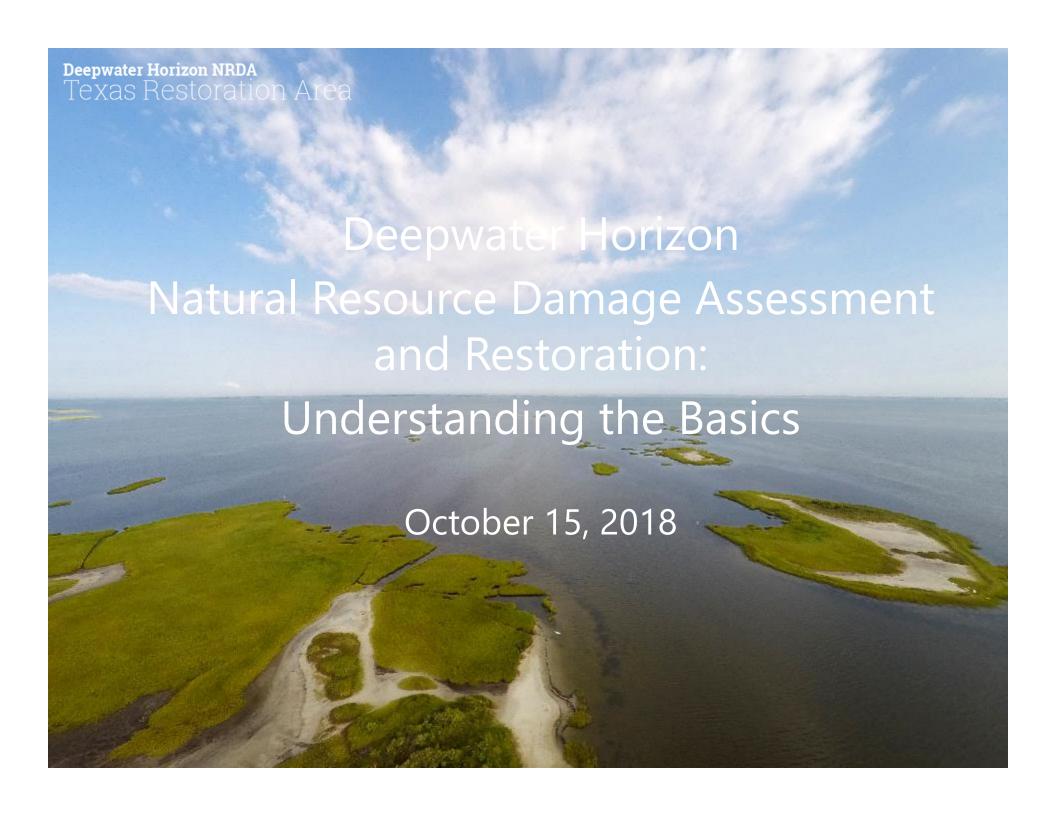
### Tonight's Agenda

 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration: Understanding the Basics

Texas Trustee Implementation Group Update

Questions and Discussion

Wrap-Up



#### **Presentation Goals**

- Deepwater Horizon oil spill settlement background
- Review NRDA process basics
- Explain how you can get involved in NRDA
- Questions and Discussion

## DWH Oil Spill Settlements and Major Funding Sources

2010 - Deepwater Horizon oil spill occurred

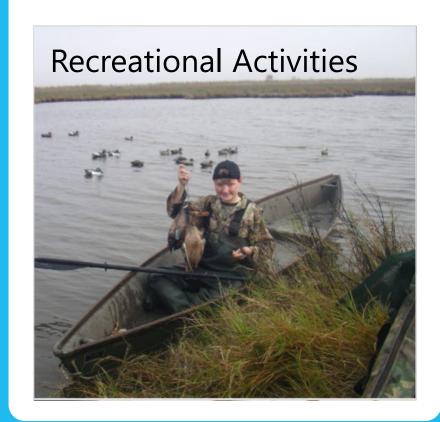
2012 - 2016 Settlements with Transocean, BP and others

- \$2.544 billion in 2012/13 to NFWF GEBF\*
- Global Settlement with BP in 2016
  - \$8.8 billion for NRDA restoration over 15 years
  - \$5.328 billion to RESTORE Council

\*National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

#### What is NRDA?

- A legal process
  - Based in the Oil Pollution Act (OPA)
  - Natural Resource Trustee
     agencies assess the degree to
     which natural resources and
     the services they provide may
     have been injured by an oil
     spill and spill response
     activities
  - Then determine how to compensate the public through on-the-ground restoration activities



#### **NRDA Process**

#### **DETERMINE INJURY:**

What was injured, extent, magnitude?

