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GULF COAST RECOVERY & RESTORATION: **10-YEAR REVIEW**

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BP Oil Disaster:
Restoration & Recovery

Gulf Restoration Funding Processes

Oil from the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill approaches
the coast of Mobile, Alabama, May 6, 2010

Status of Gulf Restoration Funding Processes

ON APRIL 20, 2010, THE BP OIL SPILL DEVASTATED THE GULF REGION.

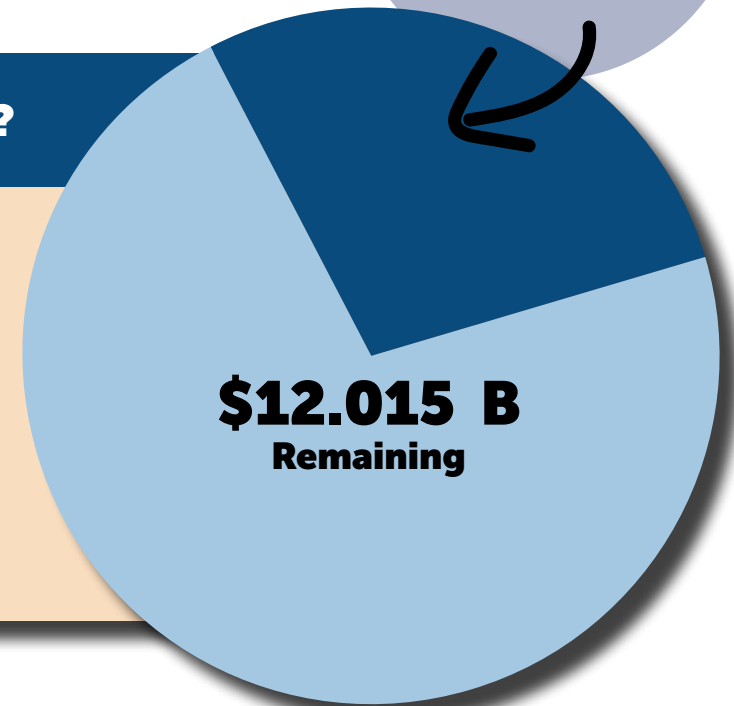
Under criminal plea agreements and a 2016 civil settlement among BP, the U.S. government, and the five Gulf states, around **\$16.67 billion** was slated to go to the region to restore it. This money flows through **three main processes: the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), the RESTORE Act, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF).**

\$4.658 B
Spent or
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for Projects,
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and Planning

HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT ON RESTORATION SO FAR?

As of March 1, 2020, around \$4.658 billion of this money already has been spent on, or designated for, specific restoration projects, programs, and planning.

That means approximately \$12.015 billion remains to be spent.



The following pages provide more information on how the funds are being divided, and how much is left to be spent and where. To learn more about the main restoration processes, visit our website at www.eliocean.org/gulf. For information about major public participation opportunities for the three main restoration processes, please visit www.eli-ocean.org/gulf/the-bulletin-board

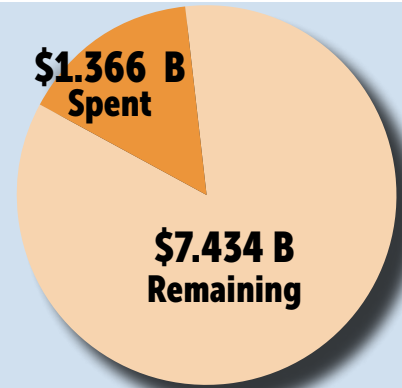
\$16.67 Billion

Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

\$8.8 Billion

A natural resource damage assessment is a process focused on restoring natural resources injured by an oil spill. Money can be used for natural resource projects and "loss of use" projects (e.g., to compensate for recreational opportunities that were lost because of the spill).

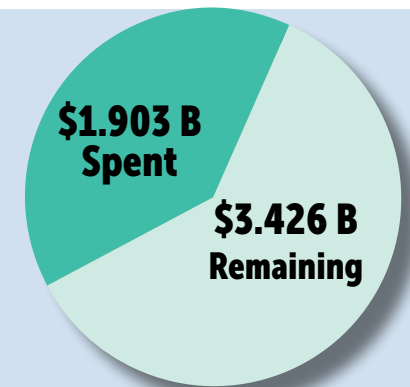
*The \$8.8 B total includes up to \$700 M that may be used for presently unknown injuries and adaptive management.



