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**RULES
OF
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**CHAPTER 391-4
WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

**SUBJECT 391-4-7
PROTECTED WILDLIFE HABITS**

391-4-7-.03 Shorebird and Sea Bird Habitat Protection.

(1) In order to protect habitat for shorebirds and sea birds, except as provided in paragraph (de) of this subsection (1), no person shall:

- (a) Enter ~~those~~ natural areas known as Egg Island Bar Natural Area, Satilla River Marsh Island Natural Area, or St. Catherines Island Bar Natural Area at any time.
- (b) Enter ~~that~~ portion of Williamson Island Little Tybee Natural Area which has been designated by signs indicating that the area is seasonally closed to human access. ~~This closed area will be approximately 1,000 feet in length and of varying width, depending upon the width of the dry sand beach, and will be located at least 50 feet landward of the mean high tide line. The closed area will not include the northern and southern ends of the island or the ocean-facing beach. The location of seasonally closed areas will depend on local island configuration and bird usage but will not interfere with boaters landing on Little Tybee Natural Area.~~
- (c) Enter ~~that~~ portion of Pelican Spit Natural Area which has been designated by signs indicating that the area is closed to human access. ~~This closed area will include the interior portion of the island and the southeastern spit. The closed area will not include the southwestern beach, Hampton River Beach, the northeastern spit, or the ocean-facing beach. Enter any portion of the dredge spoil islands known as Brunswick Bird Island and Cumberland Dividings Island between March 15 and August 31. In-water signage will indicate areas subject to seasonal closure, including the intertidal zone.~~
- (d) ~~The restrictions in this chapter do not apply to the properly authorized actions of contractors and associates of the department when conducting research and monitoring activities for birds on these islands, or when responding to stranded marine mammals or other emergencies. Enter any~~