

Cooperative Assessments Within Florida

Tampa Bay Oil Spill

Date of Spill: August 10, 1993
Size of spill: 330,000 gallons of #6 Fuel Oil
Cleanup Completed: Early September 1993
Area Impacted: Pinellas County, Florida
Trustee MOA Signed: June 1995
Consent Decree Signed: April 1999
Funds Available: \$2.95M for Restoration Projects

Projects
1 Responsible Party implemented project
9 Projects to restore natural resource injuries and services of an ecological nature
14 Projects for lost recreational services

Examples

Joe's Creek - SW Florida Water Management Mahlt



Cross Bayou - BP Managed



Lessons Learned

- Focus on restoration • Consensus Decisions
 - Framework for Cooperative Planning
 - Data Sharing • Public Participation
 - Funding Procedures • Innovation • Patience
- Web Site: www.dep.state.fl.us/law/BER/TampaBay.htm



Florida Mystery Spill

Date of Spill: August 8, 2000
Size of spill: 15,000 gallons of heavy oil
Cleanup Completed: August 16, 2000
Joint Claim to U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC): January 8, 2003
Claim Approved by NPFC: November 24, 2003
Trustee MOA Signed: March 1, 2004
Areas Impacted: Broward and Palm Beach Counties, Florida
Funds Available: \$2.21M including \$1.2M for restoration projects

Projects
8 Restoration Projects Including:
Sea Oat Planting
Mangrove Restoration Project
Construction of dune walkovers
Creation of shade areas

Purchase of beach wheelchairs for State Park
Augmenting sea turtle lighting enforcement in two counties
Educational signs on seabird entanglement and rescue

Lessons Learned

- Built upon NRDA experiences from Tampa Bay Oil Spill
 - NOAA Regulations provided sound pattern for claims
 - Gained substantial claims experience with NPFC
 - Consensus Decisions • Funding Procedures
- Web Site: www.dep.state.fl.us/law/BER/



State NRDA Collections Authorized Under Chapter 376, Florida Statutes

- Compensation based upon gallons spilled, location, oil type, habitat impacts
 - Funds deposited into Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund
 - Funds can be used for a wide range of projects not limited to restoration of damaged resources
 - Collected over \$1.6 M for over 2,200 coastal oil spills
 - During state fiscal year 2000/2001 received special appropriations and funded 30 restoration projects for a total of \$1.1M
- Web Site: www.dep.state.fl.us/law/ber/nrdamap.htm



State NRDA Claim for 23 Oil Spills

Spills occurred between 1992 and 1999
Spill Sizes: 200 to 6,400 gallons
Claim filed with NPFC: June 26, 2003
Claim approved by NPFC for 21 of the 23 spills: October 7, 2003
State Received payment of \$705K to fund 7 restoration projects around state

Projects

Coastal island cleanup near Jacksonville
Wetland restoration project south of Tampa
Wetland and beach restoration projects (4) in Martin County
Augmenting sea turtle lighting enforcement

Lessons Learned

- Utility of SIMAP Model
 - Spill Size not directly related to damage
 - Avoid granting "Act of God" defenses
 - Standard restoration costs vary widely
 - Did not capture lost recreational use data
- Web Site: www.dep.state.fl.us/law/BER/NaturalResourceDamageClaims.htm

