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# CSP Job Sheet H-9

## HABITAT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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### Wetland management and enhancement techniques

Payment = \$25.00 / acre / year for all wetlands which are maintained and managed according to specifications noted below. Payment is made each year of the contract – not just during years when management is conducted.

The intent of this enhancement is to provide site specific management to a natural wetland and associated upland buffer (if present and appropriate) to improve the habitat quality for the wide array of wildlife species that rely on these areas for various life requisites. In many cases, wetlands may be present but are providing substandard habitat due to a lack of management to manipulate the vegetation. In other cases, the hydrology (water supply) to the wetland may be altered resulting in unfavorable habitat conditions. Often, it is possible to remedy these circumstances without negative impacts to other land uses within or adjacent to the wetland.

### Required Elements:

- A site-specific management plan must be developed in conjunction with and approved by a wildlife biologist.
- The plan must document targeted wildlife species and associated habitat types and include objectives which specify the amount and timing and purpose of management actions within these habitat types.
- Examples of appropriate techniques include using tillage, prescribed burning, herbicides, livestock grazing, etc. to set-back wetland vegetation; “seasonally” restore hydrology on drained or manipulated wetlands during the migration period (October 15 to March 31); artificially supply water to the wetland to serve as migration habitat or to facilitate another technique; etc.

