The Gulf Consortium is a public entity created in October 2012 by Inter-local Agreement among Florida’s 23 Gulf Coast counties, from Escambia County in the western panhandle of Florida to Monroe County on the southern tip of Florida and the United States.

Florida’s 23 Gulf Coast Counties formed the Consortium to meet requirements of the RESTORE Act to develop a State Expenditure Plan for economic and environmental recovery of the Gulf coast in Florida following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The RESTORE Act was passed by the Congress on June 29, 2012 and signed into law on July 6, 2012 by the President.

The Consortium Board of Directors consists of one representative from each county government. As a public entity, the Consortium must meet all government transparency requirements in Florida, including open public records and meetings, ethics and state auditing obligations. Since its inception, the Consortium has met seven times and held several committee meetings to begin developing Florida’s State Expenditure Plan.

To avoid duplication and to effectively utilize available resources, Florida’s local governments are working in partnership with the State of Florida to fully recover the Gulf of Mexico following the Deepwater Horizon disaster. To foster the development of the State Expenditure Plan, enhance coordination and to also ensure consistency with the goals and objectives of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council’s Draft Initial Comprehensive Plan: Restoring the Gulf Coast’s Ecosystem and Economy, the Consortium has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Florida Governor Rick Scott.
Consortium page:

http://www.fl-counties.com/advocacy/gulf-consortium

Treasury Rules - County Comments:

Comments

- Bay County
- Charlotte County
- Collier County
- Escambia County
- Franklin County
- Lee County
- Monroe County
- Okaloosa County
- Pasco County
- Pinellas County
- Sarasota County
- Wakulla County

US Treasury Proposed RESTORE Act Rules

Upcoming Meetings:

Gulf Consortium Executive Committee Meeting/Conference Call

December 11, 2013, 12:00-2:00 pm EST

Florida Association of Counties, 100 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Dial in Number: 888-670-3525
Participant Passcode: 9984495298#
Resources

- US Treasury Proposed RESTORE Act Rules with Comment Information
- Final Initial Comprehensive Plan
- RESTORE Act
- Gulf Consortium Board of Directors
- Gulf Consortium Inter-local Agreement
- Memorandum of Understanding with Florida Governor Rick Scott
- NACo Gulf Coast Counties and Parishes Meeting 10/1/2013
- Senate Testimony, Mayor George Neugent, June 2013
- Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council
- Gulf Consortium’s Comments on the Draft Initial Plan
- Gulf Consortium County Map
- Federal Policy Brief, September 2013

Links

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection: Oil Spill Response and Restoration
- Natural Resource Damage Assessment
- NOAA’s Gulf Spill Restoration
- Settlements

Archived Gulf Consortium Meeting Agendas, Materials and Minutes

- November 13, 2013
- October 25, 2013
- October 25, 2013 (Committee of 8)
- September 18, 2013
- August 22, 2013
- August 22, 2013 (Committee of the 15)
• June 28, 2013
• June 28, 2013 (Committee of the 15)
• May 17, 2013
• April 29, 2013
• April 5, 2013
• February 28, 2013
• February 15, 2013
• January 18, 2013
• Gulf Consortium Newsletter, December 2012
• December 7, 2012 (Committee of the Eight)
• November 28, 2012
• October 22, 2012
• September 19, 2012
• August 16, 2012
• July 19, 2012