

Florida Trustee Implementation Group

Draft Restoration Plan 2 and Environmental Assessment (RP2/EA) Public Webinar



Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment

March 11, 2021

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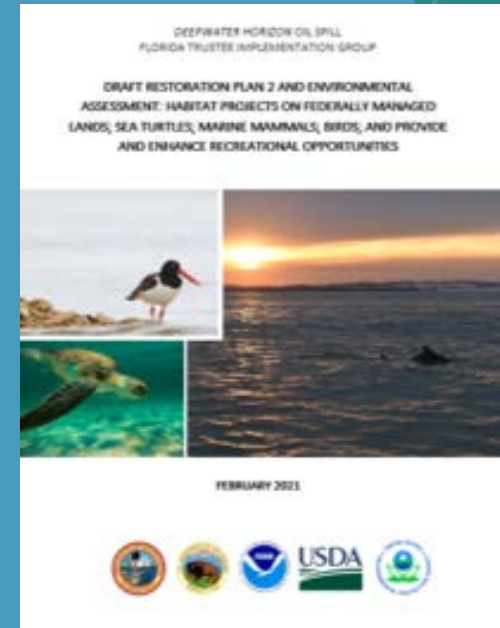
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Agenda

- Background
 - Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)
 - Florida Trustee Implementation Group (FL TIG)
- Draft RP2/EA
 - Planning timeline and screening process
 - Proposed projects
- Opportunity for Public Comment
- Next Steps



Link to the Draft RP2/EA and project fact sheets:

<https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2021/02/florida-trustees-seek-public-comment-draft-restoration-plan>

What is NRDA?

- A legal process based on the Oil Pollution Act (OPA)
- Trustee agencies assess the degree to which natural resources and the services they provide may have been injured
- Trustees then determine how to compensate the public through restoration activities



NRDA Process

DETERMINE INJURY:

What was injured, extent, magnitude?

RESTORATION PLANNING:

What needs to be done to restore the natural resources?

RESTORATION COST:

How much will this cost?

ASSESS MONETARY DAMAGES:

Seek monetary damages from the polluter to pay for restoration.

DWH Settlement

- Up to \$8.8 billion; 15+ years
 - \$1 billion already committed for early restoration
 - \$7.1 billion to complete restoration
 - Up to an additional \$700 million for adaptive management and unknown conditions
- Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP)



