



*Port St. Joe Beach*

# Leaving a Legacy in the Florida Panhandle

National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration 2016

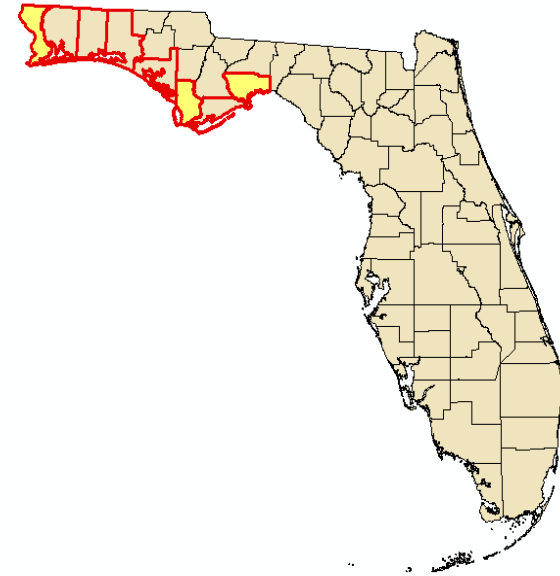
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# Presentation Outline

- Panel Introductions
- 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill:
  - Natural Resource Damage Assessment
  - Clean Water Act Fines
  - Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund
  - Economic Settlement
- Lessons Learned
- Q&A



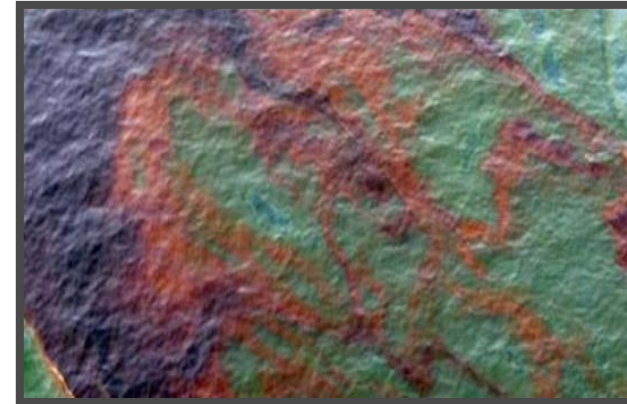
# Panel Introductions



- Grover Robinson -Escambia County
- Warren Yeager – Gulf County
- Sheree Keeler – Wakulla County
- Bryon Griffith – Dewberry, Retired EPA SES



# Deepwater Horizon – April 2010





# Distribution of Funds



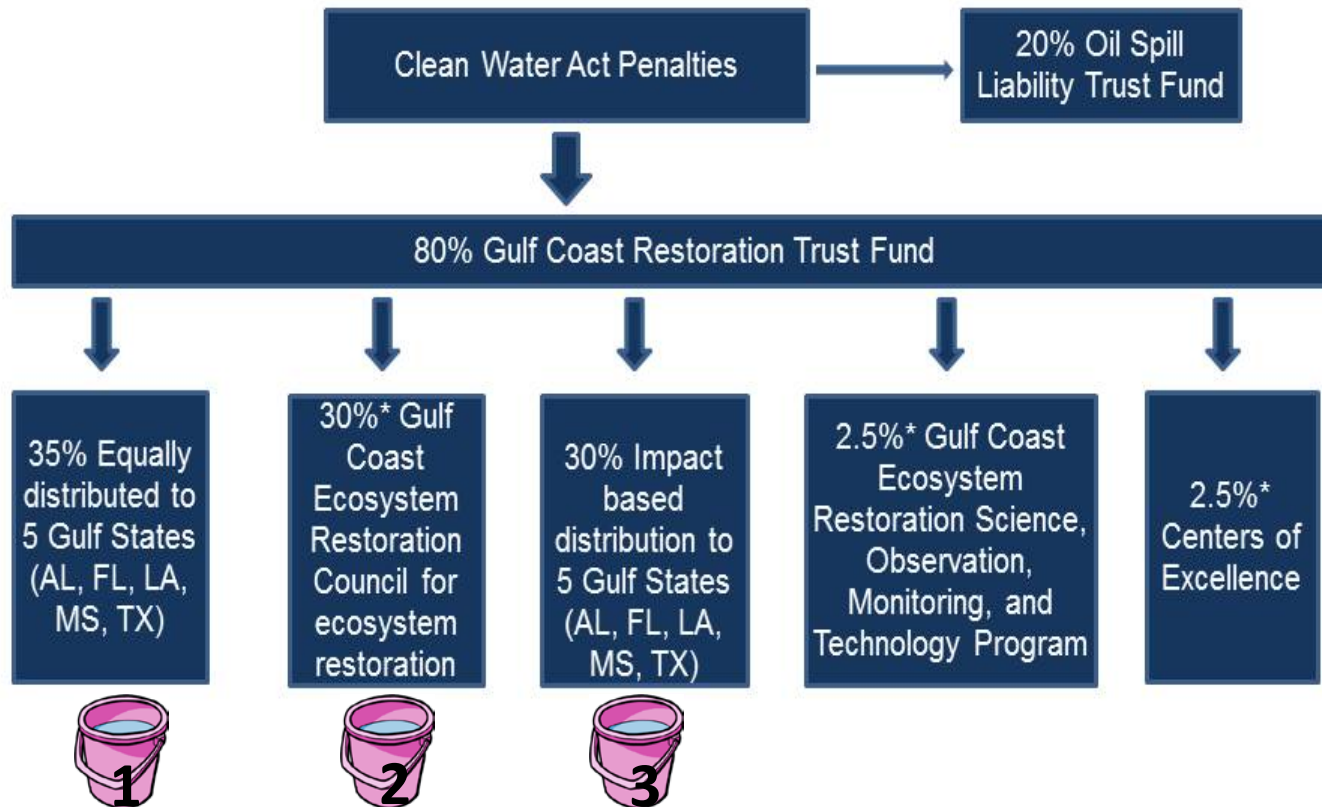
**Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)** - funds focused on Early Restoration and Environmental Assessments

