

ership," al-Sahhaf said on Abu Dhabi Television. That "led to fatal mistakes." He complained that the zones were placed under the control of civilians, including Saddam's younger son Qusai, and his trusted aides, Ali Hassan al-Majid and Izzat Ibrahim. He said the military experts were relegated to secondary positions. Al-Sahhaf, who is expected to appear in four more episodes of the program "Al-Sahhaf's War," also denied that Iraq had

Nonetheless, as Bush has described the invasion of Iraq as part of the war on terror, he has drawn a loose connection, saying that after Sept. 11, 2001, the United States could no longer tolerate the kind of threat that he said Saddam posed, or risk that Saddam's weapons could be put in the hands of terrorists.

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wants Iraqis to take more responsibility for internal security, U.S. officials in Iraq said. A final decision had not been made.

"The coalition authority has been informed in general terms about this proposal," said Adel Senor, a senior adviser to Bremer. "We are looking forward to the details before we agree to it."

Though the council has been given responsibility for most day-to-day governance issues, Bremer has the final say, particularly on security matters. A senior U.S. official in Iraq said Bremer is "open-minded" to proposed solutions to security

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### Trustees Release Draft Regional Restoration Plan to Restore Injured Resources

State of Louisiana and Federal natural resource trustees are soliciting public comments on a draft Regional Restoration Plan to restore natural resources injured by oil spills. This draft Region 2 Plan is the first of nine regional plans to be developed under the statewide Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program.

The State of Louisiana, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Department of the Interior have developed a statewide program to expedite restoration of injured resources and reduce the cost of Natural Resource Damage Assessments—the process by which trustee agencies assess and restore resources injured by oil spills.

Region 2 encompasses all or part of the following parishes: Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist. The draft Plan describes the affected environment, biological resources, and associated habitat types, as well as the natural resources/services that are likely to be injured by an incident, appropriate restoration types for each of the potentially injured resources/services, and available restoration projects that have been identified to date. Another key feature of the draft Region 2 Plan is the determination of a representative unit cost to restore predominant habitat types in the region as part of a cash settlement. The proposed predominant habitat types in Region 2 are coastal herbaceous wetlands, oyster reefs, and coastal-forested wetlands.

For more information and/or to receive a copy of the draft Plan, please visit [www.darp.noaa.gov](http://www.darp.noaa.gov) or contact one of the following individuals:

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The draft Region 2 Plan will be released on or before September 23, 2003. Written comments should be submitted to William Conner by October 23, 2003, at the address listed above.

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