Trustee Council Structure

**Trustee
Council**

**Trustee Implementation
Groups (TIGs)**

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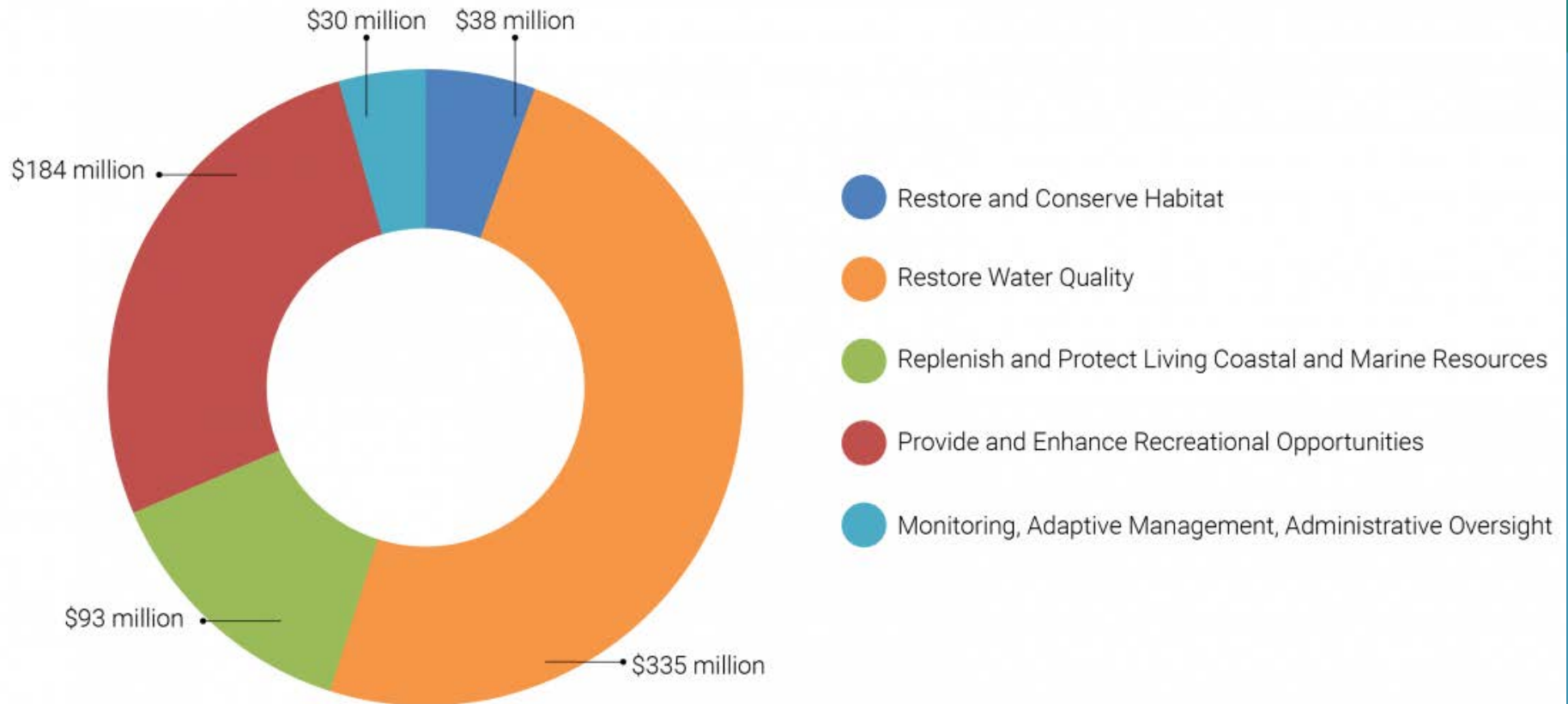
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FL TIG

Federal and state Trustees:

- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

DWH Settlement – FL TIG



Restoration Type Allocation

PDARP/PEIS Programmatic Restoration Goal	Restoration Type	Total FL TIG Settlement Funds ¹⁵	Funds Allocated for Restoration Planning	Funds Allocated to Early Restoration Projects	Funds Allocated to RP1/EA Projects
Restore and Conserve Habitat	Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats	\$20,629,367	--	\$15,629,367	--
	Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands	\$17,500,000	\$147,296	--	\$2,742,451
Restore Water Quality	Nutrient Reduction	\$35,000,000	\$34,826	--	\$5,250,000
	Water Quality	\$300,000,000	\$125,517	--	\$16,945,754
Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources	Sea Turtles	\$20,000,000	\$43,401	--	--
	Marine Mammals	\$5,000,000	\$39,315	--	--
	Birds	\$42,835,000	\$54,726	\$2,835,000	--
	Oysters	\$25,370,596	--	\$5,370,596	--
Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities	Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities	\$183,817,680	\$292,512	\$104,155,906	\$36,344,535
TOTAL		\$650,152,643	\$737,593	\$128,056,740	\$61,282,740

Draft RP2/EA Timeline

- 8/20/19: Call for project ideas
- 7/29/20: Notice of restoration planning
- 2/25/21: Notice of availability of Draft RP2/EA
- 3/11/21: Draft RP2/EA public webinar
- 3/29/21: End of Draft RP2/EA comment period

