



Alabama Trustee Implementation Group

Annual Meeting
December 9, 2021

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Today's Agenda

- Alabama Trustee Implementation Group (TIG) Overview
- Alabama TIG Activities and Project Updates
- Public Comment Opportunity
- How to Find Additional Information and Make a Public Comment

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Conservation and Natural
Resources**



**Geological Survey of
Alabama**



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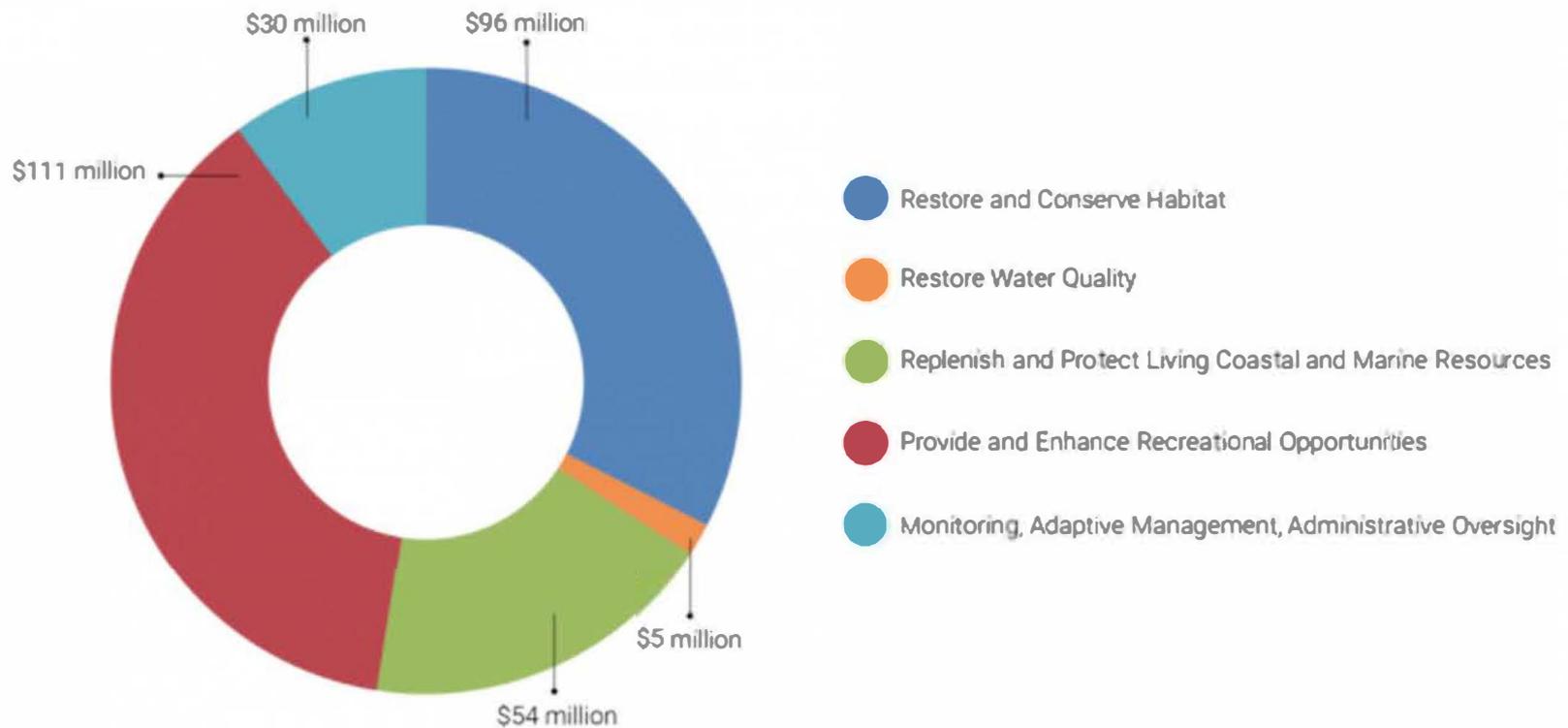


