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Bald Eagle Bash by the numbers (and other fun facts!)

FAIRHOPE, AL -- The 9th annual Bald Eagle Bash was a great success—the weather, the food, the band, the people—all made for one heck of a “Party for Preservation.”

The Bash is the largest fundraiser for the Weeks Bay Foundation, supporting our mission to protect the water, the woods, and the wildlife in coastal Alabama. In addition, the Bash allows us to connect with members of our community and educate them about the importance of our coastal wetlands and this amazing Weeks Bay watershed. With the generous support of our sponsors, plus area restaurants serving fresh local shrimp and delicious desserts, a signature beer, folks dancing to Johnny Hayes and the loveseats, and a spectacular setting, it was definitely a celebration.

Here is the day broken down by the numbers:

- \$62,000 in net proceeds to support our mission
- 10,000 biodegradable plates and bowls, instead of plastic
- 1,130 pounds of shrimp fried, sautéed, and boiled
- 1,069 adults, plus a bunch of little ones
- \$990 in day-of donations
- 85 sponsors investing in the event
- 16 restaurants cooking up a storm
- 12 half kegs of beer from Budweiser and Fairhope Brewing
- 26 cases of wine from M&J Wines
- 1 awesome party!

“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,” Ellis Allen, Chairman of the Weeks Bay Foundation Board of Directors 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.”