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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 Base, Quantico (MCBQ), to include fishing, hunting, trapping, conservation law enforcement, wildlife viewing, and animal damage control.

2. Cancellation. MCBO P11015.2A.

3. Mission. It is the policy of the Commander 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, regional ecosystem management initiatives, and regional and local needs to control animal damage.

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#### 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, VA, and Marine Corps regulations, and directives.

(b) Reference (a), "Conservation Programs on Military Installation," Sikes Act Improvement Act, as amended, requires that 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 requirements and military security, 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 aboard MCBQ.

###### (2) Concept of Operations

###### (a) Collection and Use of Fees

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

2. MCBQ licenses for fishing, hunting, and trapping will be sold only by "Collection Agents" appointed in writing on DD Form 577 per DOD 7000.14-R, Volume V, paragraph 05020702.

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3. The value of these licenses will be specified either in enclosure (1) of this directive or in a supplemental annual Bulletin.

4. Reference (b) requires that all collected funds shall be deposited to fund receipt account 17R5095.27FY. At the time of turn-in to the MCBQ Finance Office, DD Form 1131, Cash Collection Voucher, shall be completed.

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 that all hunting, fishing, and trapping on MCBQ property will be done pursuant to VA laws, except that MCBQ can be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than applicable VA regulations. Hunting, fishing and trapping regulations for 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, Virginia or local laws and regulations will be investigated and enforced by Conservation Law Enforcement Officers (CLEO), NREA Branch, consistent with the guidelines provided at reference (h) and at Chapter 4 of the enclosure.

(e) Sportsman Advisory Council (SAC). The SAC will be operated pursuant to reference (i) to provide customer feedback concerning implementation of the fish and wildlife management programs at the enclosure.

(f) 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. Visitor access is authorized daily during daylight hours.

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

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 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 G-5 shall:

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

(b) Implement an INRMP that provides for fish and wildlife related dispersed outdoor recreation and the management and conservation of rare, threatened, and endangered species.

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

(d) Ensure fees involving the sales of negotiable 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) Convene meetings of the MCBQ Sportsman Advisory Council a minimum of twice annually.

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

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

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(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 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 MCBQ.

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

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## CHAPTER 1

## FISHING REGULATIONS

1. License Requirements

a. State License. Everyone who fishes aboard MCBQ must have a valid Virginia (VA) fishing license. 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 bank anglers.

b. 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.

c. Sales Locations. VA fishing licenses can be obtained online at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses/> and at most retail sporting goods vendors, including the Marine Corps Exchange.

d. MCBQ Fishing License

(1) Everyone who enters the installation for the purpose of fishing or using MCBQ boat ramps must have a MCBQ fishing license. This is applicable to all persons within the installation boundary lines, to include all persons using MCBQ boat ramps for access to public waters, and to anglers fishing from the MCBQ shoreline or any structure attached to the shoreline (piers, docks, etc.).

(2) Exemptions. Persons less than 16 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", and certain veterans covered under a special event permit per Code of Virginia 29.1-312 are exempt from the MCBQ fishing license fee. In most cases, these individuals must still complete and

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submit a license application and waiver of liability. However, exempt individuals who are participating in a group event that is covered by another agreement are not required to submit a MCBQ fishing license application and waiver of liability. An example would be a Marine Corps Community Services sponsored summer camp for youth. The MCBQ fishing license will not be required during Virginia Free Fishing Days but all requirements for access to the installation will still be in effect.

(3) License Cost. The MCBQ annual fishing license costs \$10 and is valid for one year from the date of purchase. The 5-day (consecutive days) MCBQ fishing license costs \$2. MCBQ licenses may be purchased at the following locations:

(a) NREA Branch Game Checking Station at Building 5-9. Open during MCBQ hunting seasons. Call for hours and availability at 703-784-5523 or check the Quantico Sportsman website: <https://www.quantico.usmc.mil/activities/?Section=QSM>

(b) Marine Corps Exchange (MCX). The sporting goods counter is open year round for the sale of VA fishing licenses and the MCBQ fishing license. Civilians may purchase the MCBQ fishing license but are not entitled to shop in the MCX. For hours of sale, call 703-432-8800.

(c) Lunga General Store. Currently closed. Call for hours and availability at 703-784-5270.

(4) Lost License. All anglers are encouraged to make a legible photocopy of their MCBQ fishing license. If the original license is lost, the legible copy of the license will serve as a valid replacement license. The place of sale may be able to produce a photocopy of the original license if they have record of the original sale. However, there is no guarantee that the place of sale will be open or have record of the purchase. Individuals who lose their MCBQ license will have to purchase another one if the original receipt or copy cannot be found. The place of sale is not responsible for the lost license.

2. Authorization to Fish. Military and civilian personnel who have completed the Application to Fish at Appendix A and the appropriate waiver of liability at either Appendix B or C, and who have obtained the MCBQ fishing license, are authorized to use Base fishing facilities pursuant to the instructions in this chapter. Access to MCBQ to fish also requires display of

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appropriate identification in accordance with MCBO 5530.1, Access Control Policy.

### 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. Officers Candidate School (OCS) has responsibility for the training area where Buffalo Pond and the OCS boat ramp are located. The RMB Range Control Office and OCS S-3 will coordinate with the appropriate military Officer in Charge (OIC) to ensure there are no conflicts, and coordinate with NREA to issue notices when access to fishing areas is not authorized. However, the OIC has final authority to allow joint use, or may lock range gates, post guards, or set barricades to close fishing access.

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 MCBQ water bodies in accordance with the motor restrictions stated in paragraph 6. Personal watercrafts (known as jet-skis) are not authorized in MCBQ impounded waters. All state boating regulations, including registration, personal flotation devices, lighting, and the VA boating safety education requirement are in effect at MCBQ. Details of the education requirement can be found at [www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education).

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6. Instructions for Fishing Areas. Fishing areas aboard and adjacent to MCBQ are shown at figure 1-1.

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 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 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 may drive on the gravel road along Landing Zone Toucan to access the pond if there are no military training exercises ongoing. 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. Electric motors are authorized; **gasoline motors may not be operated.**

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 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 MCBQ fishing privileges and possible debarment from the installation unless exempted as follows:** In specific cases, permission to fish at Secon Pool may be granted by NREA Branch for special wounded warrior events, paralyzed veterans, or persons who are physically unable to access other trout stocked waters. In designated trout waters, fishing access is allowed from 0500 until 1 hour after sunset. The daily creel limit is six 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 one rod and one hook in these waters, although it shall be lawful to use a hand-held landing net to land legally hooked trout.

e. Breckinridge Reservoir (47 acres). Largemouth bass, chain pickerel, crappie, bluegill, and catfish are present.

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Fishing access is allowed at New Breckinridge Road boat launch (see figure 2-1). Electric motors are authorized; **gasoline motors may not be operated.** Boating access can be difficult due

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to low water, especially during summer drought periods. Shallow draft and lightweight boats such as canoes 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-mile walk along a gravel road from the gate to the pond. **Anglers must check-in to TA 9C at the Game Checking Station (GCS) to gain permission to walk to R-6 Pond. R-6 Pond can only be fished when TA 9C is open for recreational access.** The R-6 Pond log sheet and daily open/closed status will be posted outside the GCS at the deer weigh shed when the GCS is closed. 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. Electric motors are authorized; **gasoline motors may not be operated.** Fishing access is allowed at two MCBQ launch sites on Smith Lake Road and the 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 meters of these launch sites.

i. Barrett 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 at the OCS boat launch and GCS to alert the public. Largemouth bass, bluegill, and crappie are present. Electric motors are authorized; **gasoline motors may not be operated.**

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 at (figure 2-2). Pursuant to 33 C.F.R. Part 334.235, all persons, vessels, or other craft are

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prohibited from entering, transiting, drifting, dredging, or anchoring within the PRA without permission of the Commander MCBQ or his/her designated representatives.

(2) Catfish, largemouth bass, white and yellow perch, bluegill, shad, herring, northern snakehead, and striped bass can be found in these waters. The snakehead is an invasive exotic species and must be killed to be possessed.

