

***Cosco Busan* Restoration Funds**
for Recreational Use Projects on National Park Service Lands

Approximately \$9.75 million in settlement funds are available for recreational projects on National Park Service (NPS) lands in Marin and San Francisco Counties that were impacted by the *Cosco Busan* oil spill. Projects to be funded by these settlement funds are intended to compensate the public for the loss of use and enjoyment of beaches, shorelines and other public or natural resources located within NPS park units. NPS park units that were affected by the spill include Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Point Reyes National Seashore and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. Projects are expected to focus on shoreline recreation, fishing, boating and other water-based recreation.

The *Cosco Busan* Trustee Council, comprised of representatives of the Department of the Interior (DOI), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and the California State Lands Commission (CSLC), oversees and manages the use of monies recovered for impacts to the public's natural resources, including final selection of projects and oversight of project implementation.

Geographic Distribution of NPS Recreational Use Settlement Funds

<u>Locale</u>	<u>Approximate Amount</u>
NPS lands in Marin	\$2.5 Million
NPS lands in San Francisco	\$7.25 Million

Evaluation Criteria

Potential projects will be evaluated based upon how well they meet the following criteria:

- benefit recreational resources similar to those affected by the *Cosco Busan* spill
- comply with applicable laws
- are cost effective
- provide a broad range of recreation benefits
- begin benefiting the public in the short-term
- provide benefits to the public over the long-term
- have adequate provisions for maintenance and oversight
- avoid collateral injury from project implementation
- have a high likelihood of success
- contribute to a comprehensive suite of funded projects
- have a complete and accurate estimate of project costs
- are beneficial to public health and safety
- provide opportunities for collaboration
- prevent any future injury that may be associated with the *Cosco Busan* spill
- avoid duplication of other efforts already ongoing at the same location

Projects that are not technically feasible, or are otherwise not expected to provide tangible benefits to recreational fishing, recreational boating, other water-based recreation, and/or shoreline recreation will not be considered.

The NPS will be developing a list of potential recreational use projects over the coming year and will be seeking input from the public on what projects, or types of projects, the public would like to see the NPS implement with *Cosco Busan* settlement funds.

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