#### **RESTORATION PLANNING:**

What needs to be done to restore the natural resources?

#### **RESTORATION COST:**

How much will this cost?

#### **ASSESS MONETARY DAMAGES:**

Seek monetary damages from the polluter to pay for restoration.

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- 2. Restore water quality
- 3. Replenish and protect living and coastal and marine resources
- 4. Provide and enhance recreational opportunities
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#### **Restoration Types**



Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats



Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands

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Water Quality (e.g. stormwater treatments, hydrologic restoration, reduction of sedimentation, etc.)

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#### **Restoration Types**



Sturgeon



Birds



Sea Turtles



Oysters



Marine Mammals



Fish and Water Column Invertebrates



Mesophotic Reefs and Deep Benthic Habitats

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#### **Restoration Types**



Monitoring and Adaptive Management



Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning

#### **Trustee Council Structure**

Trustee Council – Oversight, coordination Restoration Areas and Trustee Implementation Groups

TIG - Where the action is!

Restoration planning, public engagement, project selection, implementation, & monitoring

**Trustee Council** 

Trustee Implementation Groups

AL FL LA MS TX OO RW

#### **DWH NRDA Restoration Funding**

Restoration Area	Allocation			
Alabama	\$296 million			
Florida	\$680 million			
Louisiana	\$5.00 billion			
Mississippi	\$296 million			
Texas	\$238 million			
Open Ocean	\$1.24 billion			
Regionwide	\$350 million			

### TX TIG NRDA Funding \$238 million

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Major Restoration Categories	Unknown Conditions	Region-wide	Open Ocean	Alabama	Florida	Louisiana	Mississippi	Texas	Total Restoration Funding
1. RESTORE AND CONSERVE HABITAT					-				
Wetlande, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats				65,000,000	5,000,000	4,009,062,700	55,500,000	100,000,000	4,234,562,700
Hobitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands				3,000,000	17,500,000	50,000,000	5,000,000		75,500,000
Carly Restoration Projects (through Phase IV)				28,110,000	15,529,357	258,625,700	80,000,000		383,366,067
2. RESTORE WATER QUALITY									
Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Source)				5,000.000	35,000.000	20,000,000	27,500,000	22,500,000	10,000,000
Water Quality (e.g. Stormwater Treatments, Hydrologic Restoration, Reduction of Sedimentation, etc.					320,000,020				30,000,000
3. REPLENISH AND PROTECT LIVING COAS	STAL AND MARINE RE	SOURCES							
Fish and Water Column Invertebrates			380,000,000						330,000,000
Farly Restoration Fish and Water Column			29,030,309						2 000,000
Sturgeon			15,000,000						1,000,000
Sea Turtles		60,000,000	55,000,000	5,500,000	20,000,000	10,000,000	5,000,00	7,500,000	16,000,000
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Submerged Aquatic Vegetation						22,000,000			2 ,000,000
Marine Nammals		19,000,000	55,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	50,000,000	10,000,0		1, 4,000,000
Birds		70,400,000	70,000,000	30,000,000	40,000,000	148,500,000	25,000,00	20,000,000	4 3,900,000
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Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities			273,300,000						2 3,300,000
Oysters		63,372,413		10,000,000	20,000,000	26,000,000	20,000,00	22,500,000	12,872,413
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4. PROVIDE AND ENHANCE RECREATIONA	L OPPORTUNITIES								
Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities				25,000,000	63,274,513	38,000,000	5,000,000		131,274,513
Carly Restoration of Recreational Loss			23,397,915	85,000,305	120;43,167	22,000,000	18,967,000	18,582,688	287,986,076
5. MONITORING, ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT,	, AND ADMINISTRATIV	E OVERSIGHT							
Monitoring and Adaptive Management		65,000,000	200,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	225,000,000	7,500,000	2,500,000	520,000,000
Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning		40,000,000	150,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	23,000,000	22,530,000	4,000,000	289,500,000
Adaptive Management NRD Payment for Unknown Conditions	700,000,000								700,000,000
TOTAL NRD FUNDING	\$700,000,000	5349,851,678	\$1,240,697,916	\$295,589,305	\$680,152,643	\$5,000,000,000	\$295,557,000	8238,151,458	