(3) Boating access to the tidal waters from 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 and kayaks). 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. Boaters at the OCS ramp will not have access to the Potomac River; the channel is blocked to enforce the PRA.

(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 Foxx fishing area. The Joe Foxx wheelchair accessible fishing site is located at the mouth of Chopawamsic Creek at the MCAF. Personnel must pass through a guard checkpoint and display acceptable Department of Defense (DoD) Identification (ID) cards. This includes DoD Common Access Card, DoD Uniformed Services Identification and Privileges Card, any authenticated U.S. Government issued credentials, and Transportation Worker Identification Credentials. Family members may accompany their sponsor.

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](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov) for details.

8. Protection of Environmental Quality. Water bodies and the associated natural resources are important to 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

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immediately to the CLEO at 703-432-6793/6794/6795. Anglers should use non-toxic sinkers to the extent available; lead

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released into the environment from hunting and fishing activities is of growing concern for ecosystem health.

9. Nuisance Wildlife. Leave wildlife alone! Do not feed or handle any wild animal. Feeding wildlife can actually be harmful to the animals and may lead to nuisance situations that become a severe safety concern (i.e., large flock of geese at air facilities). Handling wildlife can be dangerous and is often illegal. Wildlife can harbor diseases and parasites which have the potential to cause serious illness in humans and can be fatal. Ticks can transmit several diseases, including Lyme disease, and are abundant on the grounds around fishing areas. Avoidance and use of appropriate repellents and clothing is recommended to reduce risk of being bitten by ticks and other insects.

10. 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 MCBQ. Consult VA freshwater fishing regulations for creel and length limits (available at: <http://www.dgif.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/sports/BLUE\\_SHEET-2013.pdf](http://prfc.us/sports/BLUE_SHEET-2013.pdf)).

b. Snakehead Fish. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) has established a snakehead hotline at 804-367-2925 that anglers can use to report snakehead fish. Anglers are not required to report snakeheads nor are they required to kill them if caught, but the Department asks that the fish be reported and killed if possible. However, if an angler wishes to keep a legally caught northern snakehead, the fish must be killed to be in possession, and the angler must call the hotline and report the angler's last name, date of catch, location of catch and size. 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.

c. Bullfrogs and Snapping Turtles. The daily limit for bullfrogs and snapping turtles is 15; these species may not be taken from designated trout waters. Taking bullfrogs with a gig

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or bow and arrow is permitted subject to compliance with other regulations concerning access to 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 MCBQ waters. There are no restrictions on the use of earthworms and crickets.

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

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

g. Seines. Seines may not be used in MCBQ waters except as authorized for scientific study. The non-native snakehead fish is present in tidal streams. Seining and transport of fish from tidal streams is prohibited to prevent spread of the snakehead to inland waters.

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. Archers are authorized to use the Quantico Archery Site for practice if they possess either a valid MCBQ hunting or fishing license. Archers must sign in and out at a log book at the Archery Site to obtain a daily quiver pass.

i. Dip Netting. Dip nets may be used to take carp, shad, and herring in the tidal Chopawamsic Creek in accordance with VA regulations. An 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.

11. Violations. Violations of these regulations shall be immediately reported to the CLEO, NREA Branch, G-5, at 703-432-6793/6794/6395. 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.

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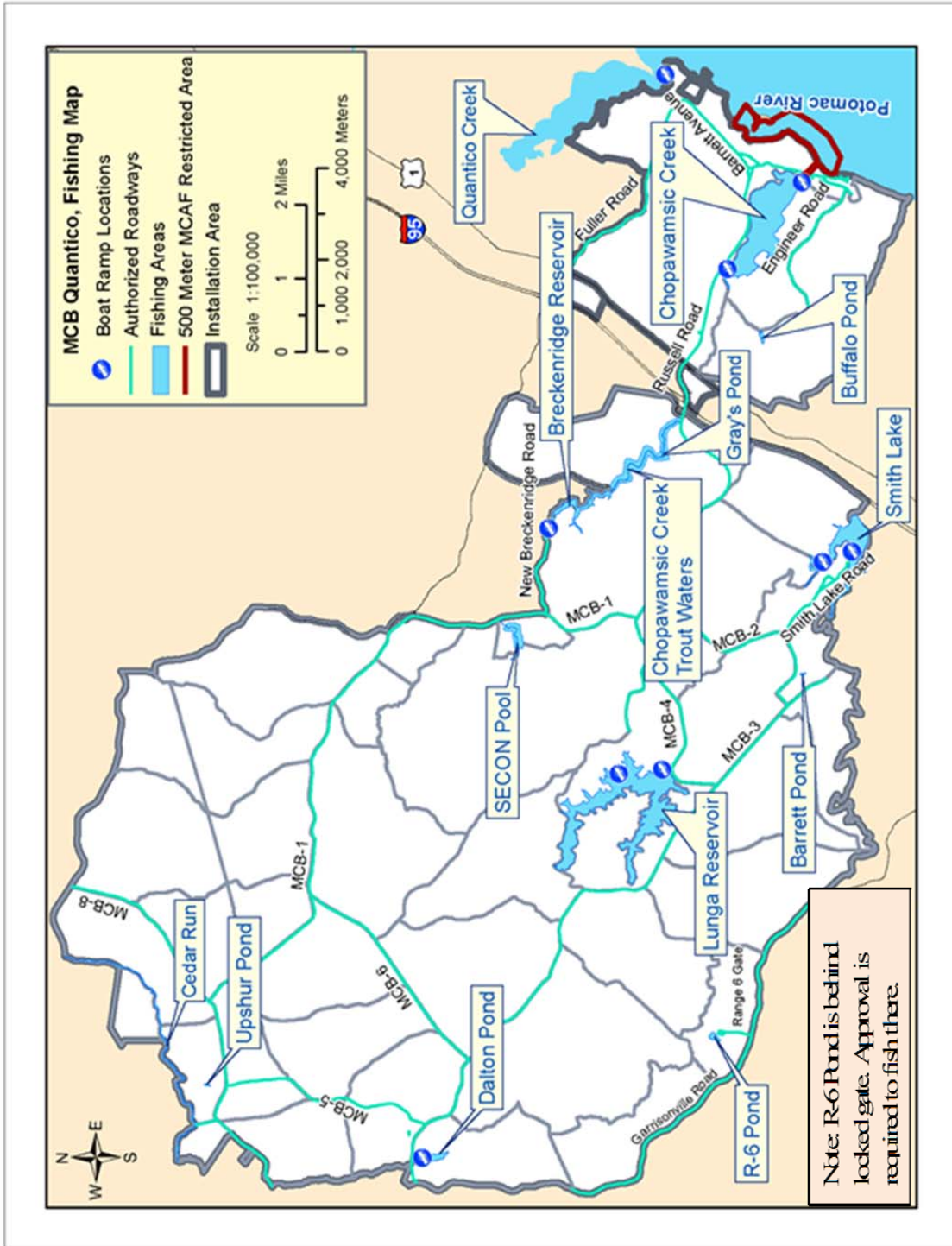


