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From the Executive Director . . .

As the thunder booms outside my office window and a cool breeze blows through the curtains, it is hard to believe that just a few weeks ago the heat index was almost 120 degrees. We are the land of nearly endless summer, but it seems this sultry season is almost over on the Gulf Coast.

This summer has been amazing at the Weeks Bay Foundation. We hired two excellent interns who dedicated two months of blood, sweat, and only a few tears to our restoration and stewardship efforts. With their assistance, we completed several projects on our Rio Vista and Rangeline tracts. As we head into fall, we will continue to have updates, and volunteer opportunities, on these properties!

Fortunately, we didn't spend our entire summer beating through the brambles! In early August, we had another excellent Pelican Paddle. With nearly 200 participants, numerous community sponsors, beautiful weather, and even some playful dolphins, the 2018 Paddle was unforgettable.

Now that the whirl of our air conditioners is starting to die down and we can look at our sweatshirts without suffering from heat stroke, we turn our attention to the autumn activities. We hope you will join us for the fall Native Plant Sale, Kids Fishing Day, Alabama Coastal Cleanup, Alabama Coastal BirdFest, and many other family-friendly events.

Thank you for being part of the Weeks Bay Foundation family!



2017 Alabama Coastal Cleanup

Reserve and Foundation to begin marine debris removal project

by Yael Girard, Executive Director

If you boat or fish on Weeks Bay, you have probably seen one or more abandoned boats. There is a sailboat on the eastern edge of the bay, a small cruiser just offshore, and several small boats in Turkey Branch.

Derelict vessels are an eyesore, but they can also be navigational hazards, dangerous to wildlife and humans, and a source of pollutants and debris for years to come. As the boats weather, pieces of plastic and fiberglass break off, turning into micro-trash that is often eaten by fish or birds. Fluids from the engine and chemical toilets start to leach into the water and sand, contaminating that area.

The Weeks Bay Foundation and the Weeks Bay Reserve are teaming up to address this issue. With funding from the NOAA Marine Debris Removal Program's Community-based Marine Debris Removal Grant and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the grant partners will remove five derelict vessels and at least five pieces of other large marine debris from the bay and its tributaries.

There will also be an education component to ensure that all boat owners in

the area are aware of their responsibility to keep their boats secure. "Our goal is to increase awareness of the damage that abandoned vessels cause to the natural environment," **Angela Underwood**, Education Coordinator for the Reserve said. The "Derelict is Dangerous" campaign will use brochures, signage, and workshops to inform the community about how to properly moor their boats and what to do if they see an abandoned boat.

The grant team will work with a local contractor to safely remove the vessels, making sure to not cause undue disturbance to the shoreline or water bottoms. "Abandoned boats pose a real risk to commercial and recreational boaters," **Eric Brunden**, Stewardship Coordinator for the Reserve said. "We want to leave the bay better than it was by removing the derelict vessels, and then restoring the areas that have been damaged by them, by planting marsh grass."

The Foundation and Reserve will kick off the project with a marine debris/derelict vessel workshop in September and the removal and restoration work will continue through the middle of 2019.

If you would like to contribute to this project as an individual or corporate sponsor, please contact **Diana Brewer** at (251) 990-5004 or diana@weeksbay.org.

Get to know our native plants: Narrowleaf Sunflower

by Fred Nation

About a half-dozen sunflower species are native to Weeks Bay Reserve. One of the prettiest and most frequent is Narrowleaf Sunflower, *Helianthus angustifolius*. Natural displays of these golden-yellow wildflowers are spectacular in late summer and fall on roadsides and in fields throughout Baldwin County. A nice population can also be seen along the boardwalk at the Weeks Bay Reserve's pitcher plant bog!



Narrowleaf Sunflowers are perennial, upright, to five feet tall. The flowers are three to four inches across overall. The leaves are about half an inch wide and up to eight inches long, with an unexpected sandpaper feel to the touch. Plants and seeds are available from garden centers and nurseries, and named varieties offer choices of flower size, color, and height. Native sunflowers are not particular about where they are planted, but they should be watered deeply during droughts, and they do need good sunlight to produce abundant flowers.



When we cut or pick sunflowers, we may be surprised to learn that we are not holding single flowers, but heads, consisting of many small flowers of two types. Around the outside of the heads are 10 to 20 bright yellow, sterile ray flowers, about an inch long, that resemble petals. In the center are several dozen very small, red-dish-brown disc flowers that are fertile and will produce the seeds.