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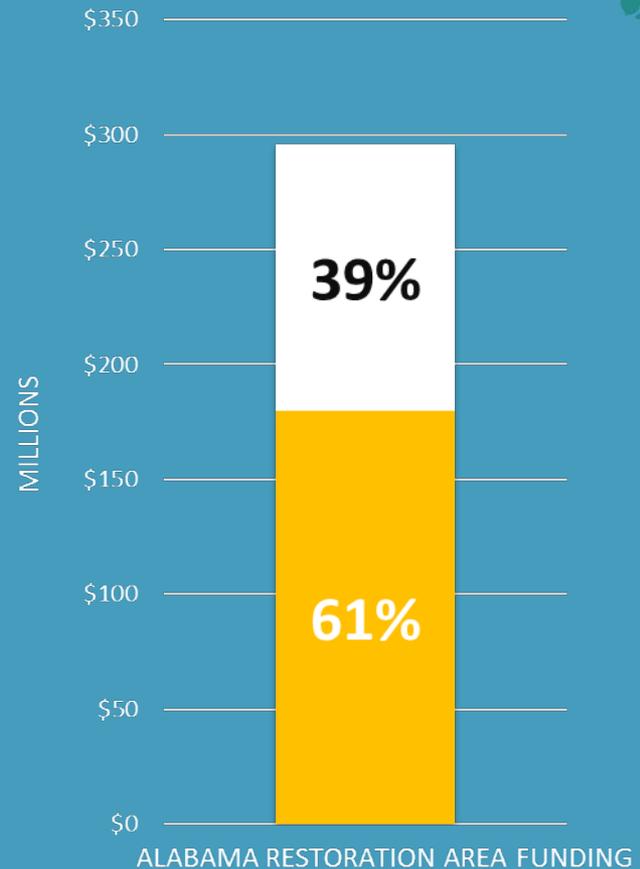
**U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency**

