

Vulture Control Program

The Federal Fish And Wildlife Permit allows designated Middle and North Lake personnel to harass and kill the Black and Turkey Vultures that inhabit both lakes. The Permit is required because the vultures are considered “migratory” birds.

The vultures destroy property like shingles, screens, caulking, boat cushions and door and window seals on cars. They are also a health risk because of the bacteria in their defensive vomit and droppings.

Ahead of the Permit, below, is the Cover Letter that is given with the Permit to the designated “sub-permittees” on the two lakes.

The Cover Letter and the Permit are the same year-after-year except that the dates change.

If you have any questions or comments about the vulture control program or if you would like to participate in the shooting, please contact me.

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Subject: Middle Lake and North Lake Vulture shooting permit.

At last the Federal Fish And Wildlife Permit has arrived! It is attached.

The permit is a privilege - not a right.

The permit could be taken away from us if we fail to comply with its conditions.

Only the people that have been designated are to actually fire the noise makers, the shotgun and the laser gun.

The noisemakers and shotgun are to be used **only** against vultures.

The noisemakers and shotgun are **not** to be used against anhingas, cormorants or egrets.

The noisemakers and shotgun are **not** to be used to entertain grandchildren.

Only steel shot may be used in the shotguns. **No Lead!**

The vultures will normally fly away at the first noise. The other birds will circle and return. It is not necessary to fire a number of rounds.

The vultures are not affected by noise if they are flying. Wait between rounds until they have settled back on the trees.

Tend to use the "screamers" instead of the "bangers" as the noise doesn't carry as far. Aim them for the birds, not above them, so that the noise is as close to them as possible and somewhat dampened by the trees.

Be mindful of any boats that may be on the lake, like on the other side of the island from you.

We're only interested in getting the vultures to move on at dusk so that they will roost somewhere else for the night and not be around in the morning to loaf and cause damage. **Shoot as close to dusk as possible!**

If the vultures congregate on a lawn, check if there's a dead catfish there. If so, please throw the fish in the lake instead of using the noisemaker.

Using the noisemakers in the morning accomplishes nothing!

Keep a simple record of your activity: Date, weapons used and any kills. For the kills, try to determine if it was a black vulture or a turkey vulture, because we're limited on how many of each we can take.

When using the laser gun, do not aim it at airplanes. The feds don't care for that.

The vultures are a part of the lake's eco-system, just like the alligators. Some people do not have a problem with that.

Our main reason for harassing the vultures is because of health considerations and the property damage that they do. Do not use this permit as an excuse to hunt "game."

Please show respect for the rest of the community by keeping the use of the noisemakers to a minimum. We will never totally eliminate the vultures. The goal is to keep the number down to around a dozen, not the several hundred that we had at one time.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT

2. AUTHORITY-STATUTES
16 USC 703-712

REGULATIONS
50 CFR Part 13
50 CFR 21.41

1. PERMITTEE

MIDDLE LAKE ASSOCIATION
1805 BURLINGTON CIRCLE
SUN CITY CENTER, FL 33573
U.S.A.

3. NUMBER
MB798241-0

4. RENEWABLE
 YES
 NO

5. MAY COPY
 YES
 NO

6. EFFECTIVE
04/01/2012

7. EXPIRES
03/31/2013

8. NAME AND TITLE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER *(If #1 is a business)*
DAVID BROWN
PRESIDENT

9. TYPE OF PERMIT
DEPREDAATION

10. LOCATION WHERE AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY MAY BE CONDUCTED
Islands located on Middle and North Lakes in Sun City Center, Hillsborough County, Florida

11. CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS:

- A. GENERAL CONDITIONS SET OUT IN SUBPART D OF 50 CFR 13, AND SPECIFIC CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS CITED IN BLOCK #2 ABOVE, ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS PERMIT. ALL ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED HEREIN MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORD WITH AND FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED. CONTINUED VALIDITY, OR RENEWAL, OF THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETE AND TIMELY COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE FILING OF ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION AND REPORTS.
- B. THE VALIDITY OF THIS PERMIT IS ALSO CONDITIONED UPON STRICT OBSERVANCE OF ALL APPLICABLE FOREIGN, STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, OR OTHER FEDERAL LAW.
- C. VALID FOR USE BY PERMITTEE NAMED ABOVE.
- D. You are authorized to take 50 black vultures and 50 turkey vultures. Birds taken may be used as effigies. Lethal take is not to be the primary means of control. Active hazing, harassment or other non-lethal techniques must continue in conjunction with any lethal take of migratory birds.
- E. You may use the following method(s) of take: shotgun, in accordance with Standard Condition #2.
- F. Anyone who takes birds under the authority of this permit must follow the American Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines on Euthanasia (http://www.avma.org/issues/animal_welfare/euthanasia.pdf).
- G. The following subpermittees are authorized: any other person who is (1) employed by or under contract to you for the activities specified in this permit, or (2) otherwise designated a subpermittee by you in writing, may exercise the authority of this permit.
- H. You and any subpermittees must comply with the attached Standard Conditions for Migratory Bird Depredation Permits. **These standard conditions are a continuation of your permit conditions and must remain with your permit.**

