

# Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

## Restoration Project Information Sheet

### A General Information

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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)* FL *County/Parish* Franklin *Watershed/Basin* Apalachicola  
*Latitude (decimal degrees)* 29° 42.887 *Longitude (decimal degrees)* 84° 52.837 *Project Size (Choose one)* miles 11,600 *acres* *tons* 8,000 *Affected Area* 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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<b>D Project Type(s)</b>	<i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Debris Removal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintenance/Management <input type="checkbox"/> Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Education	
<b>E Project Habitat(s)</b>	<i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Upland <input type="checkbox"/> Marine/Estuarine Wetlands <input type="checkbox"/> Beach/Dune <input type="checkbox"/> Riverine <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater Wetlands <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subtidal (Nearshore/Offshore)	
<b>F Resource Benefit(s)</b>	<i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Mammals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Column <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Wildlife <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sediment/Benthos <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles/Amphibians <input type="checkbox"/> Corals <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. <b>sea turtles</b>	
<b>G Project Status</b>	Property/Resource Acquisition    Not Started Project Planning/Design            In Progress Project Permitting                    Not Started	Time to Implementation <b>4-6 months</b> Time to Project Completion <b>11-20 years</b>
	Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan? If so, please list:	
<b>H Project Costs</b>	Estimated Cost <b>\$30,000,000.00</b>	Funding Available <b>\$100,000.00</b>
<b>I Project Partners</b>	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.