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Bash Brings Local Seafood and Music to Weeks Bay

Fairhope, AL – What is better than watching the sunset over Weeks Bay while enjoying fresh Gulf shrimp and listening to awesome music? Not much, which is why the Weeks Bay Foundation wants you to mark your calendar for the 8th annual **Bald Eagle Bash**, April 22 from 4-7 p.m. This **Party for Preservation** helps raise money and awareness for the Foundation’s mission of protecting coastal wetlands.

This “taste of Weeks Bay” event brings more than a dozen area restaurants together to create dishes based on delicious Gulf shrimp. Each chef prepares a signature dish that is sure to delight all participants. Some of the dishes from past years include shrimp and grits, shrimp ceviche, jalapeno shrimp sliders and shrimp stuffed mashed potatoes.

And while seafood is the main attraction, for a second year in a row **The Mulligan Brothers** will take the stage, giving the crowd a chance to dance the evening away to this local Americana favorite. This group’s popularity has soared since last year’s event, as has their audience. From Ireland to 30A, The Mulligan Brothers (and now a sister has been added) are making a name for themselves with their mix of alternative country, folk and bluegrass.

“The Bald Eagle Bash is a great family friendly event that showcases local seafood and local musical talent in a setting that cannot be beat.” Ellis Allen, Weeks Bay Foundation Board Chairman said. “Many attendees come by boat and families fish off the pier while everybody enjoys the food, the music and the sunset.”

Organizers said the 2016 Bash had a record 14 restaurants participating, so they have increased the limit to 17 this year to allow more restaurants the chance to showcase their chefs and expose more people to their restaurants.

Closer to the event, tickets will be available through www.baldeaglebash.com and at several local outlets. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the gate. Children 10 and under are free. Free parking is available at the Weeks Bay Reserve Safe Harbor site, with BRATS shuttles providing transportation to the event.

For more information about the event or to be a sponsor, please call 251-990-5004, visit www.baldeaglebash.com or visit our Weeks Bay Foundation Facebook page.

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Weeks Bay Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and an accredited land trust. The Foundation has been working in coastal Alabama for over 25 years to protect important wetland habitat and educate the community about the importance of our bogs, swamps, and marshes.