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## Resources

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.

- [ESA Presentation 1/21/2015](#) 
- [Restoration Council Final Rule 1/13/2015](#) 
- [Restoration Council Announcement: State Expenditure Plan Guidelines 12/31/2014](#) 
- [Restoration Council Oil Spill Impact Component: State Expenditure Plan Guidelines](#) 
- [Restoration Council Pre-Award Notification 11/24/2014](#) 
- [FDEP Restore Act Proposals Presentation to Gulf Consortium 11/19/2014](#) 
- [Gulf Consortium Comments on Restoration Council Interim Final Rule 9/22/2014](#) 
- [Gulf Consortium Comments on Treasury Interim Final Rule 9/8/2014](#) 
- [Restoration Council Interim Final Rule 8/22/2014](#) 
- [Treasury Interim Final Rule](#) 
- [Gulf Council Progress Report](#) 

## Upcoming Meetings

**Thursday, March 19, 2015**  
 4:00 PM Eastern  
 Executive Committee Meeting  
 Via Teleconference  
 Dial-In Number: 1-888-670-3525  
 Participant Passcode: 9984495298#

**Wednesday, March 25, 2015**  
 10:00 AM Eastern  
 Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
 Carr Building, Room 170  
 3800 Commonwealth Boulevard  
 Tallahassee, Florida

**Friday, June 19, 2015**  
 Sawgrass Marriott, St. Johns County

**Wednesday, August 26, 2015**  
 Hilton St. Petersburg, Pinellas County

**Wednesday, November 18, 2015**  
 Omni Amelia Island, Nassau County

Please note that as work is completed, additional meetings may be necessary.

- [Environmental Law Institute Gulf Coast Recovery](#)
- [Congressional briefing June 10 2014](#)
- [FDEP: Oil Spill](#)
- [FDEP Natural Resource Damage Assessment](#)
- [Archive](#)

## Consortium Newsletter

- [February 3, 2015](#)
- [November 11, 2014](#)
- [September 26, 2014](#)
- [August 21, 2014 Interim Final Rule Response Email](#)
- [August 18, 2014 Direct Component Email](#)
- [August 15, 2014](#)
- [July 18, 2014](#)
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- [March 24, 2014](#)
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- [October 16, 2013](#)
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