Figure 1-1.--Map of MCBQ Fishing Areas

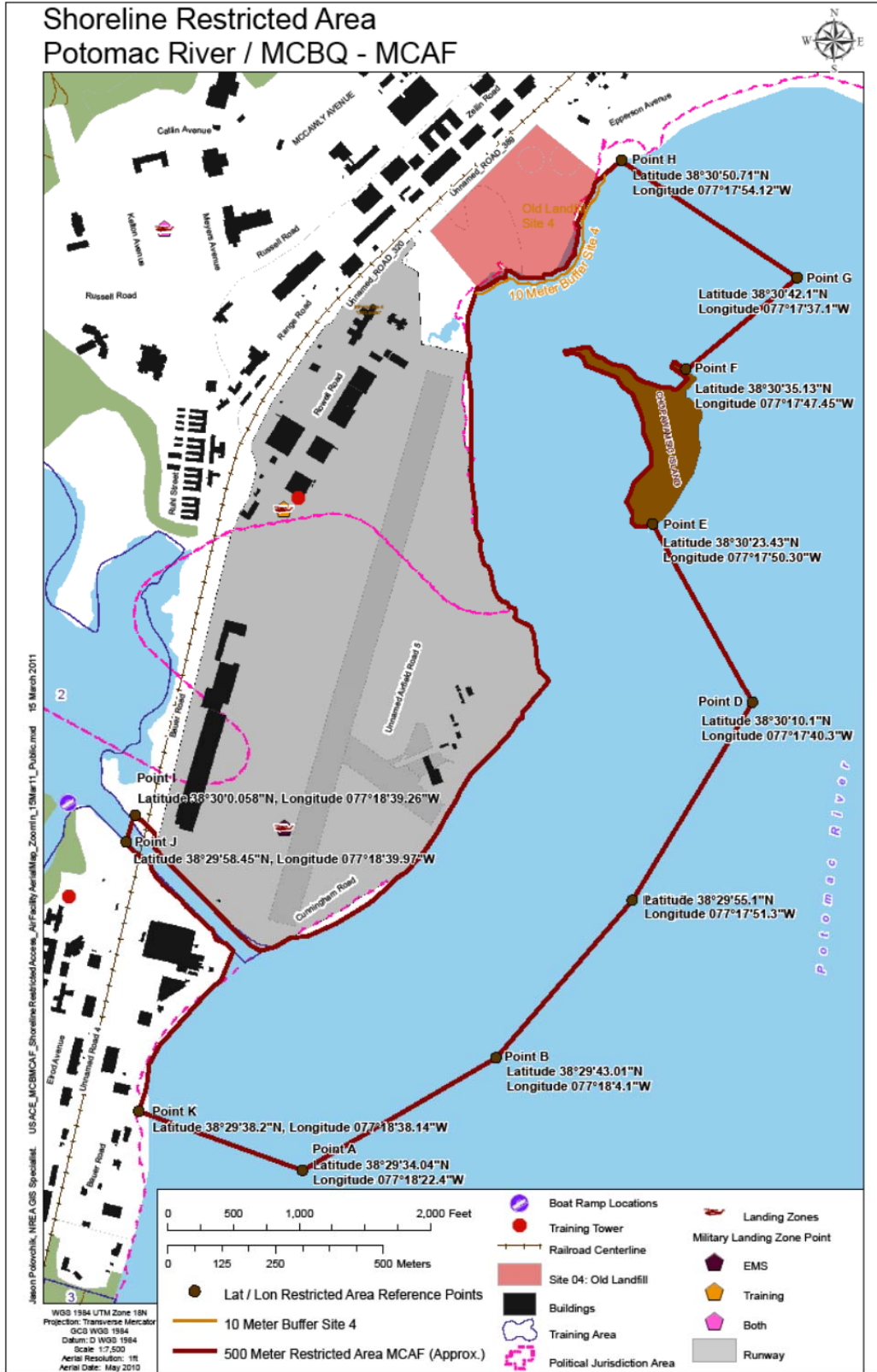




Figure 1-2. Map of MCBQ/MCAF Restricted Area (33CFR Part334.235)

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## CHAPTER 2

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

1. Authorization to Hunt. To be eligible to participate in recreational hunting on MCBQ, persons must complete the following:

a. Obtain all 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 not sold at the Game Checking Station (GCS); they are available at most sporting goods retailers and online at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses/>.

b. Application and Waiver of Liability. All persons who want to participate in hunting recreation must complete the waiver of liability shown at either Appendix B or C and the MCBQ hunting application at Appendix D. This includes individuals who do not hunt (non-hunters). Parents or guardians will complete the waiver of liability on the behalf of minors. The falsification of any information in the application may result in the suspension of privileges.

c. Background Screening

(1) MCBQ will conduct a background screening of hunting applicants prior to the issuance of a Base hunting license in accordance with the Letter of Instruction for the implementation of hunter background checks dated 24 February 2011. The applicants must provide an approved source of identity and biographical data to include full name, address, birth date, and full social security number.

(2) A background check will be conducted by authorized personnel aboard MCBQ. The retrieved data will be reviewed for compliance with the Base access control policy and VA and federal firearms requirements. A waiting period may be required to allow for processing of the application.

(3) Persons denied a MCBQ hunting license due to failure to meet screening criteria may submit a written request for a waiver to the Commander, MCBQ. Waivers shall be routed through the Conservation Law Enforcement Section, NREA Branch.

(4) Exemptions. The following personnel will not be subject to screening requirements:

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(a) Minors (under the age of 18 years), but they must be accompanied by a licensed adult.

(b) Personnel who have a valid and current form of identification listed at Appendix E.

d. Virginia Hunter Education Course (VHEC). Hunters under the age of 12 must present either a VHEC card/completion certificate or a Virginia Apprentice Hunter License (VAHL) in order to obtain a MCBQ hunting license. Hunters over the age of 12 must meet VA hunter education requirements necessary to purchase a VA hunting license or else possess a VAHL. Hunters who need to attend a VHEC are advised to contact The Quantico Rod and Gun Club at [www.qrgc.org](http://www.qrgc.org) or the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov) for a listing of course offerings. Hunters who possess a VAHL must hunt within arm's reach and under the immediate control and direction of the adult escort.

e. MCBQ Hunter Orientation Safety Class. This class provides instruction concerning Base hunting procedures, regulations and safety requirements. The class takes about 30 minutes and is given at the GCS, Building 5-9. Interpretation is not available for non-English speakers. Scheduled class times and dates will be published in an annual hunting bulletin. All hunters and non-hunting companions 8 years of age or older must attend the class; those persons licensed at MCBQ during the previous hunting license year may not be required to attend if there have been no significant changes to the hunting regulations. The annual hunting bulletin will specify class attendance requirements. Children under the age of eight do not have to watch the video, but their parent or guardian must complete a waiver of liability on their behalf and must keep the child under their direct and immediate control and within arm's length at all times.

f. Minimum Age Guidelines 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 at Appendix E to authorize another adult (21 years or older) to take their minor child hunting at MCBQ. The supervising adult must possess a valid VA hunting license and MCBQ hunting license.

g. All hunters are responsible for knowing current federal, state, and MCBQ hunting regulations.

## 2. MCBQ Hunting License

a. Hunters must obtain a MCBQ hunting license. All hunting licenses will be processed at the GCS and all sales are final. The fee schedule and hours of sales will be published in the annual MCBQ hunting bulletin.

b. Non-hunters will be issued a non-hunter privilege card in lieu of a license. Non-hunters are typically spouses or children who want to enjoy outdoor recreation with a family member but do not hunt and do not possess a VA hunting license. Non-hunters may not carry a weapon, call game, or in any way participate in the hunt. They must stay within arm's reach and under the direct supervision of their escort.

c. License Color Code. At the time of sales, licenses will be color-coded to facilitate the reservation of daily hunting permits. All licenses will be coded GREEN, BLUE or BROWN, as follows:

(1) Licenses issued to active duty Marines and their dependents will be coded GREEN.

(2) Licenses issued to all other persons having valid military identification cards and Marine Corps Civilian Common Access Cards will be coded BLUE.

(3) All other licenses will be coded BROWN.

3. Hunting Seasons and Limits. Annual hunting seasons and limits will be published in the annual MCBQ hunting bulletin in the 11015 series.

## 4. Daily Check-In And Check-Out Procedures

### a. Definitions

(1) Hunting Areas. Designated training areas, parking areas, tree stands, or waterfowl blinds where hunting may be authorized. A map of these areas will be provided at the GCS.

(2) Check-in. The process of reserving a hunting pass, followed by picking up a daily hunting permit at the GCS.

(3) Check-out. The process of notifying the GCS at the completion of the hunting trip.

(4) Daily Hunting Permit. A laminated card or a printed receipt obtained at the GCS that provides authorization to enter a specific hunting area on a specific day.

(5) Daily Hunting Permit Quota. During the fall/winter hunting seasons, the GCS may issue approximately 1 daily hunting permit per 75 acres of available hunting land. During the spring gobbler season, the GCS may issue approximately 1 daily permit per 225 acres of available hunting land.

(6) Hunter Tracking System (HTS). The HTS is a telephone based system for reserving hunting passes and checking -in and -out of training areas. Hunters will use the HTS to reserve and print daily permits. Instructions for use of HTS will be provided at the GCS.

