



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
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Office of Response and Restoration

Dear Reader:

Federal and Louisiana natural resource trustees have developed the Final Regional Restoration Plan (RRP) for Region 2 to assist them in carrying out their regulatory responsibilities for oil discharges or substantial threats of oil discharges. This Final RRP for Region 2 is the first of nine regional plans to be developed under the statewide Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program.

Region 2 encompasses the Breton Sound and Barataria hydrologic basins and the lower Mississippi River basin, delta plain, and modern Balize (Birdsfoot) delta, including State waters in the Gulf of Mexico. The following parishes are located either partly or completely within Region 2: Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist. The Final RRP for Region 2 describes the region's biological resources and habitat types, as well as the trust resources and services that are likely to be injured by an oil spill, appropriate restoration types for each of the potentially injured trust resources and services, and available restoration projects that have been identified to date. The predominant habitat types in Region 2 are coastal herbaceous wetlands, oyster reefs, and coastal-forested wetlands.

One of the key features of the RRP for Region 2 was the determination of a representative unit cost to restore predominant habitat types as part of a cash settlement. Based on input from the public and further consideration by the Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program Workgroup, references to the concept of unit costs are reserved pending determination of feasibility of the development of unit costs for all regions. Therefore, references to the settlement alternative of "Non-Project-Specific Cash Settlement" in the September 2003 Draft RRP for Region 2 are removed from this Final RRP for Region 2. Persons interested in participating in the determination of feasibility should contact either:

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If feasibility of the unit costs across all regions is determined at a later date, this Final RRP for Region 2 may be amended to include this settlement alternative.

A complete description of the Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program is provided in the Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (FPEIS) (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA] *et al.* 2007). Copies of this FPEIS may be obtained by contacting:

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