



Expansion of the STA Hunting Program

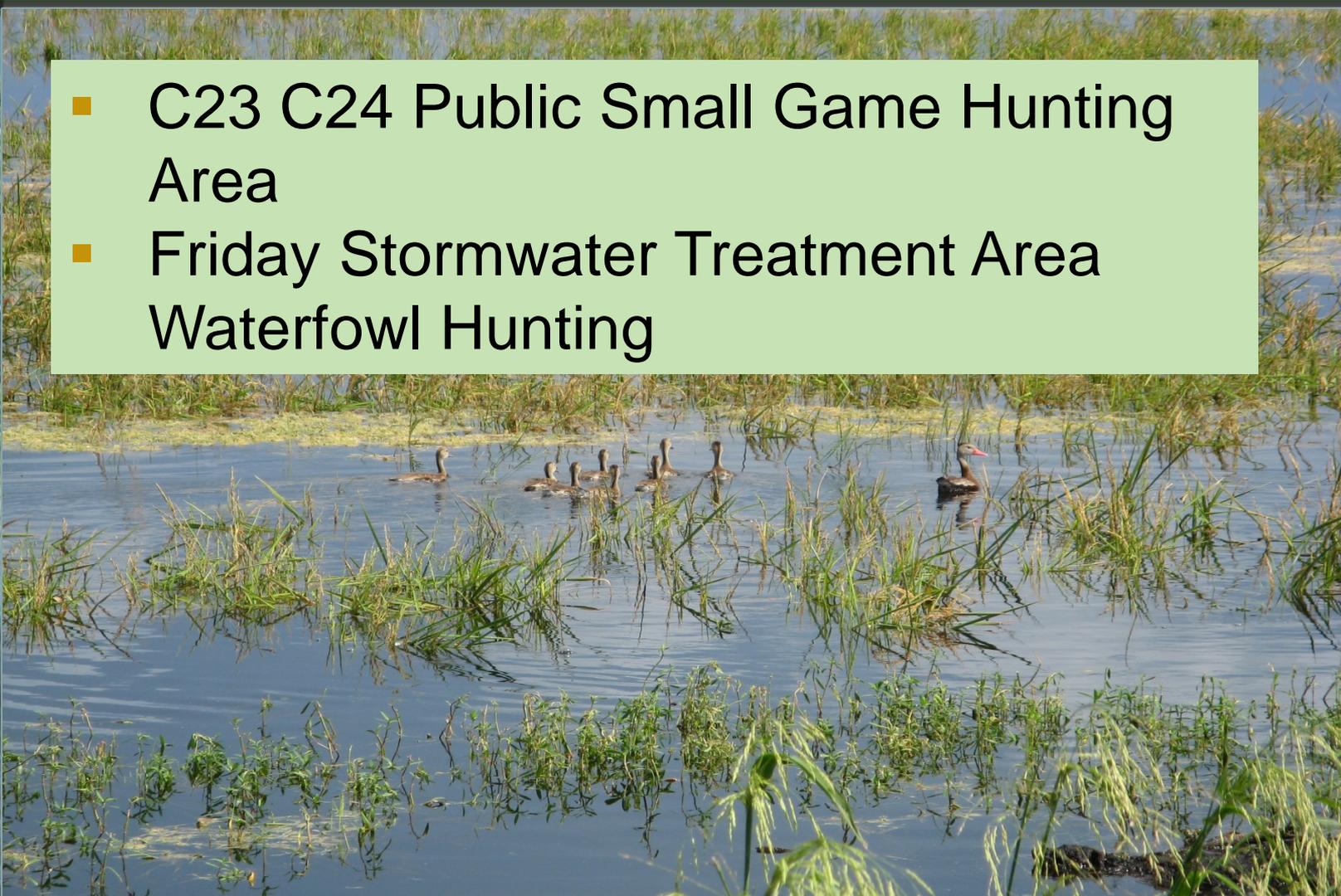
WRAC Recreation Issues Meeting

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Public Use

- C23 C24 Public Small Game Hunting Area
- Friday Stormwater Treatment Area Waterfowl Hunting



