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- From: Commander, Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region-Marine Corps Base Quantico To: Distribution List
- Subj: 2022-2023 HUNTING AND TRAPPING SEASONS AND FISHING REGULATIONS UPDATE
- Ref: (a) MCINCR-MCBO 11015.2D

Encl: (1) 2022-2023 Hunting Season (2) 2022-2023 Game Checking Station Hours of Operation and Archery Qualification Test Schedule

1. <u>Situation</u>. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has established the annual season dates for Hunting and Trapping. In accordance with Sikes Act, Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region-Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCINCR-MCBQ) must set seasons within the framework established by DWR. The season dates, bag limits, and Game Checking Station (GCS) hours of operation published in this bulletin are consistent with the military mission, Virginia law, and the conservation objectives contained in the MCINCR-MCBQ Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan.

2. <u>Mission</u>. To operate hunting, trapping, and fishing programs aboard MCINCR-MCBQ that adhere to all federal and state laws and is compatible with military training requirements.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) <u>Commander's Intent</u>. Hunting, trapping, and fishing will be provided to the extent allowable in keeping with mission security, safety, and good conservation stewardship.

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(2) Concept of Operations

(a) All hunting, trapping, and fishing regulations and procedures are contained in the reference. These regulations and maps of hunting, trapping, and fishing areas are available online at: <u>https://quantico.isportsman.net/</u>. Hunters, trappers, and anglers aboard the Base must review and adhere to the regulations and procedures.

(b) <u>Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits</u>. Enclosure (1) provides the 2022-2023 hunting/trapping season dates and bag limits.

(c) Adjustments in Season Dates and Bag Limits. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-F (AC/S G-F), Installation and Environment Division, is authorized by the reference to reduce or close hunting, trapping, and fishing days in the event of inclement weather, elevated force protection conditions, or to limit the harvest in consonance with good conservation practices. Unscheduled closures or adjustments to season dates and bag limits made after the publication of this bulletin will be posted at <u>https://quantico.isportsman.net</u>. Additionally, hunters can call the MCBQ weather hotline at (703)784-3638 for information on weather-related Base closures.

(d) <u>GCS Hours of Operation</u>. The GCS hours of operation are contained in enclosure (2). The GCS is closed and no hunting is allowed on Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

(e) <u>Scouting</u>. Scouting is allowed daily from 6 September through 31 January and again from 18 March to 13 May. Scouting hours follow hunting hours Monday-Saturday. Scouting for the game prior to its season-opening and on Sundays is limited to 0800-1600. Failure to check out of the training area by the designated time will result in the suspension of your recreational privileges per the reference. Scouters who do not check out of the training area are presumed lost or injured and search efforts are initiated if contact cannot be made.

(f) Early Hunting Reservation Schedule. All MCINCR-MCBQ hunters must obtain a daily hunting permit before entering the hunting areas. While not required, MCINCR-MCBQ licensed hunters may attempt to reserve a daily hunting permit on the day before a hunt. Early reservations start at noon for active duty and their dependents, 1215 for retired military and their dependents, and Department of Defense (DoD) civilian employees,

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and 1230 for non-affiliated civilians. Full details about the reservation of daily hunting locations are contained in the reference. Waterfowl blinds will be available on a first-come, first-served basis starting at noon via iSportsman.

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(g) <u>MCINCR-MCBQ Access Policy</u>. All personnel entering MCINCR-MCBQ to hunt, trap, or fish must be compliant with the base access policy. Those who are not DoD affiliated or do not possess a Federal Personal Identification Verification card must acquire a Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) card to access the base. Sportsmen must pre-enroll in the DBIDS system at <u>https://dbids-global.dmdc.mil/enroll#!/</u>. For more information on this process, visit: <u>https://quantico.isportsman.net/</u>.

(h) <u>iSportsman</u>. All hunters, trappers, and anglers must utilize iSportsman to purchase base licenses, reserve hunting locations, and check in and out of hunting, trapping, and fishing areas. Information and announcements are updated through iSportsman. Register for an account at: <u>https://quantico.isportsman.net/</u>

 (i) License Sales. MCINCR-MCBQ hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses are sold on iSportsman. The annual hunting license costs 20.00 dollars and a trip license valid for five
 (5) consecutive hunting days costs 5.00 dollars. The annual fishing license costs 10.00 dollars and a trip license valid for five (5) consecutive fishing days costs 5.00 dollars. The annual trapping license costs 10.00 dollars.

(j) <u>Deer, Turkey, and Bear Checking Procedures</u>. All deer, turkey, and bear harvested on MCINCR-MCBQ must be checked electronically through DWR (e.g. DWR hotline 1-866-GOT-GAME (468-4263), <u>https://gooutdoorsvirginia.com</u>, or DWR GoOutdoors app) and must be physically transported to the GCS for data collection. Hunters must still notch their tag or "e-notch" before moving the game from the place of kill and check it in with one of the DWR systems before presenting the animal to GCS staff. Hunters must record the DWR confirmation number on their deer, turkey, or bear license and show evidence of this to the GCS staff. GCS staff collects data from the harvested game that assist installation biologists with managing wildlife populations. Collection of this data may require the removal of jaw bones, lymph nodes, and/or whole heads of deer or feathers from turkeys.

