

# TCEQ Commissioner Toby Baker Announces Four RESTORE Act Listening Sessions

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Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2015 - Giving the public the opportunity to comment on Gulf Coast restoration projects funded from penalties imposed in the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill

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TCEQ Commissioner Toby Baker, the Texas designee to the federal RESTORE Council, is hosting four listening sessions along the coast this month, to give the public an opportunity to comment on the implementation of the federal RESTORE Act and the distribution of RESTORE funds stemming from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

## **Monday, September 14**

### **Galveston**

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

A&M Galveston

Classroom Laboratory Building (CLB)

Building 3007, Room 100 (Auditorium)

200 Seawolf Parkway

Galveston, TX 77553

## **Tuesday, September 15**

### **Beaumont**

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Lamar University

University Theater Building

Beaumont, TX 77705

**Monday, September 28**

**Brownsville**

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

UT Brownsville

El Gran Salon

One West University Blvd

Brownsville, TX 78520

**Tuesday, September 29**

**Corpus Christi**

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

A&M Corpus Christi

University Center, Anchor Ballroom A&B

6300 Ocean Drive

Corpus Christi, TX 78412

These listening sessions represent a significant and exciting next step in our implementation of the RESTORE Act in Texas," said Commissioner Baker. "We have worked hard to develop a priorities document that fulfills the purpose and spirit of the Act, and we now welcome the public's input. With your help, we will make sure that this unique opportunity to restore the economic and environmental health of the Texas coast does not go to waste."

The public is invited to comment on the priorities document posted on the

[RestoreTheTexasCoast.org website](http://RestoreTheTexasCoast.org) . The website also has a link to the framework document

that has been developed to facilitate the discussion of the implementation of the RESTORE Act in Texas.

In addition to receiving comments at the listening sessions, written comments will be accepted until Oct. 9 on the website.

Input from the public will be used to develop scoring criteria for the RESTORE project selection process. That scoring criteria will be posted on the website when a call for RESTORE-funded projects is announced, as well as included in the Request for Grant Applications (RFGA).

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