Regulations that are new or differ substantially from last year are shown in bold print.

HUNTING REGULATIONS

- **Legal to Take**: Wood ducks and teal during special September duck season; ducks and coots during regular duck season; see hunt dates listed below. Daily bag limit during special September duck season is 4 ducks with species restrictions. Daily bag limit during regular duck season is 6 ducks with species restrictions. Consult Migratory Game Bird Regulations for detailed information on early waterfowl season and waterfowl and coot season.
- **Shooting Hours:** For morning hunts - ½ hour before sunrise until noon. For afternoon hunts - 2:00 p.m. until sunset.
- Report your leg bands: 1-800-327-BAND

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- A valid Florida hunting license or other license that includes a hunting license, a Florida Waterfowl Permit, a Federal Duck Stamp, an STA Waterfowl Permit and a Migratory Bird Permit (unless exempted by law).
- Hunting licenses, Florida Waterfowl Permits, and Migratory Bird Permits are available from any county tax collector's office, license agent, through the toll-free telephone number (1-888-486-8356) or through the internet site (www.MyFWC.com). Federal Duck Stamps are available at U.S. Post Offices.
- For detailed information on license exemptions, consult the hunting regulations pamphlet for duck and coot season.

STA AREA REGULATIONS

- Access area at designated access point only.
- Access to the STA is allowed for hunting waterfowl only or to non-hunting persons authorized by the South Florida Water Management District.
- Access is prohibited in areas posted as "Closed" or "Restricted" and on structures and equipment.
- Tampering with or vandalism to water control structures, equipment, improvements, and / or private property is prohibited.
- Littering is prohibited. All materials used for temporary blinds and spent shell casings must be removed after each hunt.
- Construction or use of permanent blinds is prohibited.
- Camping is prohibited
- Park in assigned spaces only.
- Do not block levees with vehicles or other equipment.
- Use of motorized vehicles is prohibited except by hunters in possession of an STA Waterfowl Permit on established waterfowl hunt days and those non-hunting persons authorized by the South Florida Water Management District.
- Motorized vessels, including gas-powered boats and electric-powered boats, and boat trailers are prohibited.
- Airboats, tracked vehicles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and swamp buggies are prohibited.
- Possession or use of dogs is prohibited except waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs may be used by hunters in possession of an STA Waterfowl Permit on established waterfowl hunt days.
- Possession or use of any firearm is prohibited except shotguns may be used by hunters in possession of an STA Waterfowl Permit on established waterfowl hunt days **and persons in possession of a valid Concealed Weapon or Firearm License may carry concealed handguns throughout the year.**
- Shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shells are prohibited.
- Use of non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is required.
- Discharge of a firearm toward any structure, equipment, or FPL transmission line is prohibited.
- Other specific uses may be permitted by the South Florida Water Management District.
- **All boats will be checked for boating safety equipment and exotic vegetation.**

STA WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS

- 50 STA Waterfowl Permits will be available for each hunt day: 25 for the morning hunt and 25 for the afternoon hunt.
- For special September duck season, individuals are allowed one permit per hunter; the permit holder must choose among STA 1W, STA 3/4, and STA 5.
- For the regular duck season, individuals are allowed one permit per hunter per area; the permit holder is allowed one permit for STA1W, one permit for STA 3/4, and one permit for STA 5.
- For the youth waterfowl hunt, individuals are allowed one permit per hunter; the permit holder must choose among STA 1W, STA3/4, and STA 5.
- STA Waterfowl Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at TBD. A worksheet with a list of available permits may be obtained 1-2 weeks before TBD from FWC offices and online at MyFWC.com under "Hunting" then "Waterfowl Permit Worksheet."
- Permits may be obtained free from any county tax collector's office.
- With a credit card, hunters may also obtain STA Waterfowl Permits via a toll-free telephone number (1-888-486-8356) or by visiting our Web site (MyFWC.com). A fee will apply to those who use the internet ($2.32) or toll-free number ($3.35). Permits are **not** available from license agents.
- When acquiring a youth hunt permit via the internet, it must be applied for through the non-resident menu.
- Each permit allows up to two hunters and one non-hunting guest, except during the supervised youth hunts – a youth hunter must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. One adult can supervise two youth hunters on a permit or there can be one adult per youth, equaling two youth hunters and two non-hunting adult supervisors per permit, per F.S. 790.22.
- Children under the age of 16 may apply for the special September duck and regular seasons in addition to the youth waterfowl hunt.
- STA Waterfowl Permits are non-transferable, except as provided at the check station via a lottery system to maintain the quota throughout the hunt
- STA 1W will be open for scouting from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sep. 15, 2007; Nov. 10, 2007; and Dec. 1, 2007.
- The following hunt days are available:
  Sep. 23, 2007 (special Sept duck season)
  Nov. 18 and 25, 2007
  Dec 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2007
  Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2008
  Feb. 3, 2008 (youth waterfowl hunt)

