

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Subject: Notice of 45-Day Public Comment Period for the Choctawhatchee Bay and Watershed Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan

This is notice that Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Coalition has drafted a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan and Executive Summary to be submitted to the US Treasury in accordance with the RESTORE Act. The Plan and Executive Summary will be made available to the public on March 7, 2024 for a period of 45 days.

The Plan and Executive Summary are available at <a href="https://choctawbay.org">https://choctawbay.org</a> or to view in person, please contact Melinda Gates, Interim Executive Director, at (850)892-8108 or Sabina Pennington, Public Education and Outreach Specialist, at (850)609-5383. To submit comments: email <a href="mailto:info@choctawbay.org">info@choctawbay.org</a> or by mail to 1250 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

The Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan establishes a strategic vision for enhanced public awareness and environmental education, improved environmental monitoring, continued resource protection for resilience and sustainability and targeted restoration when and where needed.

This project was paid for with federal funding from the Department of Treasury under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act).

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