



Northwest Florida Oyster Clutch

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT (NRDA) - PHASE III

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project, which would take place in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, and Franklin counties will place cultch material for the settling of oyster larvae and oyster colonization in three Florida Bays. The bays include Pensacola and St. Andrews Bay which will include placing 12,000 cubic yards of material over 60 acres in each bay system. Apalachicola Bay will include placing 18,000 cubic yards of material over a 90 acre area.

Pensacola Bay: This component will enhance and improve the oyster populations in Pensacola Bay in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. The improvements include the placement of approximately 12,000 cubic yards of suitable cultch material over an approximately 60-acre area in the Pensacola Bay system of existing or previously constructed oyster bars for the settling of native oyster larvae and oyster colonization.

Planning Activities

- » Engineering and Design (In Progress) FDACS worked with local stakeholders and agency representatives to determine preliminary sites for cultch placement in Pensacola Bay.

- » Public Submittal of Bid Packages and Contract Award (Complete: 07/2015) The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) executed an agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) to implement the placement of cultch in Pensacola Bay.

Source:

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

PROJECT DETAILS

Total Funding Allocated: \$5,370,596

Status: Planning & Design



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