



RESTORE Act Overview

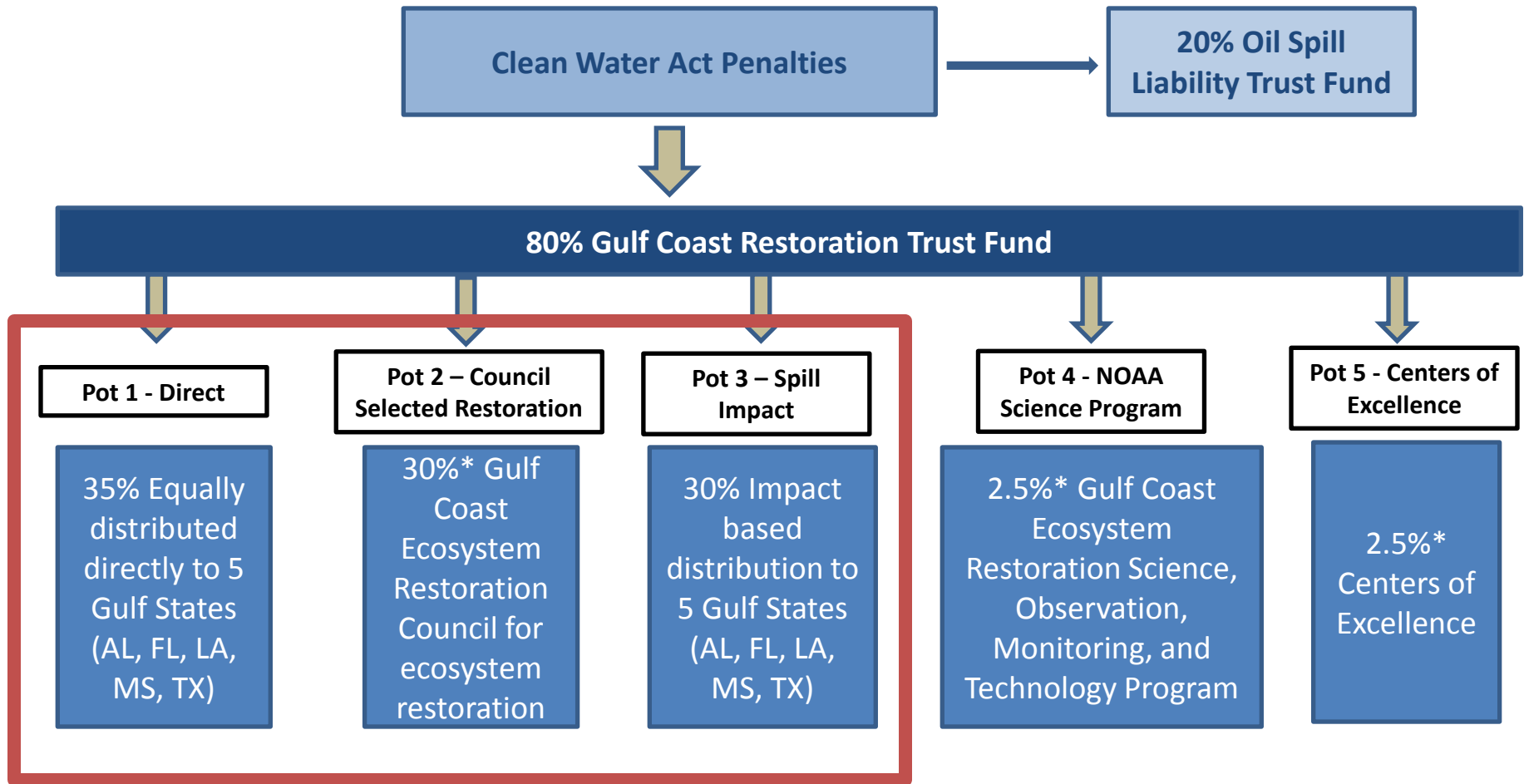
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RESTORE Act Roadmap

- **Treasury Update**
- **Pot 1 (Direct Component)**
 - Brief update
- **Pot 3 (Spill Impact Component)**
 - Brief summary
- **Pot 2 (Council-Selected Restoration Component)**
 - Detailed overview and summary