Draft RP2/EA

Screening by Restoration Type

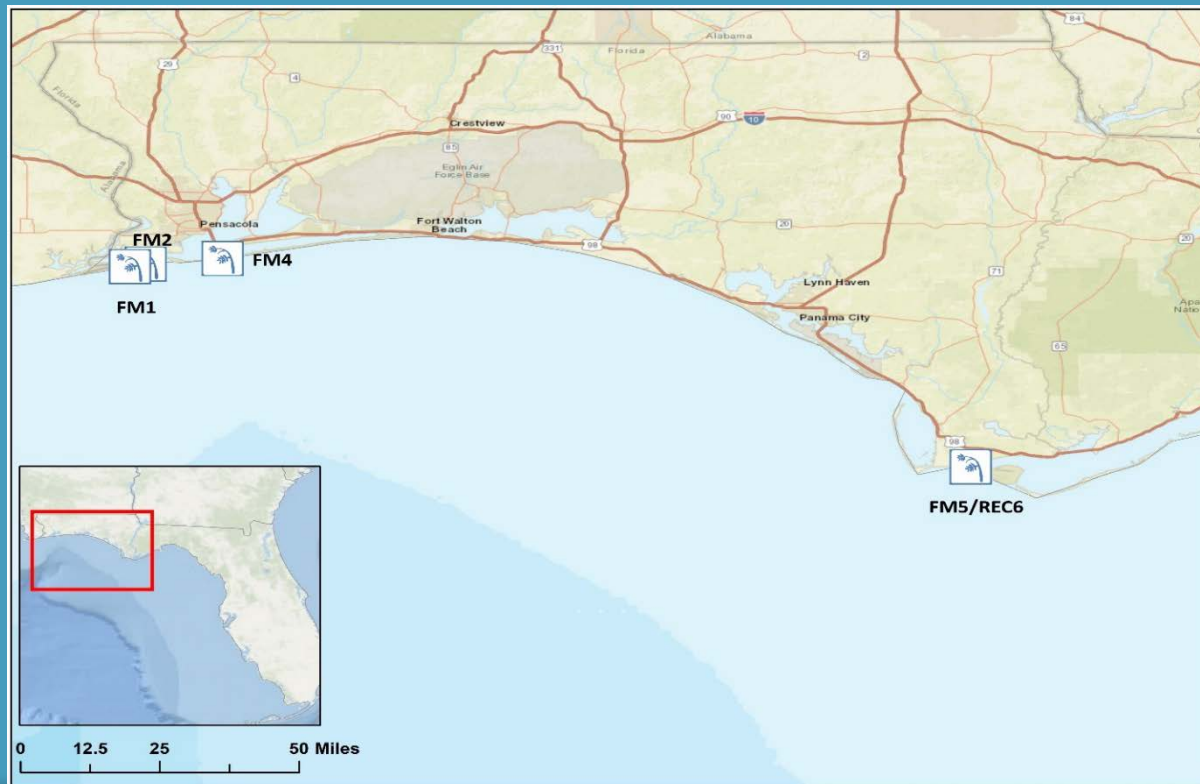
Restoration Type	Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands	Sea Turtles	Marine Mammals	Birds	Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities
Projects for Screening	34	221	118	261	371
Step 1 Primary Screening	5	22	9	23	23
Step 2 Secondary Screening	6	6	4	6	9
Step 3 Final Screening	5	4	2	5	9
Reasonable Range of Alternatives	5	4	2	5	9

Draft RP2/EA Preferred Projects

- 19 preferred projects:
 - Are consistent with the PDARP and OPA
 - Would cost ~\$62.2M (from FL TIG funds)
 - Remaining balance of ~\$398M for future RPs
 - Would be coordinated with the RW TIG, where appropriate.

Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands

Preferred Projects	Estimated Project Costs
FM1. Johnson Beach Access Management and Habitat Protection	\$3,200,000
FM2. Perdido Key Sediment Placement	\$6,773,000
FM4. Pensacola Beach Fort Pickens Road Wildlife Lighting Retrofits	\$540,000
FM5/REC6. St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge Access and Recreational Improvements through Acquisition at Indian Pass	\$3,220,000



