

# Shallow Water Management for Wildlife

**Conservation Practice Specification Sheet**

**Practice # 646**

Landowner/Location \_\_\_\_\_ Planner \_\_\_\_\_

**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.



**Wildlife Species or Guilds Targeted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Soil Map Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Permeability Class:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Depth to Water Table:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Practice Specifications:** List supporting and facilitating practices required to implement this system (Include job or specifications sheets for these practices as needed):

**Wetland Water Management:**

Water depth planned	Field # or Management Unit	Dates planned depth maintained

**Noxious weed and invasive plant control:**

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:** Annual monitoring of this practice is essential to determine: 1) if wetland wildlife habitat goals are met, 2) if structural and vegetative practices and specifications are maintained and adequate and 3) if modifications are needed

Waterfowl and shorebird feeding and resting areas that can be drained or have natural dry periods should be burned, disked or surface disturbed every 3-5 years to set back succession and control the growth of undesirable plants. Such burning, disking, or surface disturbance shall be scheduled to encourage desirable habitat plants.

Disturbance Type (grazing, haying, mowing, burning, etc.)	Dates disturbance scheduled

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I agree to the installation and maintenance of this practice as specified above.

Client: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this practice, as installed meets specifications:

NRCS Planner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Checked & certified)