Alabama Allocation of Restoration Funds



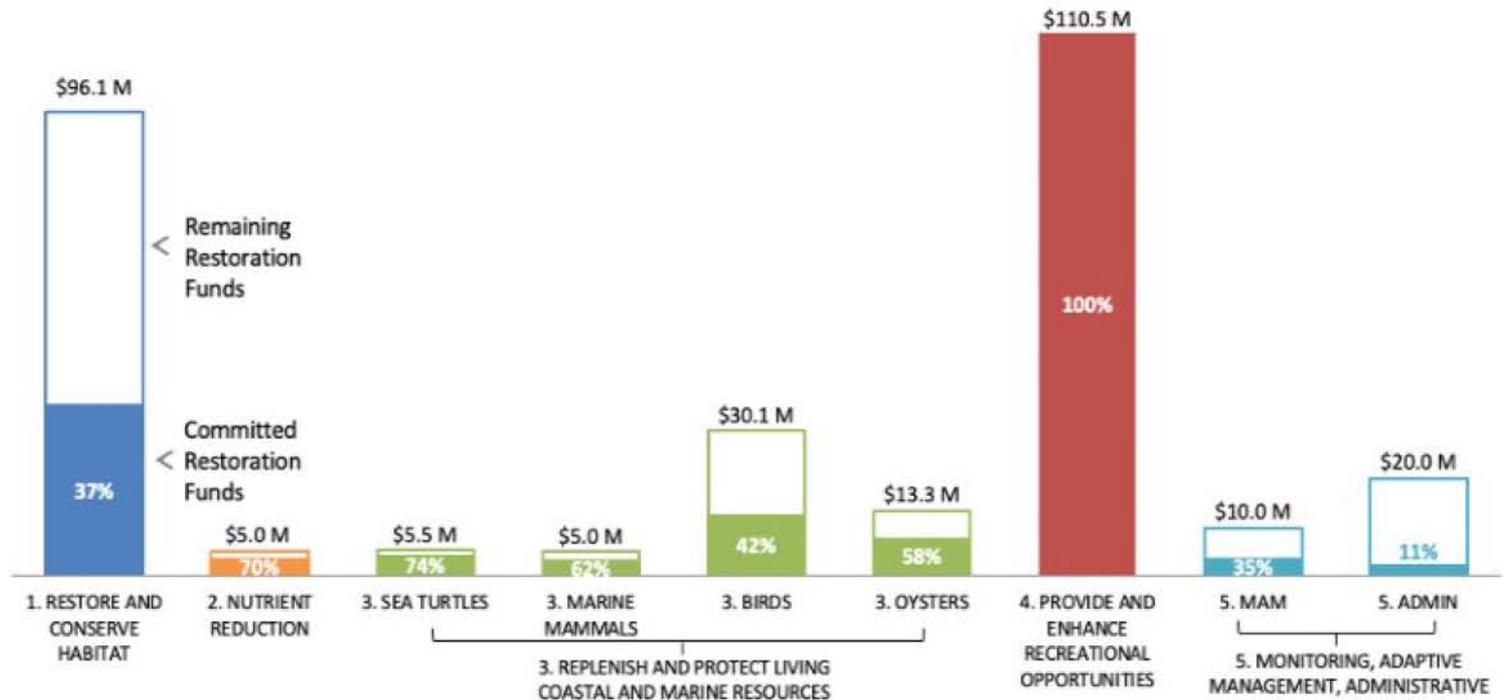
Funding Update

- Committed approximately \$180 million for projects and planning activities as of January 2021.
- The total allocation is \$295 million (excluding interest).



Commitment of Restoration Funds

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Data current as of May 2021

Recent Activities

- Continued implementation of projects from Early Restoration; and Restoration Plans I, II, and III



AL TIG Restoration Status

The AL TIG currently has 43 approved projects:

- 2 projects Completed
- 9 projects in Operations and Maintenance/Monitoring and Adaptive Management phase
- 32 projects in Implementation

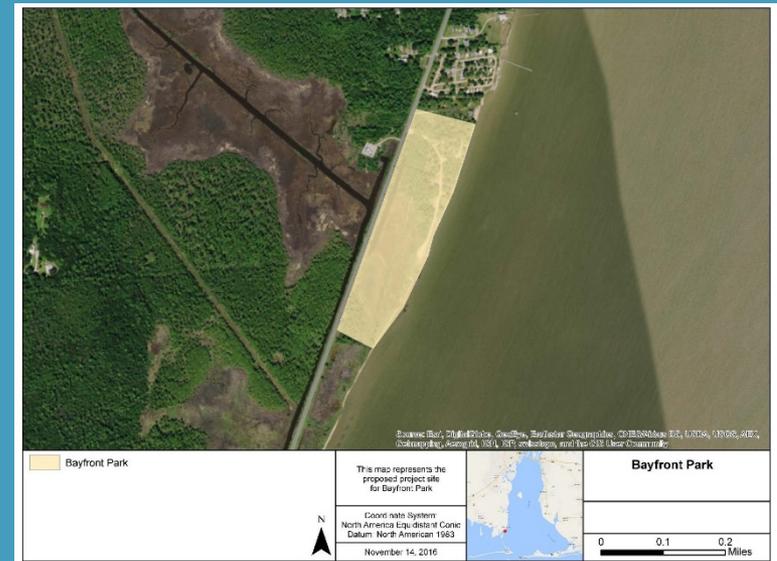
Featured Project

Bayfront Park Restoration Phases IIa and IIb

- **Approved In:** Restoration Plan III
- **Project Budget:** \$4,683,304
- **Project Status:** In Progress

Project Updates:

- Construction of park amenities, including playground equipment, boardwalk, and picnic pavilions
- Construction of shoreline improvements including pocket beach



Featured Project

Assessment of Alabama Estuarine Bottlenose Dolphin Populations and Health

- **Approved In:** ALTIG Restoration Plan II
- **Project Budget:** \$3,245,129
- **Project Status:** In Progress

Project Updates:

- Over 1,200 dolphins photographed and identified.
- 161 samples collected since December 2019.



