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From: Commander, Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region - Marine  
Corps Base Quantico  
To: Distribution List

Subj: CHANGE 1 TO 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR HUNTING AND TRAPPING SEASONS AND  
FISHING REGULATIONS UPDATE

1. Situation. To transmit revised content within the current Bulletin.

2. Mission. This change updates the current Bulletin to authorize Sunday  
hunting on 8 October, 19 November, 17 December, and 14 April.

3. Execution. Upon receipt, execute the following change to the subject  
Bulletin.

a. On page 2, paragraph 3.a.2.d of the Bulletin, insert "Sunday hunting  
is authorized on 8 October 2023, 19 November 2023, 17 December 2023, and 14  
April 2024. The GCS is closed, and no hunting is allowed on all other  
Sundays."

b. On enclosure (1), under Sunday Hunting, insert "Hunting is authorized  
only on 8 Oct, 19 Nov, 17 Dec, and 14 Apr."

4. Administration and Logistics. File this transmittal page in front of the  
original Bulletin.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Bulletin is applicable to all personnel aboard MCINCR-  
MCBQ and MCINCR-MCAF Quantico.

b. Signal. This change is effective the date signed.

  
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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) 2023-2024 Hunting Season/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 online at: <https://quantico.isportsman.net/>. 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 2023-2024 hunting/trapping season dates and bag limits.

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(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 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 at <https://quantico.isportsman.net>. Additionally, hunters can call the Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCBQ) weather hotline at 703-784-3638 for information on weather related Base closures.

(d) Game Check Station (GCS) Hours of Operation. The hours of operation are contained in enclosure (2). 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. The GCS is closed and no hunting is allowed on Sundays.

(e) Scouting. Scouting is allowed daily from 5 September through 31 January and again from 23 March to 18 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.

(f) Early Hunting Reservation Schedule. While not required, MCINCR-MCBQ licensed hunters may attempt to make a hunting reservation on the day prior to 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, 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.

(g) MCINCR-MCBQ Access Policy. 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 <https://dbids-global.dmdc.mil/enroll#!/>. For more information on this process, visit: <https://quantico.isportsman.net/>.

(h) iSportsman. Checking in and out through iSportsman is required while participating in any hunting, scouting, trapping, or fishing activity on MCINCR-MCBQ. Seasonal and current information and announcements are updated through iSportsman. Register for an account at: <https://quantico.isportsman.net/>

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

(j) 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), reported during check out in iSportsman, 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.

(k) Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Procedures. Training Areas within Fauquier or Prince William Counties are within Virginia's CWD Disease Management Area 2 (DMA). The addition of Prince William County is new this season. 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 Game Check Station before removing them from the installation. If a TA is only partially within the DMA, the entire TA will follow DMA rules. Refer to the iSportsman 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/>.

(l) 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 Program Head (703-432-6774). Questions or requests for the distinguished visitor program should be directed to Director, Natural Resources Environmental Affairs (walter.christensen@usmc.mil).

(m) Lunga Reservoir. Lunga Reservoir was re-opened per reference (c). See the Lunga Reservoir page on the iSportsman website for details on rules and regulations related to fishing and boating on Lunga. All access is currently through Lunga Park (operated by Marine Corps Community Service (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>.

(n) Fishing Creel and Length Limits. Virginia regulations concerning the possession of game and nongame fish, reptiles, amphibians, and aquatic invertebrates are applicable and enforced at MCBQ. MCBQ follows the state Creel and Length Limits for all fish species. Consult VA freshwater fishing regulations for creel and length limits. <https://dwr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/media/creel-and-length-limits.pdf>

(o) 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.

b. 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 (B 046) via the appropriate chain of command.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Bulletin is applicable 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, (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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## 2023-2024 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 Jan, except the Youth & Veterans Waterfowl Day (3 Feb). See below for specific season dates.

Sunday Hunting

Hunting on Sunday is closed.

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Youth/Apprentice Hunt	30 Sep	Either-sex. Firearms or Archery. Blaze orange or pink required.
Archery	7 Oct - 17 Nov	Either-sex. Base-wide.
Firearms*	18 Nov - 6 Jan	Buck-only except on designated either-sex days, (9 Dec and 6 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 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. 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 2023-2024 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 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 4 Nov -17 Nov, persons requiring 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, are not authorized for deer harvested aboard MCINCR-MCBQ.

TURKEY

## Fall Seasons - Either-sex

Youth/Apprentice Hunt	14 Oct	Firearms or Archery.
Archery	7 Oct - 17 Nov	
Firearms	21 Oct - 3 Nov, 22 Nov, 4-30 Dec, 13-27 Jan	

## Spring Gobbler - Bearded Birds Only

Youth/Apprentice Day	6 Apr (hunt ends at 1200)
Gobbler Season	13 Apr - 18 May (hunt ends at 1200 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.

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BLACK BEAR

Archery	7 Oct - 17 Nov
Firearms	27 Nov - 6 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

4 Nov - 31 Jan

Daily Limit: 6

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SQUIRREL

5 Sep - 31 Jan

Daily Limit: 6

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

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QUAIL & RUFFED GROUSE

Season closed

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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)	7 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 to 1200.

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### 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

5 Sep - 22 Oct; 18 Nov - 26 Nov; 22 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

21 Oct and 3 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

5 Sep - 25 Sep

Daily Limit: 10 per day; \*

East of I-95

5 - 16 Sep; Hunting ceases at  
 ½ hour after sunset.  
 17 - 25 Sep; Hunting ceases at  
 sunset.

West of I-95

5 - 20 Sep; Hunting  
 ceases at ½ hour after  
 sunset. 21 - 25 Sep;  
 Hunting ceases at sunset.

CANADA GOOSE

22 - 26 Nov; 23 Dec - 31 Jan  
 Daily Limit: 2 per day; \*

SEPTEMBER TEAL

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

DUCKS

6 - 9 Oct (Black duck closed); 15 - 26 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\*

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**WOODCOCK**

10 Nov - 27 Nov; 26 Dec - 21 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.

**2023-2024 GAME CHECK STATION HOURS OF OPERATION  
AND MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>GAME CHECK STATION HOURS OF OPERATION<sup>1</sup></b>
5-29 Sep	0800-1 hour past sunset
30 Sep-6 Jan	0730-1 hour past sunset
8-31 Jan, & 3 Feb	0800-1600
29 Mar & 5 Apr	0800-1600
30 Apr, 6 Apr-18 May	0730-1300
<b>MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE<sup>2</sup></b> Same day sign up from 0400- 1159 via iSportsman. Limit 10 people per day.	
5-30 Sep	1200 Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at the archery site.
2-26 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 within iSportsman prior to qualification.