(7) Buddy Hunt. In special cases during spring gobbler season, two hunters may be allowed to hunt together under one daily hunting permit. This will be known as a "buddy" hunt. Both members of the party may carry a weapon but must travel to and from the hunting area in the same vehicle and must stay within 20 meters of one another. This is a typical arrangement where one hunter is the primary caller and the other hunter is the primary shooter.

(8) 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 sign, installing tree stands, and placing game cameras.

b. Daily Hunting Access. Hunters and their companions may not enter a hunting area or blind until they have either been issued a daily hunting permit or been checked-in as described below.

c. Non-Hunters. They will be logged in under the daily permit of their adult companion and will not count against the daily quota within a hunting area, except that they do count against the occupancy quota within waterfowl hunting blinds.

d. Minors. Minors must be checked-in by a parent, legal guardian or adult designated in writing. Minors will be issued a daily hunting permit and must be escorted by an adult, 21

years of age or older. An authorized adult can escort no more than two youth hunters (under the age of 18) or non-hunting companions. The underage hunters must stay within sight and voice contact and no more than 100 meters away from the adult escort. During spring gobbler season, in designated dove fields, or if hunting under the VA apprentice license, underage hunters must be within arms reach and under the immediate control of the adult escort.

e. Waterfowl Blinds. 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. The first hunter to reserve the blind can invite up to two persons to share the blind. Non-hunters count towards that quota. Each person in the blind must have in his/her possession a daily pass.

f. Spring Gobbler Season Callers. During the spring gobbler season, a hunter may take along a companion. The companion will be checked-in under the daily permit of the hunter they accompany and will not be issued a separate daily permit. The companion may not carry any weapon but may participate in the hunt as a caller or videographer. A caller must be a properly licensed hunter. The companion must stay in the immediate vicinity of the actual hunter at all times.

g. Vehicle Information. Hunters must provide the GCS with current data on telephone numbers and vehicles being used on the hunt day if different than the vehicle on file.

h. Early Reservation Period

(1) Reservations. MCBQ licensed hunters may attempt to reserve a daily MCBQ hunting permit on the GCS business day prior to a hunting day per the schedules provided in the MCBQ annual hunting bulletin. Hunting reservations will either be made in person, by calling the GCS at 703-784-5523/5329, or by calling the HTS at 703-784-6704, depending upon the season. Callers must know their MCBQ hunting license and PIN number and reservations must be made during the time period appropriate for each licensed hunter. Early reservations are held until 30 minutes following opening time on the hunting day.

(2) 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. That

form will be used to temporarily upgrade the house guest into the same check-in category as the host. 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. Due to space limitations during spring gobbler season, the host can take the house guest along as a "buddy" hunter.

(3) Conservation Volunteer Program. Hunters who perform voluntary service per MCBO 11015.3A, Conservation Volunteer Program, may be eligible for the following benefits.

(a) Conservation volunteers will be issued one chit per each 10 hours of service performed during the 12-month period (1 October to 30 September) prior to the fall hunting season. A maximum of 4 chits (40 hours service) will be issued. Each chit may be used for one hunting event to upgrade the volunteer to the next highest check-in category. Only the volunteer issued the chit may utilize the chit.

(b) Conservation volunteers 18 years of age or older contributing 50 or more hours of service will be able to make hunting reservations in the next highest check-in category for the entire fall, winter, and spring hunting seasons. These personnel will not receive chits.

(c) Conservation Volunteer Program Guest (CVPG) Card. Conservation volunteers 18 years of age or older contributing 100 or more hours will earn a CVPG card which may be used by the conservation volunteer to make hunting reservations for a hunting partner per the same procedures used for their CVP card. Daily permits reserved by a CVPG card will only be issued to the responsible conservation volunteer to whom the CVPG card belongs. The purpose of the CVPG card is to enhance the opportunity of the volunteer to hunt with a partner; therefore, it is only to be used by a guest who is hunting in the same area with the host volunteer. Occasionally, the host volunteer may be required to leave the base before the hunting day is over. In these cases, the guest hunter may continue to hunt. Due to limited space during spring gobbler season, a volunteer utilizing their CVPG card may take a companion hunting per the "buddy" hunt program. Failure to use the CVP card and CVPG card as described may result in forfeiture of the card and termination of the CVP contract.

(4) Early Reservation Priority. Approximately 85 percent of daily permits will be reserved for priority issue to personnel with DoD issued ID cards and USMC issued Common Access Cards (CAC) (GREEN and BLUE). Approximately 15 percent of hunting spaces will be allocated to non-affiliated civilian hunters (BROWN).

i. First-Come First-Served Check-in

(1) On the GCS business day prior to a hunting day, unissued and unreserved daily permits will be issued first-come, first-served, beginning at 1700. These reservations will be held for 30 minutes after GCS opening time the next morning. If unclaimed after 30 minutes, these reservations will be cancelled and the permits will be released on a first-come, first-served basis.

(2) On the hunting day, all unissued and unreserved permits will be issued first-come first-served. Daily permit reservations made by telephone on the hunting day will auto-cancel after two hours. Most civilians find the first-come first-served periods the most efficient time to obtain daily hunting permits.

j. Daily Permit. Hunters issued a daily permit are authorized to only enter the hunting area specified on the permit on the valid date for the permit.

(1) The hunter will be issued two passes for the daily permit. The hunting pass must be carried on the hunters' person and the parking pass must be displayed face up on the left side of the dashboard of the hunters' vehicle so it is clearly visible. A pass for each hunter in a vehicle must be clearly displayed. Vehicles not displaying parking passes may be towed away at the owner's expense.

(2) A third pass is printed by the Hunter Tracking System and it is a receipt to be left at the GCS. Hunters should always verify it contains the correct vehicle make, model, license plate and cell phone number.

k. Legal Hunting Hours. Time restrictions for arrival at MCBQ hunting areas, legal hunting hours, and check-out deadlines will be published in the annual MCBQ hunting bulletin. Failure of a hunter to 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 may result in curtailment of hunting privileges.

l. 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. On hunting days, at approximately one and one-half hours 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 2, 3, and 4 will only be made after written approval has been received from the OCS S-3.

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

(4) Assignment of hunters 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.

m. Access to Scout Hunting Areas

(1) When the GCS is open during hunting seasons, permission to enter the training areas for hunting and trapping activities, to include scouting and hunting dog training, must be obtained at the GCS.

(2) Patrons must obtain daily permits through the HTS during normal GCS operating hours published in the annual hunting bulletin.

(3) East of Interstate 95

(a) Areas east of Interstate 95 will be open for scouting only for personnel who have completed the Mainside (Eastside) Archery Qualification Class.

(b) This does not prohibit Mainside housing residents from utilizing trails and exploring their own backyards.

(4) Access when the GCS is closed

(a) Patrons must sign in and out of a Range Access Authorization log book at the Big Game Shed, GCS. Authorized scouting times are 0730-1600. Patrons must be logged back in no later than 1600. No firearms or archery tackle should be on the person or in the vehicle when scouting. However, military personnel who must store their equipment in the vehicle may scout hunting areas as long as the equipment is encased and stowed such that it is not readily available for hunting.

(b) Patrons should leave a trip plan with someone at home who can alert the Base in case of failure to return after the scouting trip. A call to Range Control at 703-784-5321 will initiate search and rescue operations.

(c) A daily schedule of areas that have been pre-approved for recreational access will be posted at the GCS. Patrons may sign into any area on the open list. All other areas are off-limits!

(d) The log-in process requires the patron to print his/her MCBQ hunting license number, name, training area number, two telephone numbers (preferably cell and home), and vehicle description in the ledger book. Patrons are to place their MCBQ license on the left hand side of the dash board so that it is readable from outside the vehicle.

n. Parking at the GCS. Hunter parking is authorized on hardened road shoulders along Telegraph Road, south and east of Building 5-9, GCS. Overflow parking will be permitted in the grassy field across the street. All parking along Building 5-9 and inside the fencing is reserved for employees and government owned vehicles, unless otherwise approved. Unauthorized parking may result in loss of hunting privileges aboard the Base.