It is nice to know we can bring nature home by planting some of our most spectacular and beloved wildflowers, to brighten our days, and to feed the bees and butterflies in our landscapes.



Works begins on Foundation's two new nature preserves

by Yael Girard, Executive Director

We have hit the ground running on our two new recreation projects! With generous funding from the EPA Gulf of Mexico Program, The Daniel Foundation, and Baldwin County Sewer Service, these two preserves are slated to open to the public in 2020.

RIO VISTA

Before the Foundation acquired Rio Vista (25 acres on Fish River), it had been timbered, so there are many downed trees and piles of debris scattered throughout the property. This makes for hazardous walking and presents challenges during planting and trail construction. We are currently collecting this material and mulching it. This will not only eliminate the large piles, but also provide mulch for keeping the cleared ground from eroding until native trees are planted this winter.

As we restore and replant these properties, we also need to keep them safe from man-made threats. The Foundation's summer interns added a large section of fencing along a sensitive wetland area that was being made into a mud hole by unauthorized ATV riders.



RANGELINE

Full of stunted trees and overgrown understory shrubs, the Rangeline Road property (70 acres in Mobile County) sits on the other end of the land restoration spectrum from Rio Vista. Starting this fall, the Foundation will work with local contractors to thin the vegetation and manage the invasive plants through a combination of forestry mowing, invasive plant treatment, and controlled burning.

The Foundation's interns worked with Marshall A. McLeod surveying this summer to mark out the boundaries of the property for the upcoming work. Mr. McLeod donated several days of his time and equipment to teach the team how to accurately clear the property lines.

Stay tuned as the Foundation continues to bring these nature preserves and outdoor recreation spaces to life! There will be volunteer opportunities this fall, and throughout the restoration process.

As work progresses, additional funding will be needed to bring these properties to their full potential and create the greatest benefit to the communities they serve. If you, or your company, would like to become a sponsor of either of these projects, please contact **Diana Brewer** at (251) 990-5004 or diana@weeksbay.org.



Monitoring the vegetation in salt marshes

by Shannon Walker, Weeks Bay Reserve Research Intern

Salt marshes are one of the major plant communities within Weeks Bay and are found in low-lying areas on the edges of bays that frequently flood with salt water. These areas are important to maintaining the health and productivity of the waterway by providing food for young fish and helping to reduce flooding, among many other things.



Over the past several months, Weeks Bay Reserve staff have been conducting a vegetation survey of a section of salt marsh located at the mouth of Fish River. Directed by Stewardship Coordinator **Eric Brund-**en, and with the assistance of others, including the summer interns at the Weeks Bay Foundation, the group is collecting information about the marsh vegetation. The team will repeat the survey annually, which will provide the Reserve with valuable insight into the plant species in the marsh and how the plant community may be changing over time in this vital habitat.

What's the true water quality in the Fish River watershed?

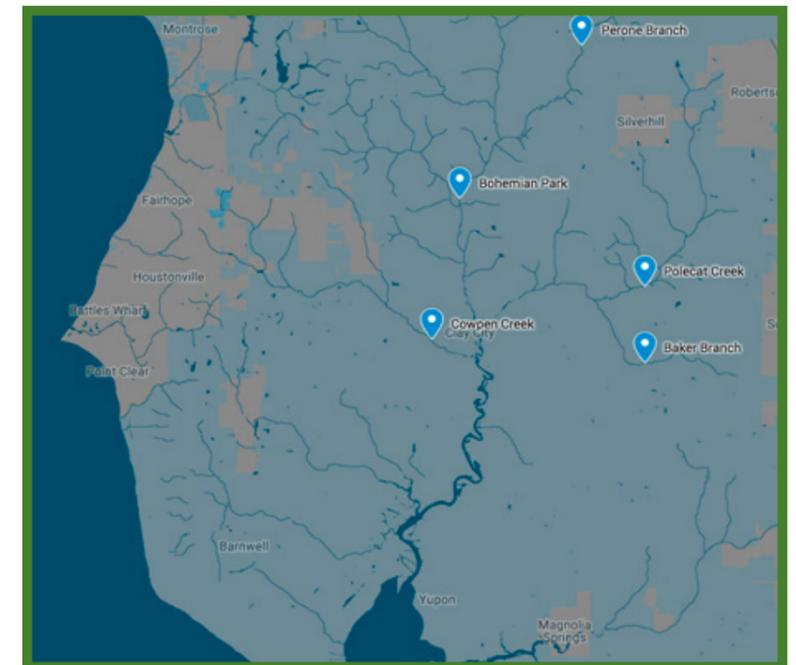
Our summer interns are finding out

by Allen Doyle, Mapp Family Foundation Intern & Emily Stolz, ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program Intern