Featured Project

Dauphin Island West End Acquisition

- **Approved In:** ALTIG Restoration Plan III
- **Project Budget:** \$7,938,770
- **Project Status:** In Progress

Project Updates:

- Acquired approximately 838 acres of privately owned beach/dune habitat at the west end of Dauphin Island
- The bird management plan is currently in development with project partners



Project

Colonial Nesting Wading Bird Tracking and Habitat Use Assessment—Two Species

- **Approved In:** ALTIG Restoration Plan II
- **Project Budget:** \$1,547,500
- **Project Status:** In Progress

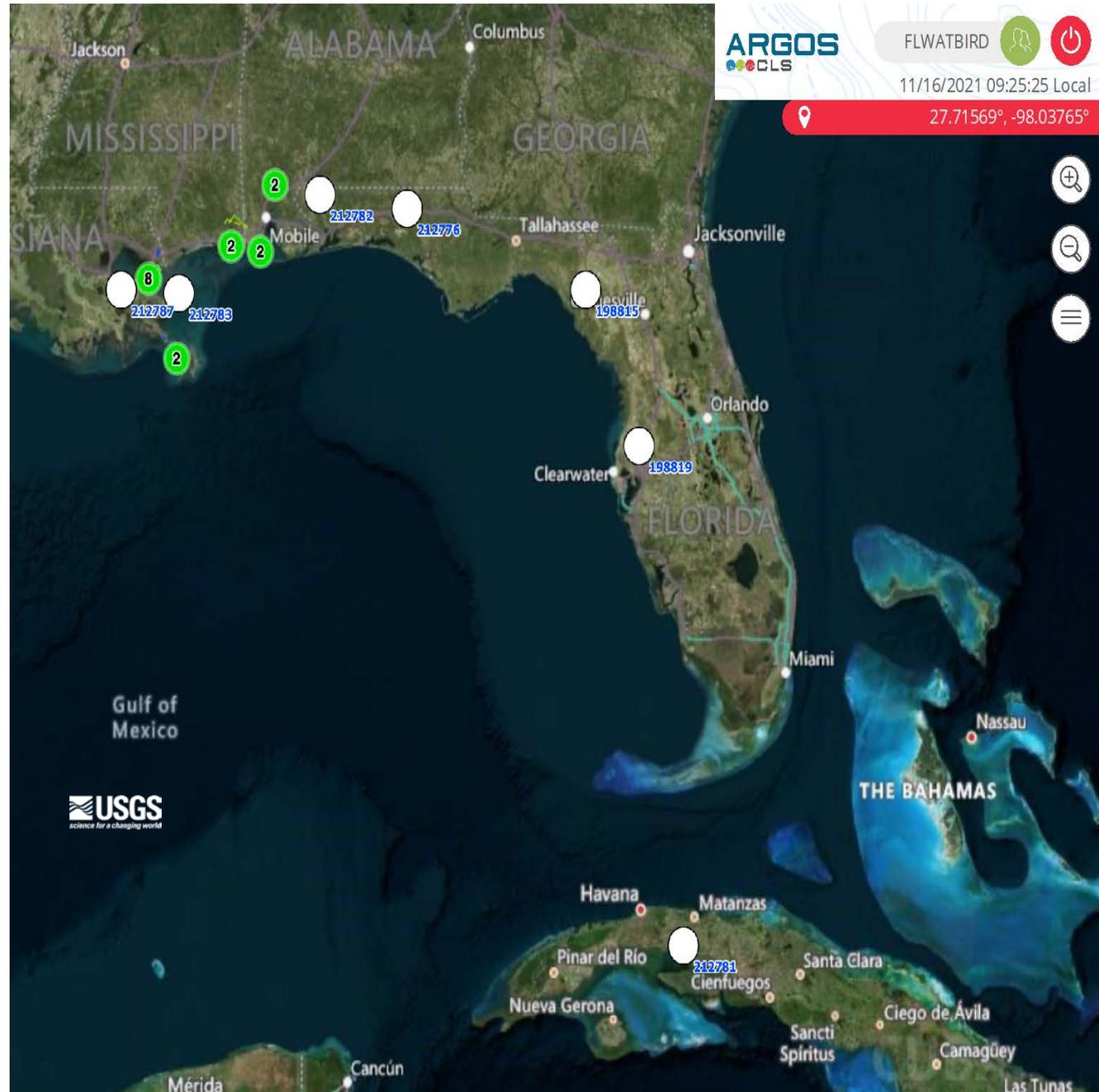
Project Updates:

