

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

C Project Description

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

Many artificial reefs located in Florida waters were negatively impacted by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. It is still unknown if oil product and dispersants are trapped within the existing reefs.

Our plan includes purchase of an old ship (similar to the Escambia County and Key West projects) as an artificial reef offshore, and to construct smaller reefs in St. Joseph Bay. This project would accelerate ecological and economic recovery from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

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D	Project Type(s)	<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

E	Project Habitat(s)	<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)

F	Resource Benefit(s)	<i>(Check all that apply)</i>		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Mammals	<input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input 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 checked="" 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.				

G	Project Status	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? No	
		If so, please list:	

H	Project Costs	Estimated Cost	Funding Available
		\$10,600,000.00	

I	Project Partners	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.