

2006 Conservation Programs Report

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The following is a brief summary of activities in Alabama by Conservation field staff from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Should you have questions or comments concerning the information provided or would like to learn more about a particular activity please call me at the Southern Regional Office, (601) 956-1936.

Alabama

* **Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge** – Engineering staff made two trips to Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge to survey the Kennedy Unit for development. Plans are to install an internal levee system that will subdivide the unit into three separate impoundments, resulting in more surface water in the unit and greater water management capability. Completion of the project will be fall 2007. The FWS is paying for this work and for DU's services.

* **Planned Projects in Alabama** - Ducks Unlimited will continue its strong partnership with the FWS at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge by obligating \$25,000 in support of efforts to restore function and value to the wetland resources on the refuge. Bob Harris, DU regional biologist, will begin visiting MARSH projects in the state to assess project condition and agreement compliance.