

South Carolina Update- October, 2013 GSARP

Staff met with SC Ducks Unlimited, Santee Cooper Staff and private citizens and began the initial planning phase of a native plant transplanting effort on the Santee Cooper System

Completed grant with Bunnelle Foundation through cooperative work with Huntington Beach State Park for control of aquatic invasive species at park site

A proposal was sent to the City of Hartsville for habitat enhancement work to be completed on Lake Prestwood.

Met with SCDNR staff to compile information for the Rules and Regulations committee as well as the new SCDNR app for smartphones and ipads.

Staff spoke with concerned citizens about aquatic weed issues on the Ashley River, Combahee River, Lake Murray, Lake Prestwood and the Horry County Snail Population

Staff met with representatives from the USFWS and the USACE to provide information for invasive species control of several species of concern on USACE spoil areas.

Staff continued work with the Wading Bird biologist from the WFF in conjunction with control of invasive plants growing in three prominent wood stork rookeries. Treated 20.2 acres of frogs bit at two Wood Stork Colonies in conjunction with the Christy Hand, the wading bird biologist

Cooperative work was continued with SCDNR Wildlife staff at Bonneau Ferry and Sandy Beach WMA for aquatic invasive species control and enhancement of waterfowl habitat. In all close to 60 acres of habitat enhancement work was accomplished at those two sites

Biocontrol agents, alligatorweed flea beetles, were received from the USDA and released in the Little Pee Dee and Pee Dee region of the state for alligatorweed control.

Staff continued updating the 2013 ArcGIS data and completing maps for all 2013 treatments.

Despite the rainy summer, work on invasive species sites was done on 20 + waterbodies.