5. Security. MCBQ is likely to be under an increased force protection condition during the hunting season, which requires observation of security requirements and reporting of any suspicious activity. Hunters should report any suspicious activity to the GCS in person or by calling 703-784-5523/5329.

6. Physically Challenged Hunting Program

a. To optimize opportunities for recreation and rehabilitation therapy for persons with severe injuries (e.g., loss of limb, paralysis, etc.), personnel are invited to participate in the guest hunting program in accordance with Appendix G. The spirit and intent of this program is to support those service members who are in a therapeutic or rehabilitation status and may need assistance to enjoy outdoor recreation.

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 will 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 his/her choice by calling 703-432-6782/6776/6777 in advance of the desired hunting date. A hunter may reserve only one hunting date at any given time.

c. Physically challenged 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;

(3) At least one guest hunt coordinator has been assigned to escort each hunter and a single NREA Point of Contact has been assigned to manage the hunt to ensure compliance with safety standards, all VA and MCBQ hunting regulations, and the MCBQ Standard Operating Procedures for the RTA.

d. The Guest Hunting Office, GCS, shall coordinate hunts with the RMB; S-3, Weapons Training Battalion; S-3, The Basic School; Site Manager, Transportation Demonstration Support Area; Area Commander for Camp Upshur; and S-3, OCS, as appropriate, to optimize these hunting opportunities.

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. 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 Lunga Reservoir, Smith Reservoir, and Dalton Pond from the designated blinds/stakes shown on the Base hunting map. Breckinridge Reservoir is closed to waterfowl hunting.

b. Hunters in hunting areas 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 orange 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 MCBQ licensed hunters to share the blind but is not required to allow additional persons in the blind. Every person occupying the blind must be checked -in at the GCS. 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. Therefore, if a hunter has picked up or reserved a waterfowl blind permit for himself/herself, then he/she may not reserve or pick up a separate blind for a friend. Waterfowl hunting blinds are reserved as follows:

(1) A calendar will be posted at the GCS prior to the waterfowl hunting season that designates which waterfowl blinds will fulfill the GREEN, BLUE and BROWN permit quotas for each scheduled waterfowl hunting day. The color designation of the blinds will be rotated daily on a systematic basis. An individual hunter may not reserve the same blind during the early reservation period on two consecutive days. The purpose is to prevent one hunter from having exclusive use of one blind.

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

g. Waterfowl hunters assigned to public hunting blinds must return to the GCS and check-out no more than 90 minutes after sunset.

h. All 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 MCBQ hunting blind daily permit.

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

#### 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 MCBQ hunting and fishing 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 MCBQ hunting or fishing license.

(2) On a daily basis, obtain a quiver pass at the Archery Site by signing-in on a ledger. Hunters will print their MCBQ hunting license number, name, two telephone numbers (preferably cell and home), and vehicle description.

(3) Display the quiver pass on the bow holding rack on your shooting lane at the archery site.

(4) Return the quiver pass and sign out of the log book.

#### 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.

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 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 orange. Blaze orange is not required in the hunting areas east of Interstate 95; those specific areas are the Mainside parking areas, TDSA (formerly ETA), 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 Skill Test. Anyone planning to archery hunt east of Interstate 95 and Camp Upshur must attend a specific archery safety lecture and pass an archery skills test administered by GCS personnel at the Quantico Archery Site. This is applicable to hunting at the Mainside parking areas, TDSA (formerly ETA), Training Areas 2, 3, and 4, and Camp Upshur. Details and schedules for the archery skills test will be provided in the annual hunting bulletin.

e. Mainside Area. The following special provisions are applicable to the Mainside area (TA 1), 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. A maximum quota of 1 hunter per 25 acres of hunting space will be allowed.

(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 m of trails nor shoot towards or across any trail or road.

(6) A minimum 200-meter no hunting zone is established around developed facilities. This zone will not be 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 at least 200 meters away from developed areas.

(7) The G-3 (Operations Division), Marine Corps Marathon Office, Marine Corps Community Services, and dependent schools will maintain liaison with the Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy, NREA Branch, G-5, at 703-432-6782/6776, to advise when special (non-routine) events are occurring that would make it preferable to close hunting in the Mainside area.

(8) Mainside hunting is authorized beginning 30 minutes before sunrise and ending 30 minutes after sunset unless closed due to the aforementioned reasons.

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



f. Transportation Demonstration Support Area (formerly ETA). This archery area is in the portion of TA 4 now 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 meters 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 2, 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. Waterfowl hunters may drive on Chosin Trail for access to parking areas for waterfowl hunting blinds D, 9, and 10, but only when TA 3 is open.

(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, 7C, 8A, and 8B. These areas are in close proximity to developed areas: TBS, the Federal Bureau of

Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration training campuses, and the Russell Knox building. As a result, all of the roads and trails adjacent to and within these areas are frequently utilized for physical fitness training and other activities associated with student training. MCBO 6100.2 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. The requirement to use tree stands is waived 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 meters to any 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 is prohibited within 100 meters of paved and gravel improved 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) If Washboard Road is closed, there is a designated hunter parking place at the Washboard B gate.

i. TA 6C. TA 6C is located adjacent to Quantico National Cemetery. Hunters may park along either route 619 or the open sections of Breckinridge 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.

j. Russell Road Landfill. This area is only available on a limited basis and is restricted for use by hunters in wheelchairs and their hunting partners. They can request use of the area per the guidelines at paragraph 3005.2. 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 woodland areas that are at least 100 meters away from paved roads and 200 meters from buildings. The authorized archery hunting area is accessible from the designated parking areas shown on the MCBQ hunting map.

l. TA 17C. This hunting area 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.

#### 10. Safety Regulations

a. No Hunting Zones. Hunting with firearms is not permitted within 200 meters of ammunition and fuel storage areas, built-up areas, rifle and pistol ranges, dwellings or other occupied structures, and designated recreation areas. Archery hunting is prohibited within 100 meters of these facilities except for the 200 meter buffer designated for Mainside. Hunting is prohibited within 100 meters of paved roads except during the deer firearms season, when the prohibited distance is 200 meters.

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 compass, flashlight, and whistle as safety measures to help reduce occurrences of late and lost hunters. It is recommended tha hunters also carry mobile telephones to be able to call for assistance. Communication via mobile telephone does not lessen a person's responsibility to return to the GCS on time.

d. Blaze Orange. Every hunter or person accompanying a hunter on MCBQ property during the firearms deer season will wear a solid blaze orange hat and outer body clothing that has at least two square feet of blaze orange visible above the waist and visible from 360 degrees. Camouflage blaze orange body clothing is acceptable. Portable pop-up style blinds must also

be marked with 2 square feet of blaze orange visible from 360 degrees. There are two exemptions from the blaze orange 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 meters.

f. Transportation of Weapons. Per reference (j), weapons transported aboard 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.

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 rags or other means 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 return to the GCS 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 that 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.

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 of guest and wheelchair accessible hunting programs. Portable stands and temporary installations are permitted. 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. Many hunters enjoy hunting from tree stands because the elevated position gives the hunter a better view of the ground area around the tree stand. Shooting downward from the elevated position is safer than flat trajectory (ground) shots because the projectile will impact closer to the shooting position where the hunter has good visibility. 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 MCBQ.

a. Persons wanting to enter a training area for the purpose of installing a tree stand must obtain permission from the GCS prior to entering the training area. On hunting days, persons wanting to install tree stands will check-in to an open area at

the GCS. 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 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 MCBQ property no later than 31 January following the close of deer hunting season. 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 that 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 that 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 muzzle loading rifles .45 caliber or larger. Shotguns with barrels having lands and grooves are allowed at 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 muzzle loading rifle.

c. Muzzle-loading 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.

### 13. Restrictions and Forbidden Practices

a. The use of rifles, revolvers, and pistols is prohibited except for the use of muzzle-loading 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 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 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 anytime during the year.

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

h. Trapping of any animal is prohibited, except as duly authorized by a 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 MCBQ. This prohibition applies year round and includes any hunting activity to include use of trail cameras.

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

n. Target shooting is prohibited in 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 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. Motor 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 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. The only exception is for guest hunting coordinators, guests, and wheelchair hunters in designated guest hunting areas. Vehicles may only be operated on paved and graveled roads open to normal vehicular travel as shown on the MCBQ hunting map available at the GCS. 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. 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 CLEO at 703-432-6793/6794/6795.