For suspected illegal activity, immediately contact USFWS Law Enforcement at: (305) 526-2610.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS ALSO APPLY

12 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT DUE: 01/31
You must submit a report to your Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office, even if you had no activity. Report form is at: www.fws.gov/forms/3-202-9.pdf.

ISSUED BY
Carmen P. Sanchez

TITLE
CHIEF, MIGRATORY BIRD PERMIT OFFICE - REGION 4

DATE
04/19/2012



Standard Conditions Migratory Bird Depredation Permits 50 CFR 21.41

All of the provisions and conditions of the governing regulations at 50 CFR part 13 and 50 CFR part 21.41 are conditions of your permit. Failure to comply with the conditions of your permit could be cause for suspension of the permit. The standard conditions below are a continuation of your permit conditions and must remain with your permit. If you have questions regarding these conditions, refer to the regulations or, if necessary, contact your migratory bird permit issuing office. For copies of the regulations and forms, or to obtain contact information for your issuing office, visit: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/mbpermits.html>.

1. To minimize the lethal take of migratory birds, you are required to continually apply non-lethal methods of harassment in conjunction with lethal control.
[Note: Explosive Pest Control Devices (EPCDs) are regulated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). If you plan to use EPCDs, you require a Federal explosives permit, unless you are exempt under 27 CFR 555.141. Information and contacts may be found at www.atf.gov/explosives/how-to/become-an-fel.htm.]
2. Shotguns used to take migratory birds can be no larger than 10-gauge and must be fired from the shoulder. You must use nontoxic shot listed in 50 CFR 20.21(j).
3. You may not use blinds, pits, or other means of concealment, decoys, duck calls, or other devices to lure or entice migratory birds into gun range.
4. You are not authorized to take, capture, harass, or disturb bald eagles or golden eagles, or species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act found in 50 CFR 17, without additional authorization.

For a list of threatened and endangered species in your state, visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Threatened and Endangered Species System (TESS) at: <http://www.fws.gov/endangered>.

5. If you encounter a migratory bird with a Federal band issued by the U.S. Geological Survey Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, MD, report the band number to 1-800-327-BAND (2263) or <http://www.reportband.gov>.
6. This permit does not authorize take or release of any migratory birds, nests, or eggs on Federal lands without additional prior written authorization from the applicable Federal agency, or on State lands or other public or private property without prior written permission or permits from the landowner or custodian.
7. Unless otherwise specified on the face of the permit, migratory birds, nests, or eggs taken under this permit must be:
 - (a) turned over to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for official purposes, or
 - (b) donated to a public educational or scientific institution as defined by 50 CFR 10, or
 - (c) completely destroyed by burial or incineration, or
 - (d) with prior approval from the permit issuing office, donated to persons authorized by permit or regulation to possess them.

8. A subpermittee is an individual to whom you have provided written authorization to conduct some or all of the permitted activities in your absence. Subpermittees must be at least 18 years of age. As the permittee, you are legally responsible for ensuring that your subpermittees are adequately trained and adhere to the terms of your permit. You are responsible for maintaining current records of who you have designated as a subpermittee, including copies of designation letters you have provided.
9. You and any subpermittees must carry a legible copy of this permit, *including these Standard Conditions*, and display it upon request whenever you are exercising its authority.
10. You must maintain records as required in 50 CFR 13.46 and 50 CFR 21.41. All records relating to the permitted activities must be kept at the location indicated in writing by you to the migratory bird permit issuing office.
11. Acceptance of this permit authorizes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to inspect any wildlife held, and to audit or copy any permits, books, or records required to be kept by the permit and governing regulations.
12. You may not conduct the activities authorized by this permit if doing so would violate the laws of the applicable State, county, municipal or tribal government or any other applicable law.

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