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Encl: (1) FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURAL MANUAL

1. Situation. To provide policy and procedural guidance for fish and wildlife management programs at Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region-Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCINCR-MCBQ), to include fishing, hunting, trapping, conservation law enforcement, wildlife viewing, animal damage control, and threatened and endangered species protection.

2. Cancellation. MCINCR-MCBQ P11015.2C.

3. Mission. It is the policy of the Commander MCINCR-MCBQ to promote a wildlife conservation program that shall be consistent with federal, Virginia (VA), and local laws and will support, as its foremost priority, the highest feasible quality of military training. The program will enhance to the extent feasible resource-related recreational opportunities subject to appropriate safety restrictions, security requirements, ecosystem management initiatives, animal damage control needs, and protection of threatened and endangered species.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) The conservation program shall be managed in accordance with applicable federal, state, and Marine Corps regulations and directives.

(b) Reference (a), "Conservation Programs on Military Installation," Sikes Act Improvement Act, as amended, requires that MCINCR-MCBQ implement an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP). Consistent with the military mission, the INRMP shall provide for:

1. the conservation and rehabilitation of natural resources on the installation;

2. the sustainable multipurpose use of the resources, which shall include fishing, hunting, trapping, and nonconsumptive uses;

3. and, subject to safety and security requirements, public access to facilitate the use of the resources.

(c) This Order shall serve as an integral component of the INRMP since the enclosure establishes the policy and procedures for allowing public access and participation in fish and wildlife related recreation programs. The order also ensures the protection of wildlife to include federally listed threatened and endangered species aboard MCINCR-MCBQ.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Collection and Use of Fees

1. Reference (a) permits MCINCR-MCBQ to collect user fees from persons who fish, hunt, and trap aboard the installation, so long as those activities are conducted pursuant to the INRMP. Per Reference (a), user fees collected at MCINCR-MCBQ shall only be used by MCINCR-MCBQ for the protection, conservation, and management of fish and wildlife, including habitat improvements and related actions.

2. MCINCR-MCBQ licenses for fishing, hunting, and trapping are sold through the iSportsman website (<https://quantico.iSportsman.net>). The iSportsman site will direct all financial transactions to the Department of Treasury's Pay.gov collection services site.

3. The value of these licenses are specified in enclosure (1) of this directive and any changes will be published in the supplemental annual hunting and fishing bulletin (MCINCR-MCBQBul 11015).

4. Reference (b) requires all collected funds shall be deposited to Budget Clearing Account 17X5095, subhead 2700. This account is commonly referred to as the Wildlife Fee Account.

5. References (c) and (d) provide additional accounting procedures for the collection and expenditure of funds relating to the management and harvesting of fish and wildlife.

(b) Compliance with Virginia Regulations. Reference (e), "Military Reservation and Facilities: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping," requires all hunting, fishing, and trapping on MCINCR-MCBQ property will be done pursuant to VA laws, except MCINCR-MCBQ can be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than applicable VA regulations. Fishing, hunting, and trapping regulations for MCINCR-MCBQ are provided at the enclosure in Chapters 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

(c) Conservation Volunteer Program. The Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Branch may utilize volunteers in keeping with the implementing instructions provided in references (f) and (g).

(d) Conservation Law Enforcement. Violations of federal, VA, or local laws and regulations will be investigated and enforced by Conservation Law Enforcement Officers (CLEOs), NREA Branch, consistent with the guidelines provided at reference (h) and (i) and at Chapter 4 of the enclosure.

(e) Wildlife Viewing. The Chopawamsic Creek Wildlife Viewing Area on Russell Road is part of the Prince William Loop of the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. The site is open daily during daylight hours to personnel authorized MCINCR-MCBQ access.

(f) Animal Damage Control. Problem wildlife will be handled in keeping with the MCINCR-MCBQ Integrated Pest Management Plan and protocols provided at Chapter 5 of the enclosure.

(g) Threatened and Endangered Species Protection. MCINCR-MCBQ is required to implement programs to protect and conserve any species of plant or animal listed as federally threatened or endangered aboard the installation per reference (j). Chapter 6 details species specific protections aboard MCINCR-MCBQ.

(h) MCINCR-MCBQ Access Policy. All personnel entering MCINCR-MCBQ to hunt, fish, boat, trap, or view wildlife must be compliant with the base access policy per reference (k). Persons who are not Department of Defense affiliated or do not possess a Federal Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card must acquire a Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) card to access the base. Minors under the age of 18 years are exempt from this requirement. More detail regarding DBIDS card acquisition is included at the enclosure in Chapters 1, 2, and 3.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S) G-3 shall:

(a) Maintain daily communication with NREA Branch and provide daily schedules by 1130 each day for recreational access to Training Areas.

(b) Maintain liaison with NREA Branch to ensure mission assurance requirements are coordinated with the public access provisions of this Order.

(2) AC/S GF shall:

(a) Be responsible for the administration of this manual.

(b) Implement an INRMP that provides for the management and conservation of fish and wildlife populations, including federally listed species and their habitats. Will also maximize dispersed outdoor recreation opportunities related to those natural resources.

(c) Implement and periodically update the procedures provided at the enclosure as a required component of the MCINCR-MCBQ INRMP.

(d) Ensure fees from the sales of licenses for fishing, hunting, and trapping are collected, deposited, and used for wildlife conservation in accordance with guidance found in references (a), (b), and (c).

(e) Ensure outdoor recreation activities are accessible and in compliance with the Disabled Sportsman Act provisions of reference (a).

(f) Pursuant to references (a), (f), and (g), utilize volunteer services and partnerships to optimize outdoor recreational opportunities.

(3) Director, Comptroller Division

(a) Review funds collected from the sale of fishing, hunting, and trapping permits to ensure compliance with established directives.

(b) Ensure fish and wildlife fee account authorizations (17X5095) are managed as "no year" funds and remain available for fish and wildlife conservation program expenditure until exhausted.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Administration. Recommendations concerning the contents of this manual may be forwarded to the Commander MCINCR-MCBQ (B 046) via the appropriate chain of command.

b. Logistics. None

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all Commands, tenants, and personnel aboard MCINCR-MCBQ.

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

/s/
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CHAPTER 1

FISHING REGULATIONS

1. Authorization to Fish/Boat. In accordance with reference (k), access onto MCINCR-MCBQ to fish or utilize MCINCR-MCBQ boat ramps requires the possession of an approved base access credential: Common Access Card (CAC), Military Dependent, Retiree, or Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) Identification card, Federal Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card, or a Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) card. Non-military affiliated civilians must obtain a DBIDS card in order to gain authorized access to MCINCR-MCBQ; those without approved credentials will be denied base access for recreation. Persons requesting access to the base for fishing or boating must complete the following process:

a. Register for an iSportsman account: <https://quantico.isportsman.net>.

b. For those requesting a DBIDS card: enroll for a DBIDS card at <https://dbids-global.dmdc.mil/enroll#!/>. Enter "Natural Resources" for your sponsor's last name and "NREA" for your sponsor's first name with email address "quan_sac@usmc.mil" and phone number "703-784-4030." Print out the confirmation code. Bring the DBIDS enrollment confirmation code, proof of iSportsman account registration, photo identification, and Social Security Number to the Visitor Control Center to have your identification proofed and vetted. The process for obtaining a DBIDS card is subject to change. Please refer to the Quantico iSportsman and the MCINCR-MCBQ websites for the most current information on base access.

c. State Licenses. Anglers must first obtain all VA licenses and stamps required for the fish being sought prior to obtaining a MCINCR-MCBQ fishing license.

(1) Valid Potomac River Fisheries Commission and Maryland Bay sport licenses will be honored in lieu of the VA fishing license for the Potomac River and the tidal freshwater tributaries adjacent to Quantico. These tidal tributaries include the waters of Quantico and Chopawamsic Creeks up to U.S. Route 1. This applies to both boat and shoreline anglers.

(2) Designated Trout Waters. Portions of Chopawamsic Creek included in the VA Trout Stocking Plan are considered designated stocked trout waters from 1 October through 15 June. During that period, dates inclusive, the VA license to fish in "designated stocked trout waters" is required in addition to the VA license to fish. A trout license is not required from 16 June through 30 September.

(3) Sales Locations. VA fishing licenses can be obtained online at <https://www.dwr.virginia.gov/licenses/> and at most retail sporting goods vendors.

2. MCINCR-MCBQ Fishing License

a. Everyone who enters the installation for the purpose of fishing or using MCINCR-MCBQ boat ramps must have a MCINCR-MCBQ fishing license.

b. iSportsman Account. All persons, over the age of 4, authorized base access to fish or boat, must obtain a Base fishing license via the iSportsman web service at <https://quantico.isportsman.net>. iSportsman accounts are not required for anglers age 4 and under.

c. Fee Exemptions. Persons less than 18 years of age, persons 65 and over, persons who possess a VA "totally and permanently disabled resident license to freshwater fish" or "service-connected totally and permanently disabled veteran resident lifetime license to hunt and freshwater fish", certain veterans covered under a special event permit per Code of Virginia 29.1-312 and Native Americans exempt from purchasing the Virginia fishing license under Code of Virginia 29.1-301 are exempt from the MCINCR-MCBQ fishing license fee. These individuals must register for a free fishing license at <https://quantico.isportsman.net>.

d. License Cost. The MCINCR-MCBQ annual fishing license costs \$10 and is valid for one year from the date of purchase. The 5-day (consecutive days) MCINCR-MCBQ fishing license costs \$5. Fee schedule changes will be published in the annual MCINCR-MCBQ fishing/hunting bulletin. All sales are final.

e. Vehicle Information and iSportsman Vehicle Pass. All anglers/boaters must provide correct vehicle information within iSportsman and print their vehicle pass. This pass is valid for the same duration of all valid licenses. Every participant within the vehicle, including minors, must display the vehicle pass on the driver's side of the dash.

3. Closure of Fishing Areas

a. Military training exercises may cause portions or all of a fishing area to be closed at a specific time. The Range Management Branch (RMB) is responsible for Training Areas west of Interstate 95. Officer Candidate School (OCS) has responsibility for the training area where Buffalo Pond and the OCS boat ramp are located. The RMB and OCS S-3 will provide notification to NREA when fishing areas are available for use.

b. Anglers are prohibited from bypassing any kind of road obstruction or warning buoy except when specifically authorized.

c. Storm events may cause the temporary closure of certain fishing areas due to flooding, ice, or other hazardous conditions.

d. Munitions Response Program activities may require the closure of designated fishing areas during unexploded ordnance clean-up.

4. Fishing Hours. Fishing is allowed 365 days a year, seven days a week, except as posted due to curfews or other restrictions issued subsequent to this Order. Legal fishing hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset unless otherwise stated in paragraph 6.

5. Use of Boats. Privately owned boats less than 20 feet in length may be used for recreational fishing in the inland MCINCR-MCBQ water bodies in accordance with the guidelines in paragraph 6. Gasoline motors and personal watercrafts (known as jet-skis) are not authorized in MCINCR-MCBQ impounded waters. All state boating regulations, including registration, personal flotation devices, lighting, and the VA boating safety education requirement are in effect at MCINCR-MCBQ. Details of the education requirement can be found at www.dwr.virginia.gov/boating/education.

