

# RESTORE ACT UPDATE

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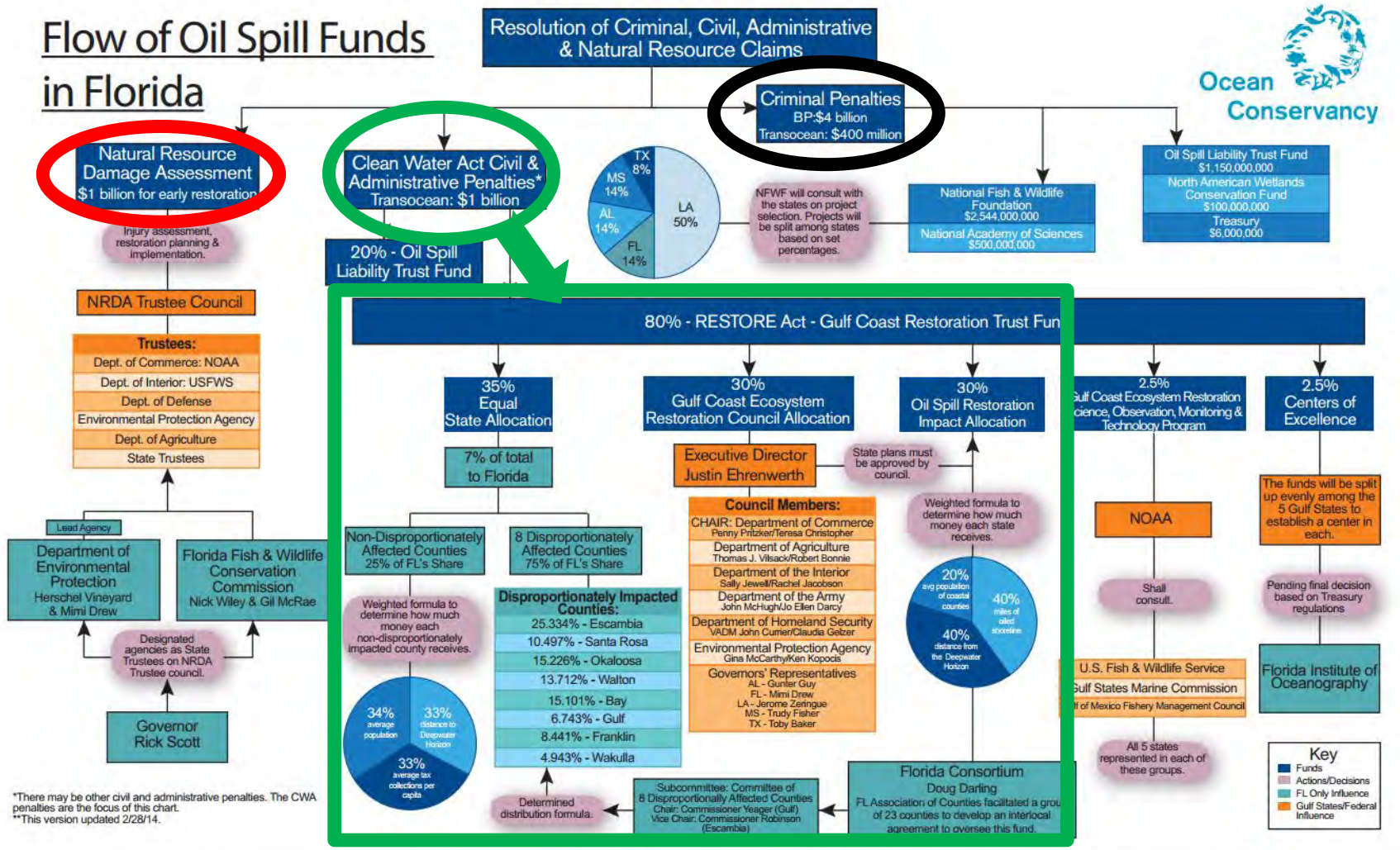
# TOPICS

- RESTORE Act Overview
- Status of Litigation
- Federal Council Composition
- Treasury Rules
- Status of Funding Pots 1, 2, 3