- Project focuses on banding and tracking tricolored herons and white ibises
- 42 satellite transmitters were deployed in 2021
- 37 tricolored herons and 35 white ibises were color-banded



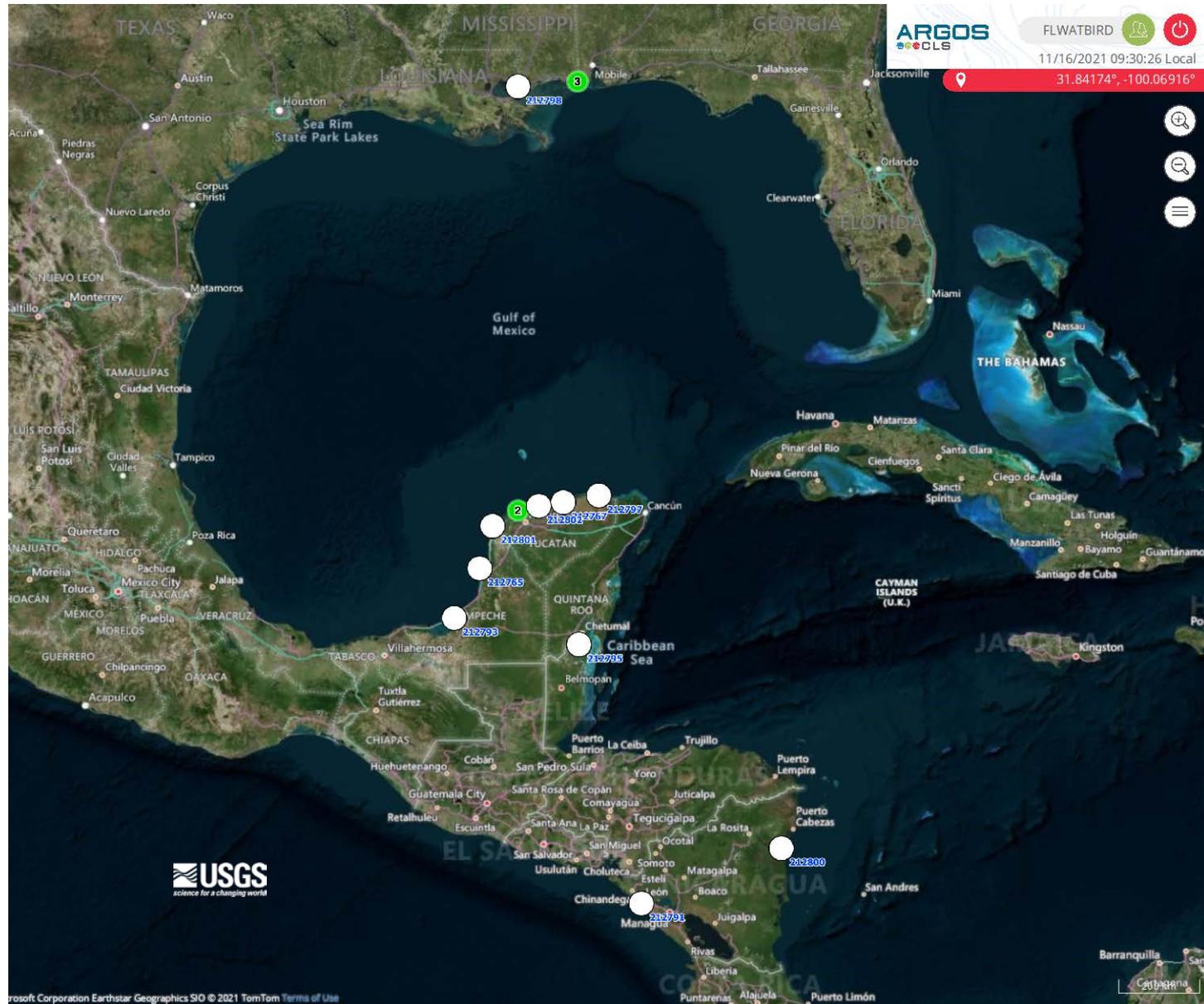
Locations of White Ibis on 16 November 2021

Unfiltered locations (all classes) of birds fitted with transmitters around Mobile Bay, Alabama in June-July 2020 and 2021. Numbers inside of green circles indicate the number of individuals within that general area.