CHECK STATION PROCEDURES

- Hunters must check in and out at the check station.
- The check station will open at 5:00 a.m.
- **Hunters who have permits for the morning hunts must check in at the check station between 5 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. and check out by 12:30 p.m.**
- **Hunters who have permits for the afternoon hunts must check in at the check station between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. and check out by 1 hour after sunset.**
- Permit holders who do not check in during the required time intervals forfeit their permit.
- **Parking spaces will be assigned to the permit holders present at 5 a.m. (at 12:30 p.m for the afternoon hunts) in the order the permits were issued, as reported by the Licensing and Permitting Office in FWC. After 5 a.m. and until 5:30 a.m. (after 12:30 p.m. and before 1 p.m. for the afternoon hunts): Parking spaces will be assigned in the order the permit holders arrive. After 5:30 a.m. (after 1:00 p.m. for the afternoon hunts): all unissued and forfeited permits will be distributed using a lottery system and parking spaces will be assigned in the order the permits are distributed. After the unissued and forfeited permits are distributed, a preset number (determined by FWC staff prior to the given hunt date) of walk-in hunters will be selected using a lottery system, with the understanding that those selected will be given the opportunity to hunt only if that same number of permitted hunters exit the area during the hunt period. Selected walk-in hunters will occupy the parking space of the permitted hunter being replaced. These selected walk in hunters will only be allowed to replace the existing permits holders that leave until 10:30 am for the morning hunts (1.5 hrs. before sunset (for the afternoon hunts).**
- Hunters must park their vehicles at the assigned parking spaces. **Only one vehicle per permit may access the area on scheduled hunt dates. The parking assignment must be displayed on the windshield or dashboard of the permitted vehicle.**

Cooperation Requested

All or parts of the STA may be closed for construction or other water management reasons. Please help in protecting the integrity of stormwater treatment facilities – **remove exotic vegetation from boats before entering the area**. Your support is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact FWC at (954) 746-1789.

About STA 1 West:
Stormwater Treatment Area 1 West (STA-1W) is a 6,670 acre constructed wetland designed to reduce phosphorus loading to the northern Everglades and Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. The construction first started as Everglades Nutrient Removal project in 1994 and the construction of the STA was completed in 1999. The plants inside this constructed wetland are consuming phosphorus as they grow, eventually depositing much of the nutrient in the soils. Previously under agricultural practices for decades, phosphorus from fertilizers and organic soils has been carried into the Everglades by storm runoff, causing a change in the Everglades landscape. Too much of this essential nutrient has allowed cattail to invade the River of Grass, reducing the coverage of sawgrass and open water sloughs. Unfortunately, cattail does not provide the habitat necessary to support many of the plant and animal species that are unique to the Everglades. STA-1W was constructed at a cost of over $83 million, and is one of six STAs mandated by the State of Florida's Everglades Forever Act with a primary goal of reducing the amount of phosphorus that reaches the Everglades ecosystem. The numerous levees, water control structures and monitoring equipment within STA-1W are critical to the success of the phosphorus control program. Any damage to these facilities as a result of public access could restrict the continued public use of STA-1W.

This waterfowl hunting area is a cooperative effort of the South Florida Water Management District and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in order to provide additional opportunities for recreation on public lands in South Florida.