The RESTORE Act

\$5.33 Billion

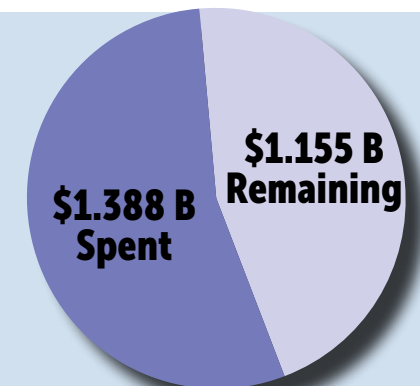
The RESTORE Act is a law that sends settlement money to the Gulf for restoration and recovery. Money can be used for environmental and economic restoration projects, as well as research activities.



National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

\$2.54 Billion

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is a nonprofit organization that is tasked with distributing some of the settlement monies. Money can be used for barrier islands and river diversions (LA) and natural resource projects.

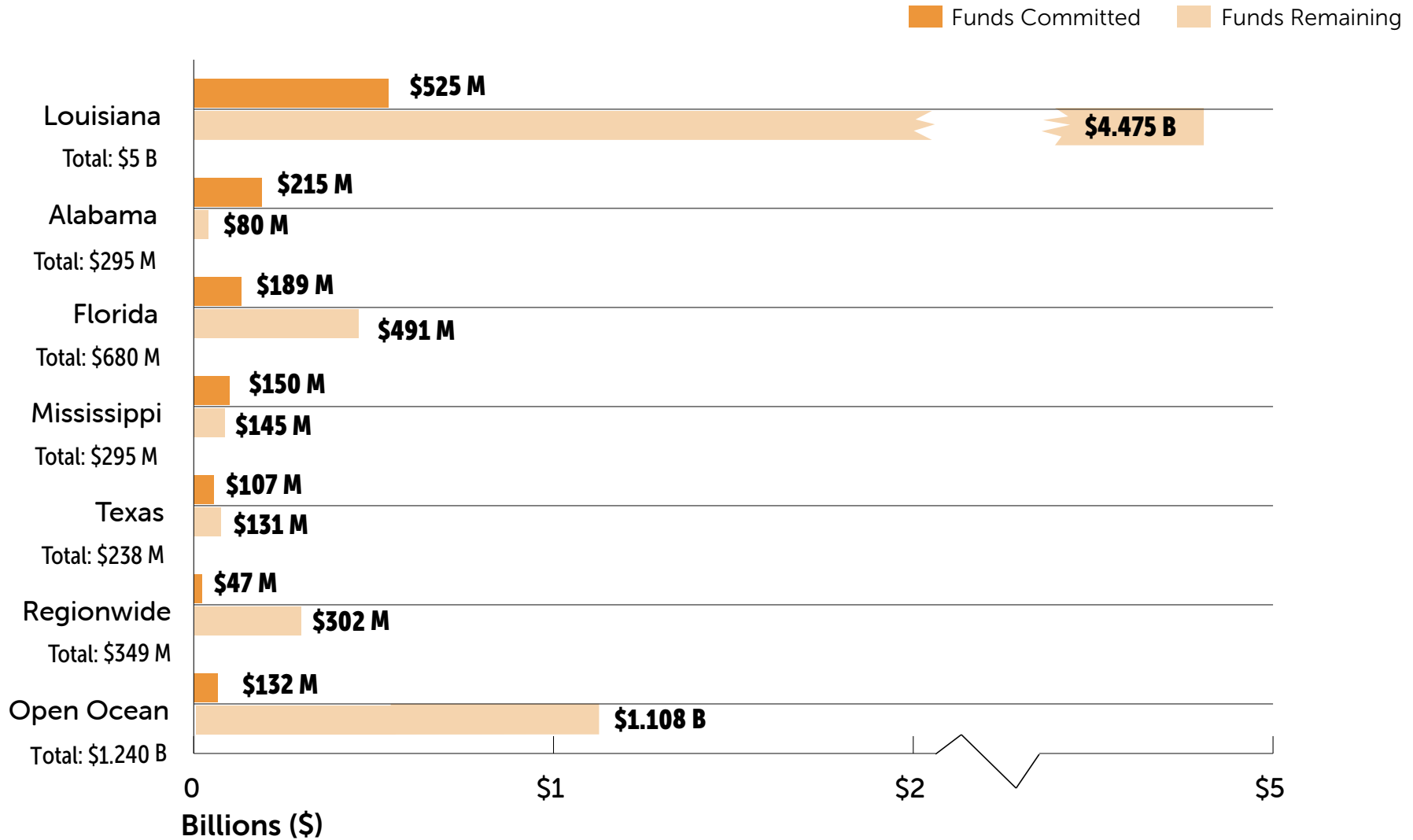


Here we use the term "spent" for money that already has been spent on or designated for projects, programs, and planning.



