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Habitat Cards

<p>A large condominium development has been built on a drained marsh that was prime duck wintering habitat. Remove one "habitat haven" from the wintering habitat.</p>	<p>A "cookie cutter" (machinery that removes some vegetation and exposes a small area of water) has been brought to a marsh to improve waterfowl habitat. Add one "habitat haven" to the nesting habitat.</p>
<p>A large oil spill from a supertanker has severely damaged a number of salt marshes that were prime wintering areas. Remove three "habitat havens" from the wintering habitat.</p>	<p>Acid rain has reduced the number of invertebrates needed by hens during nesting. Remove two "habitat havens" from the nesting habitat.</p>
<p>A canal was constructed to remove boat traffic from a river that was used by a large number of waterfowl years ago. It is returning to its natural state. Add one "habitat haven" to the stopover habitat.</p>	<p>A marsh has been dredged to allow a marina to be built. Remove one "habitat haven" from the wintering habitat.</p>
<p>A number of consecutive dry years have occurred, resulting in numerous small wetlands drying up. Remove one "habitat haven" from the nesting habitat.</p>	<p>Prime waterfowl habitat has been severely damaged by the use of a marsh as an irrigation pond. Remove one "habitat haven" from the stopover habitat.</p>
<p>A prime wetland area has just been included in a new National Park. Because human disturbance is reduced in the area, add one "habitat haven" to the wintering habitat.</p>	<p>Water in a man-made marsh has been drawn down to speed decomposition and consolidate the bottom. Remove one "habitat haven" for a season and then add two "habitat havens" the next season because of the improvement in nesting habitat.</p>
<p>A coastal resort town has annexed a nearby area containing a wetland, which it has drained to allow tourist hotel development. Remove one "habitat haven" from the wintering habitat.</p>	<p>A large increase in the number of mink and racoons has reduced the value of a marsh as a nesting habitat for waterfowl. Remove one "habitat haven" from the nesting habitat.</p>

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<p>The muskrat population explodes, "eating out" cattails in a dense marsh. This makes the marsh more suitable for waterfowl. Add one "habitat haven" to the nesting habitat.</p>	<p>Filling and diking reduces the amount of tidal wetlands available to waterfowl. Remove one "habitat haven" from the wintering habitat.</p>
<p>New legislation restricts motorboat traffic on a number of lakes and large marshes. Because human disturbance in the area is reduced, add one "habitat haven" to the stopover habitat.</p>	<p>Wintering habitat is reduced by the conversion of bottomland hardwood forest to cropland. Remove one "habitat haven" from the wintering habitat.</p>
<p>The owners of fragile wetland areas agree to place their lands in a wetland conservation program. Add one "habitat haven" to the wintering habitat.</p>	<p>New federal laws ban the use of lead shot nationwide. This reduces waterfowl deaths due to lead poisoning. Add one "habitat haven" to the stopover habitat.</p>
<p>A new dam is built on a river, creating a lake that covers the wetlands above it. Remove two "habitat havens" from the wintering area. However, the following year the area below the dam is declared a wildlife sanctuary. Add one "habitat haven" to the wintering habitat.</p>	<p>Heavy spring rains in the nesting habitat stimulate aquatic plant and invertebrate growth, creating more food sources for waterfowl. Add one "habitat haven" to the nesting habitat.</p>
<p>Pesticides infiltrate marsh water, altering the food web and affecting resistance to disease. Remove one "habitat haven" from the nesting habitat.</p>	<p>A new water treatment plant reduces the amount of pollutants released into a wetland. Add one "habitat haven" to the nesting habitat.</p>
<p>Rough fish, such as carp, that stir up bottom sediments are prevented from entering a wetland by a fish trap. This improves the water quality and habitat for waterfowl. Add one "habitat haven" to the stopover habitat.</p>	<p>As part of a joint federal and state wetland restoration project, drain tiles are removed and construction work is performed. This allows a former wetland area to flood and return to its natural state. Add one "habitat haven" to the stopover habitat.</p>