



STA Waterfowl & Alligator 2021-2022 Season Update

SFWMD Recreational Forum
September 13, 2021
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STA – Schedule

- Public Use Open Friday – Sunday
 - Other uses as well i.e. hiking, biking, birding, etc.
- Avoid SFWMD Ops (Mon-Thurs work schedule)
 - Veg management
 - Canal/Levee & Structure Maint.
 - Etc.



STA – Construction Schedule

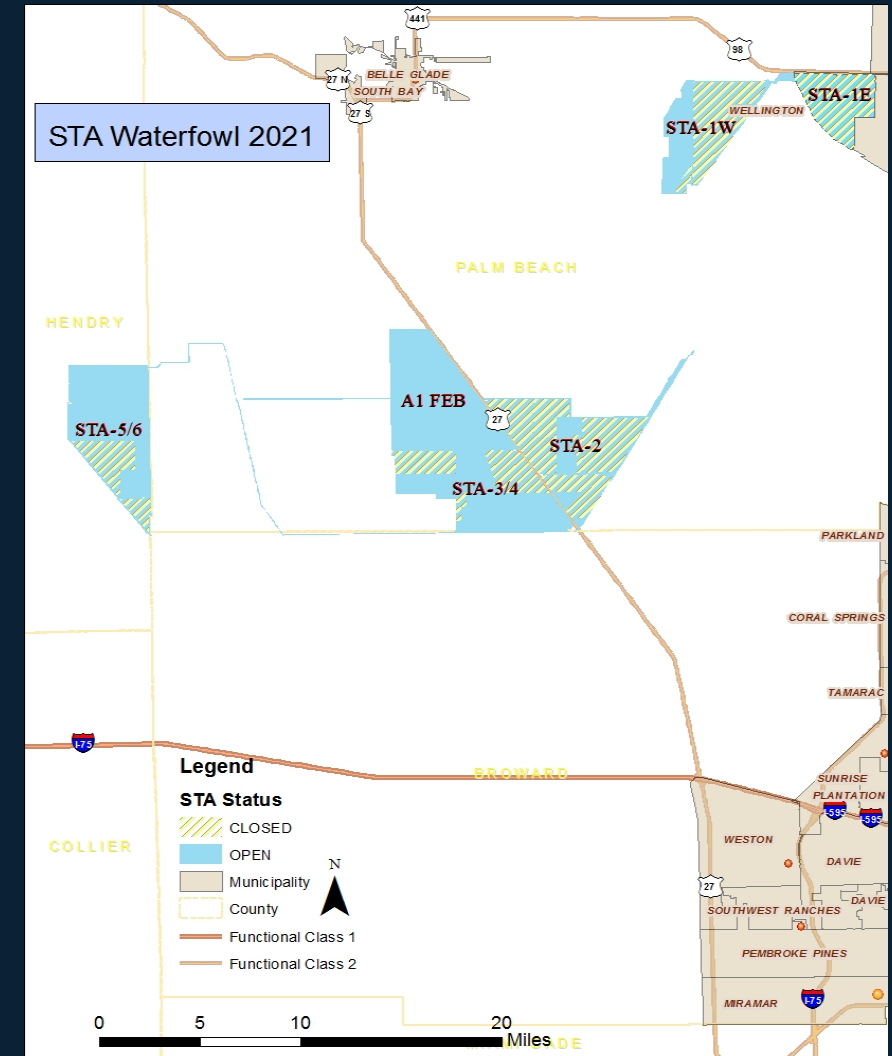
- Public access consistent with the operation and maintenance of the STAs
 - Const. work weekends
 - Goal - avoid closing access to all levees and cells



ST1W Cell 8_G78o construction _July 16

Overview of 2021-2022 Season

- Previous year set framework
- Goal: Avoid complete access closure
- Similar to previous year with few additional closures and openings



FWC Waterfowl & Alligator managed hunts

- Quota goal - quality experience
 - Predetermined days and # of hunters
 - Locate suitable access into cells (waterfowl)
 - Quotas and designated access areas (parking) reduce concentration of hunting pressure