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)** – funds focused on protect and restore the Gulf Coast’s natural resources and diverse wildlife

**Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE Act)** – funds must be used for eligible activities

**Economic Settlement**

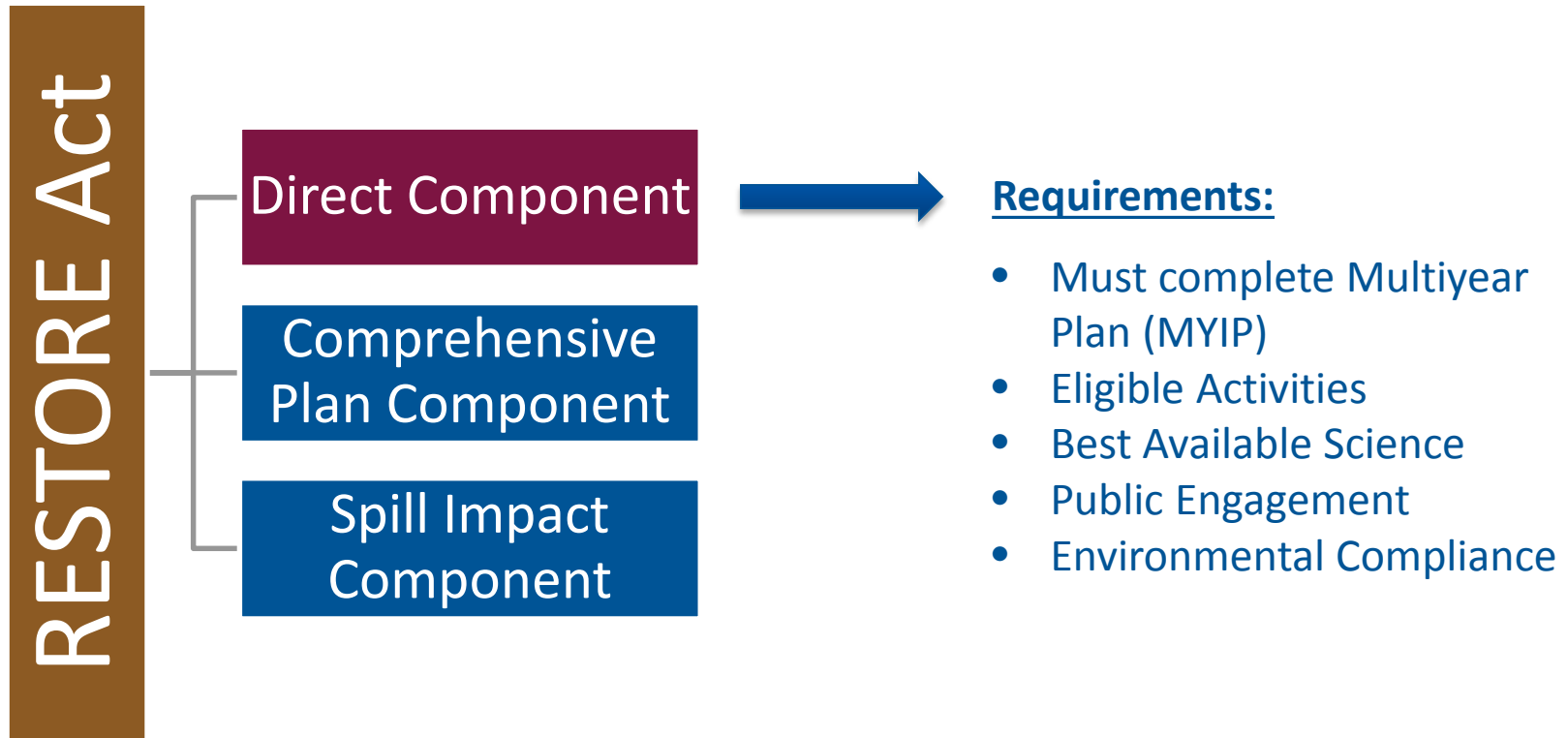
# Allocation of Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund



\*Supplemented by interest generated by the Trust Fund (50% to Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, 25% to Science Program, 25% to Centers of Excellence)

