



Hurricane Response Marine Debris Removal

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OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Hurricane Response Marine Debris Removal projects for the 2020-2021 Season. Five new debris removal grants totaling \$1,594,500 were awarded. The five awards announced generated \$784,600 in matching contributions from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of more than \$2,379,100.

Severe storms can cause significant debris in the way of capsized vessels, moved and lost fishing gear, large terrestrial debris like logs and structures washed out to sea, and torn up coastal infrastructure like docks or piers. This debris can cause both immediate and prolonged harm to already impacted coastal communities in navigation safety, coastal and marine industry and tourism, and potentially human safety and health. Marine debris can also have immediate and prolong impact on wildlife through entanglement and ingestion and habitats from scouring and smothering.

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Damage from Hurricane Ida in Grand Isle, Louisiana

Removing and Recycling Large-Scale Marine Debris Caused By Hurricane Sally in Orange Beach, AL

Grantee: City of Orange Beach, Alabama

Grant Amount:\$368,000

Matching Funds:\$657,200

Total Project Amount:\$1,025,200

Remove 900,000 pounds of large-scale marine debris from the coastal habitats of Orange Beach, Alabama. Project will assess and monitor marine debris that resulted from Hurricane Sally, remove and recycle the debris, restore habitat, and provide outreach focused on prevention and resilience.

Removing Derelict Vessels and Marine Debris to Restore Marine Habitats in Mobile, AL

Grantee: City of Mobile

Grant Amount:\$463,400

Matching Funds:\$105,700

Total Project Amount:\$569,100

Restore Mobile's waterways by removing marine debris related to Hurricane Sally. Project will remove derelict vessels and dislocated docks and piers and work with local partners on public outreach on securing boats during storms and current laws to decrease vessel loss in future storms.

Removal of Marine Debris from Hurricane Ida within the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary (LA)

Grantee: Lafourche Parish Government

Grant Amount:\$570,000

Matching Funds: N/A

Total Project Amount:\$570,000

Remove vegetative and man-made marine debris from Bayou Boeuf, Dixie Canal, and Halpin Canal related to Hurricane Ida. Project will restore waterways to pre-Ida conditions and reestablish the critical functions including drainage, navigation, recreation and support of surrounding wetland habitats.

Removing Vessels and Debris from the Tchefuncte River in Madisonville, LA

Grantee: Coastal Environments

Grant Amount:\$150,200

Matching Funds:\$21,700

Total Project Amount:\$171,900

Remove three abandoned vessels from the Tchefuncte River deposited by Hurricane Ida. Project will reduce navigation hazards and threat of pollutants to local wildlife.

Removal of Derelict Crab Traps in Coastal Mississippi Shorelines Impacted by Hurricane Ida

Grantee: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Grant Amount:\$42,900

Matching Funds: N/A

Total Project Amount:\$42,900

Identify and remove derelict crab traps from Mississippi's marine and estuarine waters and adjacent marshes. Project will increase removal program capacity through an established inventory of derelict gear including subsurface mapping and engage fishermen and the broader community in removal.