6. Instructions for Fishing Areas. Fishing areas aboard and adjacent to MCINCR-MCBQ are shown in figure 1-1. **All anglers must check into and out of the waterbody they will fish via the iSportsman web service at <https://quantico.isportsman.net>. Failure to check-out of the waterbody prior to the end of legal fishing hours will result in curtailment of recreational privileges per Table 4-1 of this Order.**

a. Cedar Run (3.5 miles). This is a small stream suitable for wading and canoeing; the stream is too small to support motors and is difficult for canoeing during low water conditions. It is accessible by parking on base property at State Route 611, State Route 646, and off-Base at the Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area. On-Base access is allowed along Camp Upshur Road near Cedar Run Bridge. Large and smallmouth bass and sunfish can be caught. Access from MCINCR-MCBQ does not authorize anglers to trespass on private lands adjacent to Cedar Run.

b. Camp Upshur Pond (1.4 acres). This small pond is located within Training Area (TA) 17A. Anglers must park at the road intersection just before Landing Zone Toucan and walk the gravel road (0.2 mile) to access the pond. Bluegill and largemouth bass may be present in the pond.

c. Dalton Pond (16.4 acres). This pond has a maximum depth of about nine feet and supports largemouth bass, bluegill, redear, and bullheads. **Gasoline motors may not be operated; electric motors are authorized.**

d. Chopawamsic Creek Designated Trout Waters (1.8 miles). The stream is managed as a put-and-take fishery with hatchery reared trout being stocked from approximately February - May. The upper portion of the area, known as Secon Pool, is reserved for children 12 years of age and younger. **Anyone over the age of 12 caught fishing in Secon Pool will be subject to loss of MCINCR-MCBQ fishing privileges aboard the installation unless exempted as follows:** In specific cases, permission to fish at Secon Pool may be granted by NREA Branch for special wounded, ill, and injured warrior events, paralyzed veterans, or persons who are physically unable to access other trout stocked waters. The daily creel limit is 6 trout. It is unlawful to continue fishing after the daily creel limit has been obtained. It is also unlawful to use seines, nets or more than 1 rod and 1 hook in these waters, although it shall be lawful to use a hand-held landing net to land legally hooked trout. See figure 1-2 for trout areas.

e. Breckenridge Reservoir (47 acres). Largemouth bass, chain pickerel, crappie, bluegill, and catfish are present. Fishing access is allowed at New Breckenridge Road boat launch (see figure 1-1). Gasoline motors may not be operated; electric motors are authorized. Boating access can be difficult due to low water, especially during summer drought periods. Shallow draft and lightweight boats such as canoes and kayaks are appropriate.

f. Lunga Reservoir (477 acres). **Lunga Reservoir is currently closed due to a Munition Response Program investigation.** Guidelines for fishing and boating will be published prior to the lake re-opening.

g. R-6 Pond (6.6 acres). The pond is located in TA 9C, downrange from a permanently locked gate. There is a 1/2 -mile walk along a gravel road from the gate to the pond. **R-6 Pond can only be fished when TA 9C is open for recreational access as designated in iSportsman.** R-6 Pond supports largemouth bass and bluegill.

h. Smith Lake (295 acres). Stafford County manages Smith Lake for the production of drinking water. Largemouth bass, walleye, crappie, bluegill, redear, and catfish are the primary game fish. Gasoline motors may not be operated; electric motors are authorized. Fishing access is allowed at two MCINCR-MCBQ launch sites on Smith Lake Road and the MCINCR-MCBQ fishing license is required to use these launch sites. The fishing docks at both sites are wheelchair accessible. Shoreline fishing is authorized within 200 yards of these launch sites.

i. Montford Point Pond (1.0 acre). This pond has largemouth bass and bluegill and is located behind Ramer Hall and the asphalt parade deck at The Basic School (TBS). Fishing will be catch and release only unless otherwise posted for special events.

j. Buffalo Pond (5.5 acres). Fishing access is allowed on days that OCS roads are open for public use. Anglers may drive Engineer Road and Buffalo Road to get to Buffalo Pond. Closure notices will be posted via iSportsman to alert the public. Largemouth bass, bluegill, and crappie are present. Gasoline motors may not be operated; electric motors are authorized.

k. Potomac River and Tidal Chopawamsic and Quantico Creeks

(1) Fishing in the tidal waters adjacent to Marine Corps property is authorized 24 hours per day except in the permanent restricted area (PRA) shown in (figure 1-3). Pursuant to 33 C.F.R. Part 334.235, all persons, vessels, or other craft are prohibited from entering, transiting, drifting, dredging, or anchoring within the PRA without permission of the Commander MCINCR-MCBQ or his/her designated representatives.

(2) Catfish, largemouth bass, white and yellow perch, bluegill, shad, northern snakehead, and striped bass can be found in these waters. Northern snakehead is a predatory and undesirable exotic species and must be killed to be possessed but can be immediately released alive (see 10.b. for more information).

(3) Boating access to the tidal waters from MCINCR-MCBQ is provided by concrete boat ramps located at Hospital Point and the OCS area. The Wildlife Viewing Area has a launch site for small boats (canoes, kayaks, small boats with electric motors). Boaters should be aware that during low tide, and especially during sustained northwest winds, Chopawamsic and Quantico Creeks become extremely shallow and boaters can easily run aground. There is no access to the Potomac River from the OCS boat ramp; the channel is blocked to enforce the PRA. A MCINCR-MCBQ fishing license is required to launch a boat.

(4) Fishing from the shoreline of the Potomac River or other tidal waters adjacent to the Marine Corps Air Facility (MCAF) is prohibited except at the Joe Fox fishing area. The Joe Fox fishing area is wheelchair accessible and located at the mouth of Chopawamsic Creek adjacent to MCAF.

(5) Fishing from the shoreline at Hospital Point is allowed adjacent to the boat ramp area and east no further than the waterfowl blind. Anglers must park at the boat ramp or in the overflow parking lot immediately east of the boat ramp. Anglers are not allowed to park anywhere else within the Hospital Point area nor are they allowed to fish from the eastern-most portion of Hospital Point.

7. Fish Consumption Advisory. Tidal Chopawamsic and Quantico Creeks and Quantico embayment are included in a VA Department of Health advisory recommending that fish caught in these waters may be contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB). Consult www.vdh.virginia.gov for details.

8. Protection of Environmental Quality. Water bodies and the associated natural resources are important to MCINCR-MCBQ and the Nation. All users must take measures to prevent environmental degradation such as littering, chemical, oil or gas spillage, and shoreline erosion. The dumping of litter, trash, or other substances upon the grounds or waters of this Installation are violations punishable through judicial proceedings. Persons observing such violations should report these observations immediately to the Conservation Law Enforcement Office at 703-784-5218. Anglers should use non-toxic sinkers to the extent available; lead released into the environment from hunting and fishing activities is of growing concern for ecosystem health.

9. Fish, Reptile, Amphibian and Aquatic Invertebrate Regulations

a. Creel and Length Limits. VA regulations concerning the possession of game and nongame fish, reptiles, amphibians, and aquatic invertebrates are applicable and enforced at MCINCR-MCBQ. Consult VA freshwater fishing regulations for creel and length limits (available at: <http://www.dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/creelandlengthlimits.pdf>). Consult Potomac River Fisheries Commission regulations for legal sizes, limits, and other restrictions (e.g., closed seasons) applicable in the Potomac River (available at: <http://prfc.us/fishing/potomac.html>).

b. Northern Snakehead. Anglers who keep a legally caught northern snakehead must kill the fish to be in possession. Kill the fish by: removing the head, separating the gill arches from the body, or removing the internal organs and put it on ice as quickly as possible. Additionally, anglers are required to report snakehead kept by calling the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) snakehead hotline at 804-367-2925 or report via the snakehead reporting form at <https://dwr-virginia.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>. These reporting methods will ask for the angler's last name, date of catch, location of catch and size. Anglers are not required to kill them if caught and immediately released. Keep in mind exotic species such as snakeheads can disrupt natural aquatic ecosystems and may have significant impacts by feeding on and competing with native or naturalized fish species. In addition, they may transmit parasites and diseases to native wildlife.

c. Bullfrogs and Snapping Turtles. These species may not be taken from designated trout waters. Taking bullfrogs with a gig or bow and arrow is permitted subject to compliance with other regulations concerning access to MCINCR-MCBQ waters. Frog gigging requires a hunting license. Taking turtles by hook and line requires a fishing license.

d. Fish Bait. "Fish bait" possessed in compliance with VA regulations may be used in MCINCR-MCBQ waters. There are no restrictions on the use of earthworms and crickets.

e. Trotlines. The use of trotlines in MCINCR-MCBQ impounded waters is prohibited.

f. Commercial Fishing. Commercial fishing is not allowed in MCINCR-MCBQ impounded waters.

g. Seines. The use of seines in MCINCR-MCBQ waters is only authorized for scientific study and catching minnows for private use as bait. Seining for minnows to be used as bait requires both a state and base fishing license.

h. Bow Fishing. Game fish may not be taken by bow and arrow. Common carp, catfish, gar, and northern snakehead may be taken by bow and arrow in the tidal area of Chopawamsic Creek. Spearguns and poisoned arrows are prohibited.

i. Dip Netting. Dip nets may be used to take carp and shad in the tidal Chopawamsic Creek in accordance with VA regulations. A MCINCR-MCBQ fishing license is required. The user and all helpers (regardless of age) must have either county dipnet permits or a valid VA fishing license.

10. Violations. Violations of these regulations shall be immediately reported to a Conservation Law Enforcement Officer, NREA Branch, G-F, at 703-784-5218. Violators of fishing regulations, safety regulations, or principles of good sportsmanship are subject to administrative curtailment of fishing privileges, possible judicial proceedings in state or federal courts, and military disciplinary action for military personnel.