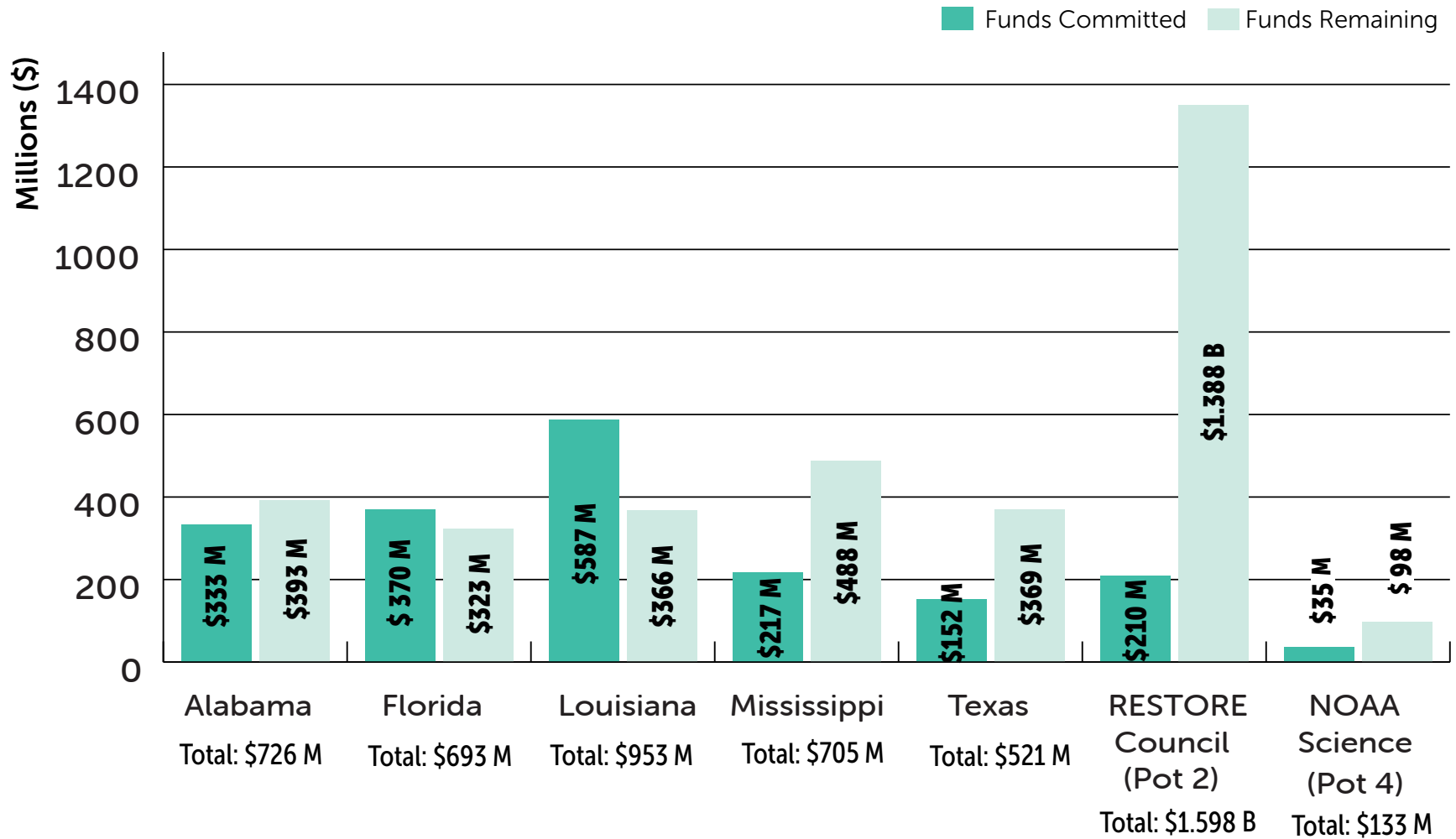
HOW MUCH MONEY IS GOING WHERE?

NRDA FUNDS COMMITTED BY RESTORATION AREA



Up to \$8.8 billion will be divided among eight different “restoration areas”: the five Gulf states, Open Ocean, Regionwide, and Unknown Injuries and Adaptive Management (AM). This chart shows how much money each restoration area is receiving and how much has been committed as of March 1, 2020.

