

Gulf of Mexico Marine Mammal Research and Monitoring Meeting:
Funding Opportunities in the Gulf

GULF ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT FUND



Topics

- Scope of the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF)
- How the GEBF considers marine mammals
- What you need to know about the process

GEBF 101

- \$2.554 billion from BP and Transocean to:
 - Conduct or fund **projects**
 - Remedy harm, or reduce or eliminate risk of future harm, to **Gulf coast natural resources**
 - Where there has been injury to, destruction of, loss of, or loss of use of resources **resulting from the Macondo oil spill**
 - **Consult** with State resource managers, USFWS, and NOAA
 - **Maximize environmental benefits**

	Payment (in millions of dollars)	Louisiana	Alabama	Florida	Mississippi	Texas
Apr. 2013	\$158.00	\$79.00	\$22.12	\$22.12	\$22.12	\$12.64
Feb. 2014	353.00	176.50	49.42	49.42	49.42	28.24
Feb. 2015	339.00	169.50	47.46	47.46	47.46	27.12
Feb. 2016	300.00	150.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	24.00
Feb. 2017	500.00	250.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	40.00
Feb. 2018	894.00	447.00	125.16	125.16	125.16	71.52
Totals	\$2,544.00	\$1,272.00	\$356.16	\$356.16	\$356.16	\$203.52

BP = \$2,394M
 Transocean = \$150M



GEBF and Marine Mammals

1. Restore and Conserve Coastal Habitat

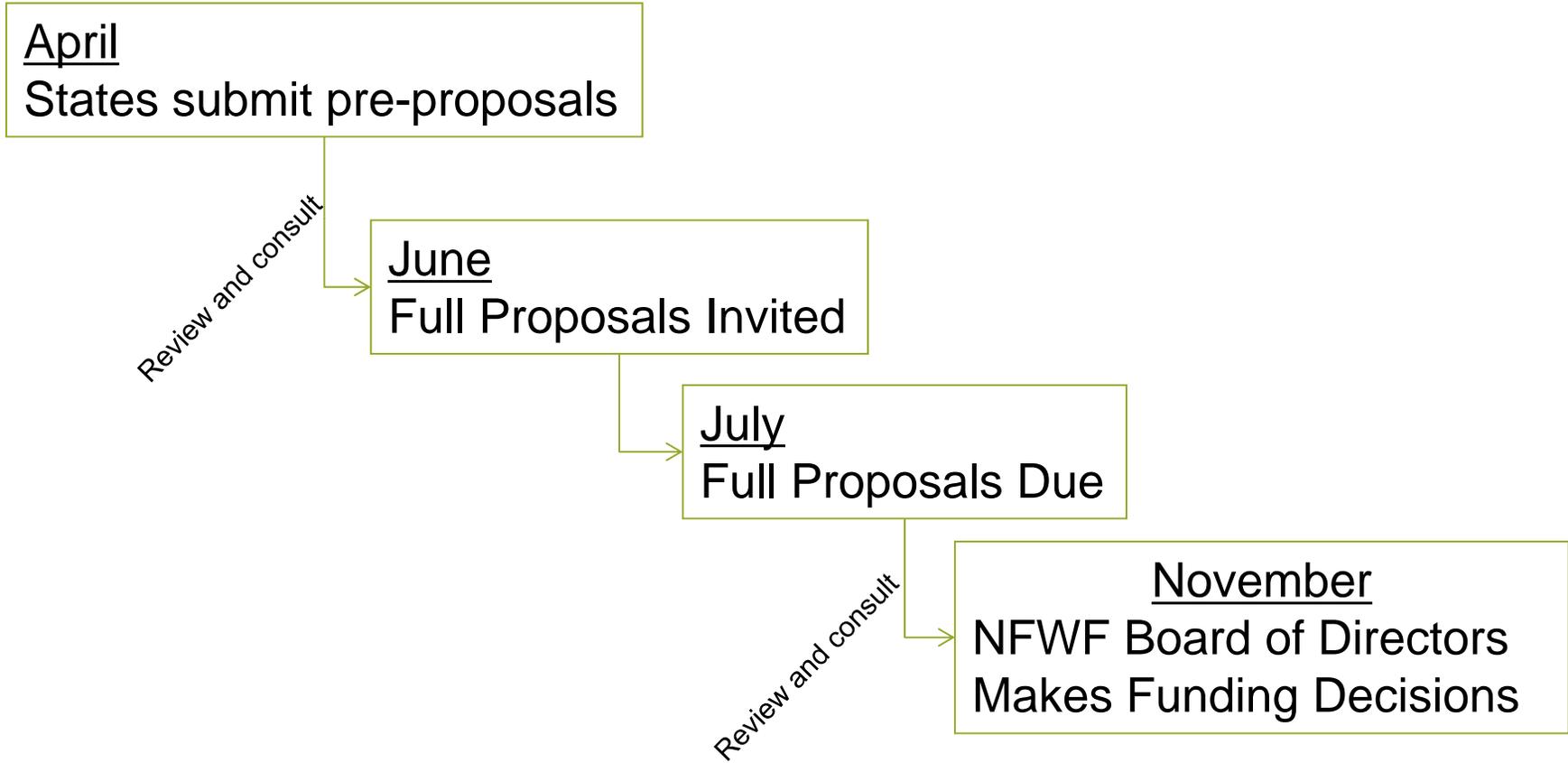
- Barrier islands & beach/dune habitat
- Coastal marsh
- Coastal bays & estuaries

2. Enhance Populations of Priority Living Coastal and Marine Resources

- Oysters
- Gulf Coast birds
- Red snapper & reef fish
- Sea turtles
- Marine mammals



Critical Process Points



Critical Process Issues

- In general, research and monitoring is not a plea compliant activity unless there is a specific benefit to a resource impacted by the spill.
 - Most likely linkage to marine mammals is improved management capability (e.g. stranding networks reporting data to standardized gulf-wide database)
- Regional activities are possible, but costs must be allocated to specific states.
- State submittal of a pre-proposal in April initiates consideration for funding (in some states, grantee then takes responsibility for full proposals).

