



Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM12 – Shallow Water Habitat

State Criteria

- A minimum of two shallow water habitat areas that are each greater than 0.1 acre in size must be present within ¼ mile to meet the requirements for one 20 acre block of enrolled cropland, pastureland, rangeland, or forestland.
- All shallow water habitat areas must be buffered by a minimum of 20 feet of filter strip or 35 feet of riparian forest buffer.
- The shallow water habitat areas and the buffer cannot be planted to an annual crop.
- Haying of these areas is permitted up to once per three year period (following establishment) provided it is conducted after July 15th and prior to September 1st.
- Grazing is permitted up to once per three year period (following establishment) provided it is conducted after July 15th and does not exceed a 30 day period during the growing season OR a 60 day period during the dormant season.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the Table below:

To be completed by NRCS and Producer during planning				To be completed by Producer during certification	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Tract(s)	Field(s)	Acres Planned	Habitat Acres	Management/Maintenance Activity Implemented	Date Completed
<i>EX. 101</i>	<i>1&2</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>Burned cattails in March and sprayed with Rodeo in mid-May to reduce plant-dominated areas.</i>	<i>March 2013</i>

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-4 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 5-6 PRODUCER COMPLETES

I certify that the shallow water habitat area meets these specifications including the following documentation as applicable:

1. Map with shallow water habitats and associated land use clearly identified (highlighted, outlined, etc.).
2. A detailed map or sketch with dimensions, water depth and estimated surface area of each habitat.
3. Description of management/maintenance activities and dates completed – completed table above.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____