Locations of Tricolored Herons on 16 November 2021

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Future Activities

- Continue implementation and monitoring of projects
- Weeks Bay Land Acquisition (Lloyd Tract) Project: Draft Supplemental Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Program-level monitoring and adaptive management

Public Comment Opportunity

- On December 6, 2021 the AL TIG released the Weeks Bay Land Acquisition (Lloyd Tract) Project: Draft Supplemental Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Comments are due by January 6, 2022
- Comments can be made via the following format:
 - parkplanning.nps.gov/ALTIGLLOYDTRACT
 - ALTIG@dcnr.alabama.gov
 - Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, ATTN:
Kelly Swindle
31115 Five Rivers Boulevard
Spanish Fort, Alabama, 36527

How to Submit a Comment

- Written public comments are welcome and will be accepted until 11:59 PM CST/12:59 AM EST on December 9, 2021.
- To submit a comment, simply email ALTIG@dcnr.alabama.gov by the deadline.
- Please include your full name and affiliation with your comment.

Where to Find Additional Information

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Gulf Spill Restoration website. At the top, the title "GULF SPILL RESTORATION" is displayed in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, a row of logos for various organizations is shown, including NOAA, EPA, and USDA. A subtitle reads "Website maintained by NOAA on behalf of the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees". A dark navigation bar contains the following menu items: "Home", "About Us", "How We Restore", "Restoration Areas", "Data", and "Media & News". A search bar with the text "Google Custom Search" is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The main content area features a large, scenic photograph of a sandy beach with dunes and tall grasses under a blue sky with light clouds. Overlaid on the image is the text "Watch Alabama Trustees' Annual Public Meeting Video Presentation December 15" and a "LEARN MORE" button. Below the image, there are three small white circles, with the first one filled, indicating the current slide in a carousel. At the bottom of the page, a dark blue section titled "Restoration Areas" contains seven circular icons representing different regions: Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Regionwide, and Open Ocean.

GULF SPILL RESTORATION

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The screenshot shows the website for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The top navigation bar includes links for About Us, Contact Us, Media, News, Events, and Translation, along with a search bar and social media icons. The main header features the "Outdoor ALABAMA" logo and a menu with categories like LICENSES, HUNTING, FISHING, BOATING, PARKS, WILDLIFE, PROGRAMS, RESEARCH, ACTIVITIES, LANDS, and CWD. The main content area is titled "Alabama Coastal Restoration Program" and includes a "CALL FOR PROJECTS" section. The text describes the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) oil spill and its impact on the Gulf of Mexico. Below the text are three red buttons: "SUBMIT A PROJECT IDEA", "SUGGESTED PROJECTS", and "APPROVED PROJECTS".

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Alabama Coastal Restoration Program

CALL FOR PROJECTS

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On or about April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) mobile drilling unit exploded, caught fire, and eventually sank in the Gulf of Mexico, resulting in a massive release of oil and other substances from British Petroleum Exploration and Production (BP) Macondo well and causing loss of life and extensive natural resource injuries. The oil came into contact with and injured natural resources as diverse as deep-sea coral, fish and shellfish, productive wetland habitats, sandy beaches, birds, sea turtles, and other protected marine life. The oil spill prevented people from fishing, going to the beach, and enjoying typical recreational activities along the Gulf of Mexico. The oil spill also significantly impacted the health of the Gulf States' economies, impacting a wide-array of industries such as tourism, the maritime industry, and the commercial and recreational fishing industries.

Learn more about [Alabama Coastal Restoration](#)

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www.outdooralabama.com/alabama-coastal-restoration-program

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