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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 3 MR. FRANKLIN: Good afternoon. My name is Perry Franklin, and I will serve as your 4 5 facilitator for the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Council's 6 7 eighth annual meeting. This meeting also serves 8 as the annual meeting of the Regionwide Trustee 9 Implementation Group, or TIG, as you will 10 commonly hear throughout this presentation. The Trustees and their representatives will 11 12 present a lot of useful information today, and 13 then you will have the opportunity to provide 14 some feedback. 15 Whether you are listening in via telephone 16 or your computer audio, please know that we will have all audio muted at this time. If you are 17 experiencing technical difficulties and would 18 19 like to request assistance, please use the 20 questions box which is located in the right-hand 21 side of the webinar interface, and we will reach 22 out to help you.

1	We have a court reporter who will
2	transcribe the entire meeting, including your
3	important comments. The PowerPoint presentation
4	and the transcript will be posted on the
5	Trustees' website in the near future. We are
6	also providing, as you can see, an American Sign
7	Language interpreter via video.
8	The Trustees would also like you to know
9	that there are fact sheets on the Trustee
10	Council's website. That website is
11	gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov. Again, that
12	website where you can find a lot of useful
13	information is gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov.
14	When you registered for today's webinar,
15	you received an email from webinars@dwhtig.org
16	confirming your registration. That email
17	contains helpful instructions on how to manage
18	your audio during this webinar.
19	Additionally, you are asked if you would
20	like to make a verbal comment at today's
21	meeting. We have received a number of requests
22	and have responded to each person via email with

1 instructions on making verbal comment to our 2 listening panel. After the presentation portion 3 of the webinar, we will take verbal public comments. 4 5 If you did not make a request to give a comment, that's fine, as we will give directions 6 later in today's presentation on exactly how to 7 8 do that. 9 So now let's get started with today's meeting. I'd like to introduce you to Chris 10 11 Wells, who is the Executive Director of the 12 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality 13 and Chair of the Trustee Council. Chris? 14 MR. WELLS: Thank you, Perry, and good 15 afternoon. Welcome everyone to this annual 16 meeting of the Deepwater Horizon Trustee 17 Council, and thank you for your interest and attendance. 18 19 Since the settlement with BP in 2016, the 20 Trustees have held a meeting every year to bring 21 you up to speed on our work, and as Perry mentioned, this is the eighth annual public 22

1 meeting.

2	During today's presentation, I'm going to	
3	go over a few slides to give you an update of	
4	what the Trustee Council has been doing since	
5	our last meeting. Then you'll hear an update	
6	from each of the Trustee Implementation Groups.	
7	After that, we want to hear from you. Perry	
8	will facilitate the public comment portion of	
9	the agenda.	
10	First, I'd like to introduce you to the	
11	Trustee Council representatives. We have a	
12	member representing each of the five Gulf states	
13	and a member who represents each of the four	
14	federal agencies that are involved. Many of the	
15	names may be familiar to you since quite a few	
16	of them were also with us last year.	
17	Chris Blankenship is our Trustee Council	
18	representative from Alabama. Gareth Leonard is	
19	the Trustee Council representative for Florida.	
20	Bren Haase represents Louisiana. I am the	
21	Trustee representative for Mississippi. Robin	
22	Riechers represents Texas. Mary Josie Blanchard	

represents DOI. Mary Kay Lynch represents EPA.
 Chris Doley represents NOAA, and Ronald Howard
 represents USDA.

First, just a quick review of our 4 5 responsibilities. The Trustees came together immediately after the oil spill, and we've been 6 7 working together to restore the natural 8 resources that were damaged. These include 9 wetlands, fish, birds, and other resources that were injured by the spill. We also focus on 10 restoring recreation opportunities and access to 11 outdoor recreation. 12

13 In 2016, the global settlement determined 14 how funds would be allocated across the areas 15 impacted by the spill and those natural 16 resources. These allocations were made based on 17 the comprehensive and programmatic restoration 18 plan that the Trustees developed. That plan 19 indicated which resources were injured and 20 needed to be restored. You can see a chart of 21 those allocations in the Trustee Council fact 22 sheet that is available for download from the

webinar interface or online at 1 2 gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov. 3 The Trustee Council, or TC, was created following the settlement in 2016 and is composed 4 5 of the representatives that I introduced 6 earlier. An important part of what the Trustee Council does is ensuring that there is 7 coordination of restoration activities across 8 9 the restoration areas. The Trustee Implementation Groups, or TIGs, 10 are shown on the bottom of this slide. Each TIG 11 12 has its own set of resources that they're 13 charged with restoring and a corresponding 14 allocation of money from the settlement 15 agreement. 16 The TC provides coordination and ensures 17 transparency, fiscal accountability, and 18 consistency with the programmatic plan and 19 across the implementation groups. The Trustee 20 Council also directs the Monitoring and Adaptive 21 Management work group, which helps fine tune the 22 restoration program over time.

1	Each month, the Trustee Council receives
2	status reports from the TIGs so that everybody
3	can stay up to date on the restoration progress.
4	This helps the group consider issues that cross
5	state and jurisdictional boundaries.
6	The TC is committed to proactively
7	communicate and report about our work to the
8	public. We're continuing to communicate
9	progress through our annual reporting, and this
10	year we produced more than 270 project reports
11	and our usual annual financial summary, all of
12	which can be found on the Gulf Spill website.
13	The restoration "heavy lifting," if you
14	will, is accomplished by the TIGs that were
15	shown on the previous slide. They are separate
16	entities under the umbrella of the TC. The TIGs
17	consider the Gulf as a large and interconnected
18	yet open-ended ecosystem. They know that if
19	they do one thing within their jurisdiction,
20	that action can affect an entire ecosystem.
21	If you've been with us before, you've seen
22	a timeline of events at every one of our

