

# Oyster Spawning Reefs in Mississippi

## Mississippi Restoration Area

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Oyster Spawning Reefs in Mississippi project will result in creation and restoration of high-relief cultch placements within in the Mississippi Sound located in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties (see map). Oyster restoration will include a minimum of 100 acres and a maximum of 400+ acres of subtidal reefs.

Creation and restoration of the reefs will include siting reefs, design, and cultch deployment. These actions will help restore injuries to oyster habitats in Mississippi injured by the spill. The anticipated timeframe for Oyster restoration activities will be 10 years. Project objectives will be monitored in accordance with the Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan.

### Implementing Trustees and Project Partners

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will be the Implementing Trustee for the project. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources will be a project partner.

### Leveraging

This project will complement oyster restoration efforts that are part of the National Fish and Wildlife Federation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund project- Oyster Restoration and Management – Phase I.

### ALLOCATION:

\$10,000,000

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