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Bald Eagle Bash raises $60,000 to “protect the water’s edges”

FAIRHOPE, AL – The Weeks Bay Foundation’s fund raiser, Bald Eagle Bash, set records this year with attendance and monies raised. Approximately 1330 people attended the annual “Party for Preservation,” raising $60,000 to support the Foundation’s mission.

“The weather was perfect, the food was amazing, the band was rocking, and we had more than 1300 people,” Yael Girard, Weeks Bay Foundation executive director said. “We could not have asked for a better 8th annual Bald Eagle Bash.”

This event is the largest fundraiser for the Weeks Bay Foundation, supporting the Foundation’s mission to protect the natural resources in coastal Alabama. In addition, the Bash allows the Foundation to connect with members of the community and educate them about the importance of their wetlands and the Weeks Bay watershed.

The Bald Eagle Bash included a dozen area restaurants serving fresh Gulf shrimp and four restaurants that served desserts. Additionally, The Mulligan Brothers provided the musical entertainment for the second year in a row, just before leaving to play the New Orleans Jazz Fest and then a Scandinavian tour.

“While the Bald Eagle Bash is all about fun in the sun, the funds raised play a critical role in local conservation and preservation of our most vulnerable natural resources,” Girard said. “This is only made possible by incredible restaurants, generous sponsors and tireless volunteers that give of their time, talents and treasures. We are very grateful to all who support our mission.

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Formed in 1990, the Weeks Bay Foundation is a non-profit organization whose members work to protect the natural resources of coastal Alabama and to provide assistance and support for the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve’s goals and programs.