1	meetings. We all know that the spill occurred
2	in 2010 and \$1 billion of early restoration work
3	took place until the settlement in 2016.
4	Overall, the 2016 settlement was for \$20.8
5	billion. Of that, \$8.8 billion was allocated to
6	the work we do, which is known as Natural
7	Resource Damage Assessment restoration. Now,
8	this is a legal term, but essentially, it means
9	the process of evaluating damage to an
10	environment and its species from oil spills and
11	toxic waste releases with the goal of restoring
12	it. Now, that's a mouthful. So we often refer
13	to the process simply as N-R-D-A, or NRDA.
14	But rather than spending time looking back,
15	let's look forward from the settlement.
16	As you can see on this timeline, we're
17	roughly halfway through the 15-year payment
18	period of the BP restoration funds. To date,
19	the implementation groups have approved more
20	than 320 projects for an estimated cost of
21	approximately \$5 billion.
22	As you can imagine, our restoration work

1	won't simply stop in 2031 when the last payment
2	from BP is deposited. We expect to continue to
3	plan for and implement new projects as well as
4	conduct monitoring on existing and future
5	projects after the last payment is made. The
6	point is that the Trustees will continue working
7	on ecosystem restoration beyond 2031.
8	The TIGs have done a huge amount of
9	restoration planning recently. In fact, in 2022
10	alone, the TIGs finalized five restoration plans
11	and two supplemental plans. To date, the
12	Trustees have approved more than 320 projects
13	totaling over \$5 billion, as I mentioned
14	earlier. More details on these can be found on
15	our Gulf Spill Restoration website.
16	Now let's have a look at some of the great
17	restoration work going on around the Gulf with a
18	brief video.
19	[Video played.]
20	MR. WELLS: We hope that you enjoyed that
21	video.
22	Now we will hear some updates from the TIGs

1	on what they're doing within their restoration		
2	areas. Across the Gulf, there are some common		
3	themes. As we plan for future restoration,		
4	we're collaborating with a variety of partners		
5	and continuing to solicit ideas from the public.		
б	Generally speaking, the TIGs have focused		
7	on a variety of activities, including restoring		
8	the Gulf's coastal habitats and access to those		
9	habitats. They're also looking to improve water		
10	quality and addressing living coastal marine		
11	resources, which include birds, oysters, sea		
12	turtles, and marine mammals.		
13	Perhaps, and most importantly, for many of		
14	you, you'll hear that restoration projects are		
15	continuing to move forward both on the ground		
16	and in the water.		
17	To begin Chris Blankenship will share some		
18	updates from the state of Alabama. Chris?		
19	MR. BLANKENSHIP: Thank you, Chris.		
20	I'm Chris Blankenship, the lead NRDA		
21	Trustee for the State of Alabama, and I'd like		
22	to thank the other NRDA Trustees with the		

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1	Alabama TIG and, more importantly, our staff at	
2	the Department of Conservation Natural Resources	
3	that do such a good job on keeping up with our	
4	projects and making sure that we're making	
5	progress toward these restoration goals.	
6	In Alabama, currently, we have 42 projects	
7	that are either completed, underway, approved,	
8	or in monitoring, encompassing about \$188	
9	million of the \$212 million in settlement funds	
10	that have been received from BP to date.	
11	What have we been up to in Alabama? We've	
12	approved three supplemental restoration plans in	
13	2022, and we have 32 projects that are currently	
14	in progress. I would like to highlight our Hugh	
15	Branyon Backcountry Trail at Gulf State Park was	
16	chosen as the top recreational trail in the	
17	United States by USA TODAY.	
18	That trail is a 28-mile trail system that	
19	winds through the 6,000 acres at Gulf State	
20	Park, and it winds through nine different	
21	ecosystems in the park, including freshwater	
22	lakes, dune habitat, pine savanna, and others.	

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1 This project was part of the recreational 2 improvements at Gulf State Park from early 3 restoration as well as Restoration Plan 1. Anytime that there's something that's number one 4 in anything, we always want to highlight it. 5 And this was a great project from the Alabama 6 7 TIG. 8 Next slide. The feature project that we'd 9 like to mention this year is the Fort Morgan Pier Rehabilitation in South Baldwin County, 10 11 Alabama. This project renovated, rehabilitated 12 a pier that had been there for many, many 13 decades that had fallen into to disrepair. This 14 is a very wide handicap-accessible pier project

16 for fishing and education and bird watching and 17 enjoyment.

to allow people to have that public access and

Just as an aside, Governor Ivey came down on November the 18th, and along with some of the other NRDA Trustees, we cut the ribbon to open this pier on an extremely cold and windy day in November. As usually happens with these

1	projects, it was 65 degrees and sunny the day
2	before. A front came through, and it was in the
3	30s with a 30-knot wind the morning that we cut
4	the ribbon on the pier. So it was a very short
5	and compact ceremony.
6	But the pier, since we have opened it in
7	November, has had extensive use. I'm glad to
8	see the public enjoying the fruits of this
9	project.
10	So what's next? We have three projects
11	here that we wanted to highlight for Alabama.
12	The first is the Laguna Cove project in Gulf
13	Shores in South Baldwin County, Alabama. This
14	project was a land acquisition and then will be
15	restrooms, public access, boardwalks, really be
16	a great project. We were down on the site with
17	some of the other NRDA Trustees last month, and
18	this really is an oasis in the middle of
19	extensive development along Little Lagoon.
20	We're really proud of preserving this piece of
21	property and providing the public access in an
22	area that without this would've been developed

1 very soon.