Courtesy of: Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council

# RESTORE Act Multiyear Implementation Plan (MYIP)



July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

# RESTORE Eligible Activities



**Restoration and protection** of natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands



**Infrastructure projects** benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure



**Coastal flood protection** and related infrastructure; Improvements to or on **State parks** located in coastal areas



**Mitigation of damage** to fish, wildlife, and natural resources



**Workforce development and job training;** Planning assistance; and the **administrative costs** of complying with this subsection



# Lessons Learned

- Immediately After the Spill – Chaos and no communication with local government
- Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force
- RESTORE Act
  - Component 1 –
    - 75% to 8 disproportionately affected counties
    - 8 County Coalition
    - MYIP and the Grant Application Process
  - Component 3 –
    - Gulf Consortium - 23 Counties – State Expenditure Plan
- Triumph Gulf Coast - \$2 Billion Economic Settlement
- Leveraging Challenges

# What Keeps You Up At Night





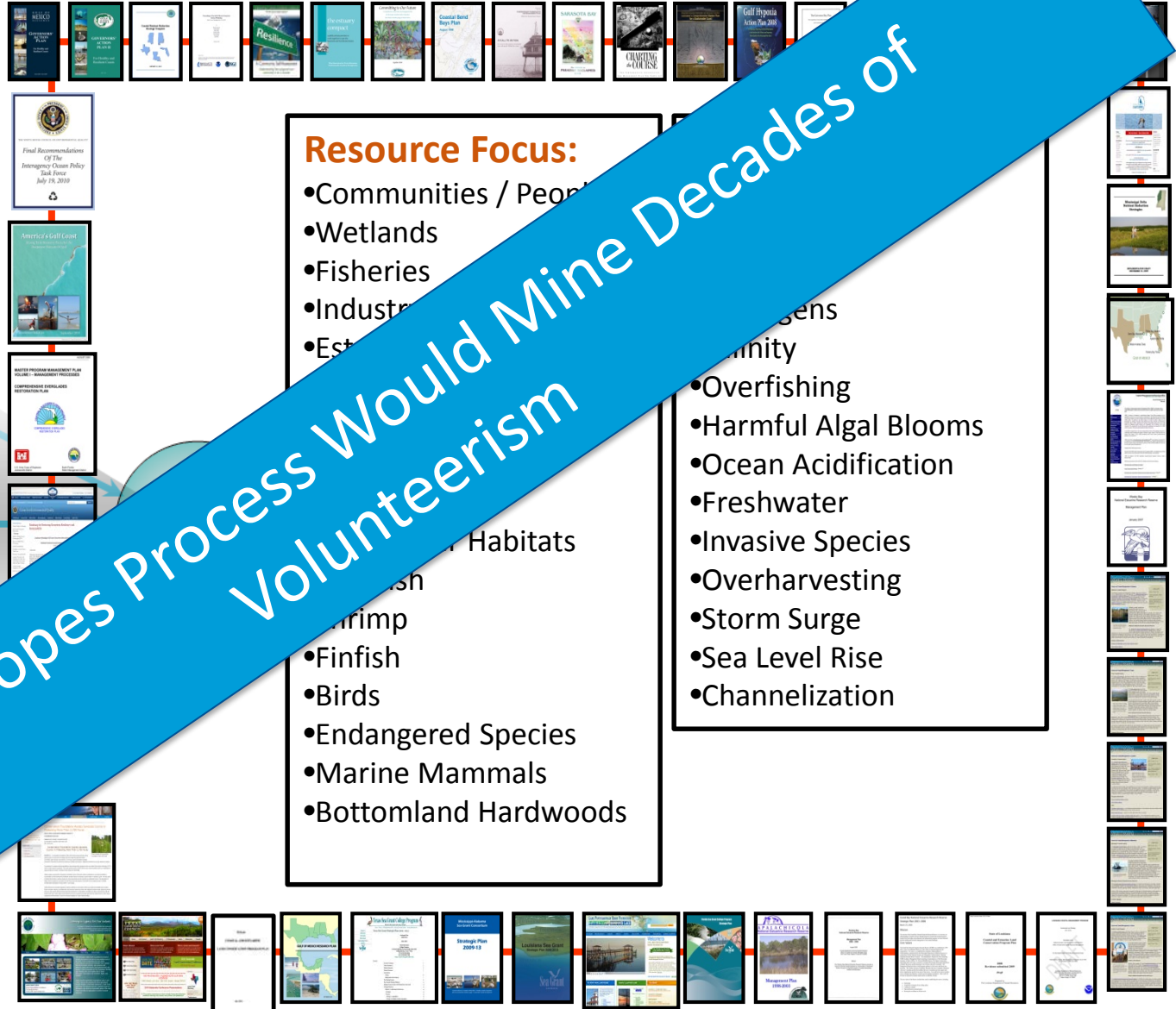
# Phase I – Assess What is Currently Being Done to Address Restoration

Synthesis of Existing Restoration Plans / Programs

National

Regional

Local



Great Hopes Process Would Mine Decades of Volunteerism

# If You Had the Magic Wand....





# Open Discussion