ESCAMBIA COUNTY PROJECTS - DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Perdido Key Dune Restoration Public Meeting

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT (NRDA) - PHASE III

Escambia County has received restoration funding through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment as a result of the impact sustained to the Perdido Key dune system during the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in 2010 and the subsequent cleanup operations.

The Perdido Key Dune Restoration project will restore six miles of dune habitat from the Florida-Alabama state line, east to the edge of Gulf Islands National Seashore property. The project will restore approximately 20 acres of degraded dune habitat on Perdido Key by planting and establishing salt-tolerant vegetation, which will enhance dune habitat for endangered species and enhance coastal resiliency.

Escambia County needs the participation of Perdido Key, Florida Gulf-front property owners to move this project forward. Escambia County is requesting an easement of Gulf-front parcels to 1) allow Escambia County to access the sandy beach and dunes on the southern portion of identified property and plant dune vegetation or 2) allow Escambia County to access the sandy beach and dunes on the southern portion of identified property but not allow planting of dune vegetation.

Escambia County is hosting a public information meeting regarding the Perdido Key Dune Restoration project to answer resident questions and provide early sign up for access easements. Please join Escambia County and Wetland Sciences to learn more about this project.

Perdido Key Dune Restoration Project Public Information Meeting

When: Thursday, July 28 5-6:30 p.m.

Where: Perdido Key Community Center 15500 Perdido Key Drive, Perdido Key, FL 32507

Questions: Tim Day, Escambia County Environmental Programs Manager. (850) 595-1144 or trday@myescambia.com

