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### Gulf Consortium Meeting in Tallahassee this Week

The Gulf Consortium will be meeting this week in Tallahassee, meeting materials can be found on the web site at: [www.FACRESTORE.com](http://www.FACRESTORE.com)

### **Gulf Consortium Meeting March 26, 2014**

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ET  
Tallahassee City Commission Chambers  
300 S. Adams Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

### Important Dates

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[Click here to download meeting materials.](#)

### Stakeholder Meeting Updates

### Meeting with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

Staff met with Mr. Mike Sharp, Director, Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, NFWF. The information provided helped staff understand the process for NFWF Grants. He explained that NFWF Projects must comply with the consent decree and must remedy harm to impacted resources (habitats and species). The funding will flow over 5 years and be coordinated with Florida's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Mr. Sharp has agreed to make his presentation at the March 26, 2014 Gulf Consortium Meeting

### Meeting with The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

Staff met with Ms. Janet Bowman and Darryl Boudreau, TNC on the status of the TNC efforts with the Watershed Meetings held in North Florida. This effort is primarily associated with the State of Florida's Plan for submission to the Federal Council for carrying out the Comprehensive Plan (Pot #2). But as was discussed during the meeting, the same concept could be used for the development of the State Expenditure Plan (Gulf Consortium)(Pot #3). The major difference is that the Council will only be funding environmental projects while the Gulf Consortium is authorized to fund both economic and environmental projects. TNC has focused its efforts on the six watersheds in North Florida:

- Perdido Bay
- Pensacola Bay
- Choctawhatchee Bay

- St. Andrews Bay
- Apalachicola Bay
- Appalachee Bay

Plans are underway to include the South Nature Coast.

### Staff Meeting with Mimi Drew, FDEP and Jennifer Fitzwater, FWCC

Gulf Consortium Staff met with Mimi Drew, FDEP and Jennifer Fitzwater, FWCC on March 19<sup>th</sup> for the Quarterly RESTORE Act Coordination Meeting. Summary of meeting:

- Still awaiting final Treasury Rules. No insight as to when they will be finalized.
- Council is continuing its work on rules & procedures. Outstanding issues are the methodology for calculating the Spill Impact Allocation (Pot #3) and the funds flow procedures.
- Ideas from Mimi and Jennifer on potential Evaluation Team members for the Invitation to Negotiation for the State Expenditure Plan.

### **Governor Scott Appoints Six to Gulf Consortium**

*Press release from the Department of Environmental Protection*

Tallahassee, Fla. - Today, Governor Rick Scott announced six appointments to the Gulf Consortium.

Pam Anderson, 64, of Panama City Beach, is the

operations manager of Capt. Anderson's Marina. She fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning February 25, 2014, and ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Peter Bos, 67, of Destin, is the president and chief executive officer of Legendary LLC. He fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning February 25, 2014, and ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Lino Maldonado, 41, of Niceville, is the vice president of Wyndham Vacation Rentals North America. He fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning February 25, 2014, and ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Collier Merrill, 53, of Pensacola, is the president and co-owner of the Merrill Land Company. He fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning February 25, 2014, and ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Mike Sole, 49, of Tallahassee, is the vice president of state governmental affairs for Florida Power and Light. He fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning February 25, 2014, and ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Neal Wade, 67, of Panama City, is the executive director of the Bay Economic Development Alliance. He fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning February 25, 2014, and ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

### **Governor Scott Joins Multi-State Lawsuit**

## Against BP and Other in Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Case

*Press release from the Department of  
Environmental Protection*

### **~Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission filing addresses injuries to the environment~**

**PENSACOLA** -Today, Governor Rick Scott joined the multi-state federal litigation currently pending in the Eastern District of Louisiana involving the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The suit against BP and others was filed today by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in Pensacola. The complaint names BP, Anadarko, and Transocean as defendants responsible for the environmental harm caused by the oil spill.

Governor Scott said, "Today's action is another step in our efforts to hold the parties related to the oil spill accountable for the environmental harm caused by the Deepwater Horizon tragedy. Our main priority is to help the families of Florida's Panhandle recover, and we will continue our work to ensure that this goal is reached."

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill occurred on April 20, 2010, and caused significant harm to Florida's natural resources and prevented citizens and visitors from enjoying those resources. The Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission represent the

## State on the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Council.

"I am proud of the work being done to restore Florida's Gulf Coast and provide additional recreational and environmental opportunities to offset the losses suffered as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill," said DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr. "We will now focus on holding the responsible parties accountable for the oil spill."

"Joining the lawsuit is an important step toward preserving and restoring Florida's greatest resource for the future," said Nick Wiley, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Executive Director. "We will make every effort possible to ensure Florida is fully restored."

The case Florida filed today is separate from the suit filed by the Attorney General's Office last year. The Attorney General's suit deals with economic losses Florida suffered as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Today's filing seeks to hold the named defendants accountable for injuries to the environment the state suffered as a result of the oil spill.

For more information on the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process and what Florida is doing to implement early restoration projects from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, visit:

[www.deepwaterhorizonflorida.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonflorida.com)

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