Over the course of our summer internships with the Weeks Bay Foundation, we decided our independent project would focus on learning more about the tributaries of Fish River that ultimately end up in Weeks Bay. We chose to conduct biological and water chemistry surveys on various sites to better understand what was happening throughout the watershed. To get an accurate reading, we were intentional when it came to choosing sites to conduct our research. We specifically chose five sites—Baker Branch, Cowpen Creek, Perone Branch, Polecat Creek, and one in the main channel of Fish River—for their representation of the upper, middle, and lower portions of the Fish River watershed.

More important, our sampling locations were chosen due to their status as 303(d) impaired waterways--the federal government's list of waterways that have tested positive for a wide variety of poor water-quality characteristics. Of our sites, all but Perone Branch were considered impaired waterways. We wanted to know if we could find similar water-quality results and how these factors might affect the local aquatic communities living in these tributaries. We sampled the macroinvertebrate and fish populations in each of these streams. Through this, we were able to create an inventory of the species living in the upper regions of the Weeks Bay watershed, and we compared these populations with the water quality, allowing us to see how certain aspects of poor water-quality could affect the overall health of these streams.

We hope to share with you all the findings of our research in future editions of *Pelican Post*, as well as some of the more interesting facts we have learned during this process!





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A beautiful day on the water by Diana Brewer, Development and Communications Coordinator



The 6th Annual Pelican Paddle, a 3.5-mile race (plus a 7-mile pro option and an Eco-tour) raised more than \$8,000 for local conservation, thanks in no small part to generous sponsors and the many participants who came out to enjoy an absolutely perfect day on the water. There are many winners to congratulate, and many boaters who experienced their first time paddling a challenging 3.5-mile course!

In addition to supporting local conservation and land protection, sponsors, participants, and spectators were treated to live music by local duo **Blue Bicycle**, local beer by **Serda Brewing**, beignets from **Panini Pete's**, and live painting by artists **Adam Barnes** and **Sarah Rutledge Fischer**.

Two lucky winners walked away with the top prizes, including a kayak courtesy of Fairhope Boat Company and a custom-built paddle board courtesy of DIRK Boards.

The winners

Junior Kayak (13 and under)

- 1st place Hollis Martin
- 2nd place Huff Friedman
- 3rd place Allison Siggers

Men's Solo Kayak

- 1st place Moke O'Connor
- 2nd place Wayne Berry
- 3rd place Clinton Dossett

Men's Stand Up Paddle Board

- 1st place Eric Bednorz
- 2nd place Zach Rounsaville
- 3rd place Steven Aldon

Women's Solo Kayak

- 1st place Tara Baxley Nguyen
- 2nd place Carol Furman
- 3rd place Pamela Kupersmith

Women's Stand Up Paddle Board

- 1st place Adele Umnanova
- 2nd place Marsha Stanton
- 3rd place Karen Baxter

Pro Solo Kayak

- 1st place Jeb Berry
- 2nd place Robert Houck
- 3rd place Ryan Gillikin

Tandem Craft

- 1st place Carlie Funchess and Steve Funchess
- 2nd place Jeremy Friedman and Stephanie Friedman
- 3rd place Cliff Bridges and Kathleen Parnell

Non-Traditional Craft

- 1st place Tom Baxter
- 2nd place Brad Davis



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"Baldwin County is now the fastest growing county in Alabama. It's imperative that we all support the Weeks Bay Foundation in their efforts to protect the most important asset that Baldwin County has to offer, the miles of beautiful coastline, estuaries, and wetlands along Mobile Bay."

Birdwatchers and nature lovers gearing up for Alabama Coastal BirdFest

by Diana Brewer, Development and Communications Coordinator



BIRDFEST

Birders from across the United States, Canada, and abroad will be flocking to the Gulf Coast for the 14th annual Alabama Coastal BirdFest, October 3-6. This is one of the area's prime bird- and wildlife-watching opportunities during fall migration.

"The birding potential on the Alabama Gulf Coast is phenomenal and fall migration is the best time to enjoy it," **John Borom**, event founder, said. "More than 370 bird species have been counted at various locations along the Alabama coast."