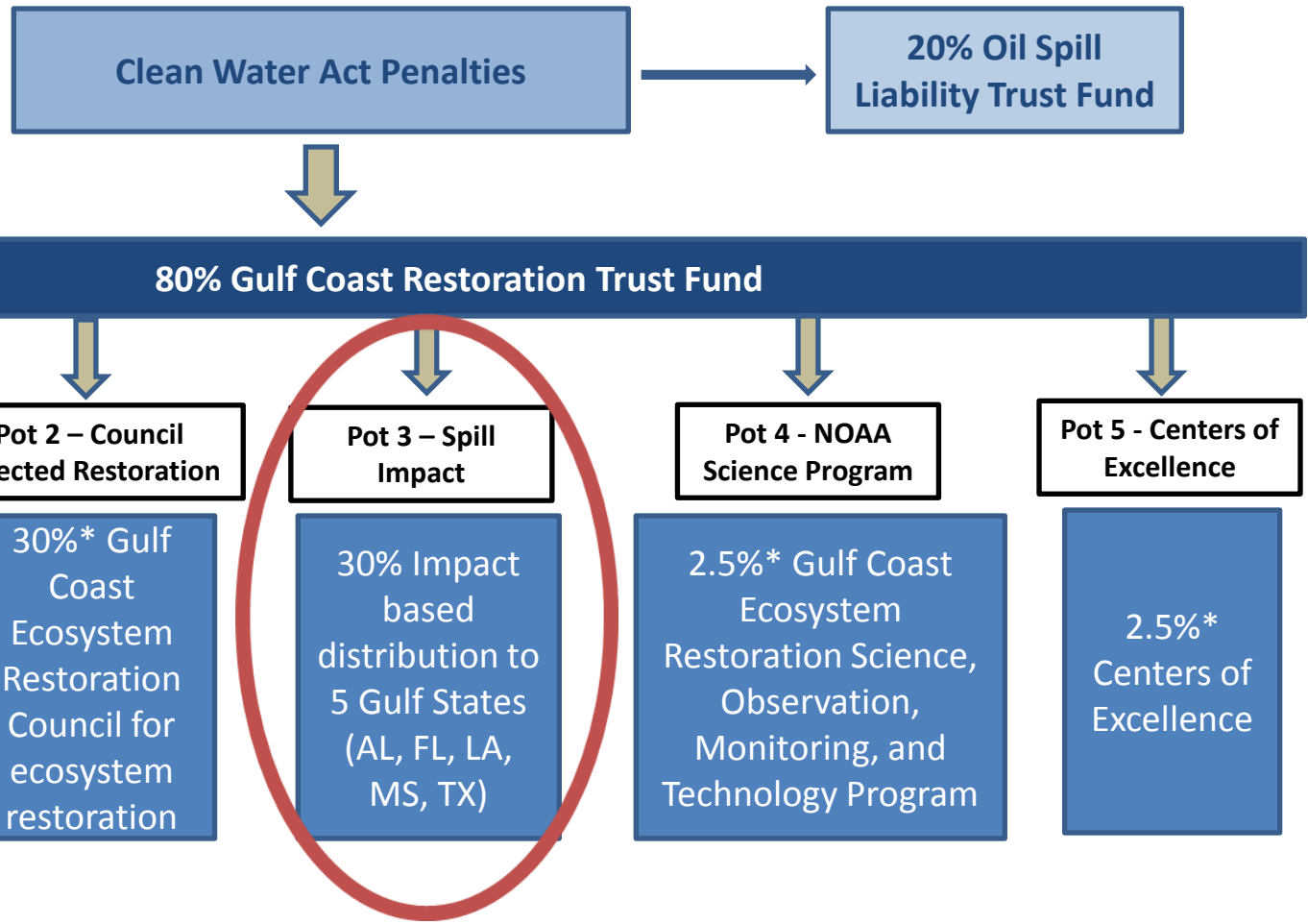


Treasury Update

- Interim Final Rule containing procedures to implement the five components of the Act was published August 15 with a 30 day public comment period closing on September 15, 2014.
 - Link to the Interim Final Rule and submission of public comments:
<https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-19324>
 - Effective Date: October 14, 2014.



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Direct Component (Pot 1) – 35%

- Of the total amounts made available to the State of Louisiana...
 - **70% to the State** – to CPRA
 - **30% to coastal zone parishes** according to the following weighted formula:
 - 40% - miles of the parish shoreline oiled
 - 40% - population
 - 20% - land mass

