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From: Commander, Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region-Marine Corps Base
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REGULATIONS UPDATE

Ref: (a) MCBO 11015.2D
(b) Distinguished Visitor Hunting Policy ltr of 7 Jul 21
(c) MCINCR-MCBQO 5090.1

Encl: (1) 2024-2025 Hunting Season
(2) 2024-2025 Game Check Station Hours of Operation and Archery Qualification Test
Schedule

1. Situation. 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 Check 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. Mission. To operate hunting, trapping, and fishing programs aboard MCINCR-MCBQ that adhere to all federal and state laws and are compatible with military training requirements.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

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

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) All hunting, trapping, and fishing regulations and procedures are contained in reference (a). These regulations and maps of hunting, trapping, and fishing areas are available at the GCS and on the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) section on Base website. Hunters, trappers, and anglers aboard the Base must review and adhere to the regulations and procedures.

(b) Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits. Enclosure (1) provides the 2024-2025 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) is authorized by reference (a) to reduce, adjust, or close hunting, trapping, and fishing days in the event of inclement weather, elevated force protection conditions, or in consonance with good conservation practices. Unscheduled closures or adjustments to season dates and bag limits made after publication of this bulletin will be posted online and at GCS. Additionally, hunters can call the MCINCR-MCBQ weather hotline at 703-784-3638 for information on weather related Base closures.

(d) Game Check Station (GCS) Hours of Operation. The GCS hours of operation are contained in enclosure (2). Hunting on Sunday is only allowed on the four Sundays designated in enclosure (1). The GCS is closed, and no hunting or scouting is allowed on Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

(e) Interim Physical Hunting Check-in Procedures. Online service for dispersed outdoor recreation management is currently unavailable. NREA is working to re-establish service but is anticipating a disruption in services. In the interim, NREA will transition to physical check in procedures and require all hunters to check in and out at the Game Check Station, starting 3 September. These procedures will be posted at GCS and on the Base website. Each hunter will obtain a plastic hunting license card at the GCS and will be assigned a color based on their customer type. Hunters will bring this card to GCS when making a reservation or checking into a hunting area. Hunters will be issued two (2) colored day passes one of which is displayed on dashboard of vehicle and the other remains with the hunter at all times. At the conclusion of the hunt, the hunter will return to the GCS and exchange the colored day passes for their hunter card. Same day hunter check in will begin at 0730 and end 1.5 hours prior to sunset. Hunters wanting to start hunting when legal shooting hours begin must get their colored day passes at the GCS a business day prior to hunt day.

(f) Hunter Color Categories. When issuing the hunter license card, GCS will place active duty and their dependents into the **Green** category. Retired military, retired military dependents, and MCINCR-MCBQ civilian employees will be assigned the **Blue** category. All other hunters will be placed in the **Brown** category.

(g) Early General Hunting Reservation Schedule. MCINCR-MCBQ licensed hunters are encouraged to make a hunting reservation at the GCS a business day prior to the intended

hunting day. Early reservations will be available on a first come, first served basis starting at 1200 at GCS. Green category hunters will be allotted 70% of reservation passes per training area, Blue will receive 15%, and Brown will be assigned the final 15% of reservations passes. Starting at 1600, any remaining passes in any color category will become available to all hunters. GCS staff will not take reservations over the phone; hunters must physically come to GCS to make a reservation.

(h) Early Waterfowl Hunting Reservation Schedule. Waterfowl hunters are encouraged to reserve blinds at the GCS a business day prior to the intended hunting day. Early reservations will be available on a first come, first served basis starting at 1130 at GCS. Color categories will receive the same quota of passes as outlined in the general hunting schedule. Green category hunters will be served first in line followed by Blue and Brown, respectively. Once Brown is served, any remaining passes will become available to all hunters regardless of color category. A calendar will be published at GCS to inform hunters which blinds are designated for each Color category per day. GCS staff will not take reservations over the phone; hunters must physically come to GCS to make a reservation.

(i) Hunter Return Time. During the interim physical check in/out system, hunters will be given an additional 30 minutes in the evening to get back to the GCS. During this period, all hunters must be back at the GCS and return all hunting passes prior to 1.5 hours after sunset. Anyone not returning on time will have their hunting privileges suspended.

(j) License Sales. Sales of MCINCR-MCBQ hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses will be temporarily suspended. Instead, a free interim license will be issued at GCS for each activity until online license sales are restored.

(k) Scouting. Scouting is allowed daily from 3 September through 31 January and 22 March to 17 May. Scouting hours follow hunting hours Monday-Saturday. Scouting for 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 suspension of your recreational privileges per reference (a). 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.

