

Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Update



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Pre-Assessment Workplans: Oysters

Pre-assessment Oyster Sampling Plans:

- Phase 1 Plan & Transition Plan

Purpose:

- Determine exposure from oil and response activities
- Estimate mortality rates
- Examine long-term impacts on reproductive ability

Data Collection:

- Oyster density (population)
- Larval supply
- Contaminant data in tissue samples and sediments



Oyster Update

Posted Oyster Workplans:

- **Mississippi Canyon 252 Spill Oyster Sampling Plan Phase I – High Priority Sites Amendment 1**
- **Mississippi Canyon 252 Spill Oyster Sampling Plan Phase I – High Priority Sites Amendment 2**
- **Mississippi Canyon 252 Spill Oyster Sampling Transition Plan**

<http://losco-dwh.com/viewWorkPlans.aspx>



Trustee Council Update

Biloxi, MS – March 1-3

- Meeting with federal and state trustees on NRDA strategy
- Discussion regarding the PEIS and planning for public scoping meetings
- State only meeting

Upcoming Meetings:

- New Orleans, LA – April 26-28
- Austin, TX – June 1-2
- Pensacola, FL – July 13-14
- Mobile, AL – August 24-25



Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Purpose:

To identify types of restoration that could be used to compensate the public for lost resources and their services, as well as a framework and procedures for the selection and implementation of restoration projects that will compensate the public for natural resource damages caused by the Oil Spill.

Lead Agency

- NOAA

Cooperating Trustee Agencies

- DOI
- LA Trustees
- MS Trustee
- AL Trustees
- FL Trustees
- TX Trustees



PEIS Public Meeting Locations

March 22 - Belle Chasse

Venue: Belle Chasse Public Library
Address: 8442 Highway 23
Start: 6:30 pm

March 28 - Grand Isle

Venue: Grand Isle Community Center
Address: 3811 Highway 1
Start: 5:30 pm

March 24 - Houma

Venue: Houma Holiday Inn
Address: 1800 Martin Luther King
Start: 5:30 pm

March 29 - Morgan City

Venue: Bayou Vista Community Center
Address: 1333 Belleview Street
Start: 5:30 pm

Submit Potential Restoration Projects:

<http://loscodwh.com/RestorationProject/ProjectInfoSheet.aspx>



Gulf Coast Restoration Task Force

Upcoming Public Meetings:

- May 6 - Mobile
 - July 27 - Houston or Galveston
 - August 29 - Biloxi
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- The meeting will provide follow-up on public input and recommendations on stakeholder engagement opportunities provided during the initial meeting (Nov. 8) in Pensacola.



State Funding Announcement: Emergency Restoration

State funding announcement of **\$12 million** for:

- Oyster cultch (\$2m)
- Shoreline re-vegetation/fencing/other measures (\$5m)
- Living shorelines/off-bottom culture/other innovative measures (\$5m)