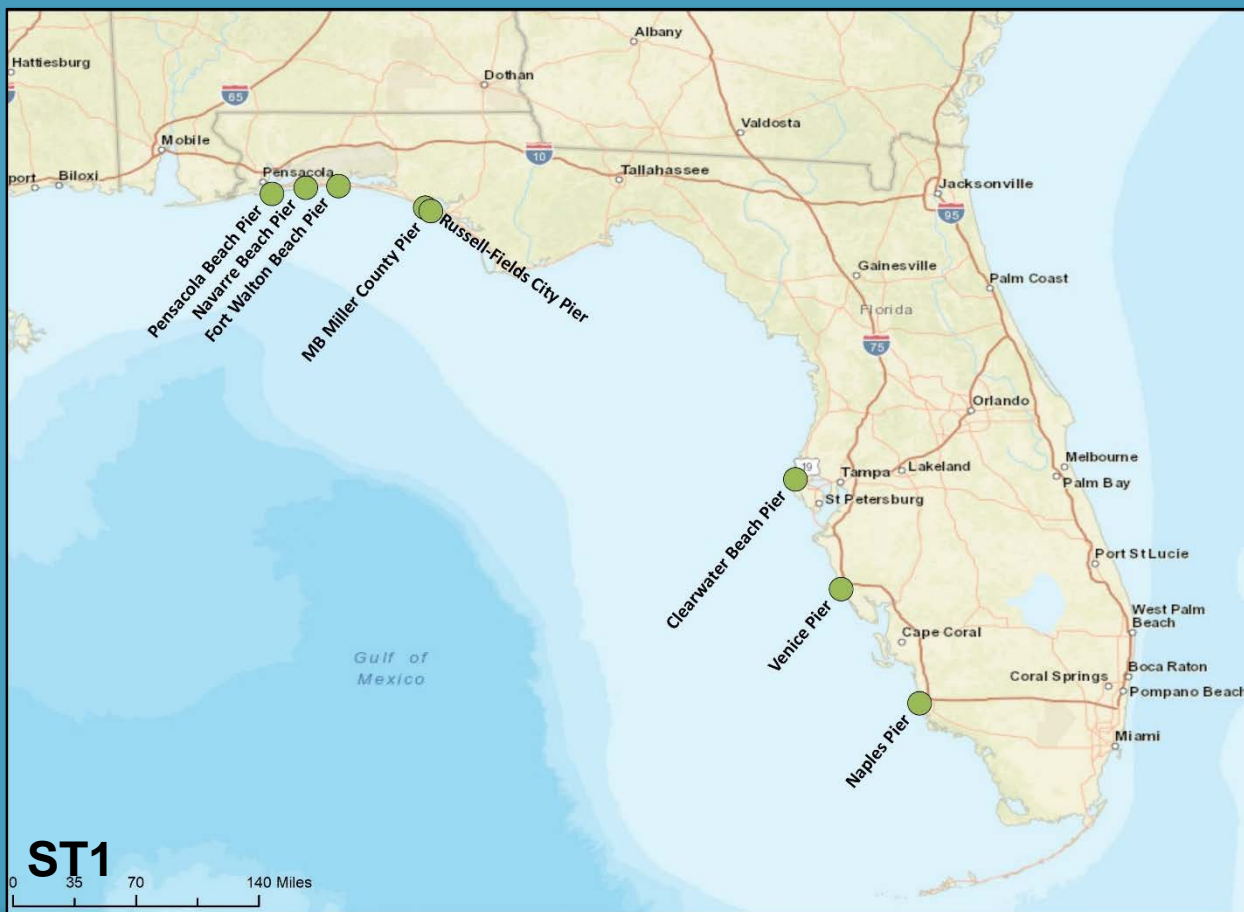
Sea Turtles

Preferred Projects

Estimated Project Costs

ST1. Increased Observers and Outreach to Reduce Incidental Hooking of Sea Turtles in Recreational Fisheries along Florida's Gulf Coast

\$1,394,808



Sea Turtles

Preferred Projects	Estimated Project Costs
ST2. Reducing Threats to Sea Turtles through Removal of In-water Marine Debris along Florida's Gulf Coast	\$3,667,400
ST3. Assessing Risk and Conducting Public Outreach to Reduce Vessel Strikes on Sea Turtles along Florida's Gulf Coast	\$1,155,000