2	The second project is the Mid-Island Parks
3	on Dauphin Island, Alabama. This will allow
4	public access and amenities to property, not
5	only that was purchased as part of the
6	Mid-Island Parks but a large section of
7	beachfront property that was purchased through
8	the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Gulf
9	Environmental Benefit Fund. This will provide
10	great public access to this preserved, pristine
11	piece of property.
12	And then last project we want to highlight
13	is the Dauphin Island Ecotourism project. This
14	is a project when you first come on to the
15	Dauphin Island off of the bridge along Aloe Bay,
16	which is a section on the north side of Dauphin
17	Island, we want to highlight on this project,
18	this is an entire section of Dauphin Island
19	that's being transformed by various funding
20	sources. The Dauphin Island Ecotourism NRDA
21	project is adjacent to a Gulf of Mexico Energy
22	Security ActGOMESAfunded project that will

1	expand the reach of the ecotourism project.
2	There's also a NFWF Coastal Resilience project,
3	as well as a Bucket 1 project through Treasury
4	on this same area, and a boat ramp and public
5	access that was constructed using GOMESA funds.
б	So using all these different funding sources, it
7	will be transformational for this part of the
8	island and really leverage the NRDA funds for
9	the Dauphin Island ecotourism.
10	Excited to have all of those projects
11	underway in in 2023. So that's the update for
12	Alabama. I'll turn it over to Gareth Leonard
13	with Florida for a Florida restoration area
14	update.
15	MR. LEONARD: Thank you, Chris.
16	Good afternoon. I'm Gareth Leonard with
17	the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
18	Commission, and I'm currently serving as the
19	chair of the Florida Trustee Implementation
20	Group. I'm pleased to be here today to share
21	with you what the Florida TIG has been doing
22	over the last year.

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1	The Florida TIG's funding update highlights	
2	the current commitment of \$267 million for	
3	restoration planning and project implementation	
4	as well as monitoring adaptive management	
5	activities out of a \$405 million received to	
6	date from BP.	
7	Just as a reminder, the full allocation of	
8	the Florida TIG is approximately \$680 million	
9	with a final annual payment of \$36.5 million	
10	scheduled to be received in 2031.	
11	For additional details, please see the	
12	funding chart that's located on the Florida	
13	Restoration Area website.	
14	What have we been up to? Since the last	
15	Trustee Council meeting in June 2022, the	
16	Florida TIG has been busy. A quick overview of	
17	the work includes the following. In late 2022,	
18	we invited the public to submit project ideas	
19	for restoration of water quality and have been	
20	screening those project ideas for further	
21	evaluation in the upcoming third post-settlement	
22	restoration plan.	

1	We've been working on implementing 49
2	projects as well as actively monitoring an
3	additional 12 projects. We have also completed
4	the monitoring of another four restoration
5	projects in the last year as well as officially
6	closing out seven restoration projects.
7	I'd like to highlight two items currently
8	that we're focusing on. First, a total of 770
9	nests of four species of beach-nesting birds
10	have been protected through predation management
11	measures at critical nesting sites in northeast
12	Florida. The species being protected are
13	American oystercatchers, least turns, black
14	skimmers, and Wilson's plovers.
15	Secondly, the Florida Trustee
16	Implementation Group also approved a monitoring
17	and adaptive management implementation plan
18	titled Coastal Environmental Sensitivity Index
19	Mapping of the Florida Gulf Coast. During the
20	next five years, this project will update the
21	environmental sensitivity index maps for the
22	Florida Gulf regions, which are the Panhandle,

1	Northwest Peninsula, Southwest Peninsula, and
2	South Florida, and develop a publicly accessible
3	ESI webpage. The updated maps will better
4	inform restoration, oil spill response planning,
5	and damage assessment.
6	Finally, we held our annual public meeting
7	via an interactive webinar in December of 2022.
8	For our feature project, I would like to
9	highlight a land acquisition project purchased
10	with early restoration funding. In July 2022,
11	the Florida Trustee Implementation Group
12	approved the fourth phase of the Phase V Early
13	Restoration project, the Florida Coastal Access
14	project, which include the acquisition of an
15	undeveloped parcel off the northern point of
16	Dickerson Bay and Wakulla County, Florida, and
17	minor restoration and recreational enhancement
18	activities.
19	The parcel consists of a mixture of upland,
20	wetland, and open grassland habitats. The
21	property was donated to the U.S. Fish and
22	Wildlife Service and has been incorporated into

1	the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.	
2	The public will have access to hiking and	
3	wildlife viewing around unique shrub/scrub and	
4	longleaf pine uplands. The project cost was	
5	\$685,000.	
6	The Florida Coastal Access project has	
7	enhanced public access to surrounding natural	
8	resources and increases recreational	
9	opportunities through the acquisition and/or	
10	enhancement of coastal land in the Florida	
11	Panhandle, helping to restore impacts to	
12	recreational use due to the spill.	
13	To date, the Florida Coastal Access Project	
14	has acquired and/or enhanced the recreational	
15	amenities at six coastal parcels in the Florida	
16	Panhandle.	
17	So what's next for the Florida TIG? We	
18	will continue to implement and monitor	
19	restoration projects selected in early	
20	restoration as well as Restoration Plans 1 and 2	
21	as well as implement our restoration planning	
22	activities and monitoring adaptive management	

## 1 projects. 2 We will continue to assess projects and 3 appropriately adjust restoration planning efforts as needed. 4 Also, we will begin drafting the Florida 5 TIG's third Restoration Plan and Environmental 6 7 Assessment, which is focused on the water 8 quality restoration type. 9 Finally, we will hold the 2023 annual 10 public meeting later in this year. At this point, I'd like to hand off the 11 12 presentation to Maury Chatellier who is 13 representing the Louisiana Trustee 14 Implementation Group. 15 MR. CHATELLIER: Hey, Gareth. Thank you 16 very much. 17 Good afternoon, everyone. As Gareth said, my name is Maury Chatellier, and I'm 18 19 representing the Louisiana Trustees. I work 20 with the Coastal Protection and Restoration 21 Authority here in Baton Rouge. 22 As others have started, we'll start with

1	our funding update. As you can see, the
2	Louisiana Trustees have approved 72 projects to
3	date totaling \$3.78 billion. To date, we've
4	received about \$2.48 billion of our total
5	settlement from BP, which will be about \$5
6	billionwill be exactly \$5 billion through
7	2031. Again, that \$3.78 billion includes
8	dollars allocated via resolutions through May of
9	this year.
10	So what we've been up to, as other TIGs,
11	the Louisiana TIG has been very busy this past
12	year. On the restoration planning front, the
13	Trustees released final Restoration Plan 3.2 for
14	the mid-Barataria sediment diversion. This plan
15	evaluated using a large-scale sediment diversion
16	to reconnect the Mississippi River to
17	Louisiana's Barataria Basin estuary. Over 50
18	years, the sediment carried by this diversion is
19	projected to restore over 13,000 acres, or about
20	20 square miles of wetland habitat.
21	We've also completed two other
22	relationships. Restoration Plan 7.1 provided