STA2 Cell 2 _north end regrade July 16

FWC Season Framework – Gator

➤ Alligator Hunt Dates :

➤ Period 1

- Aug. 15 – 22

➤ Period 2

- Aug. 22 – 29

➤ Period 1

- Aug. 29 – Sept. 5

➤ Period 2

- Sept. 5 – 12

➤ Period 3&4 (General)

- Sept. 12 – Nov. 1



Alligator STA 1W

<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/alligator/>

FWC Season Framework - Waterfowl

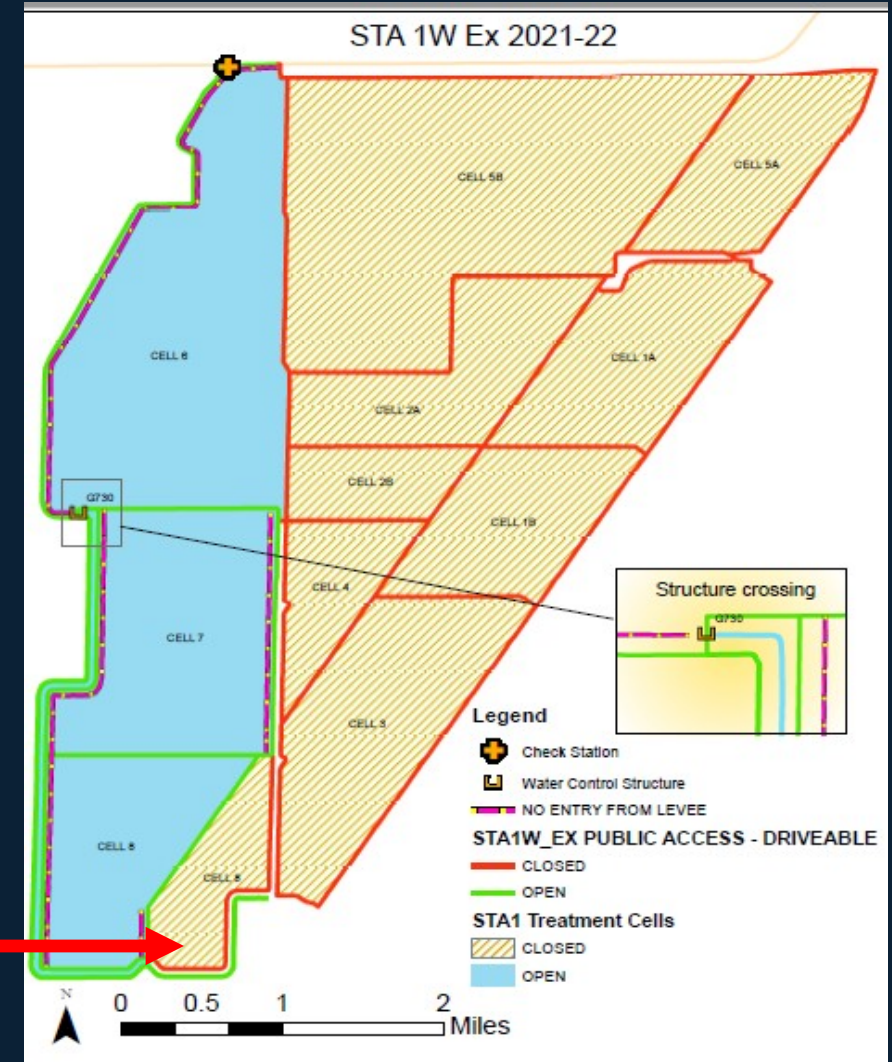
- STA 1W Ex - Fri and Sun
- STA 2 - Sat only
- STA 3 /4 - Fri and Sun
- STA 5 /6 - Sun only
- A1 FEB - Fri, Sat, Sun