(k) <u>Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Procedures</u>. Training Areas 9B, 13, 14A, 14B, and 14C are within Virginia's Disease Management Area 2 (CWD) and there are strict processing requirements and transportation restrictions for deer harvested in these training areas. Deer from these areas must be processed at the Game Check Station before removing them from the installation. Refer to iSportsman for requirements. CWD is not known to be present within the installation's deer population but the GCS staff will work with DWR to test some of the mature males harvested on the installation. For more information about CWD in deer, please visit: https://www.dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/cwd/.

(1) <u>COVID-19 Procedures.</u> In the event GCS operations, or hunting, trapping, or fishing/boating locations, need to be adapted or closed to protect military and civilian personnel and the public from disease transmission, closures will be announced on the Quantico iSportsman webpage.

(b) <u>Subordinate Element Missions</u>. The AC/S, G-F will administer the hunting program per the reference.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. <u>Administration</u>. Recommendations concerning the contents of this Bulletin may be provided to the Commander MCINCR-MCBQ (B 046) via the appropriate chain of command.

b. Logistics. The point of contact for Bulletin is Mr. Shannon Bowling at (703)-432-6774, G-F, Natural Resources Environmental Affairs.

5. Command and Signal

a. <u>Command</u>. This Bulletin applies to all personnel aboard MCINCR-MCBQ and MCINCR-MCAF Quantico. Please contact the Conservation Law Enforcement Office at (703) 784-5218 or the Provost Marshall's Office, at (703) 784-2252, if witness any violation of this Bulletin.

b. <u>Signal.</u> All land use restrictions are effective on the date signed.

DISTRIBUTION A:

2022-2023 MCINCR-MCBQ HUNTING SEASON

Sunday Hunting				
	Hunti	ing on Sunday is c	losed	
	r = 81	BLACK BEAR		
Archery		1 Oct - 18 Nc	V	
Firearms		28 Nov - 7 Ja	in	
Virginia bear license is required. One (1) per season. Females with cubs may not be harvested. Minimum weight 100 lbs. live or 75 lbs. dressed. Bear can be taken in any open hunting area but hunters must abide by weapons restrictions, i.e., must use archery tackle only in archery hunting areas. MCINCR-MCBQ will NOT participate in the Early Firearms Bear Season, youth/apprentice bear hunting weekend, nor muzzleloader season.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER				
Youth/Appre	entice Hunt	24 Sep	Either-sex. Firearms or Archery. Blaze orange or pink required.	
Archery		1 Oct - 18 Nov	Either-sex. Base-wide.	
Firearms*		19 Nov - 7 Jan	Buck-only except on designated either-sex days, (10 Dec and 7 Jan) and either-sex within Archery only Areas.	
*shotgun, muzzleloader, or archery tackle may be used during the firearms season, following firearms daily bag limits.				
MCINCR-MCBQ will NOT participate in Urban Archery seasons in Prince William County and Stafford County.				

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MCINCR-MCBQ Deer Hunting Policies and Bag Limits

Antlerless Deer: Females (does) and male fawns (button bucks) having no polished antler protruding above the hairline. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Tags. The Game Checking Station may provide DMAP tags for the harvest of antlerless deer in the following Archery Only Areas: Mainside, TDSA, OCS (2A, 2B, 3, 4), 5B, 5C, 6A, 6C, 7C, 8A, 8B, 17C, and Camp Upshur. Only DMAP permits issued by the GCS are valid aboard MCINR-MCBQ. Only 1 DMAP tag may be used per day per hunter. Deer tagged with DMAP tags will not count against either daily or season bag limits.

Antlered Deer: Antlered deer must have antlers visible above the hairline. DMAP and antlerless tags may NOT be used on antlered deer.

Daily Bag Limit. 1 per day. Exception: Guests selected for a Wounded, Ill, and Injured (WII) Warrior Hunts may harvest 2 deer per day, one which must be antlered and one which must be antlerless. Deer harvested by these hunters count against their season bag limit. Antlerless deer taken on DMAP tags do not count against the daily bag limit.

Season Bag Limit: 3 per license year. Only 1 antlerless deer can be taken and no more than 2 antlered bucks (see definition above) can be taken at MCINCR-MCBQ during the 2022-2023 deer season. Any of the tabs on the Virginia deer license can be used at MCBQ so long as no more than 2 antlered bucks are harvested and the total number of tabs notched at MCBQ does not exceed 3. Antlerless deer taken on DMAP tags do not count against the season limit. With approval, WII Warriors and hunters confined to wheelchairs may utilize a firearm within an archery-only area to take 1 antlerless deer on a DMAP tag; all other harvests by firearm will count against the season bag limit.

Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation: The Virginia apprentice and youth antlerless deer regulation apply at MCINCR-MCBQ.

