



# Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council SEP Amendment Public Meeting

April 6, 2022



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### **Webinar Participation**

- All non-council member participants have been muted. Questions regarding access or technical issues can be typed into the chat box, found at the lower right hand corner of your screen.
- Presentation slides will be posted at <u>https://www.outdooralabama.com/programs/alabama-coastal-restoration-program</u> within 24 hours.
- Draft SEP Amendment released February 10, 2022.
- 45-Day Public Comment Period ended April 1, 2022



## **Roll Call/Introductions**

Jo Bonner, representing Chair (Governor Kay Ivey) John Driscoll, Vice-Chair, CEO Alabama Port Authority Commissioner Jeb Ball, Chairman, Baldwin County Commission Commissioner Connie Hudson, President Mobile Council Commission Henry Barnes, Mayor Bayou La Batre Jeff Collier, Mayor Dauphin Island Robert Craft, Mayor Gulf Shores Sandy Stimpson, Mayor Mobile Tony Kennon, Mayor Orange Beach Sherry Sullivan, Mayor of Fairhope



## **Meeting Agenda**

- ▹ Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of SEP process and proposed amendment
- ▹ AGCRC Discussion
- ర Vote
- o Adjourn





#### **Summary of DWH Restoration Processes in Alabama**

Summary of DWH Restoration Process in Alabama as of December 31, 2021

RESTORATION PROCESS	ALABAMA COORDINATING ENTITY	TOTAL FUNDING FOR ALABAMA	FUNDING APPROVED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021
Direct Component "RESTORE BUCKET 1"	Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council	\$373 million	\$192 million
Council-selected Restoration Component "RESTORE BUCKET 2"	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	\$1.6 billion across 5 Gulf States	\$101 million
Spill Impact Component "RESTORE BUCKET 3"	Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council	\$326 million	\$132 million
RESTORE Centers of Excellence	Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium & Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council	\$26 million	\$7.9 million
Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	\$296 million	\$205 million
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (NFWF GEBF)	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	\$356 million	\$306 million



#### **Alabama State Expenditure Plan Background**

- RESTORE Act of 2012 requires the State of Alabama, through the AGCRC, to publish a State Expenditure Plan (SEP) detailing how Spill Impact Component Funds will be spent.
- 2019 State Expenditure Plan was approved by the federal RESTORE Council.
- 29 projects totaling approximately \$132 million in first State Expenditure Plan
- 2019 SEP can be viewed here <u>https://restorethegulf.gov/alabama-state-</u> <u>expenditure-plan-efforts</u>



## **SEP Amendment**

- Draft SEP Amendment released for public comment on February 10, 2022
- 45 day public comment period ended April 1, 2022
  - 1 comment was received and considered in revisions to Amended SEP.

Alabama State Expenditure Plan 2022 Amendment



Submitted pursuant to the Spill Impact Component of the RESTORE Act 33 U.S.C. SS 1321 (t)(3)



## **SEP Amendment**

- Amendment proposes to approve \$37,161,000 in contingency funds to augment the budgets of approved SEP projects and programs, as needed, in response to cost increases for labor, materials, and/or other considerations.
- The purpose of the contingency funding is to enable approved SEP projects and programs to be completed as previously described in the SEP.
- These funds are not to be used for new projects or programs, or to change the overall scope or objective of approved SEP projects or programs.
- A material change in scope to an existing project or a new project not previously described in the SEP would require an additional amendment.
- No new projects are proposed at this time.



#### **Next Steps**

- AGCRC Vote (today)
- Submission of SEP Amendment to federal RESTORE Council
- Federal RESTORE Council approval and Vote
- Implementation of SEP Amendment



# **AGCRC Discussion and Vote on SEP Amendment**





# Thank you!

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