<https://myfwc.com/hunting/regulations/birds/>

Waterfowl Hunting Dates	Sept. 18-22 (teal and wood duck only)	
	Sept. 23-26 (teal only)	
	Nov. 20-28	
	Dec. 11 - Jan. 30	
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Dates	Nov. 13 and Feb. 12	
Veteran's and Military Waterfowl Dates	Feb. 5-6	
Shooting Hours	half-hour before sunrise to sunset	

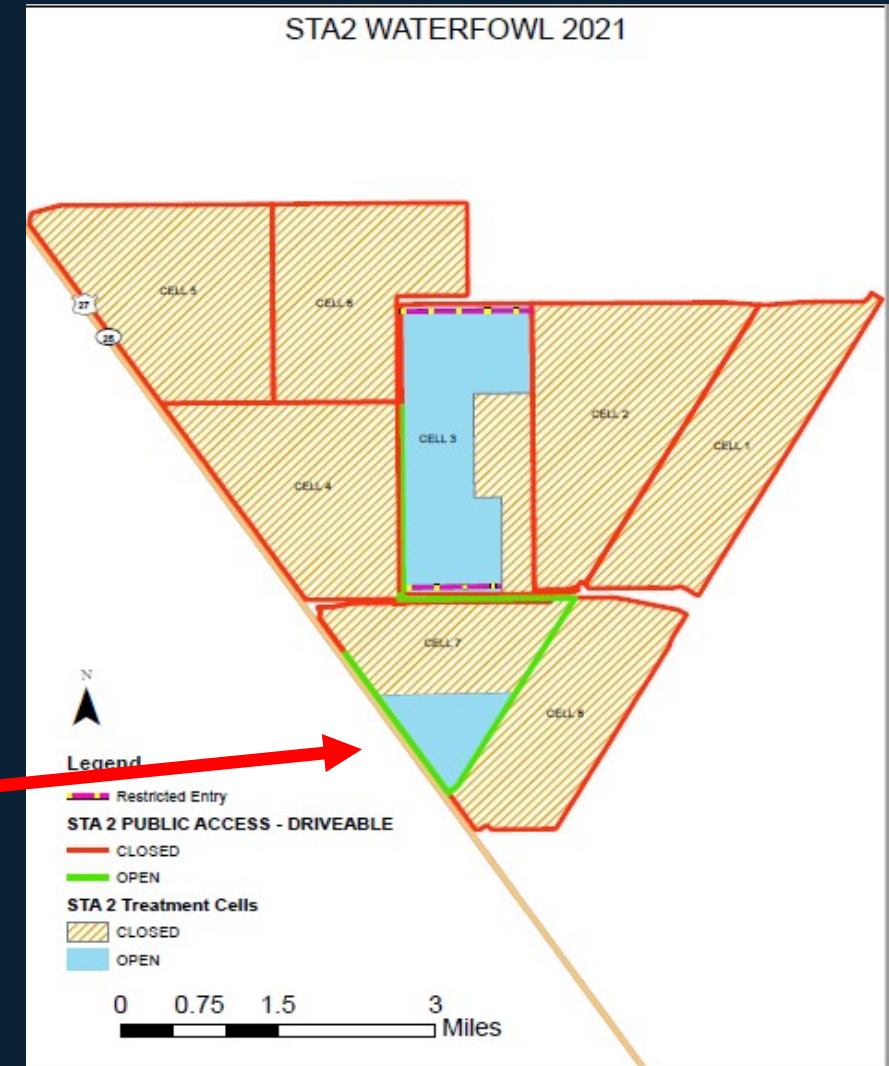
STA 1W Ex

- 70 Waterfowl quota permits - no change
 - 35AM / 35PM (military and veterans too)
 - Non quota for youth hunt
 - Hunt: Fri and Sun
- 50 Gator quota permits - down 100
- Slight acreage change from last year
 - Cell 8 construction activities



STA 2

- 20 Waterfowl quota permits - no change
 - 10AM / 10PM (military and veterans too)
 - Non quota for youth hunt
 - Hunt: Sat
- No Gator quota permits – down 35
- Little changed
 - Gained some open water in Cell 2



