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# Overview of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

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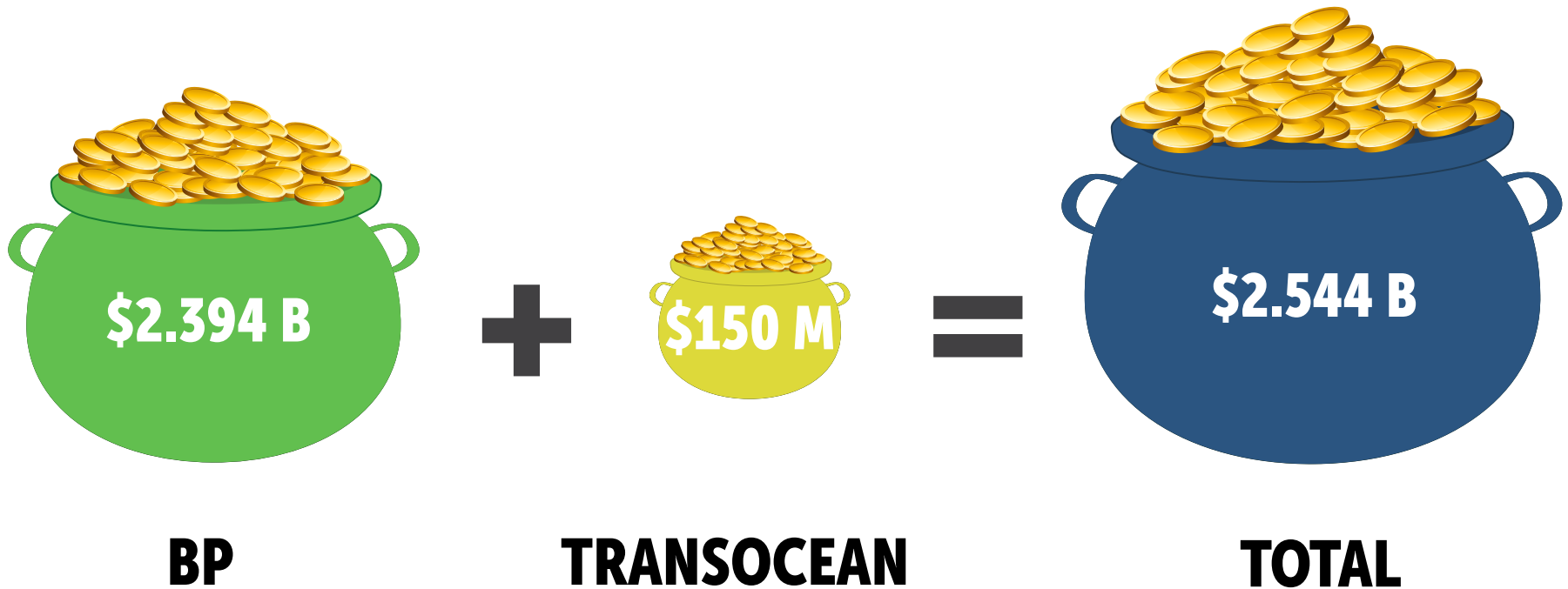
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The **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)** is a nonprofit organization created by Congress in 1984 “to protect and restore fish and wildlife and their habitats.” The organization funds a wide variety of conservation projects across the country, leveraging public funds with private investment dollars.

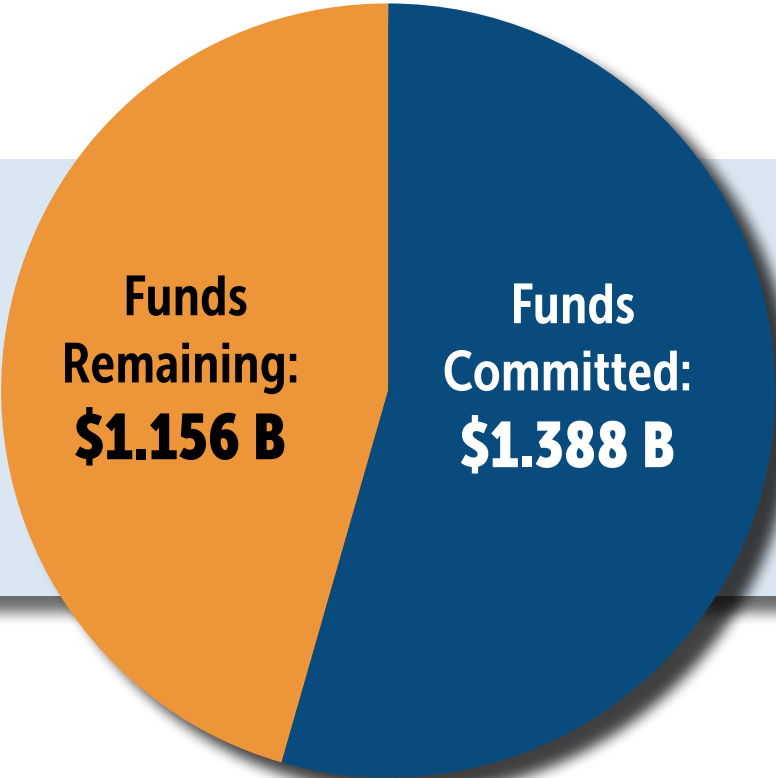
NFWF is governed by a Board of Directors, which consists of 30 members who are approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The Board includes the leaders of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

