

- State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Department of Natural Resources;
- State of Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality;
- State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Geological Survey of Alabama;
- State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and
- State of Texas: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas General Land Office, and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

On April 4, 2016, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana entered a Consent Decree resolving civil claims by the Trustees against BP arising from the DWH oil spill: *United States v. BPXP et al.*, Civ. No. 10–4536, centralized in MDL 2179, In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig “Deepwater Horizon” in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010 (E.D. La.) (<http://www.justice.gov/enrd/deepwater-horizon>). Pursuant to the Consent Decree, restoration projects in the Mississippi Restoration Area are chosen and managed by the MS TIG. The MS TIG is composed of the following Trustees: State of Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, DOI, NOAA, EPA, and USDA.

### Background

On October 30, 2020, the MS TIG posted a public notice at <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov> requesting new or revised natural resource restoration project ideas by November 30, 2020, for the Mississippi Restoration Area. The notice stated that the MS TIG was seeking project ideas for the following restoration types: (1) Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands; (2) Sea Turtles; (3) Marine Mammals; (4) Birds; and (5) Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities. On June 11, 2021, the MS TIG announced that it had initiated drafting of the RP3/EA and that it would include a reasonable range of restoration alternatives (projects) for the five restoration types.

The MS TIG released the Draft RP3/EA on December 7, 2021, and its notice of availability was published in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2021 (86 FR 69287). In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the OPA NRDA regulations, the MS TIG analyzed a reasonable range of alternatives that would meet the Trustees' goals to restore and conserve habitat, replenish and protect living

coastal and marine resources, and provide and enhance recreational opportunities, and identified the alternatives that the MS TIG preferred for implementation. The public review and comment period ran from the date of notice of publication in the **Federal Register** through January 26, 2022. To facilitate public review and comment, the MS TIG held a public webinar on January 11, 2022. Before finalizing the document, the MS TIG considered all public comments received during the webinar, through direct submittals to its online public comment portal, and by USPS. A summary of comments and the MS TIG's responses to those comments are provided in Chapter 6 of the Final RP3/EA.

### Overview of the MS TIG Final RP3/EA

The Final RP3/EA provides the MS TIG's analysis of a reasonable range of alternatives, consisting of twelve alternatives, and a no action alternative for each restoration type in the plan. The MS TIG's seven preferred alternatives were ultimately selected for implementation and are presented in the following table under the restoration type from which funds would be allocated in accordance with the DWH Consent Decree. The approximate cost for the seven selected projects is \$19,000,000.

*Restoration Type:* Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands  
Improve Native Habitats by Removing Marine Debris from Mississippi Barrier Islands

*Restoration Type:* Sea Turtles  
Maintaining Enhanced Sea Turtle Stranding Network Capacity and Diagnostic Capabilities (3 Years)

*Restoration Type:* Marine Mammals  
Maintaining Enhanced Marine Mammal Stranding Network Capacity and Diagnostic Capabilities  
Reduction of Marine Mammal Fishery Interactions through Trawl Technique and Component Material Improvements

*Restoration Type:* Birds  
Bird Stewardship and Enhanced Monitoring in Mississippi  
*Restoration Type:* Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities  
Clower Thornton Nature Park Trail Improvement  
Environmental Education and Stewardship at Walter Anderson Museum of Art

### Administrative Record

The documents comprising the Administrative Record for the Final RP3/EA can be viewed electronically at

<https://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon/adminrecord>.

### Authority

The authority for this action is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*), its implementing NRDA regulations found at 15 CFR part 990, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations found at 40 CFR 1500–1508.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

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DOI–2022–0008]

### Strengthening Public Trust in the Department of the Interior Law Enforcement Programs

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of listening sessions and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** In an effort to identify opportunities for improvement in law enforcement programs of the Department of the Interior (DOI) (National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Bureau of Reclamation) and to strengthen public trust in the Department's law enforcement practices and policies, the DOI is hosting twelve (12) listening sessions open to the public. DOI seeks to engage with diverse stakeholders who interact with, are impacted by, or have experience with DOI Law Enforcement Officers to strengthen public relations and inform DOI law enforcement programs. Transparency, building public trust and ensuring accountability are key tenets that support equitable law enforcement experiences across diverse geographic and demographic populations. The public can submit comments through this **Federal Register** Notice which will inform themes and recommendations for the Department.

