



Improving Habitat Injured by Spill Response Restoring the Night Sky

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT (NRDA) – PHASE II

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Improving Habitat Injured by Spill Response: Restoring the Night Sky project will reduce disturbance to nesting habitat for loggerhead sea turtles in Alabama and Florida. The project involves multiple tasks: (1) Site-specific surveys of existing light sources for each targeted beach; (2) Coordination with site managers on development of plans to eliminate, retrofit, or replace existing light fixtures on the property or to otherwise decrease the amount of light reaching the loggerhead sea turtle nesting beach; (3) Retrofitting streetlights and parking lot lights; (4) Increased efforts by local governments to ensure compliance with local lighting ordinances; and (5) A public awareness campaign including educational materials and revision of the FWC Lighting Technical Manual to include Best Available Technology (Witherington and Martin, 2000).

Source:

<http://www.restoration.noaa.gov/dwh/storymap/>

PROJECT DETAILS

Total Funding Allocated: \$4,321,165
Estimate Benefitting Escambia County:
\$480,129.44

Status: Implementation

- Summer of 2016, Escambia County launched a campaign for sea turtle habitat. Lighting and leave-no-trace ordinances have been set up in Pensacola Beach and are in the works for Perdido Key.





FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR SEA TURTLES
PLEASE LEAVE ONLY YOUR FOOTPRINTS



Please return all personal items to your vacation property at the end of each day. Personal property left unattended after sunset will be removed and disposed of by beach cleaning crews.

LIGHTS OUT!

SEA TURTLES DIG THE DARK

- Turn out beachfront lights after dusk
- Close blinds, curtains in beachfront homes
- Do not disturb nesting females or hatchlings by using flashlights, flash photography or lanterns at night
- Fill in any holes in the sand at day's end



A Coastal Guide to Living with Sea Turtles



Escambia County
Sea Turtle Protection Program
(850) 595-1144

For the safety and protection of our sea turtles and other beach wildlife, please



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Escambia County Ordinance 2015-29



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