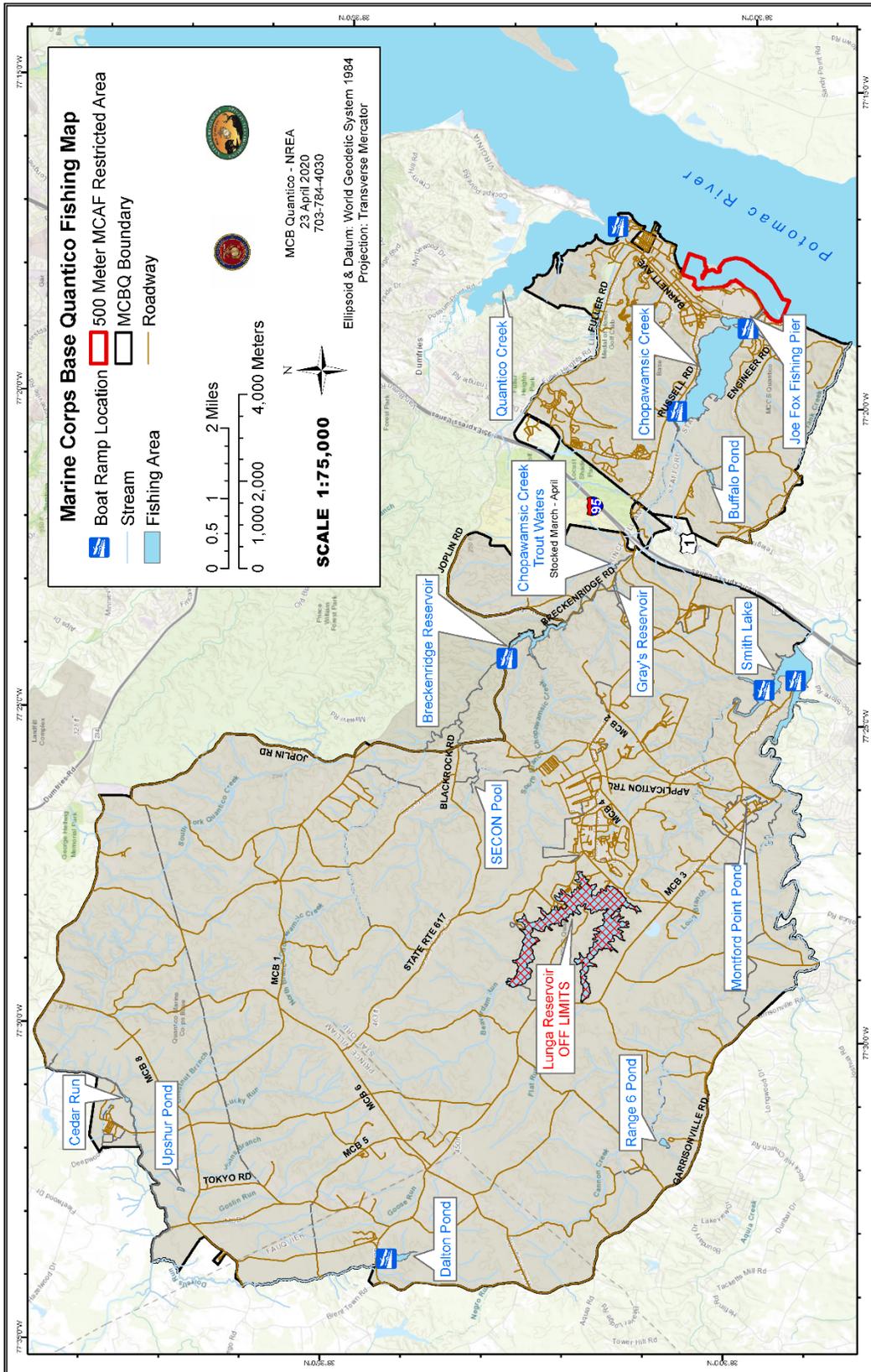


Figure 1-1. Map of MCINCR-MCBQ Fishing Areas

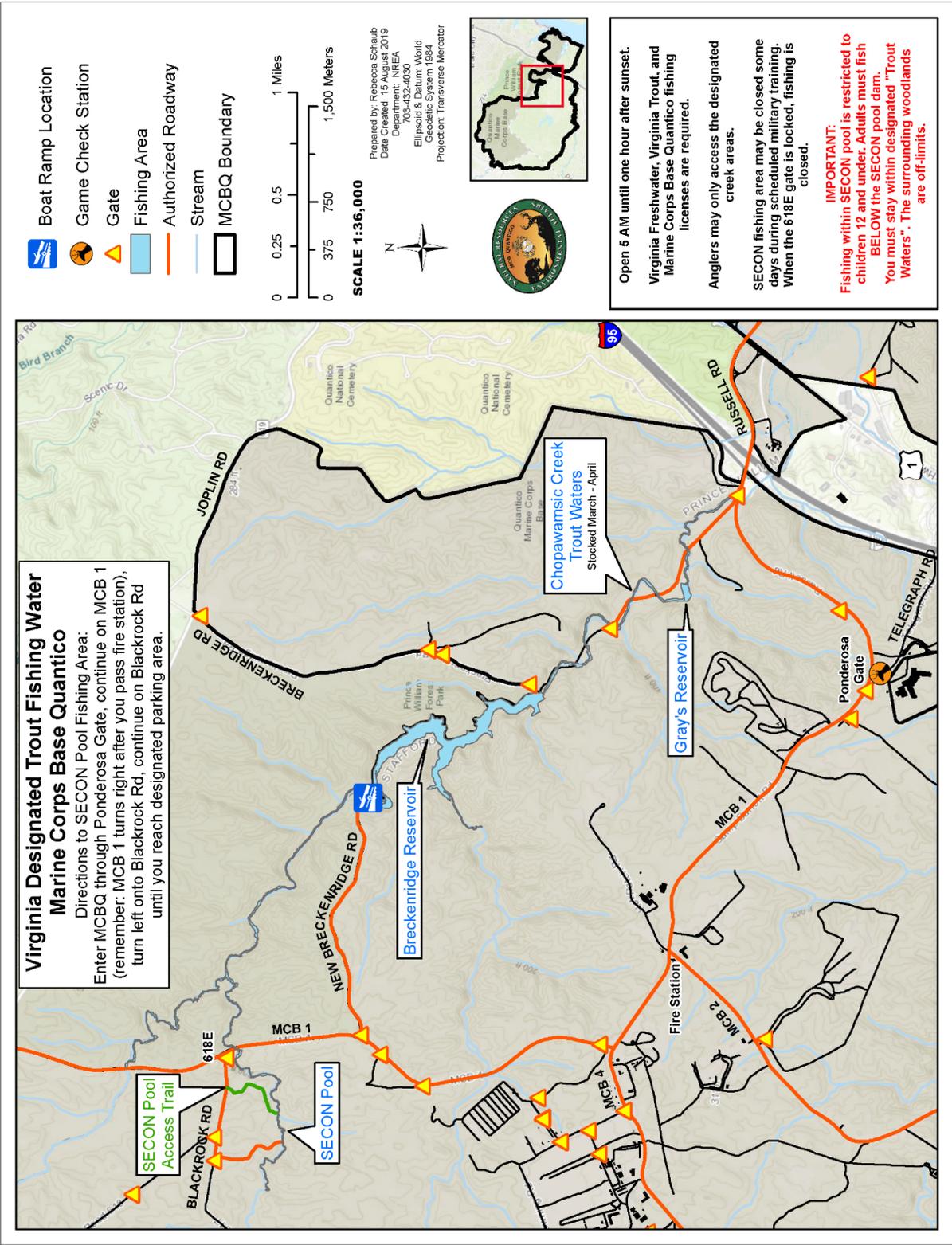


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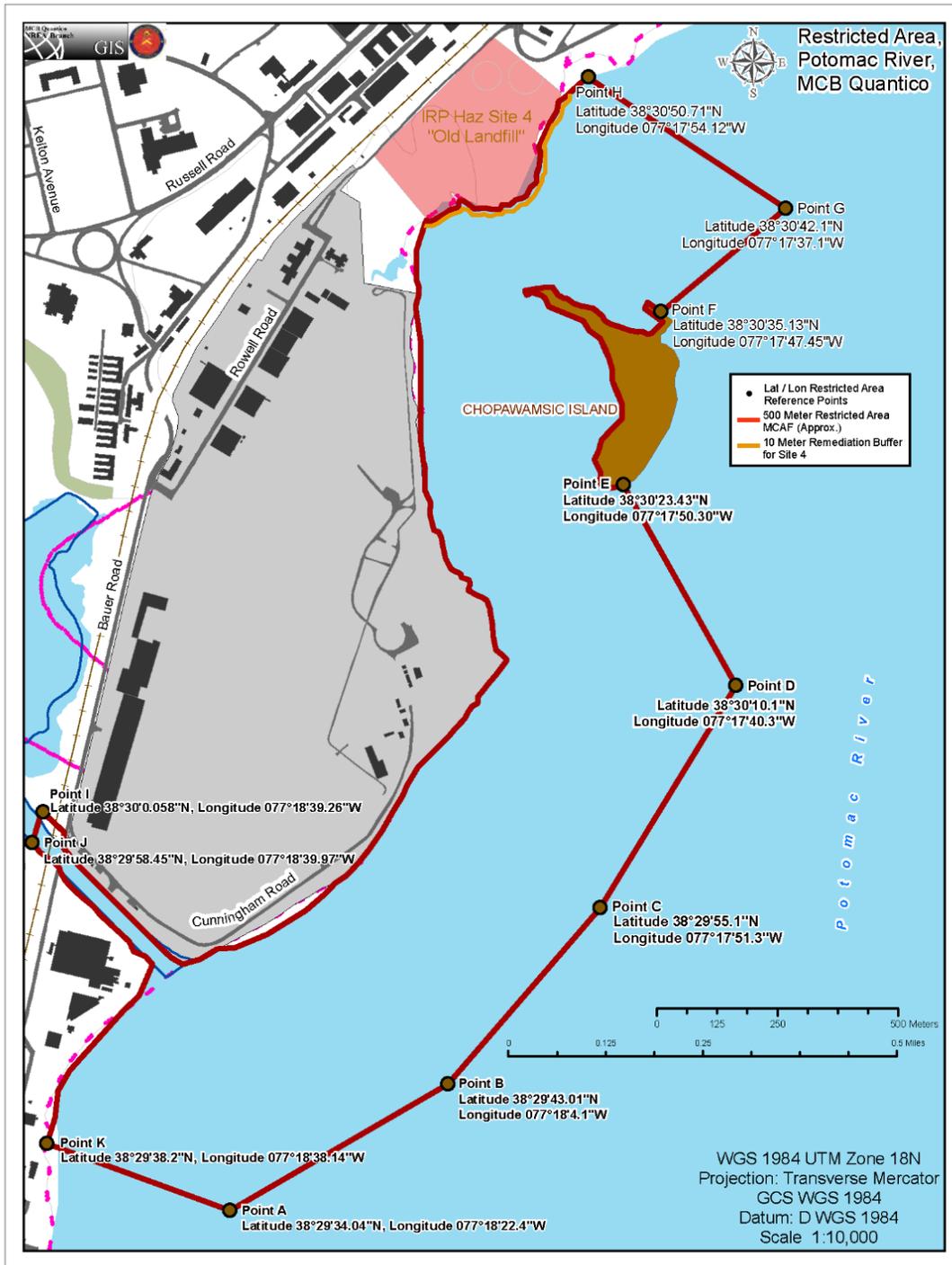


Figure 1-3. Map of MCINCR-MCBQ/MCAF Restricted Area (33CFR Part 334.235)

CHAPTER 2

HUNTING REGULATIONS

1. Authorization to Hunt. In accordance with reference (k) access onto MCINCR-MCBQ to hunt requires the possession of an approved base access credential: Common Access Card (CAC), Military Dependent, Retiree, or Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) Identification card, Federal Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card, or a Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) card. Non-military affiliated civilians must obtain a DBIDS card in order to gain authorized access to MCINCR-MCBQ; those without approved credentials will be denied base access for recreation. Persons requesting base access for hunting must complete the following process:

a. Register for an iSportsman account: <https://quantico.isportsman.net>. The iSportsman account will only be fully activated after you provide proof of a valid base access credential at the Game Check Station (GCS) located at 27175T Telegraph Road, Quantico VA. Hours of the GCS are published in the annual fishing/hunting bulletin.

b. For those requesting a DBIDS card: enroll for a DBIDS card at <https://dbids-global.dmdc.mil/enroll#!/>. Enter "Natural Resources" for your sponsor's last name and "NREA" for your sponsor's first name with email address "quan_sac@usmc.mil" and phone number "703-784-4030." Print out the confirmation code. Bring the DBIDS enrollment confirmation code, proof of iSportsman account registration, photo identification, and Social Security Number to the Visitor Control Center to have your identification proofed and vetted. The process for obtaining a DBIDS card is subject to change. Please refer to the Quantico iSportsman and the MCINCR-MCBQ websites for the most current information on base access.

c. Obtain all Virginia (VA) and federal licenses and stamps required for the game to be hunted. Possession of the proper VA licenses is a prerequisite to purchase the Base hunting license. VA licenses are available at most sporting goods retailers and online at <https://www.dwr.virginia.gov/licenses/>.

d. Apprentice licenses are available to first time hunters of any age. Apprentice license holders are exempt from hunter education requirements. Additional tags and permits are required to hunt big game and migratory birds. Apprentice hunters must have a MCINCR-MCBQ hunting license which is free to those under 18. Apprentice hunters 18 years and older may hunt alone at MCINCR-MCBQ with proof of hunter education course completion except on designated youth/apprentice days. On youth/apprentice days, all apprentice hunters, regardless of age, must be directly supervised by an adult with a valid Virginia hunting license.

e. Hunter Education Course (HEC). Hunters 12 years of age or older must complete a HEC from any state. Hunters who need to attend a HEC should refer to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) hunter education page at <https://www.dwr.virginia.gov/hunting/education> for a listing of course offerings.

f. Minor Hunters. Special licensing applies to minors.

(1) Hunters under 12 are not required to purchase Virginia licenses, tags or permits if a resident of Virginia. Minors under 12 do not need to

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complete a HEC. A free Base hunting license must be added to their iSportsman account. Harvested game must be reported to the state as a license exempt hunter. Hunters under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years or older and within reach of the escort.

(2) Hunters ages 12 to 15 must have a Virginia junior hunting license with appropriate junior tags (bear, deer/turkey, archery) and HIP registration for migratory birds, and a hunter education completion card. A free Base hunting license must be added to their iSportsman account. Hunters 15 years old and younger must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years or older and within reach of the escort.

(3) Hunters ages 16-17 must have a Virginia hunting license with appropriate tags (bear, deer/turkey, archery) and HIP registration for migratory birds, and a hunter education completion card. A free Base hunting license must be added to their iSportsman account. During the fall season, hunters 16-17 must stay within sight and voice contact and no more than 100 yards away from the licensed adult (21 years or older) escort. During spring gobbler season, all minor hunters must be within reach and under the immediate control of a licensed adult.

g. Minors and Parental Consent Form. Minors (under 18 years of age) who are not active duty military members must be accompanied and directly supervised by a parent, legal guardian or an adult (designated in writing by the parent or legal guardian) when hunting. Parents or legal guardians shall complete the parental consent form to authorize another adult 21 years or older to take their minor child hunting at MCINCR-MCBQ. The supervising adult must possess a valid VA hunting license and MCINCR-MCBQ hunting license. An authorized adult can escort no more than two youth hunters or non-hunting companions.

h. All hunters are responsible for knowing current federal, state, and MCINCR-MCBQ hunting regulations.

