



## **Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program**

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### **Overview**

- Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program (PPBEP) began significant work in 2020
- Designed according to the EPA's National Estuary Program, similar to Mobile Bay NEP
- Recipient of funding from the EPA, the State of Florida, and local governments

### **Science & Technical**

- Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) is under development with significant data collection completed to inform goals, objectives, actions, and targets
- EPA's National Coastal Condition Assessment and the National Wetlands Condition Assessment will be implemented this quarter including intensification in Perdido Bay
- Other efforts include oyster habitat mapping using aerial imagery, side-scan sonar, and oyster sampling; and a living shoreline suitability model

### **Education & Outreach**

- A Florida Legislative Appropriations funded a \$200,000 Community Grant Program with 10 funded projects underway and scheduled to be completed by June 1st
- The program completed a community values survey with the UWF Haas Center. 754 participants completed the survey including 60 from Alabama
- Trash Free Waters project to identify and mitigate trash inputs into three creeks begins in May-June with expansion throughout the watershed contingent on funding

### **Business Partnership**

- PPBEP is searching for local business leaders to help ensure relevant economic impact
- Dan Dealy is collecting names of potential participants from Baldwin County