1	construction funding from the Bird Restoration
2	Type for the HNC Island in Terrebonne Parish.
3	This island is dangerously close to being lost
4	due to subsidence, sea-level rise, and natural
5	erosive forces, and there are several species of
6	greatest conservation need that nest on this
7	island, including our own state bird, the brown
8	pelican.
9	We also completed Restoration Plan 8, which
10	included four projects, all of which were the
11	wetland coastal nearshore habitat restoration
12	type. Two of the projects, Raccoon Island in
13	the East New Orleans Landbridge, were funded for
14	design, while Bayou Dularge Marsh project and
15	the Bayou Dularge Marsh and Ridge project were
16	funded for construction.
17	On the construction front, the Large Scale
18	Barataria Marsh Creation project began
19	construction last year. This was a NOAA-led
20	project located in Plaquemines and Jefferson
21	Parishes that began construction early 2022 and
22	has just recently completed dredging operations.

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Page 25 1 This project successfully constructed over 1,100 2 acres of marsh, utilizing over 10 million cubic 3 yards of dredge material from the Mississippi River. 4 Also in 2022, the Trustees began development of seven new adaptive management 6 activities totaling over \$36 million. 7 These 8 activities are across restoration types and are 9 being implemented by multiple Trustees. Some examples of these MAM activities include a lower 10 11 trophic baseline to support restoration in the Barataria estuary, documenting sea turtle 12 13 nesting in Louisiana, continuing our coast-wide 14 Louisiana colonial waterbird aerial nest 15 surveys, and a project to quantify restoration 16 impacts on wetland ecosystem health and carbon 17 export. 18 The photos on this slide, you can see the 19 top left photo is our Biloxi Marsh Living 20 Shoreline project. This project's nearing 21 completion. It's located in St. Bernard

22 Parish, south of Hancock County, Mississippi.

1	It started construction in June of '22, and it
2	will create bioengineered marsh-fringing oyster
3	reefs to promote formation of self-sustaining
4	living shoreline protection structures.
5	Here you see some of the reef structures
6	loaded on a barge that were ready for
7	installation.
8	And lastly, you see a component of one of
9	our recreational use projects, the Cypremort
10	Point State Park Improvements projects down in
11	St. Mary Parish. These alternatives were
12	submitted by the Louisiana Office of State Parks
13	and were selected by the Trustees in Restoration
14	Plan No. 4.
15	The alternative you see here, including
16	multiple elements, one of which was installing a
17	new marsh boardwalk to replace destroyed fishing
18	piers. The boardwalk and trails, approximately
19	3,000 feet and was completed last year. It
20	provides access to different inshore water
21	bodies, not accessible previously, and restored
22	recreational fishing opportunities for all

visitors and improved other recreational uses,
 such as bird and wildlife viewing as well as
 educational opportunities.

So the feature project I'd like to talk 4 about today is our Spanish Pass Ridge and Marsh 5 Creation project. This project was approved for 6 construction by the Louisiana Trustees in 7 Restoration Plan 1.2. This project is a 8 9 component of an overall large-scale restoration strategy for the Barataria Basin that will 10 11 reestablish ridge and intertidal marsh habitats. The project is located in lower Barataria Basin 12 13 near Venice, Louisiana. Just over 16 million 14 cubic yards were dredged from Mississippi River 15 making this project the largest constructed by 16 volume in the state of Louisiana.

17 The project created approximately 137 acres 18 of ridge and over 1,500 acres of marsh habitat. 19 This is a construction aerial photo from early 20 on in construction. For reference in the photo, 21 you can see Venice in the background with the 22 Mississippi River just behind that. Dredging

1 for this project was recently completed, and we 2 have vegetative plantings, I believe will take 3 place this fall. So what's next for the Louisiana TIG? 4 The Trustees are planning a future Phase 2 5 Restoration Plan for construction funding of 6 7 Chandeleleur Island preferred alternative. This 8 project is currently under design and is funded 9 through the Regionwide TIG's Restoration Plan No. 1. We hope to start the restoration planning 10 process for this in the next few months. 11 12 The Terrebonne Island HNC restoration, 13 habitat restoration will be accomplished by 14 raising the elevation of that island, using 15 dredge material from an area near Cat Island 16 Pass. So we're finalizing the plans and 17 specifications on this project now, completing 18 the environmental clearances. This project 19 hopefully will go out to bid before the end of

21 And lastly, we will initiate construction 22 on the Mid Barataria Sediment Diversion. We're

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this year.

1	hopeful to sign a constructiona contract with	
2	our construction contractor within actually the	
3	next week or two, and then the first phases of	
4	construction will get underway shortly. That	
5	will include utility relocation and clearing and	
6	grubbing of the site.	
7	So with that, that ends our Louisiana	
8	update. At this time, I'll turn the	
9	presentation back over to Mr. Chris Wells	
10	representing the Mississippi TIG for their	
11	update. Chris?	
12	MR. WELLS: Thank you, Maury.	
13	I'll give a brief update for the	
14	Mississippi TIG. What you see here, I'll	
15	mention on this title slide, is an aerial	
16	photograph of one of our flagship projects, the	
17	Hancock County Marsh Living Shoreline project,	
18	and this photo was taken in late 2022. You can	
19	see part of the 5.9 mile breakwater at the	
20	bottom of the photo there and the new 46-acre	
21	marsh component in the background. We're really	
22	proud of how that has developed. But we will be	

