## Regulatory Overview for Carolina Bays: Georgia & North Carolina

## Georgia:

- Spoke with Matt Elliott 706-557-3032 (Nongame office in GA)- currently they do <u>not</u> have any regulations in place for Carolina Bays
- Mr. Elliott referred me to their *Conservation of Carolina Bays in Georgia* report (located on Georgia's Wildlife Resource Division website)

Conservation of Carolina Bays in Georgia
(Please refer to handout)

- Purpose of the report- "assess distribution, status and diversity of Carolina Bays in Georgia and promote their conservation through landowner collaboration and educational outreach".
- This report was developed with the expectations of finding out the location of the bays, the status of their condition, and to spread the word of their importance

## North Carolina:

- Spoke with Kyle Briggs 919-707-0269 (Division of Inland Fisheries)
- Not all Carolina Bays are isolated. If they are NOT isolated then they fall under COE Jurisdiction, since they are connected to waters of the state and considered jurisdictional.

• If isolated and not regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act then they are covered in the NC Administrative Code under 15A NCAC 02H.1301. The US Army Corps of Engineers makes this determination(Please refer to handout)