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ALABAMA

Alabama Marine Mammal Conservation and Recovery Program

This project increased the response and research capacity within the Alabama Marine Mammal Stranding Network (ALMMSN). The ALMMSN worked to enhance survival of live stranded animals and provide continuous, consistent and scientifically rigorous data collection from stranded marine mammals to better and more rapidly define causes of death, and define relationships between environmental variables and stranding patterns, thereby contributing to their long-term recovery. Funding was used to operate the ALMMSN and train dedicated personnel for future stranding response and research on marine mammals.

The Gulf has among the highest diversity of marine mammals in the world. Long-term effects from exposure to contaminants or other stresses from natural and human-related sources can take years to be realized, necessitating properly outfitted and fully functioning marine mammal stranding response teams. This project provided consistency in data management, improved baseline data collection for comparison to immediate and longer-term threats, and expanded suitably focused management and conservation efforts. Efforts in Alabama and elsewhere augmented the overall response capability of NOAA's Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program (MMHSRP) throughout the Gulf.



This project expanded Marine Mammal Stranding Network capacity in Alabama to improve recovery of stranded animals and inform future management in the northern Gulf to benefit many marine mammal species.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENTS:

Dauphin Island Sea Lab

AWARD AMOUNT:

\$1,881,412

PARTNERS:

Alabama DCNR

NOAA

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

LOCATION:

Coastal Alabama

AWARD DATE:

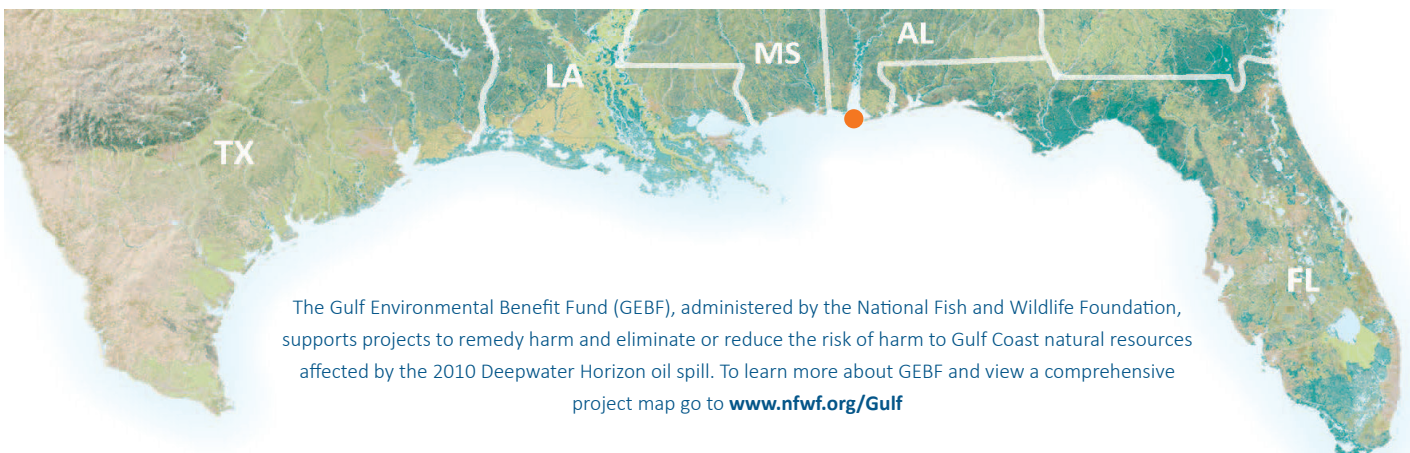
November 2014

STATUS:

Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE:

Project closed March 2021.



The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF), administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, supports projects to remedy harm and eliminate or reduce the risk of harm to Gulf Coast natural resources affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. To learn more about GEBF and view a comprehensive project map go to www.nfwf.org/Gulf