Scarlet Tanager by featured artist Georgia Sims

BirdFest includes boat and walking trips each day to prime spots, including the Mobile-Tensaw Delta and Forever Wild Grand Bay Savanna. There are some new additions this year, including a trip to the Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve, which is more than 900 acres of pristine forest, creeks, and beautiful lakes owned and maintained by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Also new is a Sunset Kayak Cookout on Justin's Bay in the lower Mobile-Tensaw Delta, a walking tour and bird-watching in various habitats on Forever Wild property in Saraland, and a Beach Bird Bonanza Workshop for children.

This year's BirdFest also includes trips focused on seeing alligators, dolphins, wildflowers, and more, evening speaker events, a new advanced birding workshop, a hummingbird workshop, and the free, family-friendly Bird and Conservation Expo on the Coastal Alabama Community College campus in Fairhope on Saturday, October 6.

Tickets for trips, evening events, and workshops range from \$20 to \$100 and require advance registration.

Visit AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com for more information.

Since 2004 Alabama Coastal BirdFest has raised more than \$100,000 to help preserve and protect vital coastal wildlife habitat and raise awareness about the great biological diversity of the Alabama Gulf Coast.

Keynote speakers for Alabama Coastal BirdFest

Friday, Oct. 5, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., Delta Hall at Five Rivers

Katie Barnes and **Emma Rhodes** of Birmingham Audubon will discuss the Alabama Coastal Bird Stewardship Program and will present their findings from the first beach-nesting bird stewardship season.



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FALL 2018 CALENDAR

September

- 15 31st Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup**
8 a.m. to noon. For information, contact the Weeks Bay Reserve at (251) 928-9792, or visit alabamacoastalcleanup.com.
- 22 Kids Fishing Day** Safe Harbor pond, U.S. Highway 98 across from the Reserve Visitor Center, 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact the Foundation office at (251) 990-5004.
- 26 Marine Debris & Microplastics Workshop**
FREE. Includes boat ride and lunch. Tonsmeire Weeks Bay Resource Center. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October

- 3-6 15th Annual John L. Borom Alabama Coastal BirdFest** For more information about tours and events, go to alabamacoastalbirdfest.com.
- 6 Alabama Coastal BirdFest Bird & Conservation Expo** Halstead Amphitheater on the campus of Coastal Alabama Community College, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission.
- 8 Columbus Day Holiday***
- 9 Guest Lecture** "Nature Photography" presented by Collin Stempien. Five Rivers Delta Resource Center, 7 p.m.
- 11-14 Weeks Bay Native Plant Sale** U.S. Highway 98 across from the Weeks Bay Reserve Visitor Center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 22 Weeks Bay Photography Contest Deadline: 5 p.m.** Entry and submission of photos will be online only at weeksbay.org. For more information, call (251) 990-5004.

November

- 11 Guest Lecture.** "Nature Photography" presented by Patsy Russo. Five Rivers Delta Resource Center, 7 p.m.
- 12 Veteran's Day Holiday***
- 22 Thanksgiving Day Holiday***

*The Visitor Center will be closed. All trails and boardwalks will remain open for your walking and sightseeing pleasure.

Give us your best shot!

by Diana Brewer

Development and Communications Coordinator



photo by Susan Rouillier

Along the Gulf Coast, we are surrounded by beauty, and sometimes, we can capture that beauty with a single, well-timed shot.

The Weeks Bay Photo Contest is the perfect way to display those moments, and share them throughout the year via the Weeks Bay Foundation's print and digital publications. The deadline for submissions for the 2018 contest is October 22 at 5 p.m.

There are four categories in both Adult and Junior divisions:

- Flora—plants, trees, shrubs, flowers, etc.
- Fauna—animals, insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, etc.
- Habitat—outdoor scene or landscape
- People in Nature—people enjoying their coastal resources

Photos can be color or black and white, and must be taken in an Alabama Gulf Coast watershed or coastal waters between October 17, 2017 and October 22, 2018. Winners will provide a high-resolution version of their winning shot so the Foundation can use the winning photos throughout the year, including on the cover of *Pelican Post*.

Photographers may submit up to two photos in each category. There is a \$5 fee per entry for adults. Entries from children 16 and under are free.

To learn more about the Weeks Bay Photo Contest and submit photos, go to weeksbay.org or visit the Foundation's Facebook page. For more information, call the Foundation office at (251) 990-5004, or email weeksbayphotocontest@gmail.com.



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Least Sandpiper

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