2. MCINCR-MCBQ Hunting License

a. iSportsman Account. All hunters regardless of age must create and utilize an iSportsman account at <https://quantico.isportsman.net>.

b. MCINCR-MCBQ Hunter Safety Brief. All hunters are required to complete the hunting safety brief during creation of an iSportsman account. Parents/Guardians of hunters under the age of 8 can complete the safety brief for the minor. iSportsman accounts will not be activated by the GCS without completion of the safety brief.

c. License Cost. The cost of a MCINCR-MCBQ annual hunting license is \$20 and are valid for one year from the date of purchase. 5-day (consecutive days) MCINCR-MCBQ hunting licenses cost \$5. Fee schedule changes will be published in the annual MCINCR-MCBQ fishing/hunting bulletin. All sales are final.

d. Fee Exemptions. Persons less than 18 years of age, persons 65 and over, persons who possess a VA "totally and permanently disabled resident license to hunt" or "service-connected totally and permanently disabled veteran resident lifetime license to hunt and freshwater fish", certain veterans covered under a special event permit per Code of Virginia 29.1-312, and Native Americans exempt from purchasing the Virginia hunting license

under Code of Virginia 29.1-301 are exempt from the MCINCR-MCBQ hunting license fee. These persons will be provided a MCINCR-MCBQ hunting license free of charge.

3. Hunting Seasons and Limits. Annual hunting seasons, bag limits, and minor changes to hunting procedures will be published in the annual MCINCR-MCBQ fishing/hunting bulletin in the 11015 series.

4. Hunting Procedures

a. Definitions

(1) iSportsman. iSportsman is a web-based service designed to provide up-to-date information to users, Game Check Station personnel, Range Management Branch, and law enforcement. This system is utilized to manage areas open/closed to recreation in real time, check in and out of hunting areas, manage harvest data, and manage hunter contact information and locations.

(2) Hunting Areas. Designated training areas, parking areas, or waterfowl blinds where hunting may be authorized. A map of these areas is provided at <https://quantico.isportsman.net>.

(3) Check-in. Hunters check-in to the training area/parking areas/waterfowl blind water body via iSportsman prior to entering MCINCR-MCBQ via the iSportsman website. Hunters may not check-in prior to 0400. Checking into an area without the intention to hunt is strictly prohibited.

(4) Check-out. Hunters check-out of the training area/parking area/waterfowl blind water body via the iSportman website upon completing hunting trip when they are at their vehicle. During the fall season, hunters must check-out by 1 hour after sunset. During spring gobbler season, hunters must check out by 1300.

(5) Scouting. Any hunt related activity that does not involve the actual pursuit of game with a weapon is considered scouting. This includes learning terrain features, looking for animal signs, installing tree stands, and placing game cameras. Fall/winter scouting period will start the Tuesday after Labor Day and end 31 January. Spring scouting period will begin 3 weeks prior to opening of regular spring gobbler season and end on last day of spring gobbler season. During the spring scouting season, using or having on ones person any turkey calling devices is prohibited. Locator calls that do not mimic turkeys (e.g., owl and crow) are permitted. Changes to these dates will be published in the annual fishing/hunting bulletin and/or via iSportsman. Areas east of Interstate 95 will be open for scouting only for personnel who have completed the Mainside (Eastside) Archery Qualification Class. No firearms or archery tackle is allowed on the person or in the vehicle when scouting. Scouting hours during the season follow hunting hours. Pre-season and Sunday scouting is 0800-1600.

b. Daily Hunting Access. Hunters must check-in before they enter the installation and check-out after their hunt is complete and back at their vehicle. Cell phone service is required to check-in and out of iSportsman. Cell service can be poor in some portions of the training areas. It is the hunter's responsibility to allow for extra time to move to an area with

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proper cell phone reception to check-out. Failure to check-out on time will result in suspension of your iSportsman account and recreation privileges per Table 4-1.

c. Vehicle Information and iSportsman Vehicle Pass. All hunters must provide correct vehicle information within iSportsman and print their vehicle pass. This pass is valid for the same duration of all valid licenses. Every participant within the vehicle, including minors, must display the vehicle pass on the driver's side of the dash.

d. Early Reservation Period

(1) Reservations and Priority. MCINCR-MCBQ licensed hunters may attempt to reserve a hunting location via iSportsman on the day prior to a hunting day per the schedules provided in the MCINCR-MCBQ annual hunting bulletin. Prior day reservations are not required but are highly encouraged on opening days, holidays, and Saturdays. The reservation times are staggered prioritizing active duty military and their dependants, followed by retired military and DoD civilians. Final prioritization is non-affiliated civilian hunters who have been granted base access through the DBIDS process. Hunting reservations are made via the iSportsman website. Reservations expire at 1000 the day of the hunt for fall seasons and 0515 for spring gobbler season; after these times, the reservation will be cancelled.

(2) Reserving Waterfowl Blinds. Due to the limited number of waterfowl blinds and limitations of the reservation system, waterfowl blind reservations are on a first come-first served basis. Each waterfowl blind has a maximum capacity of three persons, with the exception of "wounded warrior" blinds which are built larger to accommodate wheelchairs and up to 4 persons. Waterfowl blinds are reserved via iSportsman. The first hunter to reserve the blind can invite up to two persons to share the blind. Non-hunters count towards that quota. On the day of the hunt, each person in the blind must check in and out of iSportsman. Changes to the waterfowl blind reservations process will be published in the annual hunting bulletin.

(3) House Guests of Active Duty Military Personnel. An active duty host may complete an information form that provides the name, address, and period of stay of the house guest. House guests must meet all base access criteria. The form will be used to temporarily upgrade the house guest into the same check-in category as the host. This must be accomplished at the Game Check Station. A bonafide house guest is defined as an out-of-the-commuting-area (i.e., outside a 100 mile radius of the base) visitor whose stay is temporary and non-recurring; e.g., a relative making a holiday visit.

e. Legal Hunting Hours. Time restrictions for arrival at MCINCR-MCBQ hunting areas, legal hunting hours, and check-out deadlines are integrated into the check-in and check-out processes of iSportsman. Legal shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset during fall seasons and 30 minutes before sunrise until noon during spring gobbler. Late check-out results in a search for the hunter based on the presumption that the hunter is either lost or injured. Failure to check-out on time will result in suspension of your iSportsman account and recreation privileges per Table 4-1. **Sunday hunting aboard MCINCR-MCBQ is prohibited.**

f. Coordination of Assignment to Training Areas

(1) Hunters will only be assigned to training areas where there will be no conflicts with other scheduled land use activities. The Director, Range Management Branch (RMB), G-3 (Operations Division) will submit a daily schedule to the GCS which designates open/closed hunting areas within iSportsman. On hunting days, at approximately one hour after sunset, the GCS will notify RMB when all hunters have returned. GCS and RMB personnel will be aggressive in their monitoring of area status and will make frequent coordination calls. This will ensure safe, effective, and controlled use of the training areas.

(2) Assignment of hunters to TA 2A, 2B, 3, and 4 will only be made after NREA receives written approval from the OCS S-3.

(3) Assignment of hunters to Transportation Demonstration Support Area (TDSA) and duck blind "C" will only be made after NREA coordination with the Site Manager, TDSA.

(4) Assignment to blinds within the Permanent Restricted Area (PRA) at the Marine Corps Airfield (MCAF) will only be made after coordination with the MCAF Airfield Manager/Operations Officer. Watercraft shall not be used within the PRA; hunters must have means, such as dogs capable of retrieving waterfowl, to recover game.

5. Security. All hunters shall observe MCINCR-MCBQ security requirements and be aware of changes in force protection condition. Hunters shall report any suspicious activity to the GCS in person or by calling 703-784-5523/5329 or to Conservation Law Enforcement at 703-784-5218.

6. Mobility Impaired Hunting Areas

a. The installation maintains adaptive equipment such as hydraulic lift stands and wheelchair accessible hunting areas to optimize opportunities for recreation and rehabilitation therapy for persons with severe injuries (e.g., loss of limb, paralysis, etc.). The priority is to support those service members who are in a therapeutic or rehabilitation status and may need assistance to enjoy outdoor recreation. As staff and resources permit, other hunters with severe injuries will be served.

b. The GCS will maintain waterfowl hunting blinds and deer stands that are accessible by wheelchair. Priority use of these facilities will be given to paralyzed veterans and to wounded warriors who are recovering from traumatic injuries and need assistance to hunt. Deer hunters assigned to the hydraulic lift stands may be authorized to take antlerless deer during any designated deer hunting season. A qualifying hunter is authorized to reserve one of these hunting blinds or stands and, if deer hunting, an adjacent stand for an invited hunting partner/escort of their choice by calling 703-432-6774/6776/6777 at least three days in advance of the desired hunting date. A hunter may reserve only one hunting date at any given time.

c. Mobility impaired hunters may be authorized, on a case-by-case basis, to use firearms for hunting in areas where hunting is normally restricted to archery tackle. To do so, the following conditions must be met:

(1) Hunting may only be conducted from locations where terrain features and management of the hunt will prevent any projectile from impinging upon buildings, roads, or occupied training areas;

(2) The hunt locations and access to the Ranges and Training Areas (RTA) west of Interstate 95 have been previously approved by the RMB.

7. Waterfowl Hunting. Waterfowl hunting has some of the most stringent regulations. Hunters are responsible to know all regulations pertaining to the waterfowl being hunted and should be able to identify the various species of waterfowl that may be in the area. The following rules apply to the hunting of all ducks, geese and swans (waterfowl):

a. East of Interstate 95, waterfowl hunting is only permitted from licensed blinds that are maintained and operated by this Base for public hunting. West of Interstate 95, waterfowl hunting is permitted in open hunting areas (jump shooting). Jump shooting for waterfowl is allowed along waterways west of I-95. For some areas such as TA 10B, you must have a dog for retrieval. Use of watercraft to retrieve birds in TA 10B is not allowed. Open fields where planted grain crops have been mowed or manipulated to attract migratory birds may not be used for waterfowl hunting. Hunting is allowed at Smith Lake and Dalton Pond from the designated blinds/stakes shown on the Base hunting map. Breckenridge Reservoir is closed to waterfowl hunting.

b. Hunters west of Interstate 95 may not construct permanent waterfowl hunting blinds but may use temporary brush blinds for concealment. During the deer firearms season, waterfowl hunters who are checked-out to general hunting areas must wear the required blaze colored clothing.

c. Nontoxic shot authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is mandatory for all waterfowl hunting. Lead shot may not be possessed while hunting waterfowl.

d. Plugged Shotguns. Shotguns must not be capable of holding more than three shells.

e. Managed hunting blinds have a maximum capacity of three persons. The hunter who reserves a blind may invite up to two other MCINCR-MCBQ licensed hunters to share the blind but is not required to allow additional persons in the blind. Every person occupying the blind must check-in via iSportsman. Managed waterfowl blinds are for waterfowl hunting only; no other species may be taken while hunting in the blinds. Shooting from boats while in transit to or from the blinds is not allowed. Hunters must have means such as a boat or dog to safely retrieve down or crippled waterfowl.

f. Due to the limited number of waterfowl blinds, a hunter may reserve only one waterfowl blind. The primary holder of a blind will have the opportunity to chose up to two other licensed hunters to share the blind with them. Waterfowl hunting blinds are reserved via iSportsman and are reserved on a first come-first served basis. A hunting party may not reserve the same blind during the early reservation period on two consecutive days. The purpose is to prevent a hunting party from having exclusive use of one blind.

(1) The times to reserve a waterfowl hunting blind will be published in the annual hunting/fishing bulletin.

g. Waterfowl hunters must check-out of the hunted waterbody within one hour after sunset via iSportsman.

h. A few of the stationary waterfowl hunting blinds, to the extent practical, will have an alternate hunting location marked by a designated stake. A hunting party assigned to a blind that has an alternate hunting location will have the choice of hunting at either the permanent blind or at the staked location. A hunting party may not split up and position hunters at both the blind and the stake locations.

(1) At certain stationary hunting blinds, the hunt party can also hunt from a position within 100 foot radius of the blind if they need to adjust for prevailing wind conditions. Instructions will be posted within the blind.

(2) At the staked location, hunters must stay within 100 feet of the stake and can hunt from a shoreline position or may hunt from the boat.

(3) At any of these alternate locations, hunting from a boat that has been altered for the purpose of concealment will require possession of a state floating blind license in addition to the MCINCR-MCBQ hunting blind daily permit.

i. Waterfowl hunters shall clean blinds after use, ensuring that no litter and spent shells are left behind.

j. Waterfowl hunters are required to have a means of retrieval. A boat or dog is required for retrieval in areas where water is over chest wader depth. When hunting MCAF blinds and jump-shooting within TA10B and 10C, hunters must have a dog for retrieval.