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. These vehicles may be subject to removal at the owner's expense.

e. Hunters must park adjacent to their assigned open hunting area so that they can access their assigned area without trespassing through any other training areas. There are two 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.

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

g. Game wardens 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 big game license before moving the animal from the place of kill. That big game animal must then be taken to the MCBQ GCS for a Base wildlife official to collect data and issue any appropriate big game possession certificates. Note: A hunter who has taken a deer pursuant to the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) does not have to notch his/her license. The hunter has permission to transport the deer to the GCS where an attendant will attach a DMAP tab to the VA Game Check Card. The GCS will provide special reporting instructions if wounded game cannot be recovered during normal GCS working hours.

b. Upon killing a wild turkey in the late fall turkey and spring gobbler seasons, the hunter must call the VA hotline for registering the kill with the VDGIF and then report to the GCS for data collection.

c. All animals taken at this base, to include small game, waterfowl, furbearers, and nuisance species, must be reported at the GCS when checking out 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 hunting privileges for a period of not less than 3 days and not more than 1 year depending on the totality of the circumstances. Chapter 3 provides a summary of common penalties as a reference only.

17. Research Animals. To study factors affecting productivity and survival, some white-tailed deer and wild turkeys aboard MCBQ have been outfitted with tracking devices such as ear tags, leg bands, neck collars, and radio transmitters. These animals are not restricted from the hunt and are considered legal game. When a tagged turkey or deer is brought to the GCS for a big game card, the GCS attendant will record the number on ear tags or leg bands and will remove any radio devices. The radio transmitter will be kept by the GCS and the hunter will receive a certificate for participating.

18. Bobwhite Quail and Ruffed Grouse Seasons Closed.

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

19. Nuisance Species. Hunters may take at anytime during legal hunting hours, while checked-in to hunt, animals designated as nuisance species in VA, which include: coyote, feral hog, groundhog, European Starling, and English Sparrow. Hunters are reminded that shooting or harming dogs 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 G-5 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 at the GCS. Additionally, hunters can call the MCBQ weather hotline at 703-784-3638 for information on weather related Base closures.

21. Guest Hunting. Official command guests may be assigned to hunting areas per the instructions provided at Appendix G. Guests assigned to hunt in a TA, such as TA 11A/B, where a portion of the surface area is impinged upon by a Surface Danger Zone (SDZ), will be accompanied and instructed by either an NREA staff member or a guest hunting coordinator who has been appointed per Appendix H. Per MCO P3570.1B and MCBO P3570.1, no person may enter an active SDZ.

22. Vehicle Collisions With Wild Animals

a. 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. The operator of a privately owned vehicle may be given custody of dead game animals. In cases involving government owned vehicles, or where the operator refuses custody, the animal will be taken to Building 5-9 for disposition. Only CLEO personnel are authorized to give custody of dead game animals to motor vehicle operators or to otherwise dispose of injured or dead game animals.

b. MCBQ organizations may send written requests to the Commander MCBQ (B 046) requesting venison for use at organizational parties. The U.S. Government bears no responsibility for problems associated with the preparation, serving, and consuming of such food sources. Requesters will be required to acknowledge this waiver of liability. Organizational Commanders are hereby notified that venison provided for organizational parties cannot be either offered for sale or transported from MCBQ property.

23. Hunting With Dogs

a. It is unlawful to use dogs to hunt deer at 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 MCBQ hunting 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. On these days, every effort will be made to have some areas, which are closed to deer hunting, open exclusively for turkey and upland game hunting with dogs.

c. On the day of the hunt, hunters using dogs to hunt small game or wild turkey may reserve up to two hunting areas when space is available. Upland game hunters are advised to equip their dogs with blaze orange collars and bells to help identify the dogs as hunting dogs.

24. Training Hunting Dogs. From 1 September through 31 March, inclusive, MCBQ licensed hunters may train personally owned dogs on rabbits and non-migratory game birds. Trainers will check in and out daily per scouting procedures in paragraph 4m. 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 703-432-6793/6794/6795. Pen-reared game may not be released upon MCBQ property.

25. 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 15 minutes after the end of hunting hours 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. The hunter will 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. The GCS operator will provide the hunter with instructions for recovering and reporting the animal.

c. Guest Hunt Recovery. Hunters placed into guest hunt locations are likely to be adjacent to hazardous range activities. Guest hunters may not leave their assigned locations to track any wounded animal unless they are accompanied by their assigned Guest Hunt Coordinator and Range Control has approved departure from the assigned location.

26. 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 the CLEO based upon the availability of space. Game stored must be removed within 48 hours, or sooner upon request of the CLEO. A VA Game Check Card 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.

27. 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 operator will hold the hunter's MCBQ license while the hunter uses the skinning shed. The GCS will provide a hose with running water (weather permitting), trashcans and liners. The hunter is responsible for thoroughly

cleaning the work area and following waste disposal instructions when finished.

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

CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

1. Information. All federal and state laws concerning the harvest of fish and wildlife apply to all persons aboard MCBQ regardless of the purpose of entry onto the Installation. In addition, the Commander MCBQ has prescribed special regulations for persons using government lands and facilities. These regulations are binding orders on all military personnel and are considered lawful regulations in federal court. Civilians who do not abide by these regulations may be restricted from entering MCBQ.

2. Authority. The MCBQ CLEO may detain, issue summons or arrest persons suspected of violating federal or state game laws. They are also authorized to suspend hunting privileges of anyone who violates the regulations prescribed herein or by the annual MCBQ hunt bulletin. Personnel operating the GCS are authorized to take temporary custody of illegal wildlife brought to the GCS until the CLEO can respond.

3. Violations of Federal and State Laws. The CLEO will detain, arrest, or issue a Federal Court Violation Summons (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. Attorney Office or else have a mandatory court appearance set for more serious crimes. In addition, in these cases, persons are subject to administrative actions.

4. 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 hunting privileges for a period of not less than 3 days and not more than 1 year depending on the totality of the circumstances. Figure 3-1 provides a summary of common penalties as a reference only.

5. 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 resources at MCBQ may be subject to debarment. Further, any person or persons giving false information to obtain a hunting or fishing permit will/may

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be debarred from MCBQ. In these cases, 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 parking permit or loss of a hunting or parking permit.	3-7 days	30 days
Failure to park and hunt in assigned area.	7-30 days	1 year
Hunting or parking in a restricted area or "NO HUNTING" zone, or parking to block a range gate.	1 year	N/A
Unauthorized driving around a locked range gate.	1 year	N/A
Failure to check-out on time but is not more than 60 minutes late.	3-7 days	30 days
Failure to check-out on time and is more than 60 minutes late.	30-90 days	1 year
Operating motorized vehicle on unauthorized road without written permission.	30-90 days	1 year
Transporting a loaded weapon vehicle.	1 year	Debarment in a
Use or possess alcohol or drugs.	1 year	Debarment illegal
Failure to wear blaze orange during deer firearms season	1 year	N/A
Failure to obey low wake rule at Lunga Reservoir	90 days	1 year
Unauthorized fishing in Secon Pool	1 year	Debarment

Figure 3-1. 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.

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CHAPTER 4

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. Procedures

a. Eligibility. To be eligible to trap aboard MCBQ, a person must be able to demonstrate knowledge and skill concerning the use of trapping equipment, and complete a background check, if applicable.

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

c. Application. Persons wanting to trap must submit the application in Appendix D to the Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy (FWA), NREA Branch, G-5 prior to 1200 on the second Monday in November.

d. Issuance of Trapping License

(1) After 1200 on the second Monday in November, trappers will be issued trapping licenses based on the following order of priority:

(a) Active duty military personnel.

(b) All other persons having valid military ID card and civilian personnel issued the MCBQ Common Access Card.

(c) All other civilians.

(2) A maximum of 12 trapping licenses will be issued. They will be issued first to applicants at 2d(1)(a), based on the date of application submittal. Any remaining licenses will be issued to applicants at 2d(1)(b) and then to 2d(1)(c). If the quota of 12 trappers has not been reached at that time, the Head, FWA may issue additional licenses upon receipt of application and fees.