STA 3/4

- 40 Waterfowl quota permits- no change
 - 20AM / 20PM (military and veterans too)
 - Non quota for youth hunt
 - Hunt: Fri and Sun
- 100 Gator quota permits- no change
- Cell 1A draw down
- Gained a couple access points in a previously closed cell



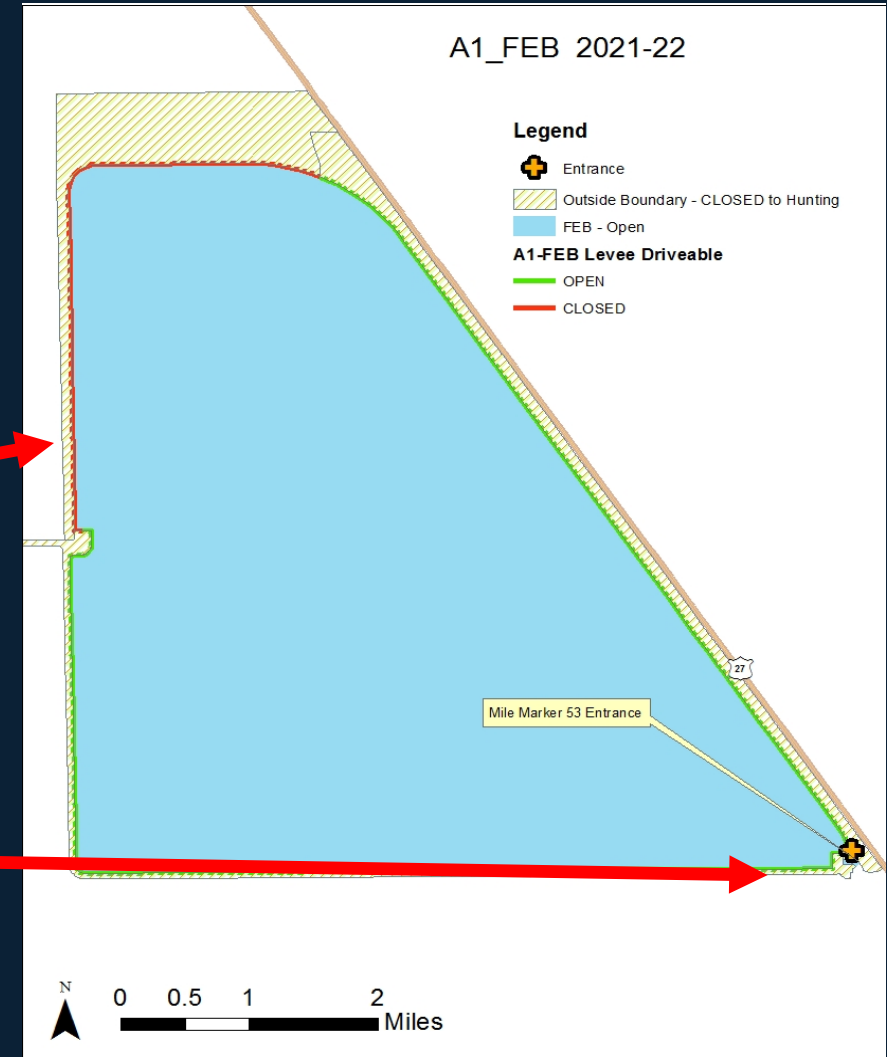
STA 5/6

- 80 Waterfowl quota permits – no change
 - 40AM / 40PM (military and veterans too)
 - Non quota for youth hunt
 - Hunt: Sun
- 60 Gator quota permits -no change
- Access point change
 - Blumberg Rd



A1 - FEB

- 100 Quota permits – no change
 - 50AM / 50PM (military and veterans too)
 - Non quota for youth hunt
 - Hunt: Fri, Sat, and Sun
- 20 Gator quota permits -no change
- NW levee closed
 - Oct 2020
- Future access change
 - Oct. 1st
 - Mile Marker 53



Thanks

- Thank you to all staff, partnership with FWC, and stakeholders
- Questions??



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