Louisiana's Direct Component Available Allocations

Available as of June 30, 2014

Entity	Allocations Include Louisiana Coastal Zone Parish Formula Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)*	Allocations Available Based on NPRM (as of June 30, 2014)
<u>State of Louisiana</u>	<u>70%</u>	<u>\$30,835,706</u>
<u>Louisiana Coastal Zone Parishes</u>	<u>30%*</u>	<u>\$13,215,302</u>
Ascension	2.42612%	\$320,619
Assumption	0.93028%	\$122,939
Calcasieu	5.07063%	\$670,099
Cameron	2.10096%	\$277,648
Iberia	2.55018%	\$337,014
Jefferson	11.95309%	\$1,579,636
Lafourche	7.86746%	\$1,039,709
Livingston	3.32725%	\$439,706
Orleans	7.12875%	\$942,086
Plaquemines	17.99998%	\$2,378,752
St. Bernard	9.66743%	\$1,277,580
St. Charles	1.35717%	\$179,354
St. James	0.75600%	\$99,908
St. John the Baptist	1.11915%	\$147,900
St. Martin	2.06890%	\$273,411
St. Mary	1.80223%	\$238,171
St. Tammany	5.53058%	\$730,883
Terrebonne	9.91281%	\$1,310,008
Tangipahoa	3.40337%	\$449,765
Vermilion	3.02766%	\$400,114
Subtotal	100.00000%	\$13,215,302
TOTAL		\$44,051,008



Distinction between Pot 1 and Pot 3

Pot 1 (Direct Component to ***LA Parishes***) – 30% of the total LA allocation is provided directly to coastal zone parishes **according to the following weighted formula**

- (i) 40% - miles of oiled shoreline
- (ii) 40% - population
- (iii) 20% - land mass

Pot 3 (Spill Impact Component to ***States***) – amount disbursed to each state is based on a **formula established by the Council by regulation** based on the following criteria

- (i) 40% - miles of oiled shoreline
- (ii) 40% - proximity to the rig
- (iii) 20% - population



Principles of the Impact Allocation

- The Oil Spill Restoration Impact Allocation is the only one of the three primary funding components in the Act that is tied to impact.
- The allocation should reflect actual impact.
- Measures of impact should have a logical correlation to actual impact.



Spill Impact Allocation (Pot 3) – 30%

- The amount disbursed to each Gulf Coast State “shall be based on a **formula established by the Council by regulation** that is based on a weighted average of the following criteria”
 - (i) miles of oiled shoreline - (shoreline **oiling**)
 - (ii) proximity to the rig - (**average** distance)
 - (iii) population - (**bordering the Gulf**)



(i) Miles of Shoreline

- 40% “based on the proportionate number of miles of shoreline that experienced **oiling** on or before April 10, 2011, compared to the total number of miles of shoreline that experienced oiling as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill”





(i) Miles of Shoreline

- Degree of oiling (heavy, moderate, light, etc.);
- Environmental sensitivity to oiling of the shoreline that experienced oiling based on the environmental sensitivity of different habitats to oiling; and
- Duration of oiling.



(ii) Proximity to the DWH Rig

- 40% “based on the inverse proportion of the **average** distance from the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon at the time of the explosion to the nearest and farthest point of the shoreline that experienced oiling of each Gulf Coast State”





State	Near (miles)	Far (miles)	Arithmetic Average	Inverse Arithmetic Avg.	Inv. Arithmetic Proportion
LA	150	155	152.5	0.0066	23%
MS	175	180	177.5	0.0056	20%
AL	75	80	77.5	0.0129	45%
FL	50	500	275	0.0036	13%



(iii) Population

- 20% “based on the average population in the 2010 decennial census of coastal counties **bordering the Gulf of Mexico** within each Gulf Coast State”

No counties or parishes that received documented oiling impact should be omitted from this portion of the Oil Spill Impact Allocation.





Conclusion – Impact Allocation

- One day of trace oil on a less sensitive shoreline \neq one mile of heavy oil on a highly sensitive shoreline that persists for years.
- A state should not be penalized in the impact allocation for having larger amounts of oiling.
- What constitutes a border with the Gulf has yet to be determined.