1	placing another a hundred thousand cubic yards
2	of sediment into that marsh later this year or
3	early next year, so as to reach the optimal
4	marsh elevations.
5	A quick funding update. You'll see there
6	on the slide, we've got 22 projects underway
7	accounting for \$185 million out of the 212 that
8	have been received to date, But at the end of
9	the day, we will have \$295 million total
10	allocation.
11	As far as what we've been up to in the
12	Mississippi TIG, you see here we've we finalized
13	Restoration Plan 3 last year. We began drafting
14	Restoration Plan 4. That Restoration Plan
15	focuses on three restoration types: Wetlands,
16	coastal and nearshore habitats; nutrient
17	reduction. And recreational opportunities.
18	We also held the annual public meeting of
19	our TIG last November as part of our overall
20	Restoration Summit that we hold annually.
21	The project that we wanted to feature here
22	was authorized by Restoration Plan 3. It's now

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1	getting underway. It will benefit coastal	
2	nesting shorebirds injured by the oil spills,	
3	such as the skimmer that you see pictured here.	
4	The project will include stewardship activities	
5	to reduce human disturbance of the birds and	
6	predation of the nests by other wildlife.	
7	We'll also address critical information	
8	gaps for populations of colonial waterbirds	
9	breeding along the Mississippi Coast to better	
10	inform restoration planning for the future.	
11	This project will increase the acreage of	
12	habitat under stewardship and management on the	
13	Mississippi Barrier Islands, which are managed	
14	by the National Park Service. That encompasses	
15	62 miles of beach in shoreline.	
16	As far as what's next for the Mississippi	
17	TIG, we will continue project implementation and	
18	monitoring. We'll finalize the Restoration	
19	Draft Plan 4 which is scheduled to be released	
20	this summer. Again, as I mentioned earlier, we	
21	started that process in February of 2022 when we	
22	published a notice to the public for project	

Page 32 1 ideas, and we'll be finalizing the draft and 2 publishing it for public comment later this 3 year. And then in November, we will hold again 4 our annual restoration summit. And as part of 5 that, we will hold the Mississippi TIG annual 6 meeting, and we encourage everyone to attend. 7 With that, I will turn it over to Robin 8 9 Riechers with the state of Texas. MR. RIECHERS: Thank you, Chris. 10 11 Again, my name is Robin Riechers, and I'm 12 the with the Trustee agency of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and I'm here 13 14 representing the Texas Trustee Implementation 15 Group for both our federal Trustees as well as 16 my sister agencies at the state level, the 17 General Land Office, and the Texas Commission on 18 Environmental Quality. 19 Texas is set to receive a total of \$238 20 million. To date, we've received \$172 million 21 and approximately \$147 million, or 62 percent of 22 the 238 total that we will receive has been

1 spent or encumbered for projects or planning 2 activities as of May of this year. 3 Today I'll be highlighting some of the accomplishments of the Texas restoration and 4 5 some of the activities that the TIG has been working on during the past year. 6 The Texas TIG has 25 projects currently 7 8 being implemented, and 13 of those were selected 9 in our most recent Restoration Plan that was finalized in 2022. To date, the TIG has 10 11 completed five projects, and six additional 12 projects are in the monitoring phase. Further 13 enhancing our coastal area, we've also preserved 14 almost 1,500 acres of coastal lands. 15 We, of course, you to come out and view 16 some of the plants and animals that can be 17 observed from the preserved lands or visit the 18 new camping amenities at Galveston Island State 19 Park or the day-use amenities at Sea Rim State Park or even go fishing or diving on one of the 20 21 artificial reefs that were built to enhance

22 recreational opportunities in Texas.

1	Our featured project today is Dickinson Bay
2	Island II, as it's referred to. Construction
3	was completed on a five-acre island, which was
4	designed to increase nesting habitat. It was an
5	early Restoration Phase 4 project. The island
6	was ringed with a rock breakwater filled with
7	sand and topped with soil.
8	The Texas Trustee Implementation Group
9	worked with the Galveston Bay Foundation to
10	plant native trees and scrub and work to
11	mitigate invasive plants in the area.
12	Monitoring has begun, and early reports show
13	that birds are visiting and nesting, as planned.
14	Looking forward, the Texas TIG is working
15	together to implement projects approved in our
16	second Restoration Plan. We finalized this plan
17	in July of '22. This plan approved 13 projects,
18	four of which are in the wetlands coastal
19	nearshore habitat restoration type. Two
20	projects address nutrient reduction. One
21	project focuses on oyster restoration, and then
22	two additional projects contribute to sea turtle

restoration as well as four projects seek to
 restore birds.

3 We'd like to highlight two restoration projects that are being implemented by the Texas 4 5 The Petronila Creek Watershed Trustees. Nutrient Reduction Initiative project will 6 improve water quality in the Baffin Bay 7 8 Petronila Creek Watershed through improved 9 conservation practices on agricultural lands in Oasis County, Texas. This project is being 10 11 implemented by our federal Trustee partner, the 12 USDA.

13 The next project we'd like to highlight is 14 the Jones Bay Oyster Catcher Habitat Restoration 15 project, which is being implemented by the 16 Department of Interior, and it will restore 17 nesting and foraging habitat for American oystercatchers in Jones Bay. The project will 18 19 place oyster cultch to build up existing islands and includes a breakwater for protection of 20 21 those islands.

To date, funding has been allocated to

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1	implementing Trustees, and they have began the
2	planning activities on these projects.
3	As we continue to plan and implement
4	existing projects, we are beginning to think
5	towards the future. The Texas TIG plans on
6	building upon previous work in a future
7	Restoration Plan.
8	The Texas TIG's 2017 Restoration Plan
9	approved a project to develop the engineering
10	design of eight sites to restore marsh via the
11	beneficial use of dredge material. Now that the
12	planning work is complete, the Trustees will
13	begin to develop a Restoration Plan that seeks
14	to provide implementation funding for these
15	eight wetland restoration sites.
16	Again, I want to thank you for the
17	opportunity to present the work of the Texas
18	Trustee Implementation Group to you today, and
19	with that, I'll turn the presentation over to
20	Laurie Rounds, who will be representing the Open
21	Ocean Implementation Group today.
22	MS. ROUNDS: Well, thank you so much,

1 Robin.

2	And hello, everybody. My name is Laurie
3	Rounds with NOAA, and I'd like to provide the
4	update for the Open Ocean Trustee Implementation
5	Group, which includes representatives from NOAA,
6	the Department of the Interior, U.S.
7	Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S.
8	Department of Agriculture.
9	The Open Ocean TIG has approved a total of
10	34 restoration projects and planning activities
11	since May this year, committing approximately
12	\$357 million out of the \$606 million in
13	settlement funds received from BP to date.
14	Additional information about the Open Ocean
15	Restoration Area funding is available in this
16	year's funding chart, which is located on our
17	webpage.
18	So next, I'd like to share some information
19	about our restoration activities. Over the past
20	year, we have continued to implement the more
21	than 20 restoration projects approved in our
22	first two plans, and cooperation with many

partners, we've protected 600 linear feet of
 important sea turtle beach-nesting habitat in
 Florida.

