



\$627 Million Gulf Spill Restoration Plan Approved
\$340 Million in Approved Early Restoration Projects in Louisiana

Gulf Coast (October 3, 2014) --- The *Deepwater Horizon* Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees (Trustees) have selected and approved the largest suite of Gulf of Mexico early restoration projects since the oil spill. The restoration plan includes 44 projects totaling an estimated \$627 million, including \$340 million for projects in Louisiana.

The Trustees' issuance of the Record of Decision (ROD) and finalization of associated project agreements will allow these projects to move toward implementation. These projects are funded by the \$1 billion that BP agreed to invest for early restoration of damaged natural resources resulting from the Spill.

As announced in March 2013, the Louisiana projects include:

- **Louisiana Outer Coast Restoration (\$318 million)** – This project aims to restore beach, dune, and back-barrier marsh habitats at four barrier island locations in Louisiana. From west to east, the four locations are Caillou Lake Headlands (also known as Whiskey Island), Chenier Ronquille, Shell Island (West Lobe and portions of East Lobe), and North Breton Island.
- **Louisiana Marine Fisheries Enhancement, Research, and Science Center (\$22 million)** – This project would establish state of the art facilities to responsibly develop aquaculture-based techniques for marine fishery management. The proposed project would include two sites (Calcasieu Parish and Plaquemines Parish) with the shared goals of fostering collaborative multi-dimensional research on marine sport fish and bait fish species; enhancing stakeholder involvement; and providing fisheries extension, outreach, and education to the public.

To date, early restoration funds allocated to Louisiana projects total approximately \$698 million. Early Restoration represents only a portion of NRDA-related restoration still to come.