8. Quantico Archery Site

a. The Quantico Archery Site is operated by the GCS and is located along MCB 1 about 0.5 miles west of the GCS. Hours of operation are 1100 until 30 minutes past sunset Monday-Friday and 0800 until 30 minutes past sunset Saturday-Sunday. Archery site use is limited to MCINCR-MCBQ hunting, fishing, or archery site license holders and authorized group sessions. NREA Branch has exclusive use of the site during Archery Qualifications.

b. To use the Quantico Archery Site, patrons must:

(1) Obtain the MCINCR-MCBQ hunting, fishing, or archery site license via iSportsman.

(2) Check-in to the archery site and check-out after use via iSportsman.

9. Archery-Only Hunting Areas

a. Due to noise and safety considerations, some hunting areas will be open only for archery hunting. Crossbows, compound bows, recurved and traditional longbows are all considered archery tackle and may be used in these areas. Arrowgun use is covered in section 12(g) of this order.

b. Firearms may not be carried at any time, or during any season, when hunting in these areas. During the firearms deer season, blaze orange or pink (blaze color) clothing will be required when walking to and from the archery-only areas west of Interstate 95. While stationary in a tree stand, archers in these areas may remove the blaze color. Blaze colored clothing is not required in the hunting areas east of Interstate 95; those specific areas are the Mainside parking areas, TDSA, and OCS Training Areas 2, 3, and 4.

c. Any legal game species or nuisance species may be taken in archery areas as long as all shots are taken with a downward trajectory from elevated stands where required.

d. Archery Skills Test. Anyone planning to archery hunt east of Interstate 95 and Camp Upshur must complete an archery safety brief within iSportsman and an archery skills test administered by GCS personnel at the Quantico Archery Site. This is applicable to hunting at the Mainside parking areas, TDSA, Training Areas 2A, 2B, 3, and 4, and Camp Upshur. Details and schedules for the archery skills test will be provided in the annual hunting/fishing bulletin.

e. Mainside Area. The following special provisions are applicable to the Mainside area, located east of U.S. Highway 1 and north of Chopawamsic Creek. This area is developed with housing, recreational, administrative and educational facilities. Woodlands at Mainside contain trails used by people participating in multiple activities, including mountain biking, hiking, and running. Because there are generally no access controls to these woodlands, hunters must understand that all of these users may be present during hunting hours. Accordingly, it is essential that hunters meet specific qualifications and obey restrictive guidelines to ensure hunting is conducted safely and with minimal impact upon other woodland uses. Policies and procedures for qualified hunters in the Mainside area are as follows:

(1) Hunters must park only in their assigned parking area. From that parking area, hunters will be allowed to hunt in any part of the open hunting area adjacent to their assigned parking area so long as the hunter travels on foot and does not enter any "No Hunting" zones.

(2) All arrows carried to the field must have the hunters' Quantico license number written on the fletching. All shot arrows must be retrieved.

(3) Hunters are required to use portable tree stands and must take them down daily. Hunting from the ground is not permitted; hunters are expected to be elevated at least eight feet off of the ground. Hunters must be in the stand before nocking an arrow.

(4) All harvested deer will be transported directly to the GCS. Handling of game will be done in a manner that avoids offending the non-hunting public and individuals who would prefer not to see dead animals. If a wounded deer leaves the hunting zone, crosses a highway, or enters a residential area, the hunter will immediately notify the GCS and request assistance in retrieving the deer.

(5) Hunters will not hunt within 50 yards of trails nor shoot towards or across any trail or road.

(6) Hunting with archery tackle is not allowed within 100 yards of developed facilities. These no hunting zones are not marked with signs or

paint because there are no roads, trails, or natural features delineating these areas that can be easily posted. Hunters will be responsible for learning the topography of the area in which they intend to hunt and for determining that the placement of their hunting stand is not within the no hunting zones surrounding developed areas.

(7) The G-3 (Operations Division), Marine Corps Marathon Office, Marine Corps Community Services, and Department of Defense Education Activity will maintain liaison with the Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy, NREA Branch, GF, at 703-432-6774, to advise when special (non-routine) events are occurring that would make it preferable to close hunting in the Mainside area.

(8) Safety is paramount. Any violation of MCINCR-MCBQ regulations while in the Mainside area will result in the suspension of Base recreational privileges for the entire season.

f. Transportation Demonstration Support Area. This archery area is in the portion of TA 4 known as the TDSA. The boundaries of this area will be posted with signs, "ETA-Archery Hunting Only." This area is accessible from U.S. Route 1, from County Route 660 near Boswell's Corner, and from Engineer Road, when it is open. All hunters must park in a designated parking area: either adjacent to the TDSA gate, in the marked parking area along Telegraph Road, or near Buffalo Pond (via Engineer Road). No hunting is permitted within 200 yards of TDSA buildings. Hunters are required to use portable tree stands but are not required to put them up and take them down daily. The requirement to use tree stands is waived during the spring gobbler season.

g. TA 2A, 2B, 3, and 4

(1) The OCS S-3 Office schedules the use of TA 2, 3, and 4, and is responsible for determining the days that hunting can be conducted safely. The OCS S-3 will send written notification to the GCS to designate dates and times that hunting has been approved.

(2) Access to these areas is permitted from the Engineer Road entrance in the OCS area. Hunters are advised that this is a sensitive area, used for military and physical training (particularly jogging) by Base personnel. Like Mainside, hunters must be constantly aware that joggers and other personnel may be in the hunting area.

(3) Hunters will operate vehicles at a safe speed and may only drive on Engineer Road, Buffalo Road, Iwo Jima Trail, Wake Trail, Con Thien Trail, and the portion of Chosin Trail from Brown Field (OCS) to the "eye of needle," defined by pull-up bars co-located with the turn-around loop. The section between the eye of the needle and Iwo Jima Trail is off-limits to non-OCS vehicle traffic.

(4) Hunters are required to use portable tree stands but are not required to put them up and take them down daily. The requirement to use tree stands is waived during the spring gobbler season.

h. TA 5B, 5C, 6A, 6C, 7C, 8A, 8B, 17C, and Camp Upshur. These areas are in close proximity to developed areas: TBS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration training campuses, the Russell Knox building recreational trails, or private residences. As a

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result, the roads and trails adjacent to and within these areas are frequently utilized for physical fitness training and other activities associated with student training. MCINCR-MCBQO 6100.2A, Physical Training, identifies fitness trails west of Interstate 95. The following policies and procedures for archery hunting within these areas are as follows:

(1) Hunters are required to use portable tree stands but are not required to put them up and take them down daily. In January, tree stand use is not required in TA 7C, 17C, and Camp Upshur after deer season closes. The use of tree stands is not required during the spring gobbler season.

(2) Because joggers will be using the woodland trails, hunters will constantly be alert for this activity. Hunters will not hunt closer than 50 yards to any recreation trail nor shoot towards or across any trail or road. The Endurance Trail portion of TA 8A will not be open for hunting.

(3) Hunting with archery tackle is prohibited within 100 yards of paved roads. Hunting with firearms is prohibited within 200 yards of paved roads.

(4) Hunters may park along paved roads, MCB 1, MCB 2, MCB 3, and MCB 4, adjacent to open hunting portions of these training areas. Parking is allowed along Smith Lake Road and Washboard Road when those roads are open to vehicular traffic. Hunter vehicles are not permitted on Application Trail within TA 8A and 8B.

(5) TA 6C is located adjacent to Quantico National Cemetery. Hunters may park along either route 619 or the open sections of Breckenridge Road. Hunters may not enter the "No Hunting" buffer zone between the Base and Quantico Cemetery property nor encroach into the landfill section designated for wheelchair accessible hunting. Hunters may not travel through the cemetery to or from the hunting areas.

(6) TA 17C is bordered by S.R. 611 and MCB 8. Hunters must keep a safe distance from the privately owned homes along the densely vegetated western border of this area.

j. Russell Road Landfill. **This area is only available on a limited basis and is restricted for use by hunters with severe mobility impairment and their hunting partners.** They can request use of the area per the guidelines at paragraph 6.b. No vehicle traffic is allowed on the landfill cover. Hunting will be from designated stands. Other game such as squirrel, dove, and turkey may be taken during legal seasons. Shotguns and muzzleloading guns may be used during the designated firearms seasons.

k. Camp Upshur Area. This area is located north of Cedar Run. Archery hunting is permitted in the 3 designated hunting sectors that are at least 100 yards from paved roads and buildings. The authorized archery hunting sectors are accessible from the designated parking areas shown on the MCINCR-MCBQO hunting map that is available at the Quantico iSportsman webpage.

10. Safety Regulations

a. No Hunting Zones. Hunting with archery tackle is prohibited within 100 yards of ammunition and fuel storage areas, built-up areas, rifle and pistol ranges, dwellings or other occupied structures, designated recreation areas, and paved roads. Hunting with firearms is prohibited within 200 yards

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of the above mentioned areas. Hunting is not allowed within 50 yards of a recreation/fitness trail nor are hunters allowed to shoot towards or across any trail or road.

b. Buddy System. Hunters are encouraged to hunt with a partner so one person can get help if the other becomes ill, injured or lost.

c. Mandatory Personal Safety Equipment. All persons hunting or scouting **must** carry a cell phone, compass, flashlight, and whistle as safety measures to help reduce occurrences of late and lost hunters.

d. Blaze Color (Orange or Pink). Every hunter or person accompanying a hunter on MCINCR-MCBQ property during the firearms deer season will wear a solid blaze color hat and outer body clothing that has at least two square feet of blaze color visible above the waist and visible from 360 degrees. Camouflage blaze orange or pink body clothing is acceptable. Portable pop-up style blinds must also be marked with 2 square feet of blaze color visible from 360 degrees. There are two exemptions from the blaze color policy: all hunters east of Interstate 95 (in waterfowl blinds and archery only areas) are exempt, and waterfowl hunters in approved blinds west of Interstate 95 are exempt.

e. Keeping a Safe Distance. Hunters need to be mindful of each other's presence in the woods. There are two occasions of particular concern. First is the potential hazard of squirrel hunters to shoot upwards into trees where camouflaged archery hunters are sitting motionless in tree stands. Second is the possibility of spring gobbler hunters shooting towards another camouflaged hunter. Archers and spring gobbler hunters are encouraged to mark their hunting locations with blaze orange bands and to whistle or otherwise signal their presence to approaching hunters. Ethical hunters, when notified of the presence of another hunter, will depart the area immediately to avoid interference with the hunter who is already in position to hunt. This separation distance between hunters should be at least 200 yards.

f. Transportation of Weapons. Per MCBO 5501, Control and Use of Privately Owned Firearms and other Weapons Order, weapons transported aboard MCINCR-MCBQ must be transported in the following manner:

(1) Weapons must be in the trunk of the vehicle. In vehicles without a trunk, weapons must be in a carrying case, and placed as far away from the vehicle occupants as the situation permits. If transporting weapons while occupying a motorcycle, the weapon must be cased and may not be carried on the person in any manner. The use of a holster is prohibited. On a motorcycle the use of saddlebags, a back pack or some other carrying device is authorized.

(2) Weapons must be unloaded and on safe.

(3) Magazines and all ammunition must be removed from weapons.

(4) Magazines and all ammunition must be separate and kept as far as possible from the weapon.

(5) If a firearm is within a vehicle when contact is made by a law enforcement officer, the operator shall inform the officer they are in possession of a firearm.

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g. Concealed Hand Guns Prohibited. Hunters who have concealed firearms carry permits are not authorized to carry concealed handguns on Base.

h. Unexploded Ordnance. All hunting areas may contain unexploded munitions (UXO) which is dangerous and must not be removed or disturbed. Hunters should mark the area of such UXO with flagging or other means, record the coordinates, and **immediately** report their location to the GCS. The GCS will immediately notify RMB for action.

i. Evacuate Hunting Areas. Hunters must immediately leave the assigned hunting area and check-out of the training area via iSportsman if:

(1) Continuous siren or horn blasts, signaling emergency or unsafe conditions, are heard.

(2) There is contact with military personnel engaged in military training exercises within the assigned hunting area. It means either the hunters or the military personnel are in the wrong area. For safety of all personnel, hunters shall leave the area immediately and report the problem to the GCS. GCS personnel will coordinate with the RMB to determine the cause of the problem. Once the problem has been corrected, the hunter shall either be assigned to another hunting area or will be allowed back into the original assigned area.

