

DECISION PROCESS FOR DETERMINING UNIT PURPOSES

Step I. Was the unit established by an Executive Order, public land order, or Secretarial Order?

A. Yes.

1. The document specifies the purpose(s) for the unit – DONE
2. The document does not specify a purpose:
What is the historical record of management, management plans, and the biological history of the area? Articulate the purpose(s) for Director's approval - DONE
3. If any lands/waters at this unit were not included under any additional authorities - DONE
4. If any lands/waters at this unit were included under additional authorities, go to Step II.

B. No. Go to Step II

Step II. Was the unit established or authorized by unit-specific legislation?

A. Yes.

1. The legislation states the purpose(s) of the unit – DONE
2. The legislation does not specify a purpose:
Further research is required including legislative history, agency testimony in the Congressional Record, or documents approved by the Director, or lacking these, the biological history of the area, resource inventories, or other resource-based documentation. Articulate the purpose(s) for Director's approval - DONE
3. If any lands/waters at this unit were not included under any additional authorities - DONE
4. If any lands/waters at this unit were included under additional authorities, go to Step III.

B. No. Go to Step III

Step III. Was the unit established or acquired by the authority of one or more of the following 14 laws that grant the Service acquisition authority?

1. An Act Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Real Property
2. Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act
3. Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act
4. Colorado River Storage Act
5. Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986
6. Endangered Species Act of 1973
7. Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956
8. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
9. Lea Act
10. Migratory Bird Conservation Act
11. Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act
12. North American Wetlands Conservation Act
13. National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966
14. Refuge Recreation Act

A. Yes.

1. The purpose for acquisition is stated in the law and becomes the purpose of the unit - DONE
2. If any lands/waters at this unit were not included under any additional authorities - DONE
3. If any lands/waters at this unit were included under additional authorities, go to Step IV.

B. No. Go to Step IV.

Step IV. Was the unit donated to the Service?

A. Yes.

1. Research is required, including legislation that grants authority for donations, any biological reports on the unit or adjacent area, a review of fish, wildlife, and plant species of significance using the unit, and any conditions set forth in the donation letter or memorandum that do not conflict with the mission of the System. Articulate the purpose(s) for Director's approval.