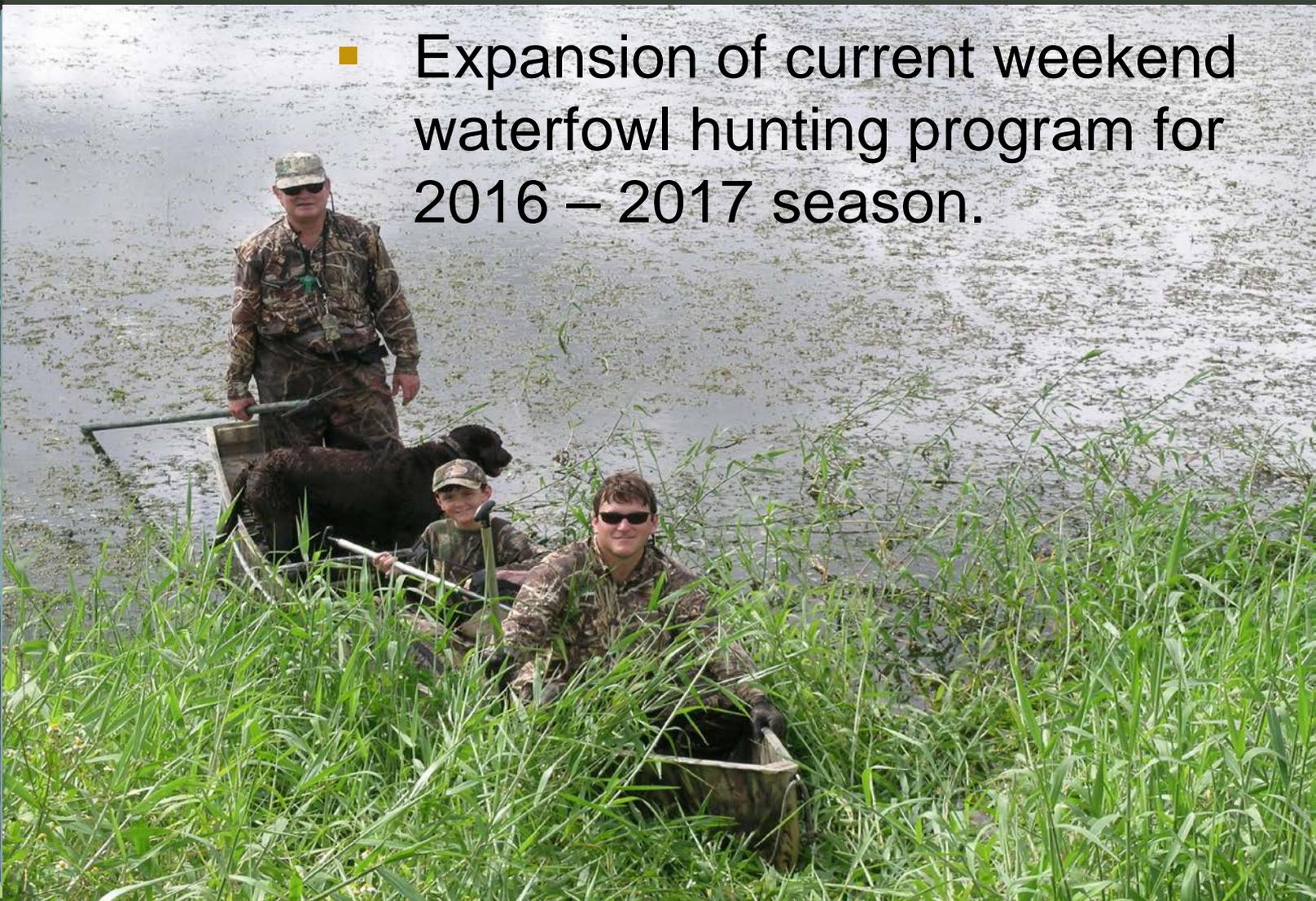
■ C23 C24 PSGHA

- C23 C24
 - Governing Board request for continuation of Public Small Game Hunting Area
 - Improved and additional parking



Friday STA Waterfowl Hunting

- Expansion of current weekend waterfowl hunting program for 2016 – 2017 season.



