

# 646 – Shallow Water Development & Management

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## FACT SHEET

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### PRACTICE DEFINITION

The inundation of lands to provide habitat for fish and/or wildlife.

### PRACTICE PURPOSE

To provide habitat for wildlife such as shorebirds, waterfowl, wading birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians and other species that require shallow water for at least a part of their life cycle.



### PRACTICE INFORMATION

This practice applies to lands where water can be impounded or regulated by diking, excavating, ditching, and/or flooding.

On floodplain areas that provide refuge habitats for native fish during high flow periods.

This practice does not apply to:

- Wildlife Watering Facility (648) intended to provide watering places for wildlife;
- Wetland Restoration (657) intended to rehabilitate a degraded wetland where the soils, hydrology, vegetation community, and biological habitat are returned to a close approximation of the original conditions;
- Wetland Enhancement (659) intended for modification of an existing wetland where specific attributes are targeted by management objectives, possibly at the expense of other attributes, or the rehabilitation of a degraded wetland where the result is a wetland that is different than what previously existed on the site;
- Wetland Construction (656) intended to treat point and non-point sources of water pollution;
- Wetland Creation (658) for creating a wetland on a site which historically was not a wetland; or
- Fish Pond Management (399).

This document is not all inclusive and should not be used as guidance for implementation. The Conservation Practice Standard and Practice Specifications are the official guidance documents for implementation of this practice.