# HOW MUCH MONEY IS INVOLVED?

As part of the criminal settlements the federal government reached with BP and Transocean, the **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation** is receiving a total of \$2.544 billion for projects that benefit natural resources harmed by the oil spill.



# HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT SO FAR?

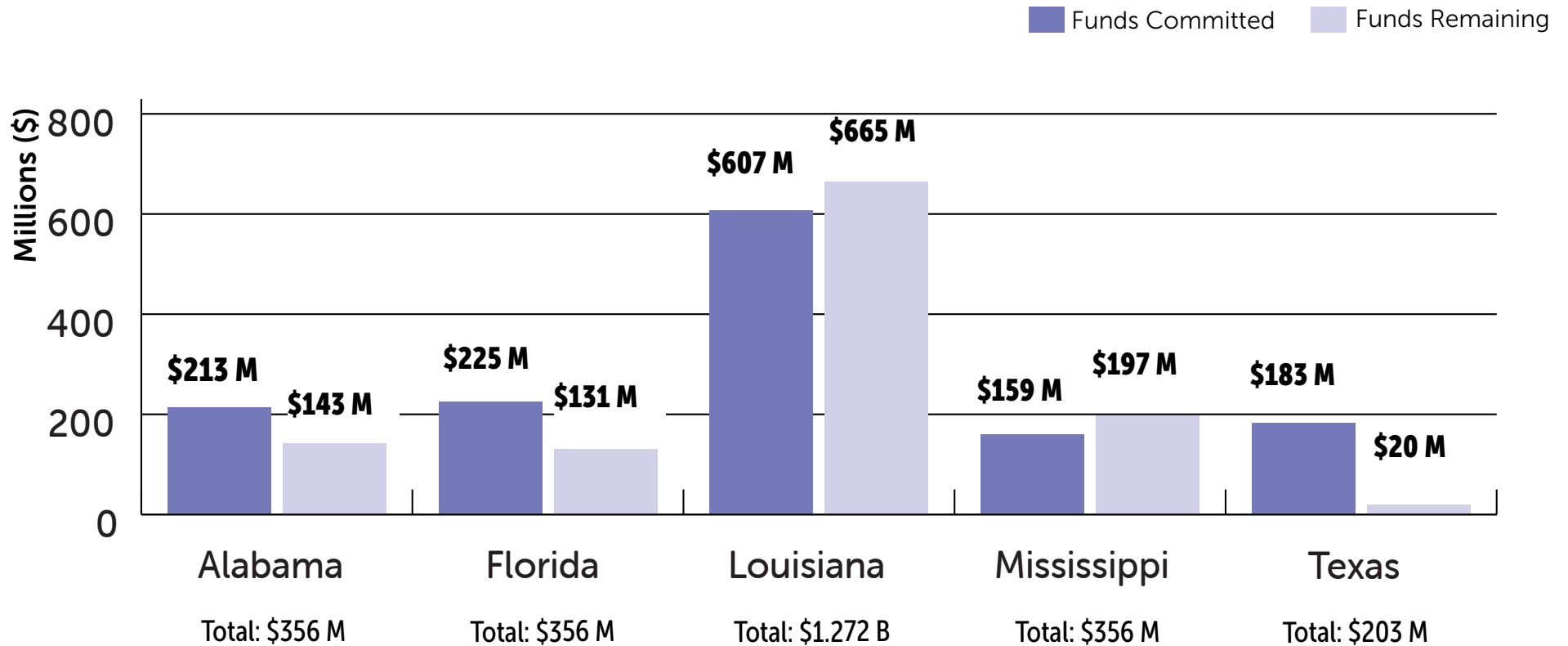


Out of the \$2.544 billion received, NFWF has spent \$1.388 billion on restoration projects in the Gulf as of March 1, 2020. This means there is approximately \$1.156 billion remaining.



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# NFWF FUNDS SPENT BY STATES



The \$2.544 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.



# HOW ARE PROJECTS BEING CHOSEN?

As of March 1, 2020, NFWF has funded 164 projects in the five Gulf states.



While NFWF decides which projects to fund, it must follow the terms set out in the criminal settlements.

These require NFWF to, among other things, consult with state and federal resource managers "to identify projects and to maximize the environmental benefits of such projects."

The public may suggest project ideas through state resource managers.