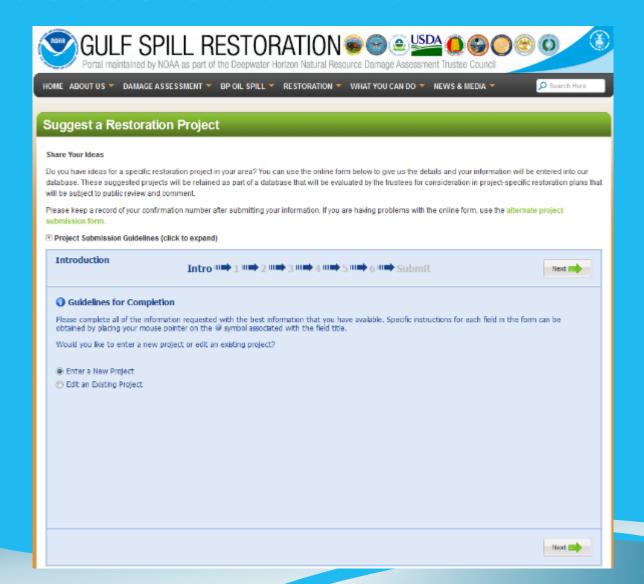
## Project Planning and Implementation Steps

- 1. Request for restoration project ideas
  - Submit project ideas

POINT OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2. Notice of initiation of restoration planning
- 3. Draft restoration plan for public comment
- 4. Final restoration plan
- 5. Implementation & monitoring

#### **Trustee Submission Portal**



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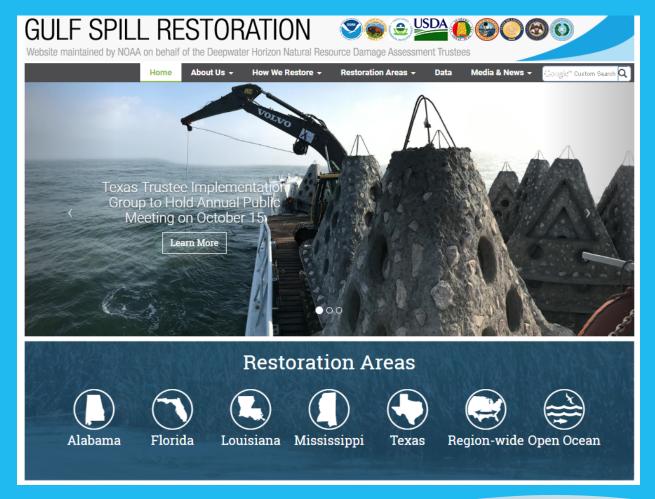
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#### **Draft Plan to Final Plan**

- Draft plan posted on the web
- Email notification
- Asks for public comment request (usually 30 days)
- Includes link to public comment portal
- Has public meeting/webinar information
- TIG considers all comments received and finalizes restoration plan

## Where to find NRDA information





# Texas TIG Annual Update















### **Funding Update**

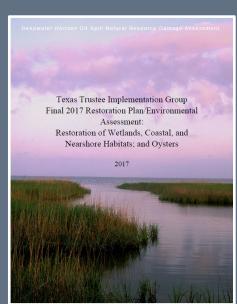






#### 2017 Restoration Plan

- Oyster Restoration Engineering
- Bird Island Cove Habitat Restoration Engineering
- Essex Bayou Habitat Restoration Engineering
- Dredged Material Planning for Wetland Restoration
- McFaddin Beach and Dune Restoration
- Bessie Heights Wetland Restoration
- Pierce Marsh Wetland Restoration
- Indian Point Shoreline Erosion Protection
- Bahia Grande Hydrologic Restoration
- Follets Island Habitat Acquisition
- Mid-Coast Habitat Acquisition
- Bahia Grande Coastal Corridor Habitat Acquisition
- Laguna Atascosa Habitat Acquisition