Habitat protection has also been a priority 4 for bird restoration, and over the last few 5 years, we've protected and enhanced 6,800 acres 6 of wetland and grassland habitat for black 7 8 terns. We're restoring injured resources by 9 working with recreational anglers to increase survival of reef fish impacted by barotrauma 10 through new tools, training, and outreach. And 11 since the Return 'Em Right partnership launched 12 13 Gulf-wide last summer, we've reached more than 14,000 anglers that completed training and 14 15 received gear to return reef fish safely in the 16 water.

To restore deep sea habitat, we completed eight at-sea missions, mapping deep-sea habitats across more than 2,100 square miles.

We also continued planning additional
Restoration Projects, releasing our third draft
Restoration Plan, in which we proposed seven

preferred projects totaling over \$26 million to restore seabirds. We've received over 13,000 comments on the draft plan, and we really appreciate all of the interest. We're carefully considering and responding to the comments to finalize the plan.

So next, I'd like to highlight the Open 7 8 Ocean Trustees' portfolio of work to restore 9 marine mammals. The Open Ocean restoration area was allocated \$55 million to restore marine 10 11 mammals. In our second Restoration Plan, we approved four marine mammal projects, totally 12 13 more than \$23 million, and we have also approved 14 over \$6 million in monitoring and adaptive 15 management funding to support the restoration. 16 This work is improving our capacity to

17 respond to marine mammal disasters. For 18 example, we're learning more about the risks of 19 exposure to oil and disbursements through a 20 study that created detailed imagery of what 21 happens when dolphins surface to breathe. 22 We're also providing tools and training to

1	the network of organizations that respond to
2	marine mammal disasters across the Gulf.
3	We're implementing a project to help reduce

the impact of marine noise on whales and 4 5 dolphins. By working with multiple partners, the project completed a risk assessment that 6 7 helps us understand the sources and types of 8 underwater noise and which populations are 9 affected. With this information in hand, the project team is talking with industries about 10 partnering to test available noise reduction 11 12 technologies in the Gulf.

13 Restoration also includes making best 14 available science available. For example, we're 15 developing a data platform called CETACEAN to 16 provide user-friendly access to data sets for 17 assessing marine mammal health. And we're integrating best available science and data for 18 19 sperm whales and oceanic dolphins into models 20 that help predict the effects of restoration. 21 We're also leveraging opportunities to 22 collect new data. This month, scientists began

a three-year project to conduct at-sea surveys
and collect data on the distribution and
abundance of marine mammals and seabirds in the
Gulf, and that will help us understand changes
in those populations.

6 So together, these projects are advancing 7 our marine mammal restoration goals in the Open 8 Ocean restoration area.

9 So now I'd like to share a little bit more with you about what's coming up next. 10 There are many exciting restoration activities happening 11 12 over this year. Our deep sea coral restoration 13 partnerships have begun the multiple expeditions 14 planned for this year to map deep sea 15 communities; assess habitat, conditions, and 16 species; to collect coral samples; and to test 17 new restoration techniques.

Our restoration partnerships with fishermen are also expanding. We're working with the shrimp fishery to identify and test by bycatch reduction devices with the goal of certifying improved technology to reduce fin fish bycatch,

1	and this year promising prototypes of turtle
2	excluder devices that can better exclude small
3	turtles are undergoing additional testing with
4	partners in the shrimp fishery to evaluate
5	criteria such as target catch retention.
б	We're continuing to protect habitat and
7	restore birds through our Common Loon and Black
8	Tern projects in the upper Midwest. Through the
9	Loon Project in Minnesota, we're working with
10	partners such as lake associations to enhance
11	habitat, install nesting platforms, and conduct
12	other stewardship activities.
13	And as I mentioned earlier, we're
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1 14th. We look forward to receiving your ideas 2 and to sharing the results of our restoration 3 work throughout the year. So thank you very much for your attention 4 and continued participation in Open Ocean 5 Restoration. 6 And next, Angela Sunley will provide the 7 8 update for the Regionwide TIG. 9 MS. SUNLEY: Good afternoon. I'm Angela Sunley with the Texas General Land Office, and 10 I'm currently serving as the chair of the 11 12 Regionwide TIG along with Ashley Mills from the 13 Department of Interior as the vice chair. 14 Our TIG's funding update highlights a 15 commitment of approximately \$155 million to date 16 for restoration planning and project implementation out of the \$179 million received 17 18 so far from BP. Just as a reminder, once the Regionwide TIG receives its full funding after 19 15 years--we are now in year seven--that 20 21 allocation will be a total of a \$35 million. 22 For additional details, please see the funding

chart that's located on the Regionwide
 Restoration Area website.

3 During the past year, the Regionwide TIG 4 completed 11 implementation plans and the 5 associated monitoring plans for the projects in 6 the TIG's first Restoration Plan. And we began 7 coordinating on the implementation of the Marine 8 Debris project, which I'll speak more about on 9 the next slide.

