## **Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund (80% of DWH Clean Water Act penalties)**



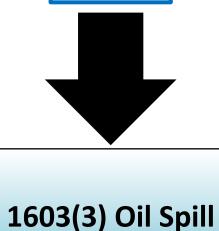
1603(1) State Allocation & **Expenditures** 

- Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region
- Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources
- Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
- Workforce development and job creation
- Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
- Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure
- Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
- Planning assistance
- Activities to promote tourism and sea food in the Gulf Coast Region including:
  - O Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing
  - O Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf **Coast Region**

1603(2) Council **Establishment &** Allocation

30%

- Projects and programs, using the best available science, that would restore and protect the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, coastal wetlands, and economy of the Gulf Coast
  - O Projects that are projected to make the greatest contribution to restoring and protecting the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region, without regard to geographic location within the Gulf Coast region
  - O Large-scale projects and programs that are projected to substantially contribute to restoring and protecting the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast ecosystem
  - O Projects contained in existing Gulf Coast State comprehensive plans for the restoration and protection of natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region
  - O Projects that restore long-term resiliency of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands most impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
- Implement the Comprehensive Plan

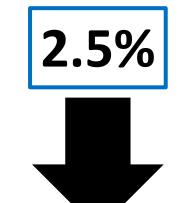


Allocation

- Projects, programs, and activities that will improve the ecosystems or economy of the Gulf Coast region
  - O The projects, programs, and activities included in the plan contribute to the overall economic and ecological recovery of the Gulf Coast
  - O Takes into consideration and is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan

30%

**Restoration Impact** 



1604 Gulf Coast **Ecosystem Restoration Science**, **Observation**, **Monitoring & Technology Program** 

- Carry out research, observation, and monitoring to support, to the maximum extent practicable, the long-term sustainability of the ecosystem, fish stocks, fish habitat, and the recreational, commercial, and charter fishing industry in the Gulf of Mexico
- Marine and estuarine research
- Marine and estuarine ecosystem monitoring and ocean observation
- Data collection and stock assessments
- Pilot programs for
  - O Fishery independent data
  - O Reduction of exploitation of spawning aggregations
- Cooperative research
- Priority given to integrated, long term projects that
  - O Build on, or are coordinated with, related research activities
  - O Address current or anticipated marine ecosystem, fishery, or wildlife management information needs



## 1605 Centers of **Excellence Research** Grants

- Award competitive grants to nongovernmental entities and consortia in the Gulf Coast region
- Priority given to entities that establish the broadest cross-section of participants with interest and expertise
- Each Center of Excellence shall focus on science, technology, and monitoring in at least 1 of the following disciplines:
  - O Coastal and deltaic sustainability, restoration and protection, including solutions and technology that allow citizens to live in a safe and sustainable manner in a coastal delta in the Gulf Coast Region
  - O Coastal fisheries and wildlife ecosystem research and monitoring in the Gulf Coast Region
  - O Offshore energy development, including research and technology to improve the sustainable and safe development of energy resources in the Gulf of Mexico
  - O Sustainable and resilient growth, economic and commercial development in the Gulf Coast region
  - O Comprehensive observation, monitoring, and mapping of the Gulf of Mexico