

# Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

## Restoration Project Information Sheet

### A General Information

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### B Project Information

<i>Project Name</i> Gulf County Oyster Reef and Scallop Monitoring & Restoration			
<i>Location (e.g. John Smith National Wildlife Refuge)</i> Gulf County			
<i>State(s) (Use 2-letter abbreviations separated by commas)</i> FL	<i>County/Parish</i> Gulf	<i>Watershed/Basin</i> St. Andrew/Apalach Bay	
<i>Latitude (decimal degrees)</i>	<i>Longitude (decimal degrees)</i>	<i>Project Size (Choose one)</i> miles          acres          tons	<i>Affected Area</i> acres

### C Project Description

*Please provide more information about the proposed project. (Limit 2,750 characters.)*

Gulf County is known around the country as being the home for bay scallops. St. Joseph Bay includes part of 5,018 acres of aquatic preserve which protect a regionally significant natural area with outstanding ecological, economic, historical and cultural values. The sensitive estuaries are identified in the USCG Area Contingency Plan as a "Three Diamond Sensitive Area," which is the highest protection priority designation. The bay is heavily promoted as one of the few areas for recreational scallop harvesting, and is visited by locals and tourists alike during scallop season every year. Indian Lagoon is also home to oyster reefs, where local oysters can be harvested. The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill negatively impacted the public's perception of consumption of these shellfish.

This project would allow Gulf County to test, monitor and restore scallops and oyster reefs in these two critical areas in Gulf County. This will ensure that future generations can continue to harvest and enjoy these shellfish, without the fear of oil and dispersant product contamination.

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<b>D</b>	<b>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education

<b>E</b>	<b>Project Habitat(s)</b>	<i>(Check all that apply)</i>		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Upland	<input checked="" 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</b>	<b>Resource Benefit(s)</b>	<i>(Check all that apply)</i>		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Marine Mammals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Column
		<input 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 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.				
N/A				

<b>G</b>	<b>Project Status</b>	Property/Resource Acquisition	Time to Implementation
		Project Planning/Design	Time to Project Completion
		Project Permitting.	
Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan? <b>No</b>			
If so, please list:			

<b>H</b>	<b>Project Costs</b>	Estimated Cost	Funding Available
		\$4,000,000.00	

<b>I</b>	<b>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.