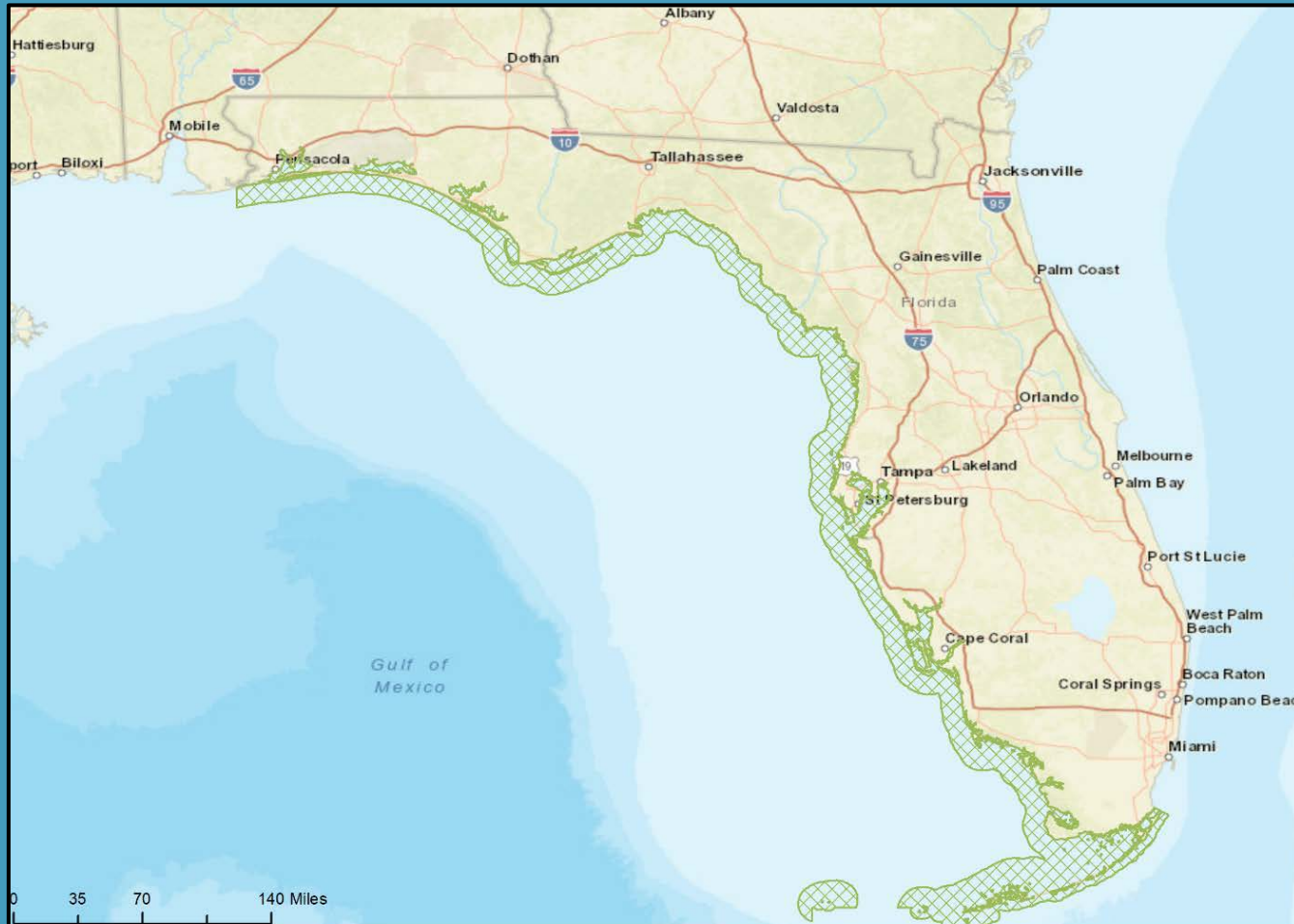
Marine Mammals

Preferred Project

Estimated Project Cost

MM1. Florida Gulf Coast Marine Mammal Stranding Network

\$5,000,000



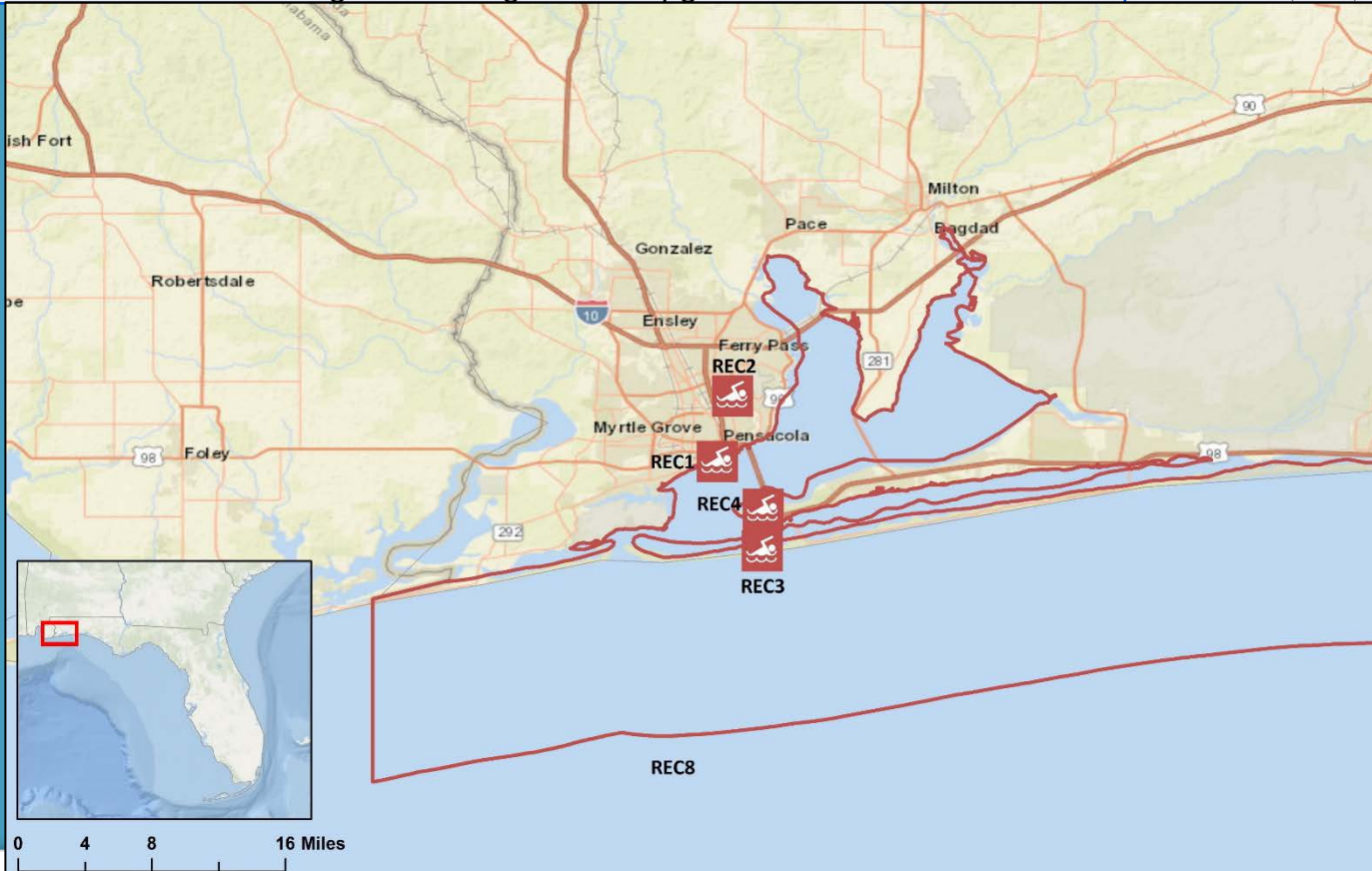
Birds

Preferred Projects	Estimated Project Costs
B1. Gomez Key Oyster Reef Expansion and Breakwaters for American Oystercatchers	\$1,748,639
B2. Egmont Key Vegetation Management and Dune Retention	\$466,143
B3. Northeast Florida Coastal Predation Management	\$449,295
B4. Florida Shorebird and Seabird Stewardship and Habitat Management – 5 Years	\$10,500,000



