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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
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Subject: Duck Blind Repair / Brush up Work Party

First Work Day is Saturday August 23, 2008

The Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge is requesting volunteers to clean up and repair blinds in Ponds AB1, AB2, A2E, and A3W. This effort is being managed by a group of South Bay duck hunting volunteers whom will be responsible for this effort. Some of the duck hunting blinds have become unusable and very un-safe for hunting. This will provide an opportunity to fix up the unsafe blinds and brush up existing blinds to be used for the 2008 Duck Hunting Season. It will also give an opportunity to check out the area and become familiar with the duck hunting opportunities offered at the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge does not have the resources and personnel to maintain the Duck Hunting blinds, so this is an opportunity for you to help create more available blinds to use during the season. The Refuge is looking forward to another successful duck hunting season.

First work party date is Saturday **August 23, 2008**. From 8am – 3 pm.

Other Scheduled Work days are:

September 20

There will be volunteer vehicle access through the Mountain View Gate (*see Map*) volunteer coordinators will be on site to give direction.

There will be a special combination lock on planned work days; the number is "**2008**". The lock will be on the gate at the southwest corner of A2E. Volunteers will need to sign in at the regular check point (kiosk at A2E). There will be an area for Blind building materials located by kiosk at Pond A2E. Blind material may be left at this location for all to use.

Things to bring:

Tools, nails, waders, extra building supplies, lunch, boat (if available). If you don't have any supplies, just show up to pitch in a hand with others.

Volunteer's boats must be removed at the end of each work day, and only 4 stroke or electric motors are allowed.

If there are any questions you make contact either me or any of the on-site volunteers during work days.

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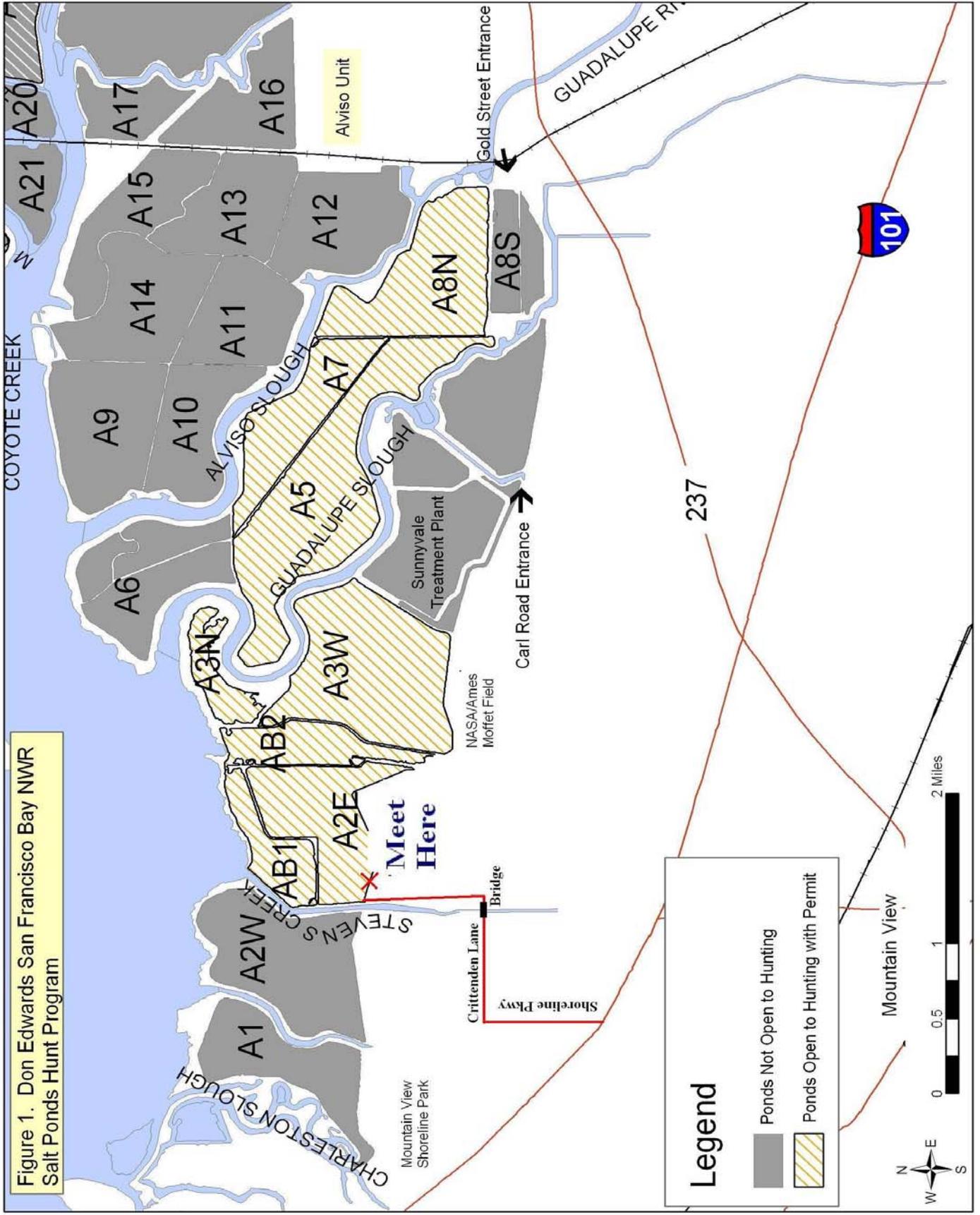


Figure 1. Don Edwards San Francisco Bay NWR Salt Ponds Hunt Program

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Photo of Mark Bell and Father hunting in Alviso Ponds.

Directions:

From the Peninsula:

- From 101, take the Shoreline Pkwy exit.
- Head north toward the Shoreline Amphitheater
- Make a right onto Crittenden Lane.
- Drive all the way to the end. Drive onto the dirt road to the left of A to Z Tree Movers sign. Drive up the hill and over the bridge.
- Make a left toward the brown gates, and drive down the levee to where Pond A2E kiosk is located.. Check in at this point.

From East Bay:

- Take 880 to 237 West.
- 237 West to 101 North

From 101, take the Shoreline Pkwy exit.

- Head north toward the Shoreline Amphitheater
- Make a right onto Crittenden Lane.
- Drive all the way to the end. Drive onto the dirt road to the left of A to Z Tree Movers sign. Drive up the hill and over the bridge.
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