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3. Licenses. Trappers must have a VA trapping license and a MCBQ trapping license in their possession while in MCBQ training areas for the purpose of trapping. The MCBQ trapping license costs \$10 and is valid for the same period as the VA license.

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 on a log sheet maintained at the GCS. They may check into any open hunting area. Trappers must clearly display the parking permit on the left side of the dash when parking in a TA for the purpose of trapping.

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 CLEO at 703-432-6793/94/95.

e. Trappers may routinely operate motor vehicles on the paved and rocked 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 CLEO will provide written authorization to the appropriate trapper.

f. No trap will be set within 200 meters 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 VDGIF.

h. Box traps may not be set for rabbits.

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i. Trappers must report their catch 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 CLEO must be advised at 703-432-6793/94/95 and a background check must be completed unless exempt per Appendix F.

k. Trappers must wear at least two square feet of blaze orange above the waist and visible from 360 degrees if entering a training area during the firearms deer season.

l. Dens or houses of furbearers may not be disturbed.

m. Trappers will report any observed violation of trapping regulations to the CLEO.

n. Mainside. On Mainside, trapping will not be done within 200 meters of residences unless specifically requested by command officials for the control of nuisance animals. In such cases, only live-type box traps will be used. Body-gripping traps and snares will not be used in the Mainside trapping area except when authorized for the control of beavers. Leg-hold traps must be padded to prevent serious injury to birds of prey and wading species that frequent the marshes along the tidal shoreline of the Potomac River and Chopawamsic Creek.

o. 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 MCBQ trapping privileges and prosecution in federal or state court.

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## 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.

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 and commercial timber. 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 nongame wildlife species unless specifically permitted by law or regulation. European starling, English sparrow, mute swan, pigeon (rock dove), house mouse, Norway rat, black rat, coyote, and groundhog are nongame species that have been designated nuisance species in VA and may be taken at any time except Sundays. The use of firearms or other weapons to take animals at 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 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 MCBQ (B 046). It is recommended that all living specimens be released at the place of capture at the earliest opportunity.

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Animals acquired from off-Base from any source must not be released onto MCBQ property.

b. 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 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.

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 wild animals in and around 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 Contract Support 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 CLEO or Head, FWA, NREA Branch, at 703-432-6793/94/95 and 703-432-6776/6782.

d. Problems with birds and mammals at the MCAF can be reported to NREA offices at 703-432-6793/94/95 and 703-432-6776/6782.

e. Groups and individuals wanting to observe or photograph wildlife are welcomed to visit the Chopawamsic Creek Watchable Wildlife Area, located on Russell Road. The area is open to the

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public year-round during daylight hours. Visitors may contact the FWA Section, 703-432-6776, 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 wildlife related recreation is done at the GCS 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 Commander MCBQ (B046). 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 G-5. 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), to wildlife related problems in MCBQ training areas, and to bird airstrike hazard issues at MCAF.

(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 the military police. 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 Game and Inland Fisheries, or the

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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 MCBQ. Routine disposition of these animals will be at a local animal shelter.

c. Resident OIC of Construction. 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 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.

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APPLICATION TO FISH AT MCBQ

Note: This application must be filled out completely. Falsification of any information is a violation of MCBQ regulations and will result in the termination of privileges.

Check one: Annual Fishing  5-day Fishing

Check if Applicable (No fee):

Under 18 years of Age  65 or over  VA Permanently Disabled

Last Name  First  MI  Suffix

Date of Birth  Age

Street Address:

City:  State:  Zip Code

Phone #'s: Home:  Cell:  Work

Email:

Drivers License #  State

**Personnel Category:**

- 1. Active Duty Marine
- 2. Dependent of #1
- 3. Other Military Identification  
Card holder or Marine Corps  
Civilian with Common Access Card.
- 4. All other personnel

**VA Fishing License Number**

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**Entered by:**

**MCBQ Fishing License #:**

**Issue Date:**

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT:**

1. AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301, 44 U.S.C. 3101.
2. PRINCIPLE PURPOSES. The information which is solicited is intended primarily for the following purpose: To determine the status of personnel at the time of their application for permission to hunt, trap, fish or use the archery site aboard MCB, Quantico, VA., in an effort to allow only authorized personnel aboard the federal installation.
3. ROUTINE USES. To maintain accountability of all persons authorized to hunt, trap furbearers, fish, or practice archery skills aboard MCB, Quantico, VA.
4. VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE, CONSEQUENCES OR REFUSING TO DISCLOSE: Disclosure is voluntary. However, if you not provide the requested information, you may be denied authority to hunt, trap, fish or use the archery site aboard MCB, Quantico, VA.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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## APPENDIX B

ADULT WAIVER OF LIABILITY*For***NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BRANCH  
MARINE CORPS BASE, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA (page 1)**

I will be observing/participating in dispersed outdoor recreation activities aboard Marine Corps Base, Quantico (MCBQ), Virginia. The activities include, but are not limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, archery skill training, and wildlife viewing, and may involve the use of live ammunition, firearms, archery tackle, knives, fishing gear, boats, animal traps, elevated hunting stands, hunting blinds, and other potentially dangerous recreational gear by persons, including me, who have varying levels of proficiency in the use of this gear. **I understand** that these activities may cause injuries association with physical activity like muscle sprains or strains, tendon pulls, dislocation of joints, and broken bones. **I further understand** that these activities may expose me to hazards associated with physical exertion, falls, catastrophic illness, hypothermia, drowning, projectiles, falling debris from trees, toxins and diseases transmitted by plants and animals, and the inherent dangers associated with environmental conditions. **Observation of and/or participation in these activities could result in property damage as well as serious bodily injury or death to me and to others.**

I understand the following three cautions with regard to MCBQ:

1. All water bodies, ranges and training areas, including recreational sites, are designed for and used by the Marine Corps for training its personnel in the deadly art of individual and unit combat. All active weapons ranges have designated but unmarked safety zones known as Surface Danger Zones (SDZs) within which the projectiles from a given weapons system should be contained. I understand that if I leave my assigned activity site, I could enter an active SDZ and expose myself to serious bodily injury or death.
2. Water bodies, ranges and training areas have been subject to countless training exercises that may well have involved the use of ammunition and placement of manmade or natural obstacles which, if triggered or encountered by or during physical presence on the ranges/training areas, could result in serious bodily injury or death to me.
3. Extreme heat, humidity, cold, wind, or wet will increase the likelihood of physical danger and exposure to serious bodily injury, sickness, accident, or death while observing/participating in NREA activities at the water bodies, ranges, and training areas.

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ADULT WAIVER OF LIABILITY

For

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BRANCH

MARINE CORPS BASE, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA (page 2)

**Consent to Observe/Participate and Assumption of Risks:**

As an observer/participant in the activities described above, I agree to obey **all directions and instructions** issued by Marine Corps Base, Quantico, for the protection of myself, instructors, other participants and any observers. I understand that failure to adhere to such directions may result in my immediate and complete removal from these activities.

I understand that I may withdraw my consent to observe/participate in the activities at any time by notifying any member of the NREA Branch staff. I further understand that such withdrawal of consent after having given same will require my exclusion from any and all further NREA Branch activities.

I understand observation of/participation in the activity is voluntary and that by undertaking this activity, I am assuming all of the risks attendant with observation of/participation in an inherently dangerous activity that could result in destruction of my personal property, as well as serious personal injury or death to me, instructors, other observers/participants in that activity.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT, THAT I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THESE ACTIVITIES, AND THAT I VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT AND ASSUME THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH ACTIVITIES.**

I understand that should I decline to execute this Waiver of Liability, I will not be permitted to observe/participate in the NREA activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Participant/Observer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant/Observer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WAIVER OF LIABILITY

*For*

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BRANCH**

**MARINE CORPS BASE, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA (page 1)**

We hereby request that our child, \_\_\_\_\_, be permitted to take part in dispersed outdoor recreation activities at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia. The activities include, but are not limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, archery skill training, and wildlife viewing, and may involve the use of live ammunition, firearms, archery tackle, knives, fishing gear, boats, animal traps, elevated hunting stands, hunting blinds, and other potentially dangerous recreational gear by persons, including my child, who have varying levels of proficiency in the use of this gear. **I understand** that these activities may cause injuries association with physical activity like muscle sprains or strains, tendon pulls, dislocation of joints, and broken bones. **I further understand** that these activities may expose my child to hazards associated with physical exertion, catastrophic illness, hypothermia, drowning, projectiles, falling debris from trees, toxins and diseases transmitted by plants and animals, and the inherent dangers associated with environmental conditions. Observation of and/or participation in these activities could result in property damage as well as seriousbodily injury or death to my child and to others.