Friday STA Waterfowl Hunting



- Fridays are used by staff and contractors for
 - Routine maintenance
 - General repairs
 - Weather make up days
 - Water delivery monitoring

Friday STA Waterfowl Hunting

- Discussed Friday hunting with eight SFWMD work groups
 - Generally capable to schedule work around some hunting areas
 - Advance planning of times and areas hunted
 - Potentially defer work if needed



Friday STA Waterfowl Hunting

- Evaluation Criteria
 - Separate hunting from other SFWMD work activities
 - Traffic access to pumps and critical structures
 - Minimize impacts to other public uses

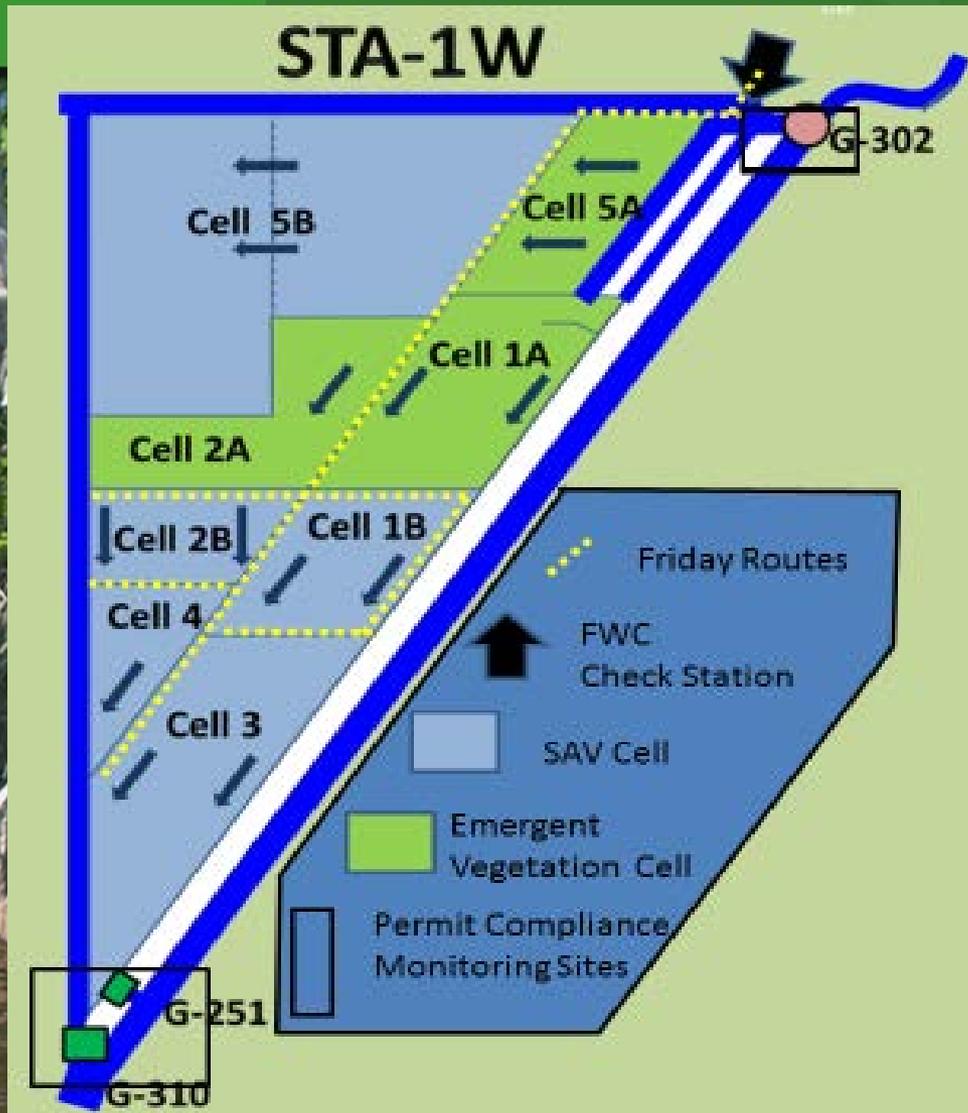


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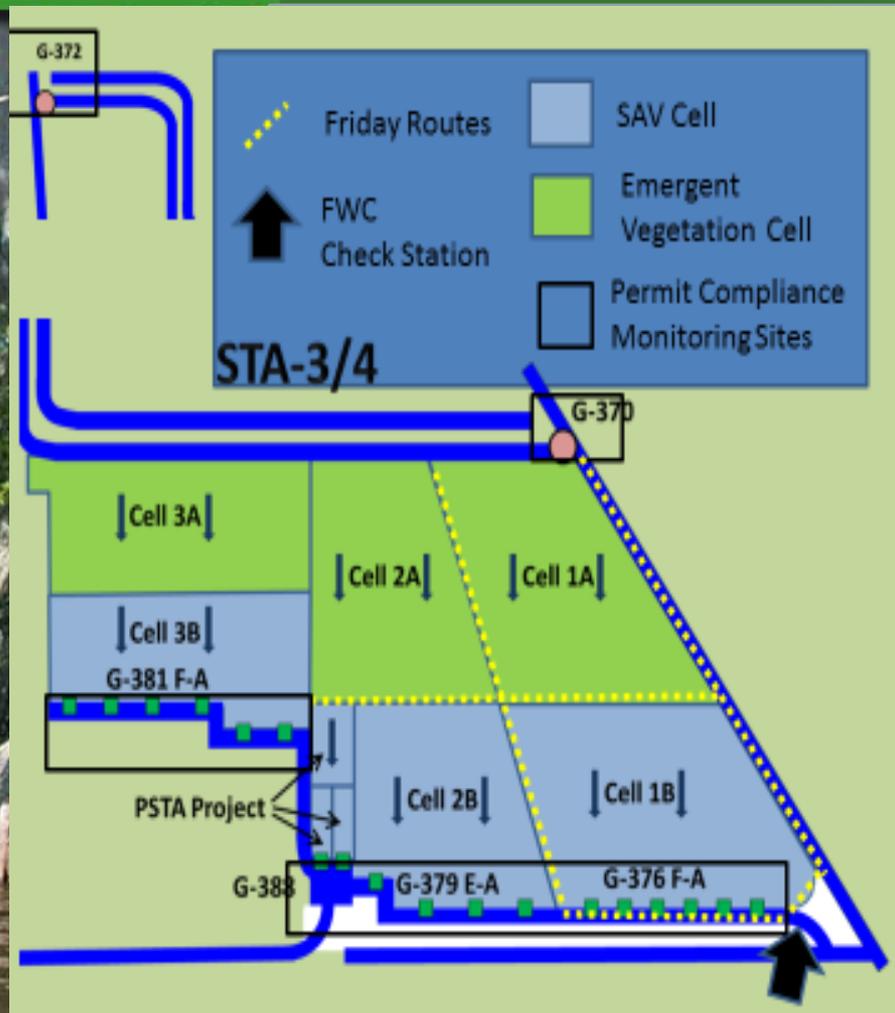
- Friday Hunting Plan
 - Hunt in STA1W and STA 3/4
 - Mornings and afternoons
 - May change STAs in future as typical
 - Two STAs allows coordinating hunting, working & other public uses
 - Each Friday ads 480 opportunities
 - Based on 2015 – 16 season, approximately 4320 opportunities

Friday STA Waterfowl Hunting



- STA 1W Friday hunt area, cells 1B, 2B, 3 and 4
- Avoids closing the public access
- Traffic access to the pump stations and permit compliance monitoring sites available

Friday STA Waterfowl Hunting



- STA 3/4 Friday hunt area, cells 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B
- Public use area at boat ramp remains unaffected
- Scientific studies will occur in cell 3B during future hunting seasons
- Access to the pump stations unaffected

Friday STA Waterfowl Hunting



- FWC Coordination
 - No waterfowl hunting from or across an STA levee
 - Switch Saturday and Sunday hunts as needed
 - Provide check stations

Thank You