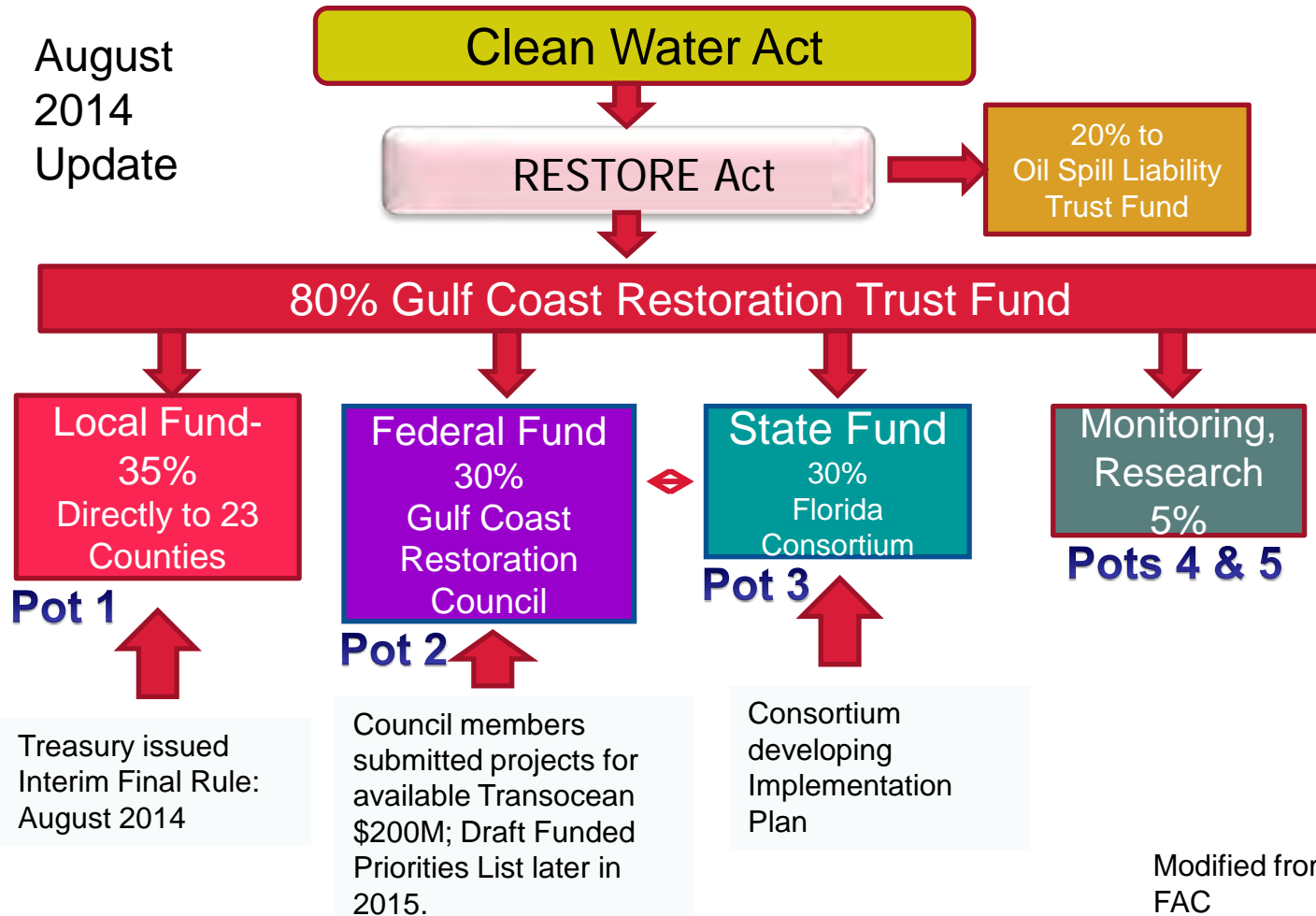
# Flow of Funds

## Flow of Oil Spill Funds in Florida



# FUNDING POTS

August  
2014  
Update



# STATUS OF LITIGATION

## TRIAL PHASES – NONJURY

### Phase 1. Feb 25 2013 – April 17, 2013

- Who is to blame?
- How to divide liabilities? (BP 67%, Transocean 30%, Haliburton 3%)

### Phase 2. Sept 30, 2013 – Oct 2013

- How much was spilled?
  - 3.19 million barrels (ruled Jan 2015)
  - Max fine: 3.19M x \$4,300/barrel = \$13.7 billion
  - Ruled Gross Negligence (thus \$4,300/barrel)



### Phase 3. Jan 20, 2015 – Feb 5, 2015

- How much does BP owe?