(3) You receive notification from the GCS via iSportsman or phone call telling you to leave the training area immediately.

11. Tree Stand Use and Safety Guidelines. Permanently installed tree stands are not authorized, with the exception of those installed by NREA Branch for the support assisted hunting programs. Portable stands (such as ladder stands) and temporary installations are permitted. MCINCR-MCBQ hunters use tree stands at their own risk; the Government is neither responsible for accidents and injuries that may occur nor liable for any loss or damage that occurs to stands that are left unattended. Despite the positive benefits of tree stands, some hunters are injured and killed as a result of accidents resulting from the climbing of trees and improper use of tree stands. To help prevent accidents, hunters shall abide by the following guidelines for the use of tree stands while hunting at MCINCR-MCBQ.

a. Persons wanting to enter a training area for the purpose of installing a tree stand must check-in to an open area via selecting the "Scouting" activity within iSportsman. If the quota of hunters has been reached in an area, no further hunt related access will be allowed for that area.

b. Any tree stand left overnight in a MCINCR-MCBQ hunting area must be marked with the name and telephone number of the owner. In the Mainside area (TA 1), they must be taken down on a daily basis and may not be left overnight.

c. Tree stands and all attachment hardware must be removed from MCINCR-MCBQ property no later than 31 January. No metal objects are to be permanently embedded in trees because damage to chain saws, sawmill blades and equipment operators can occur if saw blades strike steel objects hidden in the timber.

d. Tree stands must be inspected prior to each use to ensure there are no damaged parts or loose handholds or footholds.

e. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the assembly and use of the model of tree stand you use.

f. Climbing tree stands equipped with heel and toe straps must not be altered and the straps must be used while climbing.

g. The proper use of a safety harness is recommended when hunting from the tree stand and while climbing up and down. A safety harness specifically designed for this purpose and equipped with a safety release mechanism should be used. The distance of slack between one's body and the tree should not exceed 18-24 inches.

h. Do not climb with anything in hand. Use an equipment haul line to raise and lower your **unloaded** gun, archery tackle, or other equipment.

12. Authorized Weapons

a. Deer will be hunted only with archery tackle, shotguns loaded with slugs (i.e., solid, non-exploding slug cartridges), and muzzleloading rifles .45 caliber or larger. Shotguns with barrels having lands and grooves are allowed at MCINCR-MCBQ for shooting slugs.

b. A hunter who has already met the daily or season bag limit on deer may continue to hunt for other in-season game but may not carry slugs, a shotgun loaded with slugs, or a muzzleloading rifle.

c. Muzzleloading rifles may only be used during the general firearms season or for special hunts identified in the annual hunt bulletin.

d. Small game, waterfowl, and wild turkeys will be hunted with shotguns loaded with the appropriate shot shells. Wild turkeys may be taken with slugs during the fall season, incidental to deer hunting.

e. Air rifles between .177 and .25 caliber, inclusive, may be used for hunting small game and nuisance species.

f. During the regular firearms hunting seasons, a hunter may carry both archery and authorized firearms equipment in areas open to gun hunting and must abide by all rules and regulations affecting gun hunters.

g. Arrowguns, pneumatic-powered air guns that fire an arrow, are allowed during any legal firearm season. They are not allowed during archery only season or in archery only areas except by persons with a disability that prevents them from drawing a bow or crossbow. Such persons must be in possession of a completed authorization form provided by DWR. A copy of the completed authorization form must be provided to the GCS.

13. Restrictions and Forbidden Practices

a. The use of rifles, revolvers, and pistols for hunting is prohibited except for the use of muzzleloading and air rifles as stated above. This prohibition extends to carrying such weapons on the person or in a vehicle while hunting.

b. No one is allowed to carry a concealed weapon while hunting or while on MCINCR-MCBQ.

c. Buckshot may not be used to hunt any game and may not be possessed on one's person or in one's vehicle while hunting at MCINCR-MCBQ.

d. During spring gobbler season, organized drives, dogs, or electronic calling devices are prohibited. It is unlawful to use or to have in possession any shot larger than number 2 fine shot during spring turkey season.

e. Firearms may not be carried when hunting with archery tackle during the special archery/crossbow seasons or anytime during regular hunting seasons in the archery only areas.

f. It is prohibited to use any type of artificial light for the purpose of spotting, taking, or attempting to take game at any time during the year.

g. Dogs may not be used for hunting deer and deer dogs may not be trained at MCINCR-MCBQ.

h. Trapping of any animal is prohibited, except as duly authorized by a MCINCR-MCBQ trapping license.

i. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge are prohibited.

j. Hunters may not shoot dogs. Any person shooting or injuring a dog may be subject to criminal prosecution or civil action pursuant to VA Code 3.1-796.127.

k. Organized deer drives are prohibited.

l. Hunters may not place or utilize any bait, salt, minerals, feed or other consumable substance to serve as a lure or attractant for game animals at MCINCR-MCBQ. This prohibition applies year round. Hunters may not utilize products containing natural deer urine. **Synthetic** urine attractant is allowed.

m. Shooting or harming any protected wildlife species is forbidden.

n. Target shooting is prohibited in MCINCR-MCBQ training areas. Target shooting and sighting-in must be done at designated facilities. Contact the Quantico Shooting Club for information at 703-640-6336 or use off-base facilities for firearms training.

o. Any hunter that uses or possesses alcohol or illegal drugs in MCINCR-MCBQ training areas is subject to loss of hunting privileges and prosecution under federal or state law. This prohibition extends to carrying alcohol or illegal drugs in a vehicle while officially checked-in to hunt.

p. It is unlawful to use electronically amplified calls and calling devices, to include applications on cell phones, except for coyotes, bobcats, foxes, and crows.

14. Vehicle Operation. The following regulations apply to the operation of motor vehicles. Violations of these provisions are subject to prosecution:

a. Motorcycles, including mopeds and three and four-wheel all terrain vehicles, may not be used while hunting. Non-motorized and electric assist bicycles may be used for transportation on trails authorized for foot travel only for the purpose of access within an assigned hunting area.

b Off-road vehicle travel is prohibited. Vehicles may only be operated on paved and graveled roads open to normal vehicular travel as shown on the MCINCR-MCBQ hunting map available within iSportsman. These roads are subject to being closed for military training exercises, inclement weather, etc. **At no time are hunters permitted to drive around closed range gates.** Violators are subject to prosecution.

c. Hunters operate vehicles at their own risk and are solely responsible for any towage fees they may incur. They must inform the GCS as soon as possible in the event their vehicle breaks down or becomes immovable. Hunters are encouraged to lock their vehicles while hunting. MCINCR-MCBQ is not responsible for damages, theft, or injuries done to one's person or property while aboard the installation. Any damage, theft, or injury done to property or person should be reported to the military police at 703-784-2251 or to the Conservation Law Enforcement Officers (CLEOs) at 703-784-5218.

d. Vehicles may not be parked in a manner to restrict the operation of range gates or block access to any road or trail. Vehicles must be parked completely off of paved road surfaces but remain visible from the road or trail. These vehicles may be subject to removal at the owner's expense.

e. Hunters must park adjacent to their assigned open hunting area so they can access their assigned area without passing through any other training areas. There are three exceptions. If the 617A gate is locked, hunters may park on the shoulder of the road on either side of the intersection of Route 617 and MCB 6 and walk Route 617 to access 10C but may not enter training areas 10A or 11A while in route. Hunters may park at the intersection of Route 610 and 644 and walk Route 644 to access 9D but may not enter TA 7A or 9C while in route. Hunters may park at the 612 gate at MCB8 to access 17C. Canoes and kayaks may only be used by waterfowl hunters and shall not be used by hunters to access remote portions of Training Areas to hunt other game.

f. Hunters shall not park in or adjacent to restricted "No Hunting" zones.

g. CLEOs will use discretion in determining if a vehicle is reasonably parked in the proper area; road shoulder conditions, etc., may require a hunter to park on the other side of the road from the assigned hunting area.

15. Reports

a. Upon killing a deer, bear, or turkey the hunter must immediately notch the appropriate tab on the paper big game license or e-notch via the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) website or GoOutdoorsVA mobile app before moving the animal from the place of kill. If a paper license is notched, you must also record the harvest with DWR by calling 1-866-GOT-GAME, via their website, or the GoOutdoorsVA mobile app as a paper check tag will not be issued at the GCS. Keep a record of your confirmation number. Then the big game animal must be taken to the MCINCR-MCBQ GCS for a Base wildlife official to collect data. GCS personnel reserves the right to remove jaw bones from deer, teeth from bears, and feathers from turkeys for

data collection purposes. Note: A hunter who has taken a deer pursuant to the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) does not have to notch his/her paper license and you will select "DMAP" tag when checking the deer in with the DWR website or GoOutdoorsVA mobile app. The hunter has permission to transport the deer to the GCS where an attendant will complete DMAP documentation.

b. All animals taken at this base, to include small game, waterfowl, furbearers, and nuisance species, must be reported via iSportsman during the check-out process at the end of a hunt. Neckband or leg band numbers from all tagged or marked animals or birds must be reported. The removal of unreported game from the base may result in forfeiture of base privileges.

16. Violations of Base Regulations. CLEOs may issue an 1805 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1382 for any violation of Base hunting regulations. Along with an 1805 or in lieu of an 1805, the CLEO may suspend recreational privileges for a period of not less than 3 days and not more than 1 year depending on the totality of the circumstances. Table 4-1 provides a summary of common penalties as a reference only.

17. Research Animals. To study factors affecting productivity and survival, some white-tailed deer have been outfitted with tracking devices such as ear tags, neck collars, and radio transmitters. These animals are not restricted from the hunt and are considered legal game. When a tagged deer is brought to the GCS, the GCS attendant will remove the ear tag and any radio devices for return to the wildlife research program.

18. Bobwhite Quail and Ruffed Grouse Seasons Closed. Bobwhite quail and ruffed grouse may not be harvested on MCINCR-MCBQ. These bird populations have declined to low numbers within the region and aboard MCINCR-MCBQ. All hunters are encouraged to report locations where these birds are observed to the GCS.

19. Nuisance Species. Hunters may take VA designated nuisance animals such as coyote and groundhog during legal hunting hours while checked-in to hunt. All take must be reported at check-out. Hunters are reminded shooting or harming dogs or cats is illegal.

20. Unscheduled Closures. Recreational access is subject to closure due to inclement weather, elevated force protection conditions, fire hazard, etc. The AC/S GF will authorize the closure of hunting season when necessary to limit the take in consonance with good conservation practices, protect public safety, or allow for special operations such as snow removal. Unscheduled closures will be posted via iSportsman. Additionally, hunters can call the MCINCR-MCBQ weather hotline at 703-784-3638 for information on weather related Base closures.

21. Vehicle Collisions with Wild Animals. Operators of motor vehicles must notify the military police at 703-784-2251 in cases of collision with wild animals where either property damage occurs or a deer, bear, turkey or bald eagle is injured or killed. MCINCR-MCBQ wildlife staff (703-432-6774/6776/6777/6780) or CLEOs (703-784-5218) must be notified immediately upon collision with a bald eagle. No one but the wildlife staff and CLEOs are authorized to touch or move bald eagles. Only CLEO personnel are authorized to give custody of dead game animals to operators of privately owned vehicles. In cases involving government owned vehicles, or where the

operator refuses custody, the animal can be moved out of the roadway. If the animal cannot be moved, contact CLEOs or wildlife staff for assistance. CLEOs can authorize military police to dispatch injured animals.

22. Hunting with Dogs

a. It is unlawful to use dogs to hunt deer at MCINCR-MCBQ. Any hunter or member of a party of hunters who kills a deer while hunting with dogs will be subject to the loss of MCINCR-MCBQ recreational privileges.

b. Dogs may be used to hunt fall turkey, dove, rabbit, woodcock, squirrel, and waterfowl in any open hunting area, except on deer either-sex hunting days during the firearms season.

c. Upland game hunters are advised to equip their dogs with blaze colored collars and bells to help identify the dogs as hunting dogs.