(l) Deer, Turkey, and Bear Checking Procedures. 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), <https://gooutdoorsvirginia.com>, or DWR GoOutdoors app), **and must be physically transported and presented 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 prior to 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 collect data from harvested game that assist installation biologists with managing wildlife populations. Collection of this data may require removal of jaw bones, lymph nodes, and/or whole heads of deer or feathers from turkeys.

(m) Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Procedures. Training areas within Fauquier or Prince William Counties are within Virginia's CWD Disease Management Area 2 (DMA).

Virginia (VA) CWD regulations implement strict processing guidelines and transportation restrictions for deer harvested within a DMA. If you do not reside within one of VA's DMA counties, deer harvested from these areas must be processed at the GCS before removing them from the installation. If a Training Area (TA) is only partially within the DMA, the entire TA will follow DMA rules. Refer to the GCS or NREA section on Base website for maps and requirements. CWD is not known to be present within the installation's deer population, but the GCS staff are continuing to work with DWR to test deer harvested on MCBQ for CWD. For more information about CWD in deer, please visit: <https://www.dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/cwd/>.

(n) Assisted Hunting. Active-duty service members (wounded warriors) who are receiving treatment from military hospitals for combat related injuries, paralyzed veterans, individuals who have significant mobility challenges, and hunters classified as distinguished visitors per reference (b), can request assistance to support their hunting trips. These hunters will be given priority for designated assisted hunting locations which may be temporarily or permanently restricted to other hunters. Requests for assisted hunting must be made 72 hours in advance through the Fish and Wildlife Section Head (703-432-6774). Questions or requests for the distinguished visitor program should be directed to the Director, Natural Resources Environmental Affairs at (703-432-0537).

(o) Lunga Reservoir. Lunga Reservoir was re-opened per reference (c). All access is currently through Lunga Park (operated by MCCS). See the MCCS Lunga Park website for access details and hours of operations. <https://quantico.usmc-mccs.org/recreation-fitness/recreation/outdoor-recreation/lunga-park>. Rules and regulations related to fishing and boating on Lunga will be posted at GCS and NREA section of Base website.

(p) Fishing Creel and Length Limits. VA regulations concerning the possession of game and nongame fish, reptiles, amphibians, and aquatic invertebrates are applicable and enforced at MCBQ. MCBQ follows the VA Creel and Length Limits for all fish species <https://dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/>.

(q) Trail and Game Cameras. The use of trail/game cameras or any unattended cameras is strictly prohibited aboard MCBQ to include hunting and training areas. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement and other official purposes.

(r) Blaze Color Requirement. Blaze colored clothing is no longer required for waterfowl hunters. This change makes Base regulations consistent with state law.

(s). Subordinate Element Missions. AC/S G-F (Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Branch) will administer the hunting program per reference (a).

4. Administration and Logistics. Recommendations concerning the contents of this Bulletin may be provided to the Commander, MCINCR-MCBQ via the appropriate chain of command.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Bulletin is applicable to all personnel aboard MCINCR-MCBQ and Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico. Please contact the Conservation Law Enforcement Office at (703) 784-5218 or the Provost Marshal's Office, (703) 784-2252, if witness to any violation of this Bulletin.

b. Signal. All land use restrictions are effective the date signed.



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2024-2025 MCINCR-MCBQ HUNTING SEASON

MCBQ Season Dates and Regulations

MCBQ hunting season dates, bag limits, and regulations may vary from Virginia hunting season dates. No fall hunting season aboard MCBQ will extend beyond 31 January, except the Youth & Veterans Waterfowl Day (8 February). See below for specific season dates.

Sunday Hunting

Hunting on Sunday is closed except
13 Oct, 24 Nov, 22 Dec, & 13 Apr

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Youth/Apprentice Hunt	28 Sep	Either-sex. Firearms or Archery. Blaze orange or pink required.
Archery	5 Oct – 15 Nov	Either-sex. Base-wide.
Firearms*	16 Nov - 4 Jan	Buck-only except on designated either-sex days, (7 Dec and 4 Jan) and either-sex within Archery only Areas

*Shotgun, muzzleloader, or archery tackle may be used during the firearms season, but hunters must abide by firearms either-sex dates and bag limits.

MCINCR-MCBQ will NOT participate in extended deer seasons in Fauquier, Prince William, and Stafford and Counties.