Special Muzzleloader Gun Season. There will be no muzzleloading gun season aboard MCINCR-MCBQ, with the following exceptions: from 5 Nov -18 Nov, persons requiring a wheelchair for mobility may be assigned to Huntmaster stands and may harvest 1 deer per day, either-sex. Guests selected for WII Warrior Hunts may use a muzzleloading firearm and hunt either sex. Volunteers assisting with these special hunts are not authorized to use muzzleloading firearms.

Bonus Deer Tags. Bonus deer tags, sold by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, will not be accepted for deer harvested aboard MCINCR-MCBQ.

TURKEY

Fall Seasons - Either-sex

Youth/Apprentice Hunt	8 Oct Firearms or Archery.
Archery	1 Oct - 18 Nov
Firearms	22 Oct - 4 Nov, 23 Nov, 5-31 Dec, 14-28 Jan

Spring Gobbler - Bearded Birds Only

Youth/Apprentice Day 1 Apr (hunt ends at 1200 noon)

Gobbler Season 8 Apr - 13 May (hunt ends at 1200 noon all season)

Daily Limit: (All Seasons): 1

Annual Limit: 3*

*Note: No more than 2 turkeys may be taken in the fall and no more than 2 turkeys may be taken in the spring.

SMALL GAME HUNTING

RABBIT

5 Nov - 28 Jan Daily Limit: 6

SQUIRREL

6 Sep - 28 Jan

Daily Limit: 6

QUAIL & RUFFED GROUSE

Season closed

All other game species not listed will follow the VA DWR seasons and bag limits. See DWR Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulation Digest for additional hunting regulations and seasons

Furbearer Hunting

Opossum15 Oct - 28 JanNo LimitRaccoon15 Oct - 28 JanDaily Limit: 2Bobcat (Archery)1 Oct - 31 OctDaily Limit: 2*Bobcat (Firearms)1 Nov - 28 JanDaily Limit: 2*Fox1 Nov - 28 JanDaily Limit: 2*Coyote & SkunkDuring any open MCBQ hunting season, with
the allowable weapon for that season

Note: Night hunting prohibited on MCINCR-MCBQ; Furbearers can only be taken ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

*Bobcat daily limit is 2 per hunting party; Annual limit is 4 taken by hunting and trapping combined.

FURBEARER TRAPPING

Opossum, Raccoon, Fox, & Bobcat Otter, Muskrat, Beaver & Weasel Coyote & Skunk See DWR Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulation Digest for additional trapping regulations.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

DOVE

6 Sep - 22 Oct; 19 Nov - 26 Nov; 23 Dec - 21 Jan Daily Limit: 15 per day. The legal shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until sunset for the entire season.

YOUTH & VETERAN WATERFOWL DAYS

22 Oct and 4 Feb; Open to youth 15 years of age and under, military veterans, and active duty service members. Participants may harvest the allowed daily limit of ducks and other waterfowl.

SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE

6 Sep - 24 Sep

Daily Limit: 10 per day;*

East of I-95 6 - 16 Sep; Hunting ceases at ⅓ hour after sunset. 17 - 24 Sep; Hunting ceases at sunset. 21 - 24 Sep; sunset.

West of I-95 6 - 20 Sep; Hunting ceases at ½ hour after Hunting ceases at sunset.

CANADA GOOSE

16-26 Nov; 19 Dec - 28 Jan Daily Limit: 3 per day;*

SEPTEMBER TEAL

17 - 30 Sep (East of I-95); 21 - 30 Sep (West of I-95) Daily Limit: 6 per day;*

DUCKS

7-10 Oct (Black duck closed); 16-26 Nov; 17 Dec-28 Jan

Daily Limit: 6 ducks of any species except noted DWR species limits (See DWR Migratory Gamebird Digest)

MERGANSERS

7-10 Oct; 16-26 Nov; 17 Dec-28 Jan
Daily Limit: 5 birds total, and can include any combination of
hooded, red-breasted, and common mergansers

WOODCOCK

11 Nov-3 Dec; 27 Dec - 17 Jan Daily Limit: 3 per day

All other migratory game bird species not listed will follow the VA DWR seasons and bag limits. See DWR Migratory Gamebird Digest for more additional regulations and seasons.

*No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility. No person on the opening day of the season shall possess any freshly killed migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit, or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies.

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2022-2023 GAME CHECKING STATION HOURS OF OPERATION AND MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION TEST SCHEDULE

DATES	GAME CHECKING STATION HOURS OF OPERATION ¹		
6-30 Sep	0800-1 hour past sunset		
1 Oct-7 Jan	0730-1 hour past sunset		
9-28 Jan, & 4 Feb	0800-1600		
31 Mar & 7 Apr	0800-1600		
1 Apr, 8 Apr-13 May	0730-1300		
MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE ² Same day sign up from 0400- 1159 via iSportsman. Limit 10 people per day.			
6-29 Sep	1200 Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at the archery site.		
4-27 Oct	1200 Tuesday and Thursday		

Note:

1. The Game Checking Station will remain open longer if individuals have been authorized to track wounded deer.

2. Must complete archery safety brief within iSportsman prior to qualification.