23. Training Hunting Dogs. From the Tuesday after Labor Day through 31 January, inclusive, MCINCR-MCBQ licensed hunters may train personally owned dogs on rabbits and non-migratory game birds (excluding grouse and bobwhite quail). Trainers will check in and out daily per scouting procedures in paragraph 4a. Waterfowl hunters may train retrieving dogs in open base waters any time of the year. The use of blank pistols or other noise making devices is authorized when done discreetly. Trainers may not use live pen-reared birds for dog training unless the birds are shackled to prevent escape and the CLEO office has been notified in advance 703-784-5218. Pen-reared game may not be released upon MCINCR-MCBQ property.

24. Wounded Game Policy. Hunters will make every effort to recover wounded game. If wounded game crosses into another training area, the hunter must contact the GCS to seek authorization to access the training area.

a. Same Day Recovery. A hunter who has shot a game animal late in the day has up to 45 minutes after sunset to contact the GCS and request additional time for the recovery of the animal. The hunter may contact the GCS by cell phone to request permission to continue tracking. Dependent on the situation, the hunter may be given a maximum of two hours past legal hunting hours to return and check-out from hunting.

b. Next Day Recovery. A hunter who is unable to recover wounded game on the day of hunting may request permission to track and recover the game on the following day. If the requested area is open, the GCS will provide authorization for entry into the area. If tracking is to occur on a non-hunting day (such as Sunday), the request for tracking must be made at the GCS on the preceding hunting day. Dependent on the situation, the GCS operator will provide the hunter with instructions for recovering and reporting the animal.

25. Refrigeration Policy. The outdoor refrigeration locker located at the GCS is available for temporary use by Quantico hunters. Permission to store game in the locker will be granted or denied by GCS staff based upon the availability of space. Game stored must be removed within 48 hours, or sooner upon request of the GCS. A tag with the DWR confirmation number must be attached to all stored game. The Government is not responsible for loss of meat due to theft or spoilage. Unless prior arrangements have been made, failure to remove game within 48 hours is punishable by forfeiture of game

and suspension of hunting privileges. No animals from off MCINCR-MCBQ are allowed to be stored in the refrigeration locker.

26. Skinning Shed Policy. The outdoor skinning shed at the GCS is available for use by Quantico hunters during GCS operating hours. Anyone wanting to use the area must ask for permission at the GCS. The GCS will provide a hose with running water (weather permitting) and trashcans. The hunter is responsible for thoroughly cleaning the work area and following waste disposal instructions when finished. No animals from off MCINCR-MCBQ are allowed to be processed at the skinning shed.

27. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Chronic Wasting Disease is a fatal neurological disease of deer, elk, and moose. CWD was discovered in northwestern Fauquier County, Virginia in 2020. To combat the spread of the disease, Virginia and other state wildlife agencies have imposed various restrictions on the movement of deer carcasses and certain deer parts. Hunters must be familiar these state regulations before transporting deer carcasses and parts. Virginia regulations can be found at: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/cwd/> and information about other states regulations pertaining to CWD can be found at: <http://cwd-info.org/>. The MCINCR-MCBQ fishing/hunting bulletin will contain the current regulations impacting Base hunters.

28. Lead Hazard. Lead exposure from ingesting harvested animals is a growing environmental and health concern to both humans and wildlife. Hunters are encouraged to utilize non-lead ammunition when feasible.

CHAPTER 3

TRAPPING REGULATIONS

1. Information. Regulations herein are intended to maintain furbearer populations in balance with other resource management objectives and to diminish serious disease outbreaks associated with overpopulation of some mammalian species.

2. Authorization to Trap. In accordance with MCINCR-MCBQ 5530.2, Access Control Policy, access onto MCINCR-MCBQ to trap requires the possession of an approved base access credential: Common Access Card (CAC), Military Dependent, Retiree, or Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) Identification card, Federal Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card, or a Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) card. Non-military affiliated civilians must obtain a DBIDS card in order to gain authorized access to MCINCR-MCBQ; those without approved credentials will be denied base access for recreation. Persons requesting access the base for trapping must complete the following process:
 - a. Register for an iSportsman account: <https://quantico.isportsman.net>. The iSportsman account will only be fully activated after you provide proof of a valid base access credential at the Game Check Station (GCS) located at 27175T Telegraph Road, Quantico VA.

 - b. For those requesting a DBIDS card: enroll for a DBIDS card at <https://dbids-global.dmdc.mil/enroll#!/>. Enter "Natural Resources" for your sponsor's last name and "NREA" for your sponsor's first name with email address "quan_sac@usmc.mil" and phone number "703-784-4030." Print out the confirmation code. Bring the DBIDS enrollment confirmation code, proof of iSportsman account registration, photo identification, and Social Security Number to the Visitor Control Center to have your identification proofed and vetted. The process for obtaining a DBIDS card is subject to change. Please refer to the Quantico iSportsman and the MCINCR-MCBQ websites for the most current information on base access.

3. MCINCR-MCBQ Trapping License
 - a. Trapper must obtain a Virginia (VA) trapping licenses. Possession of the proper VA licenses is a prerequisite to purchase the Base trapping license. VA licenses are available at most sporting goods retailers and online at <http://www.dwr.virginia.gov/licenses/>.

 - b. To be eligible to trap aboard MCINCR-MCBQ, a person must be able to demonstrate knowledge and skill concerning the use of trapping equipment. This may be accomplished in an informal meeting with a CLEO and/or MCINCR-MCBQ wildlife biologist. Call the Head, FWA program, (703) 432-6774 to set up a meeting.

 - c. iSportsman Account. All trappers regardless of age must create an iSportsman account at <https://quantico.isportsman.net>. This includes individuals who do not trap and wish to accompany a trapper. Upon completion of an informal meeting with a CLEO and/or MCINCR-MCBQ wildlife biologist, a trapping endorsement will be added to the trapper's iSportsman account allowing them to purchase a Base trapping license.

 - d. MCINCR-MCBQ Trapper Orientation. All trappers are required to complete the trapper safety brief during creation of an iSportsman account.

e. All trappers are responsible for knowing current state and MCINCR-MCBQ trapping regulations.

f. Fee Exemptions. Persons less than 18 years of age, persons 65 and over, persons who possess a VA "totally and permanently disabled resident license to hunt" or "service-connected totally and permanently disabled veteran resident lifetime license to hunt and freshwater fish", certain veterans covered under a special event permit per Code of Virginia 29.1-312, and Native Americans exempt from purchasing the Virginia trapping license under Code of Virginia 29.1-301 are exempt from the MCINCR-MCBQ trapping license fee. These persons will be provided a MCINCR-MCBQ trapping license free of charge.

g. License Cost. The MCINCR-MCBQ annual trapping license costs \$10 and is valid for one year from the date of purchase. Fee schedule changes will be published in the annual MCINCR-MCBQ fishing/hunting bulletin. All sales are final.

h. Age Restriction. While in a training area for the purpose of trapping, persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a licensed adult (21 years or older). Persons under 18 years of age must register for an iSportsman account.

4. Regulations. Limits, seasons, times, and methods of trapping will conform to VA regulations except as otherwise specified below:

a. Authorized trappers will check-in and out via iSportsman. They may check into any open hunting area. Trappers must clearly display the vehicle pass on the driver's side of the dash when parking in a TA for the purpose of trapping. The GCS can utilize trapper information within iSportsman to inform hunters with dogs of trap locations. Hunters with dogs can call the GCS at 703-784-5523 or 703-784-5329 for trap locations.

b. A non-ferrous metal name tag must be affixed to each trap. Traps without tags will be subject to confiscation by CLEOs. The violator will lose their trapping privilege and may also be subject to prosecution in federal and state court.

c. All traps must be checked daily. Trappers shall not set traps in areas that will not be accessible on the following day.

d. Trappers may not have additional persons setting or checking traps. They may allow persons to accompany them on their route. In the case of illness, etc., where a trapper cannot check the traps, the trapper may obtain authorization for a substitute to run the traps. The request shall be submitted by phone to the CLEOs at 703-784-5218.

e. Trappers may routinely operate motor vehicles on the paved and improved gravel roads designated for hunting access on the annual hunting map. When the use of other roads and trails is required to implement the trapping program, the CLEOs will provide written authorization to the appropriate trapper.

f. No trap will be set within 200 yards of an occupied area, mess area, bleachers, or designated recreational area.

g. Body gripping (Conibear type) traps may only be set totally underwater. Any other traps or trapping techniques must comply with regulations published by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR).

- h. Box traps may not be set for rabbits.
 - i. Trappers must report their catch, including animals that were released, daily during the check-out process.
 - j. Trappers are authorized to carry a .22 caliber pistol for the sole purpose of safely and humanely dispatching trapped animals. Prior to carrying such weapon the CLEOs must be advised at 703-784-5218.
 - k. Trappers must wear at least 2 square feet of blaze orange or pink above the waist and visible from 360 degrees if entering a training area during the firearms deer season.
 - l. Dens of furbearers may not be disturbed.
 - m. Trappers will report any observed violation of trapping regulations to the CLEOs.
 - n. Mainside. Trapping on mainside (east of I-95) is only allowed on a case by case basis. Trappers will not be allowed to carry a firearm (such as a .22 caliber pistol) on mainside.
 - o. Checking traps on Sunday will be permitted within open training areas.
 - p. The trapping program may be changed or terminated during a season to reflect changes in program or mission requirements. Trappers must abide by any special regulations or reporting requirements announced during the season.
5. Violations. Trappers who violate these regulations or VA trapping laws will be subject to termination of MCINCR-MCBQO recreation privileges and prosecution in federal or state court.

CHAPTER 4

CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

1. Information. All federal and state laws concerning natural resources and the harvest of fish and wildlife apply to all persons aboard MCINCR-MCBQ regardless of the purpose of entry onto the Installation. In addition, the Commander MCINCR-MCBQ has prescribed special regulations for persons using government lands and facilities. These regulations are binding orders on all individuals utilizing these government lands and facilities and are considered lawful regulations in federal court. Furthermore, civilians who do not abide by these regulations can be denied access to MCINCR-MCBQ.

2. Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) Authority. The MCINCR-MCBQ CLEOs have the authority to conduct a full range of investigations leading to the arrest and prosecution of person(s) suspected of violating criminal laws of the United States and to enforce and ensure compliance with all laws, rules, regulations and treaties administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Marine Corps, Department of Defense, Commonwealth of Virginia, District of Columbia, and all adjacent states. They are also authorized to suspend any recreational privileges of anyone who violates the regulations prescribed herein, by the annual MCINCR-MCBQ hunt bulletin, or posted within iSportsman.

3. Game Check Station (GCS) Personnel Authority. MCINCR-MCBQ GCS personnel are authorized to take temporary custody of illegal wildlife brought to the GCS until a CLEO can respond.

4. Violations of Federal, State, and Base Regulations. The CLEOs will detain, arrest, or issue a U.S. District Court Violation Notice (1805) to any persons suspected of violating federal and or state fish and game laws. The summons form will either reflect a collateral fee issued by the U.S. Magistrates Office or else have a mandatory court appearance set for more serious crimes. In addition, in these cases, persons may be subject to administrative actions.

CLEOs may issue an 1805 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1382 for any violation of Base hunting regulations. Along with an 1805 or in lieu of an 1805, the CLEO may suspend recreational privileges for a period of not less than 3 days and not more than 1 year depending on the totality of the circumstances. Figure 4-1 provides common but not a comprehensive list of violations as reference.

5. Violations of Natural and Cultural Resources Regulations. Per reference (a) and (i) CLEOs may issue federal charges for any violation of natural and cultural resources regulations including the Endangered Species Act (Reference j), Lacey Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Airborne Hunting Act, National Wildlife System Improvement Act, Clean Water Act, Archaeological Resources Protection Act, Native American Repatriation Act Of 1990, American Antiquities Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. This is a list of the major laws and regulations enforced but not the full extent of CLEO authority.

6. Debarment. Any person who has been found to be a repeat offender of laws and or regulations prescribed by this Manual, has committed a crime that would endanger public safety or national security, and or has committed an offense that is detrimental to the stewardship of natural and cultural resources at MCINCR-MCBQ may be subject to denial of base access and/or

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debarment. Further, any person or persons who are unable to obtain an approved base access credential will be denied a hunting, fishing, and/or trapping permit and will not be able to access MCINCR-MCBQ for recreation purposes. In cases of a violation resulting in recommendation of debarment, the CLEO will forward all reports and findings through the Head, NREA Branch, to the Base Inspector's Office for final disposition.