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EXHIBIT A-1

STA 1 WEST PUBLIC SMALL GAME HUNTING AREA

2007-2008 Regular Duck and Coot Season Regulations and Map

A Cooperative Public Hunting Area

South Florida Water Management District
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Equal Opportunity Agencies

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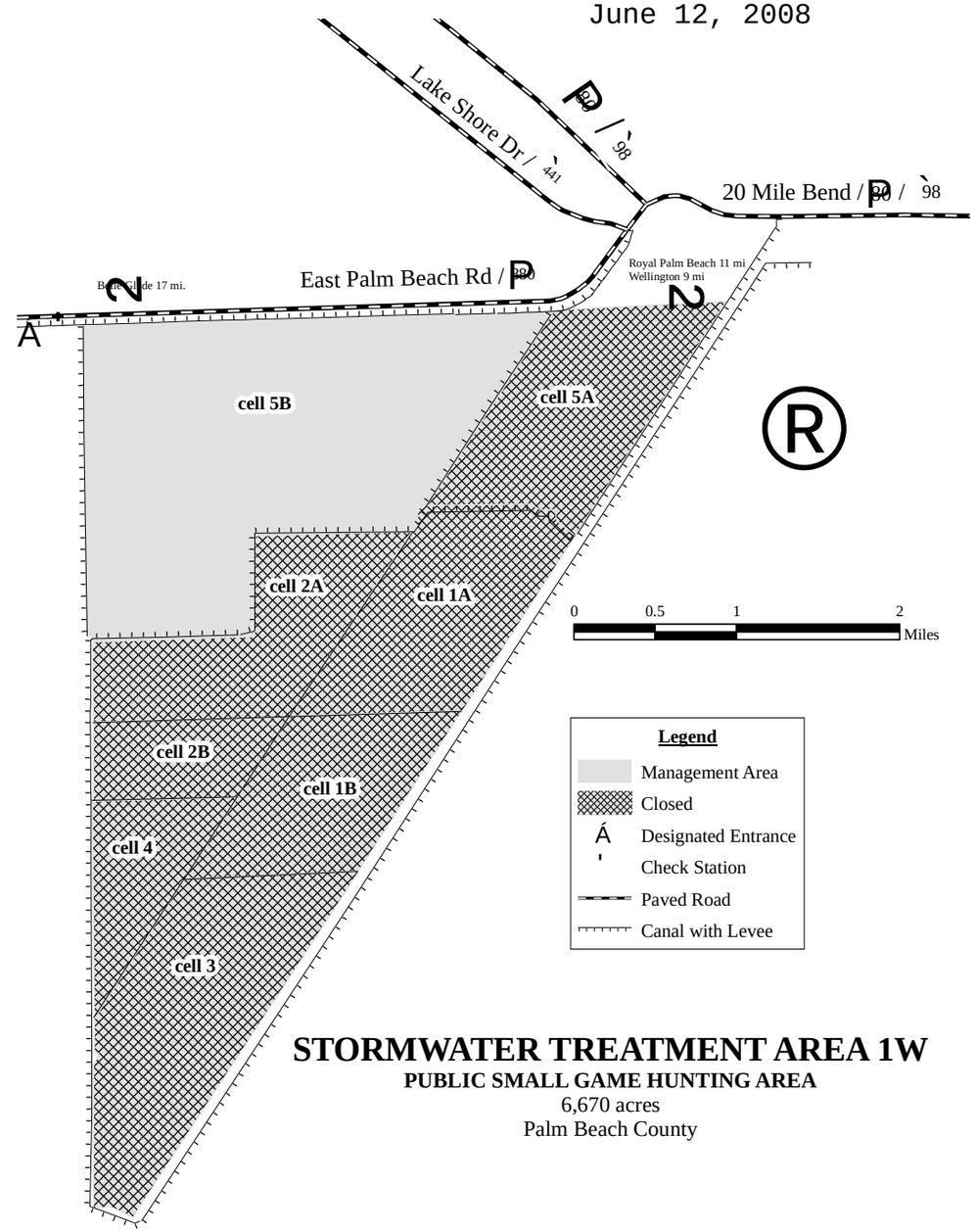

STORMWATER TREATMENT AREA 1W

PUBLIC SMALL GAME HUNTING AREA
6,670 acres
Palm Beach County