

PUBLIC MEETING
RESTORE BUCKET 2
PRE-PROPOSALS

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FUNDS PROVIDED TO TEXAS

- As a result of the Oil Spill, Texas has received funds from three sources: NRDA, NFWF & RESTORE.
- Since 2017, the amounts allocated to Texas from **NRDA** is approximately **\$105 million**.
- Through the end of 2018, Texas has also received upwards of **\$155 million** from **NFWF**.

RESTORE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO TEXAS

The amount of federal Trust Fund money that currently is and is expected to be available to Texas in the coming years:

Bucket 1 - \$375 million

- Currently available: approximately \$98 million
- BP settlement payments from 2019 thru 2031: \$277 million

Bucket 2

- Currently available: Texas is to receive \$26.3 million
- BP settlement (paid from 2017 thru 2031): \$1.6 billion to be distributed by the Council on a competitive basis to the Gulf states and federal Council members

RESTORE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO TEXAS

Bucket 3 - \$121.5 million

- Currently available: approximately \$32 million
- BP settlement payments from 2019 thru 2031: \$89.9 million

Bucket 5 - \$26 million

- Currently available: \$8 million
- BP settlement payments from 2019 thru 2031: \$18 million

FOCUS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Today we are focusing on grant funds associated with the Council-Selected Restoration component of the Act, referred to as Bucket 2.
- For this current effort approximately \$360 million is expected to be available for distribution in the five Gulf states: Florida; Alabama; Mississippi; Louisiana; and Texas.

PURPOSE OF HEARING & PUBLIC COMMENT

- To provide comments to me on proposals that were posted on the Texas RESTORE website.
- These comments will facilitate my discussions with the Office of the Governor to select a list of six that will be submitted to the RESTORE Council for consideration to receive RESTORE Bucket 2/ FPL3 grant funds.

BUCKET 2 FPL₃ PROCESS

To distribute Bucket 2 funds the RESTORE Council:

- developed a Planning Framework; and
- based on that approved Framework, will adopt a Funded Priorities List, or FPL₃, which will include specific proposals to receive grants.

PLANNING FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT

- The Planning Framework document includes information about Texas coastal priorities and needs.
- The information for Texas was received from:
 - the public hearings I held last December along the coast; and
 - the survey that we distributed to the public and to various workgroups I established for Bucket 2 planning activities.
- Over 150 surveys were submitted and the results were provided to the RESTORE Council staff for inclusion in the Planning Framework.

PLANNING FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT

- In late August, the RESTORE Council adopted the Planning Framework.
- The Planning Framework presents information on priorities to determine the types of proposals to include in FPL 3.
- It includes two Texas-specific sections, including the Texas/Louisiana Chenier Plain. Those sections outline the goals and criteria to be considered for proposals for our coastal area.

GOALS

Goals in the Planning Framework for Texas:

- Restore and Conserve Habitat
- Restore Water Quality and Quantity
- Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources
- Enhance Community Resilience
- Restore and Revitalize the Gulf

CRITERIA

Criteria in the Planning Framework for Texas:

- Contributes to restoring and protecting the natural resources
- Includes large-scale operations
- Restores long-term resiliency of the natural resources
- Addresses elements included in existing Gulf Coast State comprehensive plans

HOW THE LIST OF POSTED PROPOSALS WAS DEVELOPED

- Texas representatives for NRDA, NFWF and the Texas GLO's Coastal Master Plan, initially identified proposals that met the RESTORE Bucket 2 goals and criteria and that should be considered.
- The initial list was evaluated by the Bucket 2 State/Federal work group, as well as a work group representing NGOs in Texas.

HOW THE LIST OF POSTED PROPOSALS WAS DEVELOPED

- I also invited County Judges representing the RESTORE-eligible counties to submit up to two proposals for consideration.
- Working with TCEQ staff and HRI, our Bucket 2 planning contractor, I reviewed the evaluations and commentary received and we developed the list that was posted for your comment.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON POSTED PROPOSALS

- Twenty-three proposals are on the posted list.
- Fifteen of the 18 RESTORE eligible counties are represented on the posted list.
- One proposal is coast wide.

TYPES OF PROPOSALS ON POSTED LIST

Land Acquisition, management & conservation

Shoreline Protection

Sediment Placement

Habitat Management

Wastewater Systems: improvement & management

Restoration of Oyster Habitat

Hydrological Restoration

Stormwater Management

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- I now invite you to come forward as you are called to provide your comments.
- If you have not already signed up to speak, you can do so at the sign-in table.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

NEXT STEPS



Thank you for your participation in today's public meeting. This is the next step in developing our state's proposals.



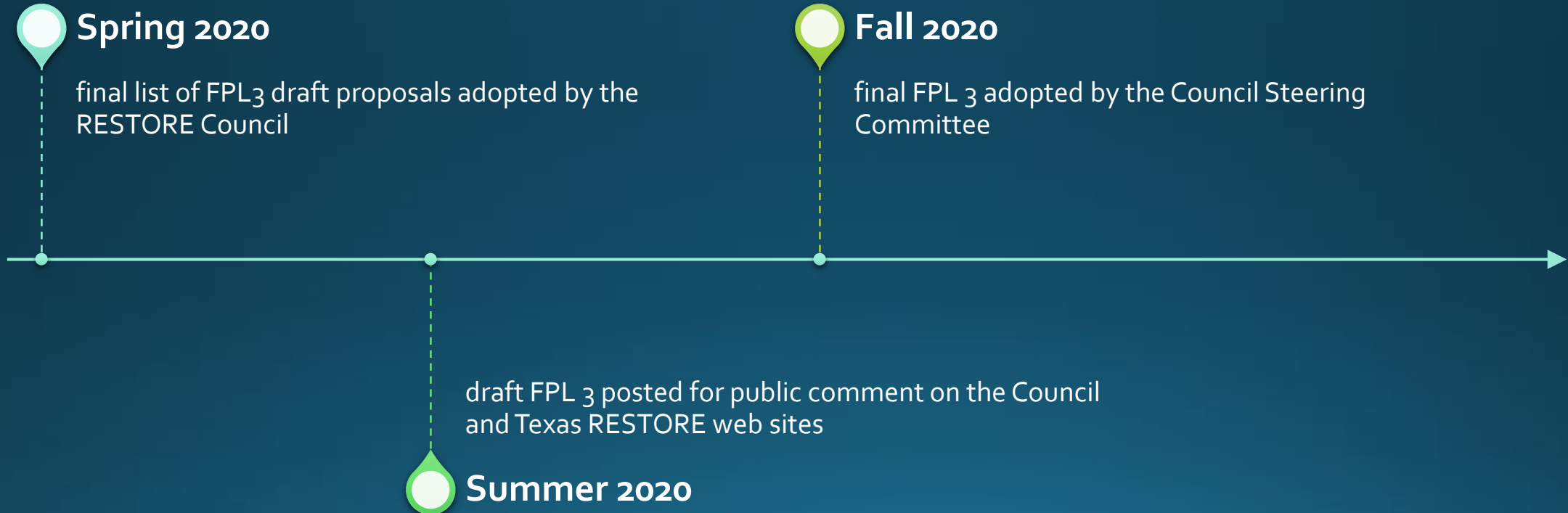
I will reviewed all of the testimony presented, as well as the public comments submitted by the September 23rd deadline. Working with the Office of Governor we will finalize the State's list of six pre-proposals for submission to the RESTORE Council.



At this time, pre-proposal submissions are due in October.

SIGNIFICANT DATES

Subject to Change



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