In addition to starting our projects in the 10 Restoration Plan 1, we also continue to 11 12 implement the components of the Sea Turtle Early 13 Restoration project by holding workshops 14 throughout the Gulf to train responders in standardized data collection and reporting 15 16 methods for stranded sea turtles. And we also 17 released the sea turtle stranding and salvage network database for public use. We continued 18 19 our sea turtle mortality investigations and spent 344 additional days at sea observing the 20 21 Gulf of Mexico shrimp otter trawl fishery fleet. 22 For the Colonial Waterbird Monitoring

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1	project, we conducted nest surveys and dotting	
2	analysis in 2021, and we are in the process of	
3	finalizing the project summary report.	
4	Today we wanted to highlight our project to	
5	reduce marine debris impacts on birds and sea	
6	turtles, which got underway last year. This is	
7	an eight-year project with a total of seven	
8	million and forty thousand dollars, which is	
9	split between the bird and sea turtle	
10	restoration type allocations. The	
11	co-implementing Trustee for this project is	
12	Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas,	
13	EPA, NOAA, and the Department of Interior.	
14	Early in 2022, the Trustees formed a work	
15	group to coordinate on issues related to the	
16	project planning, including hotspot	
17	identification, management plan development,	
18	environmental compliance, and project budgets.	
19	This early Trustee coordination will help ensure	
20	consistency in project implementation, data	
21	collection, and reporting across the Regionwide	
22	Restoration Area.	

1	The Trustees anticipate on-the-ground	
2	implementation will begin in 2023. Some	
3	examples of project activities the Trustees	
4	could pursue include large- and small-scale	
5	debris removal events both onshore and in the	
6	water; coordinating with and supporting existing	
7	debris removal networks; outreach to local	
8	communities, stakeholders and organizations; and	
9	providing signage and high-use areas such as	
10	fishing piers.	
11	As for the future activities, we anticipate	
12	beginning the implementation of the 11 projects	
13	approved and Restoration Plan 1. We will also	
14	finalize our work on the colonial waterbird	
15	aerial surveys and continue the work on the two	
16	early restoration projects and discuss current	
17	and future Regionwide Restoration priorities.	
18	Thank you for your time and attention, and	
19	with that, I'll hand the floor back to Perry.	
20	MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you, Angela. And	
21	thank you to all of the other speakers who have	
22	given so much information at today's webinar.	

1 I'd like to remind you that the transcript 2 of today's meeting as well as this PowerPoint 3 will be posted on the Trustee Council's website in the very near future. And again, that 4 website is gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov. 5 Some of you, I know have been taking furious notes 6 and taken photographs. All of that will be 7 8 posted in the near future. 9 So now it's time for us to move into the public comment portion of today's meeting. I'd 10 like to remind each of you that when you 11 12 registered for the webinar, we provided you the 13 opportunity to sign up to make comment during 14 the meeting. At this time, we do have one 15 individual confirmed, and so if you would like 16 to make public comment and have not, it's very 17 simple. All you have to do is go into the 18 comment portion of the webinar interface and put 19 your name there, and I will call you at the 20 appropriate time. 21 At this time, I'd like to remind you that

22 the Trustee Council representatives shown on

2 your comments, and as with previous Trustee 3 Council public meetings, they will be listen 4 only. You may also want to comment on the w 5 of the Regionwide Trustee Implementation Gro 6 as today is also the annual meeting for the 7 TIGs. Each of the Trustees is a member of t	n to
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9 If you signed up to provide comment, then you should have received an email earlier this 10 week with additional details. And again, if you 11 did not sign up, simply type your name into the 12 13 questions box on the webinars interface at this 14 time. As a reminder, all attendees are muted automatically. We will unmute you when it is 15 16 your turn to speak.

17 Also, if you have called in using a phone 18 and are planning to speak, you must enter your 19 individual audio PIN. Note that the PIN is a 20 different number than the access code.

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2	you in your line, and you will have three		
3	minutes to speak. I thank you in advance for		
4	respecting the three-minute rule. Please state		
5	your name, and if you're representing an		
6	organization, please state the name of the		
7	organization prior to making your comments.		
8	At this time, I'd like to call forward		
9	Scott Bushbaum to make your public comment.		
10	Scott?		
11	[Pause.]		
12	MR. FRANKLIN: And, Scott, if you'll unmute		
13	yourself if you're speaking.		
14	MR. BUSHBAUM: Well, hello. Can you hear		
15	me?		
16	MR. FRANKLIN: Yes, Scott, I can hear you		
17	loud and clear. Thank you for participating and		
18	unmuting yourself, and if you'll go ahead and		
19	proceed. If you are representing an		
20	organization, please state the name of the		
21	organization. If not, if you'll state your name		
22	for the record, and you have three minutes to		

1	make your public comment.
2	MR. BUSHBAUM: Yeah. So my name is Scott
3	Bushbaum. I live in Ohio. Recently, some
4	advocacy that I'm doing in the state of Ohio on
5	behalf of Climate Reality Project is the
6	Northeast Ohio Chapter. I've been a volunteer
7	since 2019. I've been doing advocacy work for a
8	very long time in Ohio and other places.
9	But my comment, more or less, is specific
10	to some of what I heard today about Dauphin
11	Island in Alabama. And the reason I say this is
12	because the public lands advocacy that I'm doing
13	is in direct contrast to projects slated for
14	solar development and wind energy projects so
15	oftentimes in Ohio located so closely to state
16	parks, existing state parks.
17	So my question isn't so much a question as
18	it is perhaps your comment is for Dauphin Island
19	in Alabama. Knowing that there's some public
20	access to areas made available through funding
21	from the BP oil spilland the restorations are
22	wonderful. I think there's a comment to say

1 that the work that by the TIG in all of these 2 categories, including Open Ocean, is just 3 fabulous. Your research and development on this and the implementation of these programs is 4 5 amazing. But I wanted to call comment to opening 6 areas of Alabama, specifically Dauphin Island, 7 8 to public access and making that open for people 9 to enjoy it and recreate freely in it with regards to restoring and renovating or 10 mitigating any circumstances from the oil spill 11 12 in areas that otherwise public access or any 13 construction to bring public access would impede 14 upon the ecosystem, the environment in general. I have to understand that there must have 15 16 been a considerable amount of planning and 17 thought and conservation method when this public access to this area was indeed given. 18