**DATES:** The Department of the Interior will hold twelve (12) virtual listening sessions on the following dates:

- Monday, June 13, 2022, from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. EDT
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022, from 9:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m. EDT

- Tuesday, June 21, 2022, from 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. EDT
- Thursday, June 23, 2022, from 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. EDT
- Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. EDT
- Monday, June 27, 2022, from 8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. EDT
- Tuesday, June 28, 2022, from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. EDT
- Thursday, June 30, 2022, from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. EDT
- Wednesday, July 6, 2022, from 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. EDT
- Wednesday, July 13, 2022, from 10:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m. EDT
- Thursday, July 14, 2022, from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. EDT
- Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. EDT

Interested persons are also invited to submit comments in writing or online on or before August 2, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments online at <https://www.regulations.gov> by entering “DOI–2022–0008” in the search bar and clicking “Search” or by mail to U.S. Department of the Interior, LE Task Force, 1849 C Street NW, MS 3428, Washington, DC 20240. You may respond to some, or all of the questions listed in the “Supplementary Information—Questions” section of this document. All public comments received are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and will be posted in their entirety at <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal or business confidential information provided. Do not include any information you would not like to be made publicly available.

If you plan to attend one of the virtual listening sessions and need assistance in a language other than English or if you are a person with disabilities who needs a reasonable accommodation, please contact [doilawenforcement@kearnswest.com](mailto:doilawenforcement@kearnswest.com).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Branam, *DOI LE Taskforce External@ios.doi.gov*, (703–239–7126). Additionally, you can visit the DOI Law Enforcement Task Force website at: <https://www.doi.gov/oles/doi-law-enforcement-task-force>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On July 7, 2021, Secretary Deb Haaland announced the establishment of a new departmental law enforcement task force to implement the highest standards for protecting the public and provide necessary policy guidance, resources, and training to agency

personnel within the DOI. Led by Deputy Secretary of the Interior Tommy Beaudreau, the Task Force is responsible for implementing the Secretary’s vision of utilizing an equity lens and evidence-based decision making to review and identify opportunities for improvement in law enforcement programs of the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Bureau of Reclamation. The Task Force will focus on ways to (1) strengthen trust in our law enforcement programs; (2) ensure appropriate policy and oversight is implemented; and (3) ensure supportive resources are available for officer mental health, wellness, and safety.

A working group of subject matter experts, representatives of Bureaus with law enforcement programs, Bureau of Reclamation, and the DOI’s Office of Law Enforcement and Security identified both internal and external key stakeholders that will inform this process. External stakeholders will include members of the public, visitors, advocacy groups, cooperating state and local organizations, neighbors and community members, and members of Tribes. With the goal of providing recommendations to improve the law enforcement programs within the DOI, the working group seeks input from these key stakeholders on DOI law enforcement services and areas for possible improvement.

DOI is conducting twelve (12) virtual listening sessions and inviting public comments to obtain stakeholder input on public perception of DOI law enforcement and understand how the DOI can best develop and maintain public trust, transparency, and legitimacy with its stakeholders.

**Questions for Discussion**

*Polling Questions*

- *Location:* Where are you participating from?
- *Affiliation:* What organization, tribe/nation, or association are you affiliated with?

*Discussion Questions*

- What are your perceptions of DOI law enforcement? What experiences or interactions have you had with them?
- How can the Interior best develop and maintain public trust, transparency, and legitimacy in the communities DOI law enforcement works in or serves?
- Is your perception of DOI law enforcement positive or negative? Which practices does DOI law enforcement engage in that inform your feelings about them?

- What recommendations or suggestions would you like to see adopted by DOI law enforcement (*i.e.*, policies and practices, measures to increase diversity in officers to reflect the community, etc.)?

Comments received in response to this notice, from listening sessions and in writing, will be evaluated and, as appropriate, incorporated into DOI’s effort to improve public trust in law enforcement.

**Registration Information**

Advanced registration for individuals and groups is strongly encouraged. For additional information about the listening sessions and to register for a listening session, please visit the DOI Law Enforcement Task Force website at: <https://www.doi.gov/oles/doi-law-enforcement-task-force>. Details for the sessions will be posted to the website.

Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or Tele Braille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

This action is taken pursuant to delegated authority.

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Application Requirement for States To Apply for Orphaned Well Site Plugging, Remediation, and Restoration Grant Consideration**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of the Secretary, Office of Budget are proposing to renew an information collection.