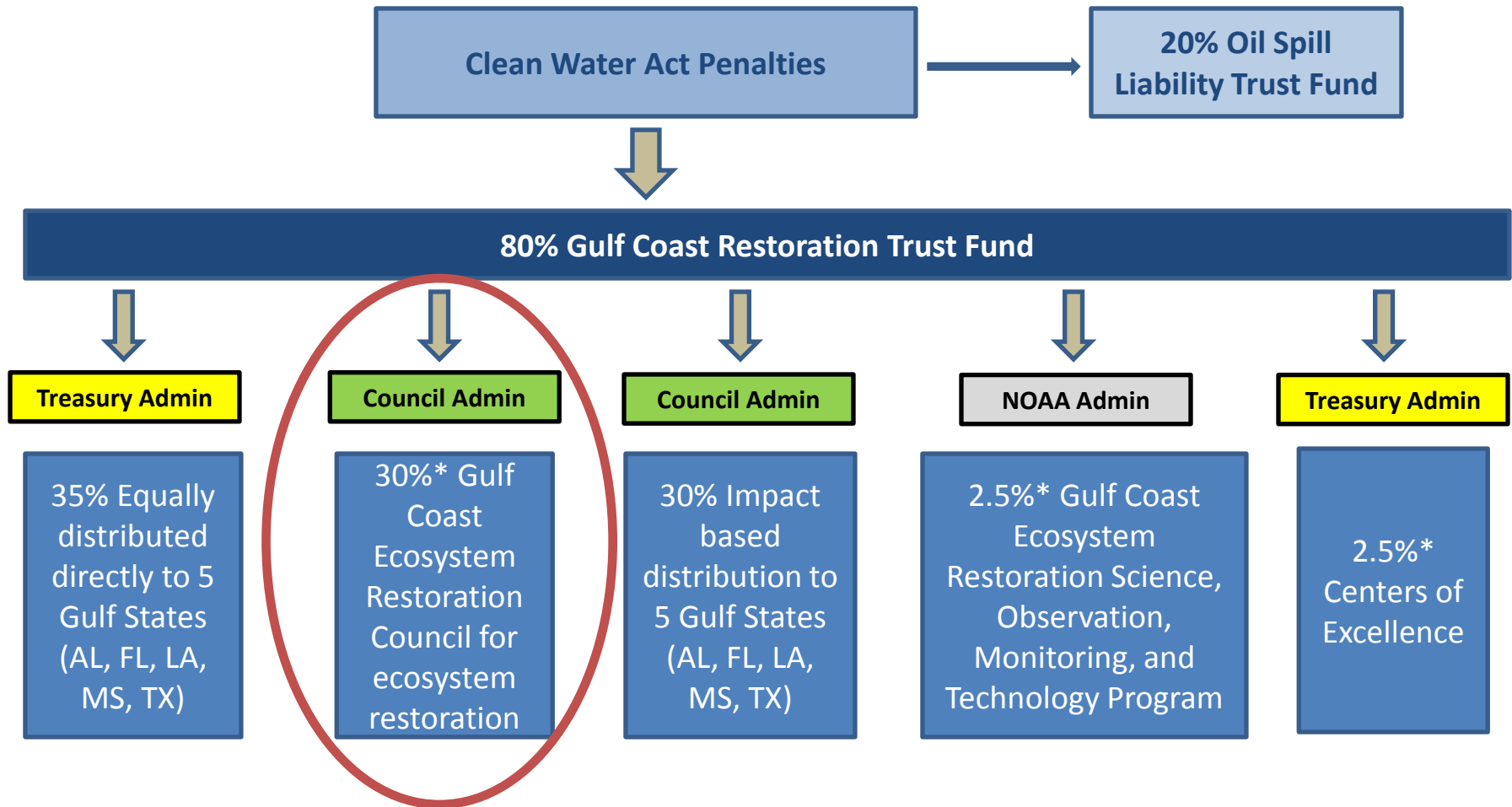
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Council-Selected Restoration Component (Pot 2)