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 Check 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. One (1) per day. Exception: Guests selected for a Wounded, Ill, and Injured (WII) Warrior Hunts may harvest two (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: Three (3) per license year. **Only one (1) antlerless deer can be taken and no more than two (2) antlered bucks (see definition above) can be taken at MCINCR-MCBQ during the 2024-2025 deer season.** Any of the tabs on the Virginia deer license can be used at MCBQ so long as no more than two (2) antlered bucks are harvested, and the total number of tabs notched at MCBQ does not exceed three (3). Antlerless deer taken on DMAP tags do not count against the season limit. With prior approval, hunters qualifying for assisted hunting may utilize a firearm in archery only areas.

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

Special Muzzleloader Gun Season. There will be no muzzleloading gun season aboard MCINCR-MCBQ, with the following exceptions: from 2 November -15 November, persons requiring wheelchair for mobility may be assigned to Huntmaster stands and may harvest one (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, are not authorized for deer harvested aboard MCINCR-MCBQ.

TURKEY

Fall Seasons – Either-sex

Youth/Apprentice Hunt 12 & 13 Oct Firearms or Archery.
Archery 5 Oct – 15 Nov
Firearms 19 Oct - 1 Nov, 27 Nov, 2-28 Dec,
11-25 Jan

Spring Gobbler – Bearded Birds Only

Youth/Apprentice Day 5 Apr (hunt ends at 1200)
Gobbler Season 12 Apr – 17 May (hunt ends at 1200
all season)

Daily Limit: (All Seasons): 1

Annual Limit: 3*

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

BLACK BEAR

Archery 5 Oct - 15 Nov
Firearms 25 Nov – 4 Jan

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.

SMALL GAME HUNTING

RABBIT

2 Nov – 31 Jan

Daily Limit: 6

SQUIRREL

7 Sep – 31 Jan

Daily Limit: 6

* Fox Squirrel season is closed in TAs that
fall within Stafford County

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

Opossum	15 Oct – 31 Jan	No Limit
Raccoon	15 Oct - 31 Jan	Daily Limit: 2
Bobcat (Archery)	5 Oct - 31 Oct	Daily Limit: 2*
Bobcat (Firearms)	1 Nov - 31 Jan	Daily Limit: 2*
Red Fox	1 Nov – 31 Jan	No Limit
Gray Fox	1 Jan – 31 Jan	Daily Limit: 1*
Coyote & Skunk	During 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 and Gray Fox daily limit is per hunting party from 1200 one day to 1200 the following day.

FURBEARER TRAPPING

Opossum, Raccoon, Fox, & Bobcat	15 Nov – 31 Jan
Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver & Weasel	1 Dec - 31 Jan
Coyote & Skunk	During any open MCBQ trapping or hunting season.

See DWR Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulation Digest for additional trapping regulations.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

DOVE

3 Sep – 19 Oct; 23 – 30 Nov; 20 Dec – 20 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

26 Oct and 8 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

3 Sep – 25 Sep

Daily Limit: 10 per day;*

East of I-95

3 – 14 Sep; Hunting ceases at ½ hour after sunset.

16 – 25 Sep; Hunting ceases at sunset.

West of I-95

3 – 20 Sep; Hunting ceases at ½ hour after sunset.

21 – 25 Sep; Hunting ceases at sunset.

CANADA GOOSE

19 – 31 Dec; 16 – 31 Jan

Daily Limit: 2 per day;*

SEPTEMBER TEAL

16 - 30 Sep (East of I-95); 21 - 30 Sep (West of I-95)

Daily Limit: 6 per day;*

DUCKS

11 - 14 Oct (Black duck closed); 20 - 30 Nov; 19 Dec - 31 Jan

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

MERGANSERS

Season to coincide with general duck season

Daily Limit: 5 birds total, and can include any combination of hooded, red-breasted, and common mergansers*

WOODCOCK

11 - 30 Nov; 27 Dec – 20 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 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 more than the daily bag limit, or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies.

**2024-2025 GAME CHECK STATION HOURS OF OPERATION
AND MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE**

DATES	GAME CHECK STATION HOURS OF OPERATION¹
3 Sep - 4 Jan	0730 – 1.5 hours past sunset
6 - 31 Jan, & 8 Feb	0800 – 1630
4 & 11 Apr	0800 - 1600
5 Apr, & 12 Apr - 17 May	0730 - 1300
MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE²	
3 - 28 Sep	1200 Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at the archery site.
1 - 31 Oct	1200 Tuesday and Thursday

Note:

1. The Game Check Station will remain open longer if individuals have been authorized to track wounded deer.
2. Must complete archery safety brief at GCS following successful qualification.