19 I just wanted to make that comment that in 20 the future, if other restorations were to be 21 done, to give public access to areas that 22 otherwise would not have public access, to be

1 considerate of the ecosystem in the environment, 2 to not contrast or at least pose any other 3 impedance. MR. FRANKLIN: All right. Thank you very 4 much, Scott, for that comment. And again, as in 5 all of the meetings that we have, the 6 7 individuals are listening intently. Your 8 comments have been transcribed as a part of the 9 public meeting, and we thank you. At this time, we would like to now call on 10 11 our second individual to give public comment, 12 and that is Mark Burte. Mark, you're now up to 13 give public comment. If you're representing an 14 organization, if you would state the name of the 15 organization for the record, I'd appreciate it. 16 And if you would unmute yourself, you can go 17 ahead and proceed. MR. BURTE: All right. Are you all able to 18 19 hear me now? 20 MR. FRANKLIN: We can hear you loud and 21 clear. 22 MR. BURTE: All right. My name is Mark

1 Burte, and I'm executive director of the Alabama 2 Coastal Foundation, which is celebrating our 3 30th anniversary here in the state of Alabama. And I just wanted to say it was an honor 4 for ACF to serve under the Natural Resource 5 Damage Assessment, the Alabama TIG, to have 6 funds to help transform our volunteer-led Share 7 8 the Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Program to one 9 that is now still volunteer based, but it is staffed, science based, and focused on protocols 10 11 that protect our sea turtles. 12 We spent those funds so wisely that we were

13 able to extend the project from the original 14 three seasons to fully conducting four seasons 15 plus also preparing for the fifth season that we 16 are in right now in addition to two of those 17 years that were under the COVID pandemic, which 18 we were able to still successfully navigate that 19 work without impeding our work.

20 We were able to hire a biologist to help us 21 to transform the program again into a 22 science-based one and have committed to having

all future staff members to make sure they have
 the scientific qualifications.

We worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to revamp the training and the Sea Turtle Conservation manual and public outreach as well as our new data collection, and our contracts with our team leaders, that we are able to do that as well.

9 So any rate, just wanted to say thank you, and then I do have a question. And I was very 10 11 happy to hear that you all are continuing to 12 monitor beyond this time frame, and I just 13 wanted to ask one question. What is the 14 out--what's the final year in terms of 15 monitoring that you all would be willing to fund 16 to make sure to ensure that we have that good 17 data to develop these--to ensure that you all 18 have what you need to monitor our work? 19 MR. FRANKLIN: We appreciate that comment, 20 Mr. Burte. And again, the listening panel are 21 listening only, and so I would advise you, your 22 question will get the public comment, and you

1 will need to follow up directly, I think, with 2 your Trustee implementation Group representative 3 in Alabama, if you have that specific question. All right. Thank you very much for your 4 5 question or your comment. Tim Richardson has signed up. And, Mr. 6 Richardson, if you can hear me and if you would 7 8 still like to provide your public comment, you 9 can do so at this time. We did receive it in writing, and we're just making sure that you did 10 not want to also state it for the record at this 11 12 time. So if Tim Richardson is online and wanted 13 14 to provide his public comment, you're next in 15 queue, sir. 16 MR. RICHARDSON: All right. Thank you, Mr. 17 Franklin. I hope you can hear me. 18 MR. FRANKLIN: We can. Well, a very impressive 19 MR. RICHARDSON 20 presentation by everybody today. I represent 21 Kleberg County, Texas, which is where Baffin Bay 22 exists and Oasis River Authority. And we are

1	very much interested in improvements of
2	Petronila Creek, the nutrient loading problems
3	there causing brown algae blooms.
4	There have been studies about the sources
5	of the nutrients, and they're finding that the
6	majority of it is from human waste. And there
7	are severe septic and sewer problems on
8	Petronila Creek, and we're hopeful that a
9	side-by-side analysis could be done between what
10	it wouldwhat the outcomes would be if you fix
11	the septic and sewer systems versus agricultural
12	runoff that right now has been selected.
13	So that's really a question for Texas
14	primarily but wanted to raise it here. Thank
15	you.
16	MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you very much, Mr.
17	Richardson.
18	Are there any others who would like to make
19	public comment at this time? All you simply
20	need to do is just go to the questions box
21	within the webinars interface and type in your
22	name, and we will call you right up. So we'll

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1	just give this a quick pause at this time to see	
2	if there are any individuals who would like to	
3	provide further public comment, and if you	
4	didn't register in advance to do so, that's just	
5	fine. All you simply need to do is go and type	
6	in your name in the questions box, and we'll	
7	call you forward.	
8	Also, while you're doing that, I just want	
9	to remind everyone that today's transcript and	
10	this PowerPoint presentation that you have just	
11	viewed and received will be placed on the	
12	Trustee's website, which is	
13	gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov. And that will be	
14	posted in the near future.	
15	So let's go ahead and just give it a few	
16	seconds to see if we have any others.	
17	[No response.]	
18	MR. FRANKLIN: All right. Well, seeing	
19	that we have no additional individuals that are	
20	coming forward to make public comment, I'd like	
21	to turn it back over to Chris Wells who will	
22	close our proceedings today. Chris?	

1 MR. WELLS: Thank you, Perry. 2 We would like to let everybody know that 3 we're committed to restoring the natural resources of the Gulf of Mexico for years to 4 come, and we'll continue to keep you updated as 5 we strive to maintain our rapid rate of 6 7 progress. 8 I want to thank everybody for attending 9 today's presentation. We hope you found it informative, and we'd like to remind folks that 10 11 if you haven't already, a good way to keep up on all of the Trustee Council and Trustee 12 13 Implementation Group activities is to sign up 14 for our emails. If you go to the 15 gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov website and find 16 the green box with the envelope icon that says 17 "Get the latest news updates from the Deepwater Horizon Trustees," you can sign up for those 18 19 emails. 20 With that, thank you for your attendance, 21 and we wish everyone a good rest of the day 22 today. Thank you.

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1	[Whereupon, the Deepwater Horizon Natural	
2	Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Council 2023	
3	annual public meeting concluded.]	
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