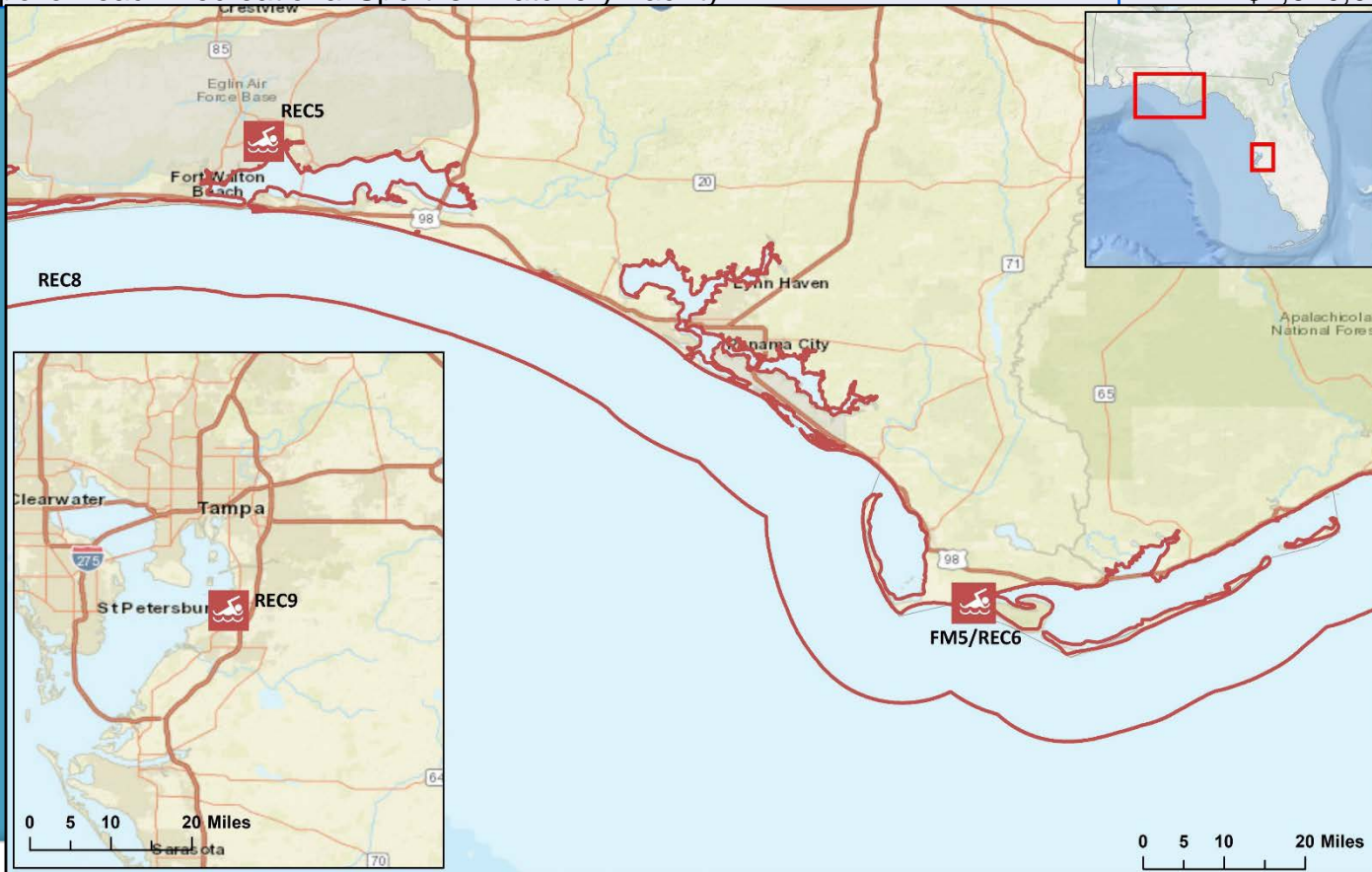
Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities

Preferred Projects	Estimated Project Costs
REC1. Pensacola Community Maritime Park Public Fishing Marina	\$3,190,502
REC2. Baars Park and Sanders Beach Kayak Fishing Trail Access Upgrades	\$1,402,531
REC3. Engineering and Design for Pensacola Beach Park West Fishing Pier and Access Improvements	\$353,100
REC4. Gulf Breeze Parks Boating and Fishing Access Upgrades	\$1,221,660



Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities

Preferred Projects	Estimated Project Costs
REC5. Lincoln Park Boat Ramp and Dock Improvements	\$457,500
FM5/REC6. St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge Access and Recreational Improvements through Acquisition at Indian Pass	\$2,500,000
REC8. Florida Artificial Reef Creation and Restoration – Phase 2	\$10,342,500
REC9. Apollo Beach Recreational Sportfish Hatchery Facility	\$4,620,000



Public Comment

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Time is up

Submit Your Comments

- Online:
www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/florida
- By mail. Hard copy addressed to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 29649, Atlanta, GA 30345
- Comment deadline is March 29, 2021

Next Steps

- Public comment period ends on March 29
- Trustees will consider/address all public comments and finalize RP2/EA
- Trustees will implement project(s)

Thank you!

This concludes the public webinar.

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