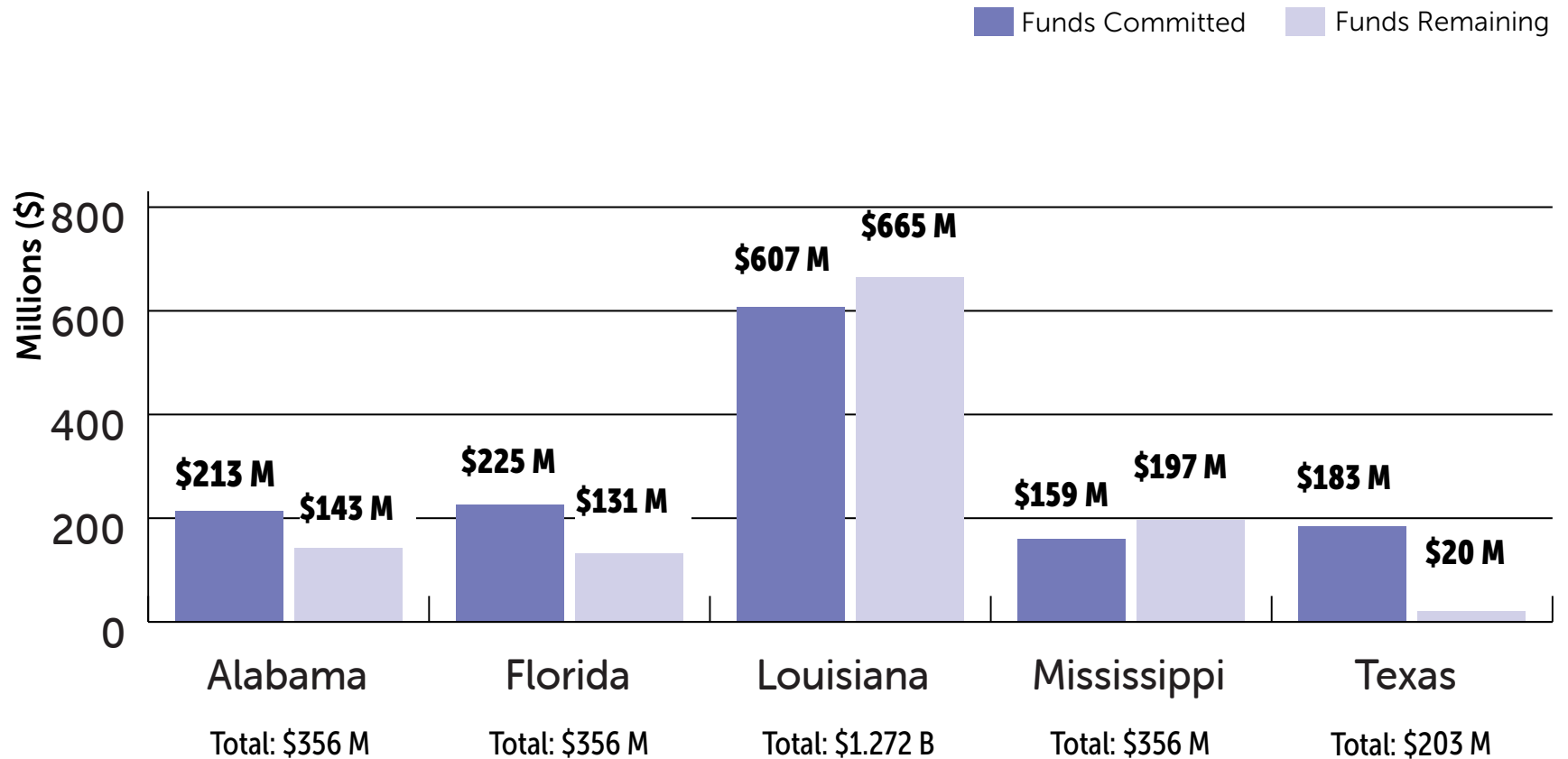
RESTORE FUNDS SPENT BY STATES AND COUNCIL



*States include pots 1, 3, 5 combined

The \$5.33 billion will be divided among the Gulf states (in some states, local governments receive some of this money directly), the RESTORE Council, and the NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program. The money will flow through five different “pots.” Each pot has different rules for how, where, and by whom the funds are to be used. This chart shows how much has been spent as of March 1, 2020.

NFWF FUNDS SPENT BY STATES



The \$2.54 billion is being divided among the five Gulf states. This chart shows how much money each state will be receiving and how much has been spent as of March 1, 2020.