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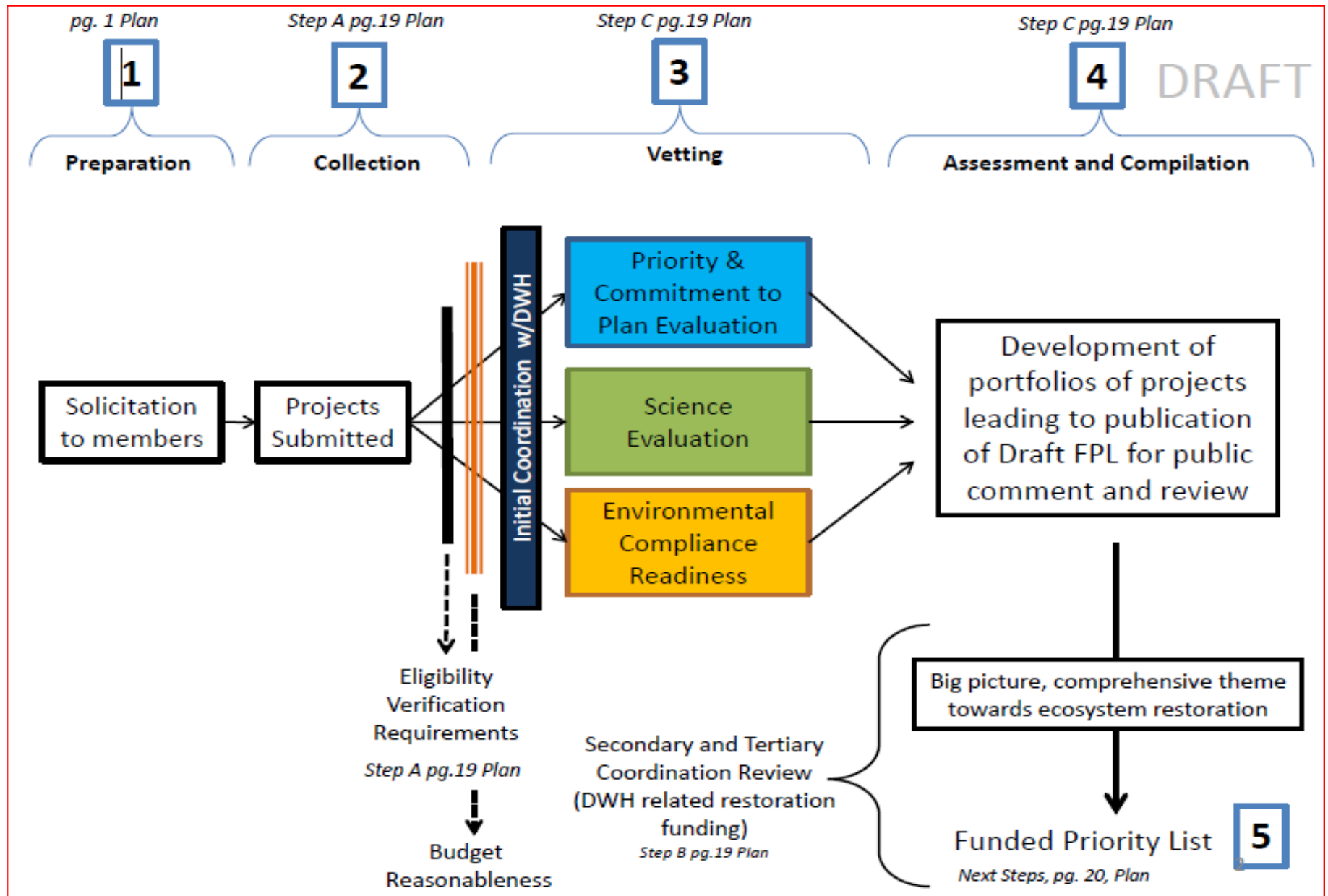
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Pot 2 Roadmap (30%)

- Process
- Council Solicitation and Submission
- Louisiana Solicitation and Submission
- RESTORE Funding

High Level Process for Bucket 2





Process Results

- Projects and programs selected by the Council will be included on a draft Funded Priorities List (FPL).
- The draft FPL will be published for public comment.
- Council plans to publish draft FPL in late 2015.



Council Solicitation

- Council released its guidelines for Council member submissions of project and program proposals on August 21.
 - Individual Council members are the only entities eligible to submit proposals to the Council.
 - Window for Council member submissions will close no earlier than November 17.



State Solicitation

- Louisiana has been accepting project and program proposals since the days after the spill.
- Deadline to submit proposals to Louisiana for consideration is September 30.
- Proposals submitted after September 30 will be ineligible for consideration in this initial phase of funding.



State Solicitation

- Both projects and programs are acceptable.
- If you do not wish to submit a project or program proposal, your feedback on how you would like to see RESTORE funds spent is still welcome.
- Priority will be given to projects and programs in Louisiana's 2012 Coastal Master Plan.



How Much Funding for Draft FPL?

- The Council anticipates spending only monies available from the Transocean settlement in this initial funding exercise.
- As of February 2015, approximately \$240 million will be available.
- Council envisions funding \$150 to \$180 million worth of projects now.



What About BP and Other Funds?

- The language in the draft FPL will indicate that when these funds become known, future amendments to the FPL will include significantly larger projects and project lists.

Here to Receive Your Comments:

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We Want to Hear from You

- General feedback about restoration priorities or desired outcomes
- Support for existing projects or programs
- New project or program proposals



Next Community Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014

5:30 p.m.

Houma Municipal Auditorium
880 Verret Street
Houma, La



To Submit Your Comments

Submit a project or program to Louisiana:

- Submission guidelines available at www.coastal.la.gov/restore
- **Deadline: September 30, 2014**

Provide general comments on RESTORE restoration efforts or voice support for existing projects:

Write:

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Meeting

Community
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