<u>Violations Penalties</u>	<u>Common Administrative</u>	
<u>Offense</u>	<u>1st Offense</u>	<u>2nd</u>
Failure to display iSportsman vehicle pass.	3-7 days	30 days
Failure to park and hunt or fish in assigned area.	3-30 days	1 year
Trespass to hunt or fish	1 year/citation	Debarment
Hunting or parking in a restricted area or "NO HUNTING" zone.	1 year	N/A
Parking to block a range gate.	3-7 days	30 days
Unauthorized driving around a locked range gate.	1 year	N/A
Failure to check-out on time but is not more than 30 minutes late.	3-7 days	7-30 days
Failure to check-out on time and is more than 30 minutes late.	7-30 days	45 days
Operating motorized vehicle on unauthorized road without written permission.	30-90 days	1 year
Transporting a loaded weapon in a vehicle.	1 year	Debarment
Use or possess alcohol or illegal drugs.	1 year	Debarment
Failure to wear blaze color during deer firearms season	7-30 days	1 year
Unauthorized fishing in Secon Pool and Lunga Reservoir	1 year	Debarment

Figure 4-1. Table of recommended penalties for administrative restriction of hunting and fishing privileges. Penalties are determined on a case by case basis depending upon the totality of circumstances and may result in a U.S. District Court Violation Notice.

CHAPTER 5

NONGAME MANAGEMENT AND ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL

1. Introduction

a. Many species of wildlife such as, but not limited to, song birds, birds of prey, reptiles, amphibians, butterflies, and small mammals, have not traditionally been hunted or trapped for sport or commercial purposes, and are often called nongame species. The conservation of all wildlife species is important for ecosystem health. Partnerships with other governmental and private organizations are critical to conserving wildlife populations at the regional scale; MCINCR-MCBQ is a participant in the VA Department of Wildlife Resources VA Wildlife Action Plan.

b. Not all human and wildlife interactions are beneficial. For example, the presence of wild animals is usually not desired in living quarters and public buildings. Some diseases may be transmitted through contact with animals or their wastes. Although beavers are invaluable for creating wetlands, they become a nuisance when their dams flood roads, block storm drainage systems, and kill landscape plantings. Canada geese can foul walkways and recreation areas with droppings. Resident and migratory birds pose collision hazards to aircraft. The mitigation or prevention of wildlife related diseases or damage is known as animal damage control.

2. Protection. Most wildlife species are protected; it is unlawful to take, possess, transport, or sell wildlife species unless specifically permitted by law or regulation. European starling, house sparrow, mute swan, pigeon (rock dove), house mouse, Norway rat, black rat, coyote, feral hog, nutria, and groundhog are nongame species that have been designated nuisance species in VA and may be taken at any time during an open MCINCR-MCBQ hunting or trapping season except Sundays. The use of firearms or other weapons to take animals at MCINCR-MCBQ must be done in accordance with Base hunting regulations in Chapter 2.

3. Policy

a. Nongame wildlife will only be collected, taken, or possessed aboard MCINCR-MCBQ per state and federal regulations for the collection of nongame animals. Anyone wanting to capture, take or salvage nongame animals under state or federal banding or collection permits shall request permission from the Commander MCINCR-MCBQ (B 046). It is recommended all living specimens be released at the place of capture at the earliest opportunity. Animals acquired from off-Base from any source must not be released onto MCINCR-MCBQ property.

b. MCINCR-MCBQ will be aggressive in fostering national, regional, DoD, and Department of the Navy partnerships to inventory, conserve, and enhance public awareness about significant biological resources.

c. The use of MCINCR-MCBQ facilities for the observation of birds and other wildlife is encouraged under the guidelines listed in paragraphs 4e, 4f, and 4g.

d. Animal damage control procedures will be used to protect human health, government facilities, and aircraft. Emphasis will be placed upon using the most efficient and humane techniques available to remedy problem situations.

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e. Navy policy prohibits the maintenance of feral cat colonies on Navy/Marine Corps lands. Feeding feral cats is prohibited.

4. Procedures

a. Problems with insects and nuisance wildlife such as groundhogs, raccoons, foxes, and rodents in Base office buildings should be reported to the Public Works Branch at 703-784-1175. Tenant organizations needing pest control services should contact the Facilities Support Contracts Section for more information at 703-784-1175. Housing area residents will report these problems to the Lincoln Military Housing Maintenance Office at 888-578-4141.

b. Problems concerning dogs and cats shall be reported to Security Battalion at 703-784-2251.

c. Problems concerning beaver, deer, bear, or other wild animals in the training areas will be reported to the CLEOs or Head, FWA, NREA Branch, at 703-784-5218 or 703-432-6774.

d. Problems with birds and mammals at the MCAF can be reported to NREA offices at 703-784-5218 and 703-432-6774/76/77.

e. Groups and individuals wanting to observe or photograph wildlife are welcome to visit the Chopawamsic Creek Wildlife Viewing Area, located on Russell Road. The area is open to people with valid base access credentials year-round during daylight hours. Visitors may contact the FWA office, 703-432-6774/76/77, for information.

f. Access to the training areas is carefully controlled and scheduled by the AC/S G-3 to support military training. Access to the training areas for hunting is accomplished via iSportsman during scheduled hunting seasons.

g. Groups that would like assistance from the NREA Branch concerning fish and wildlife education programs should request assistance from the Head, NREA Branch at 703-784-4030. If personnel are available, the Head, NREA Branch will assign a staff professional to provide escort and guidance to the group.

5. Action. Responsibilities for the control of nuisance animals are as follows:

a. AC/S GF. Has cognizance over all wildlife population control programs and will develop, approve, or implement plans as necessary to achieve desired goals. The Head, NREA Branch shall implement these responsibilities, including:

(1) Maintain an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPMP) that includes provisions for the removal of nuisance wildlife.

(2) Maintain a migratory bird depredation permit with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in order to lawfully take gulls, vultures, Canada geese, or other species authorized by the permit that are harming government property, posing a human health hazard, or compromising the safe operation of aircraft.

(3) Respond to requests concerning big game animals (deer, bear, turkey), bats, migratory birds, and wildlife related problems in MCINCR-MCBQ training areas, and to bird airstrike hazard issues at MCAF.

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(4) If NREA personnel are unavailable to respond in a timely manner, and there is potential for the situation to jeopardize public health, request assistance from Security Battalion. Routine disposition will involve release near the capture site or euthanasia.

(5) Report wildlife pest control efforts to Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, for inclusion in the "Pest Control Summary Report" prepared per OPNAVINST 6250.4.

(6) Upon consultation with local health departments, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, or the Quantico Veterinary Treatment Facility, transport wildlife suspected to be diseased to a recommended testing facility.

b. CO Security Battalion. Respond to requests concerning the removal of stray or abused/neglected domesticated animals (pets) aboard MCINCR-MCBQ. Routine disposition of these animals will be at a local animal shelter.

c. Head, Facilities, Engineering, and Acquisition Division. Maintain a contract for a licensed pest controller to implement routine building inspections and treatment for continuous pest control in developed areas. The use of toxic chemicals must be coordinated with the Head, NREA Branch, and be included in the MCINCR-MCBQ IPMP. Secondary toxicity to nontarget species is a genuine concern and must be minimized by careful assessment and planning of chemical pest control programs.

CHAPTER 6

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

1. Introduction. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 (16 U.S.C. SS 1531 et seq.) requires the protection of federally listed species and their habitat. It is unlawful to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct towards any threatened or endangered species within the United States.
2. Policy. The NREA FWA program maintains and implements the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) that benefits federally listed threatened and endangered species (T&E). One of the objectives of the INRMP is to educate base personnel about T&E species and applicable laws and protections.
3. Definitions.
 - a. Endangered Species. Federally listed plants and animals which are in danger of becoming extinct throughout all or a significant portion of their range.
 - b. Threatened Species. Federally listed plants and animals that are likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future.
 - c. Tree removal. Cutting down, harvesting, destroying, trimming, or manipulating in any other way the trees, saplings, snags, or any other form of woody vegetation that is larger than 3 inches in diameter (measurement taken at 4.3 feet above ground).
 - d. Take. Is defined by the ESA as "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect" any threatened or endangered species.
 - e. Incidental take. Take is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. For example, harvesting trees can kill listed bats that are roosting in the trees, but the purpose of the activity is not to kill listed bats.
 - f. Purposeful take. The reason for an activity or action is to conduct some form of take. For example, intentionally killing or harming listed bats or removing a listed plant is purposeful take.
 - g. Ground disturbance. Digging, grading, brush removal, de-stumping, land clearing.
4. T&E Species at MCINCR-MCBQ.
 - a. Small whorled pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*). The small whorled pogonia (SWP) is a small (2-8in tall) perennial plant in the orchid family and is federally threatened. SWP has 4-6 pale-green leaves in a whorl at the top of a thickened, pale-green stem. Plants are solitary, however, they may also be found clustered together in colonies. The SWP usually grows in mature forests with sparse to moderate ground cover, relatively open understory canopy, and deep moist leaf litter. To date, 22 SWP colony sites have been found on the installation.
 - b. Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*). The Indiana bat is federally endangered. Acoustic surveys at MCINCR-MCBQ show presence of this bat aboard the installation in the spring and summer. Habitat includes small to medium stream corridors with well developed riparian woods and upland forest. Loss or degradation of summer habitat is one of the concerns for this species.

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c. Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) (NLEB). The NLEB is federally threatened. Mist-net and acoustic surveys have shown presence of this species aboard MCINCR-MCBQ during the spring and summer. This bat is approximately three inches in length with a wingspan of ten inches. They have longer ears than other Myotids. In the summer, these bats roost singly or in colonies underneath bark, in cavities or crevices of live or dead trees or more rarely in structures. Loss or degradation of summer habitat is one of the concerns for this species.

d. Harperella (*Ptilimnium nodosum*). Harperella is an annual herb belonging to the carrot family (Apiaceae) and is federally endangered. Harperella grows to a height of 16-40 inches, with hollow, quill-like leaves. Its flowers are similar in appearance to Queen Anne's Lace, a common roadside plant. This plant is found on sunny sandy or gravelly shoals or in bedrock crevices of clear, swift-flowing streams or rivers. The only known site on MCINCR-MCBQ is in a small section of Aquia Creek.

e. Sensitive joint-vetch (*Aeschynomene virginica*). Sensitive joint-vetch is an annual legume restricted to tidally-influenced freshwater marsh systems and is federally threatened. The plant usually grows three to eight feet tall and has flowers that are yellow with red streaks. Although potential habitat exists at MCINCR-MCBQ there are no known sites. However, this species has been found along the Potomac River four miles downstream.

f. Dwarf wedgemussel (*Alsmidonta heterodon*), (DWM) is a relatively small (<38mm long) freshwater mussel species and is federally endangered. This species lives on muddy sand and gravel bottoms in freshwater creeks and rivers of varying sizes, in areas of slow to moderate current and little silt deposition. Historically, the DWM was found along Aquia Creek but may be extirpated.

5. Restrictions.

a. In order to prevent take of Indiana and northern long-eared bats, tree removal as defined in 3.c., may only occur between 16 September and 14 April. If tree removal must occur between 15 April and 15 September in order to protect human life and property, NREA must be contacted in advance at 703-784-4030. Surveys for bat species can only be conducted 15 May-15 August.

b. Ground disturbance is not allowed within known SWP colonies. If an action requires ground disturbance as defined in 3.g., a growing season survey must be conducted within potential SWP habitat between 1 June and 20 July. A growing season survey must be conducted and the results must show the area does not have any SWP PRIOR to the start of any ground disturbing activities.

c. Surveys for harperella, sensitive joint-vetch, and the dwarf wedge-mussel must be conducted prior to the start of actions requiring any in-stream work such as dredging, bridge support placement, placement of fill, riparian habitat disturbance or activities that will increase erosion/sedimentation potential within the watershed. The survey periods are as follows: harperella can be surveyed 1 July-30 September; sensitive joint-vetch can be surveyed 15 August-15 October; dwarf wedge-mussel can be surveyed 1 April-31 October.

d. Water quality protections, especially along Aquia Creek, shall be observed. All projects shall comply with Virginia and MCINCR-MCBQ sediment and erosion control requirements. Riparian buffers of 100 feet shall be maintained along perennial streams and associated wetlands to protect water quality.

e. Pesticide use must be compliant with the MCINCR-MCBQ Integrated Pest Management Plan.

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f. Project and action specific T&E protections will be listed within the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision document.