# FEDERAL COUNCIL

- **RESTORE Act established Federal Council as independent entity**
- **Responsible for 60% of funds (Pots 2 & 3)**
- **Released Initial Comprehensive Plan (Aug 2013)**
  - Provides framework for restoration efforts
  - Establishes Council's goals & process to fund projects & programs
  - Projects/programs based on best available science



# FEDERAL COUNCIL COMPOSITION

- 5 Governors or their Appointees
- 6 Federal agency heads
  - Chair, Department of Commerce
  - Department of Agriculture
  - Department of the Army
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - Department of Homeland Security
  - Department of the Interior



# FEDERAL COUNCIL - GOALS

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- A photograph of a pink roseate spoonbill in flight, with its wings spread wide, flying over a green, marshy landscape. The bird is the central focus, with its long neck and distinctive spoon-shaped bill visible. The background is a soft-focus view of a wetland with green vegetation and a body of water in the distance.
1. Restore and Conserve Habitat
  2. Restore Water Quality
  3. Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources
  4. Enhance Community Resilience
  5. Restore and Revitalize the Gulf Economy



# DIRECT COMPONENT (POT 1)

- **Multiyear Implementation Plans (MYIPs)**
  - Interim final Treasury Rules Effective Oct 14, 2014
  - Can be phased, incremental, and revised
  - Assistance from County “Working Group”
- **Grant funds can be sub-awarded by counties**
  - Sub-recipients will have same grant restrictions as grant awardees



# DIRECT COMPONENT COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

- **Project selection & ranking process**
  - County-Working Group collaborative effort (Jan-May 2014)
  - Approved by BCC May 2014
- **County website established for project ideas & project proposals** ([www.pinellascounty.org/restore/](http://www.pinellascounty.org/restore/))
  - Project idea portal opened July 2014
  - Project proposal portal opened Nov 6, 2014 – Feb 6, 2015
- **17 projects submitted to County for MYIP**
  - 12 from cities, 2 from County, 2 from USF College of Marine Science and 1 from Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP)



# DIRECT COMPONENT UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Spring 2015
  - Working Group & County staff to select & rank projects
  - County staff to draft MYIP
- Summer 2015
  - 45-day public review of MYIP
  - BCC approval of MYIP (summer 2015)
- Fall 2015 – Treasury Approvals
  - MYIP
  - Project-specific grant applications



# FEDERAL PLAN (POT 2)

## GULF COAST RESTORATION COUNCIL

- Phase 1 project submittals accepted Aug 8 – Nov 17, 2014
- Each of 11 Council members could submit up to 5 projects
- \$150-\$180 M available Gulf-wide

### Florida's Federal Council Plan Submittal

- Florida picked 5 projects from >1200 submissions to FDEP's online project portal
- 14 Pinellas County projects eligible
  - No Pinellas projects picked for Federal Plan



# FEDERAL PLAN (POT 2)

## GULF COAST RESTORATION COUNCIL

### EPA's Federal Council Plan Submittal

- One submittal included ~\$2M for each of 7 Gulf National Estuary Programs including TBEP
- TBEP received 25 projects (\$11.3M) from the 7 Policy Board member governments
- Pinellas submittal
  - Ft. De Soto Park Ecological Enhancement Recirculation Phase II
    - County requested \$250,000 of \$1.5 M project





# STATE FUND

## SPILL IMPACT COMPONENT (POT 3)

- State Expenditure Plan (SEP)
- 23-member Gulf Consortium submits SEP to Federal Council
- 2-year planning effort by consultant to be completed by Jan 2017



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# QUESTIONS