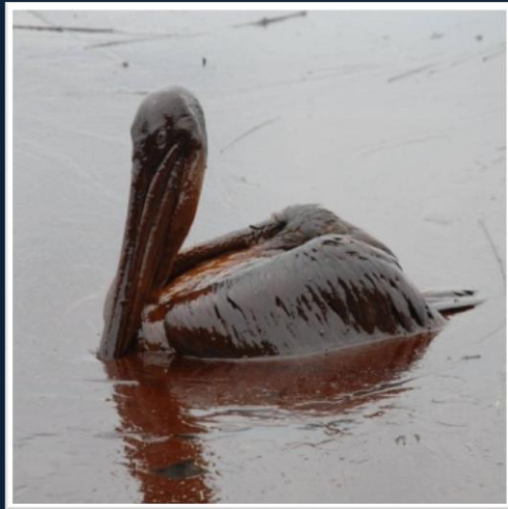


# Deepwater Horizon \$1B Early Restoration Agreement



Delta Discussion Group  
June 23, 2011



# NRDA Overview

## Goal

- To make the environment and public whole for injuries to natural resources and services resulting from an incident involving a discharge or substantial threat of a discharge of oil

## Trustees

- Manage process, represent public interest and ensure restoration of injured natural resources

# Stages of NRDA



**Pre-Assessment  
/Assessment**

**Restoration  
Planning**

**Restoration  
Implementation**

# Overview

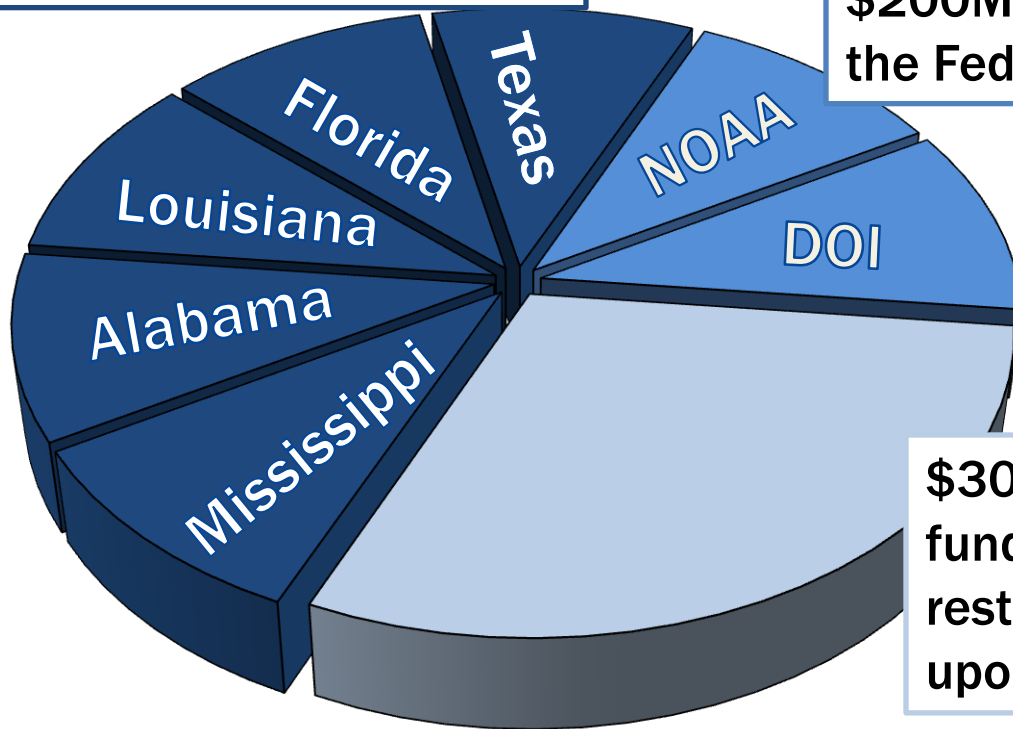
- **April 21, 2011 - Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Trustees announced \$1 billion down payment for early restoration**
- **Louisiana first made the request July 2010**
- **Largest early restoration agreement ever reached**
- **Provides an opportunity to implement restoration projects prior to the completion of the natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) process**

# Allocation of Funds

## \$1 Billion Early Restoration Agreement

\$500M will be split equally among the Gulf State Trustees

\$200M will be split equally among the Federal Trustees



\$300M will be used to fund state sponsored restoration projects based upon impacts.

# Public Outreach

- Public meetings (Fall 2010)
  - NRDA 101
- PEIS Public Scoping Meetings (March 2011)
- Extensive public outreach and coordination
- Early restoration public outreach
- Additional outreach and public comment will take place in the future
- Continued project solicitation: <http://losco-dwh.com>



# Early Restoration: Next Steps

- **June 13, 2011**
  - Louisiana released master list of projects submitted to date to stakeholders
- **June 20, 2011**
  - Public meeting on early restoration projects in New Orleans
- **June 25, 2011\***
  - Projects submitted to Louisiana to be considered for initial phase of early restoration
- **Fall 2011**
  - Public comment on early restoration plan(s)

# Process Overview

- **State Trustees are considering master list projects**
- **Based on criteria, projects will be proposed to Trustee Council**
- **Per agreement, Trustee Council will vote on projects**
- **Trustees will negotiate projects with BP**
- **Draft restoration plan(s) will be released for public comment**

# Early Restoration: Framework Agreement Criteria

- **The Trustees shall select projects for early restoration that meet all of the following criteria:**
  1. **Contribute to making the environment and the public whole by restoring, rehabilitating, replacing, or acquiring the equivalent of natural resources or services injured as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill or response, or compensating for interim losses resulting from the incident**
  2. **Address one or more specific injuries to natural resources or services associated with the incident**
  3. **Seek to restore natural resources, habitats or natural resource services of the same type, quality, and of comparable ecological and/or human use value to compensate for identified resource and service losses resulting from the incident**
  4. **Are not inconsistent with the anticipated long-term restoration needs and anticipated final restoration plan**
  5. **Are feasible and cost effective**

# NRDA & Louisiana Criteria

## NRDA Criteria

Project cost effectiveness

Proximity to affected area

Scalability

Extent of benefit to injured resources/services

Technical feasibility and likelihood of success

Avoidance of future injury resulting from project

Degree to which project addresses multiple injuries

## Louisiana RRP Criteria

Ability to implement project with minimal delay

Degree to which project supports existing strategies/ plans

Project urgency

Consideration of comments received

# Restoration Project Submittals

- Currently 395 restoration project candidates
- Project list can be viewed online:  
<http://losco-dwh.com/SubmittedRestorationList.aspx>
- List will be updated periodically to include additional project submissions



# Share Your Restoration Project Ideas

- Complete a project submission form
- Submit your project online: <http://losco-dwh.com>