

Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management

PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service - practice code 644



DEFINITION

Wetland wildlife habitat management is retaining, creating, or managing wetland habitat for wildlife.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

This practice is used to create or improve habitat for waterfowl, furbearers, or other wildlife. It applies on wetland and other areas where water can be impounded or regulated by diking, ditching, or flooding.

The practice is planned for specific species of wildlife. Specifications for the practice include items such as:

- Practice components, including structures, necessary to meet the

requirements of the desired species of wildlife.

- The required seasonal water depths necessary to provide adequate habitat during different seasons of the year
- Adapted plant species required for reproduction, food and cover by target species of wildlife
- Management of vegetation to assure sustainability

Additional information including design criteria and specifications are in the local NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.