## How We Implement Projects

Partnership

Planning

Coordination



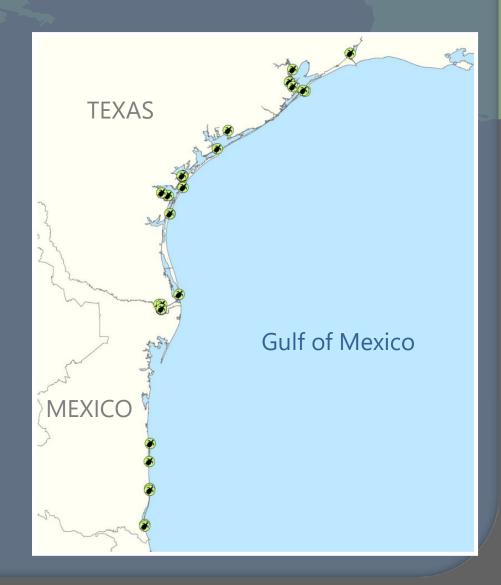




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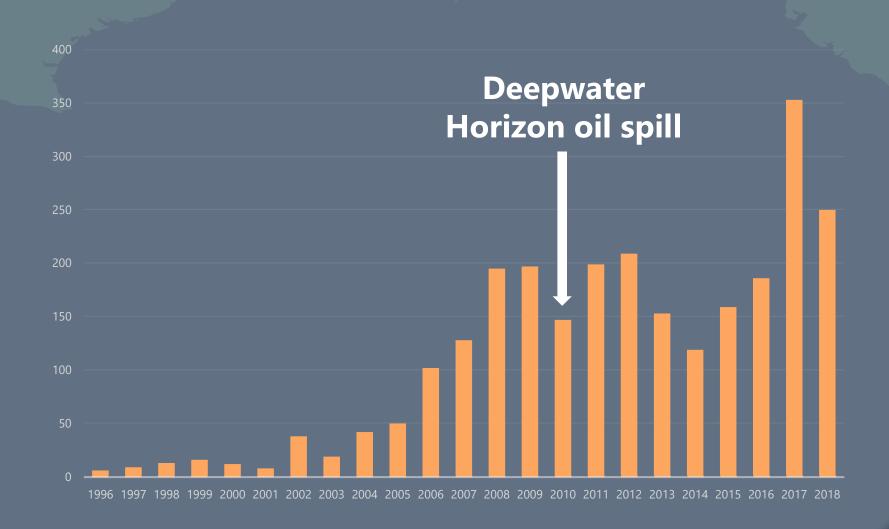


- Kemp's Ridley nest detection and protection
- Enhancement of the sea turtle stranding and salvage network
- Enhancement of the Fisheries Bycatch Enforcement



### Kemp's Ridley Nesting





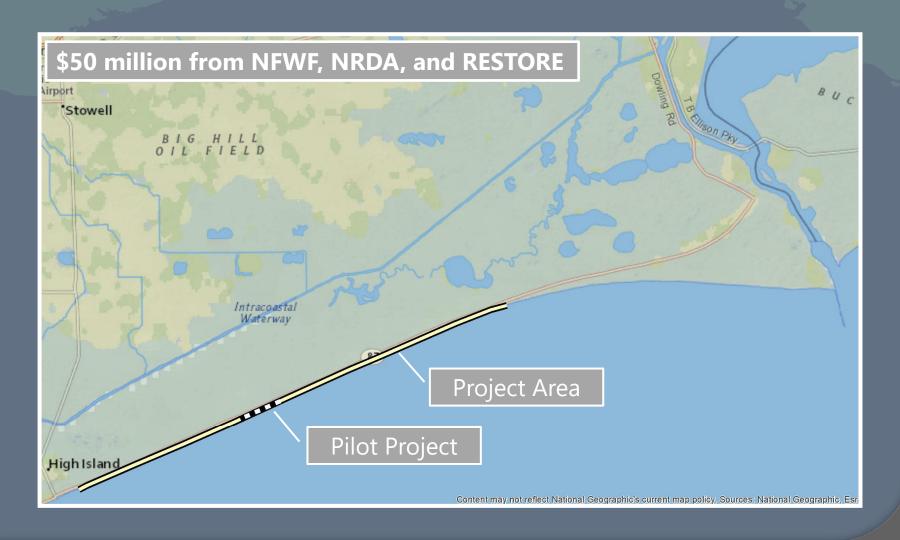
# Stranding, Rehabilitation (\*) and Enforcement





## McFaddin Dune and Beach Restoration





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Pre-Restoration



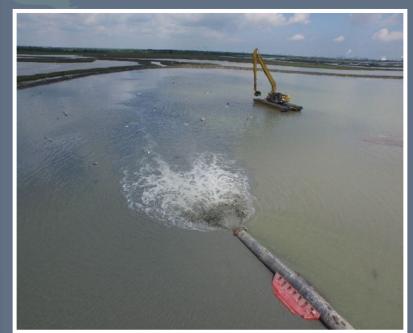


Pilot Project















- Bessie Heights Wetland Restoration
- Pierce Marsh Wetland Restoration

Dredged Material Planning for Wetland

Restoration



# TX Restoration Area Representatives



- Johanna Gregory, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.
- Richard Seiler, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Angela Sunley, Texas General Land Office
- Chip Wood, U.S. Department of the Interior
- · Jamie Schubert, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin.
- Ron Howard, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Doug Jacobson,** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



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