Nonetheless, and in spite of my full knowledge of the risks involved in these activities, I EXPRESSLY AND KNOWINGLY, FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY, AND INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL RISKS INVOLVED IN AND ASSOCIATED WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THESE ACTIVITIES. I EXPRESSLY AND KNOWINGLY, FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS I/MY CHILD MAY HAVE TO RECOVER FOR ANY INJURY MY CHILD SUSTAINS, OR FOR THE DEATH OF MY CHILD, AND I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, THE MARINE CORPS COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMMAND, AND MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO.

Therefore, in consideration of the privilege to participate in the activities to be held aboard MCBQ, I the undersigned person do hereby freely and voluntarily, and intending to be legally bound, accept all risks associated with the activities, and any use I may make of MCBQ or government equipment or facilities in furtherance of my child's participation in the activities, and waive any and all rights to any claims or demands or any other actions whatsoever, including those attributable to negligence, for damages, due to accident, injury, or death, resulting from my child's participation in the activities for myself, my spouse, my parents or guardians, my heirs, executors, administrators, or legal representatives of my estate, or anyone else on my behalf, which I may have against any of the following: the United States of America, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Navy, the United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Marine Corps Base Quantico, or any and all individuals assigned to or employed by the United States, to include but be not limited to, the Secretary of the Navy, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Commanding General of the

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*For*

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BRANCH  
MARINE CORPS BASE, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA (page 2)**

Marine Corps Combat Development Command, or the Commander of Marine Corps Base Quantico, in their official and personal capacities, or any medical personnel assigned thereto, or their representatives, successors, or assigns. I understand that the above language means I have abandoned any rights I may have, or any rights anyone associated with me may have, through legal or friendship or family ties, to sue the Federal Government for any injury my child may sustain because of participation in or attendance at the sponsored activities that results in any damage whatsoever to my/my child's property or in the event of my child's death. By signing this document, I acknowledge that the Federal Government, or any agency or employee thereof, is not liable for any injury my child may sustain, to include death, as a result of my child's participation in the sponsored activities. By signing this document, I effectively and completely assume all risk associated with the sponsored activities. This document shall remain in effect and be held until notice of cancellation is received by the Commander, MCBQ.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT, THAT I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THESE ACTIVITIES, AND THAT I VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT AND ASSUME THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH ACTIVITIES.**

Lastly, I understand that should I decline to execute this Waiver of Liability, my child will not be permitted to participate in the activities to be held aboard MCBQ.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name** of Mother/Father/Legal Guardian (circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** of parent/Legal Guardian Date

On behalf of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name** of Minor Child Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Point of Contact: Phone Number

Health Insurance Coverage: Please **initial** the appropriate box.

No, I **do not** have health insurance \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I **do** have health insurance coverage \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insurance Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Policy

# \_\_\_\_\_

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HUNTER APPLICATION (Page 1)

Note: This application must be filled out completely. Falsification of any information is a violation of MCBQ regulations and will result in the termination of privileges.

Check one: Annual Hunting  3-day Hunting  Trapping   
Archery Site Only

Check if Applicable: Under 18  65 or over  VA Permanently Disabled

Last Name  First  MI  Suffix

SSN last 4  Date of Birth  Age

Street Address:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

Phone #'s: Home:  Cell:  Work:

Email:

Drivers License #  State

**Vehicle Data:** Provide information about the primary vehicle you will be using at MCBQ

Make:  Model:  Color:

Previous MCBQ License Number:

Tag Number:  State:

**Personnel Category:**

- 1. Active Duty Marine
- 2. Family member of #1 or #2. Stationed at Quantico or HQMC
- 3. Other Active Duty Military
- 4. Retired Military
- 5. DOD ID bearing or Family member of #4 or #5
- 6. Military Reservist
- 7. Marine Corps issued CAC Civilian employee
- 9. All other personnel

**VA Hunting License Number**

**VA Big Game License Number**

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Entered by:

MCBQ License #:

Card Color:

Issue Date:

Video Date:

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Name of Military Sponsor of Applicant (if family member or House Guest):

Last Name  First Name

Sponsor's MCBQ Hunting License Number

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT:**

1. AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301, 44 U.S.C. 3101.
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3. ROUTINE USES. To maintain accountability of all persons authorized to hunt game, trap furbearers, or practice archery skills aboard MCB, Quantico, VA.
4. VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE, CONSEQUENCES OR REFUSING TO DISCLOSE: Disclosure is voluntary. However, if you not provide the requested information, you may be denied authority to hunt, trap, or use the archery site aboard MCB, Quantico, VA.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPENDIX F

**HUNTER SCREENING EXEMPTIONS 20 JULY 2011**

Persons presenting the following forms of (valid and current) identification are exempt from the background screening requirement when obtaining a MCBQ hunting permit:

**(1) DOD Common Access Card (CAC)**

- Active/Reserve personnel
- U.S. Civil Service personnel
- Contractors (some)

**(2) DOD Uniformed Services Identification and Privileges Cards**

- **DD Form 2 (reserve retired) recipients:** retired members of the reserves under age 60
- **DD Form 2 (individual ready reserve) recipients:** members of the individual ready reserves and the inactive guard
- **DD Form 2 (retired) recipients:** members entitled to retired pay, members on the temporary disability retired list (TDRL), and members of permanent disability retired list (PDRL)
- **DD Form 1173 (military family member) recipients:** surviving spouse, child under 21, incapacitated child 21 years of age or older, full-time student between 21 and 23, stepchild of active duty members or reservists on active duty in excess of 30 days, dependents of the following: members entitled to retirement pay, DOD civilians, disabled veterans (DAV), DOD contractors, Medal of Honor recipients, other government civilians, eligible non-government personnel, transitional assistance and management program (TAMP) personnel, dependents of retirees, foreign military, DOD beneficiaries, Reserve component members not on active duty in excess of 30 days, Ready Reserve and standby members and gray area retirees as part of the Guard and/or Reserve DEERS enrollment program, and former members when the former member is eligible for retired pay at age 60 but not yet age 60
- **DD Form 1173-1 (Guard personnel and Reserve military family member) recipients:** designated beneficiaries including eligible, remarried, former spouses, other eligible dependents, non-DOD/other government employees, dependents of the guard/reserve/reserve, dependents of former members, dependents (spouse, child under 21, incapacitated child 21 years of age or older, full-time student between 21 and 23, stepchild) or reserve component members not on active duty in excess of 30 days, family members of Ready Reserve and standby members and gray area retirees as part of the Guard and/or the former member is eligible for retired pay at age 60 but not yet age 60

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- **DD Form 2765 recipients:** TAMP personnel, DAV, former members, DOD beneficiaries, Medal of Honor recipients, non-government personnel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) civilian shipboard officers, other government civil service personnel living in quarters in Guam or Puerto Rico, and contractors on Military Sealift Command (MCC)-owned and operated vessels

- **Armed Forces Exchange Service Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 2574)**, issued to non-appropriated fund personnel and Army and Air Force Exchange (AAFES) personnel.

- (3) United States Government issued, authenticated federal PIV credentials
- (4) Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC)
- (5) Federal, state or local law enforcement credentials

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APPENDIX G

GUEST HUNTING PROCEDURES

1. Background. The popularity of hunting at MCBQ and the close proximity of the Base to a large population area results in the need to regulate numbers of hunters. A guest program has been established to ensure that appropriate protocol and hunting arrangements are made for official guests.

2. Policy

a. Official command guests can make advance hunting reservations, i.e., they are not limited to making a reservation the day prior to a hunting day by contacting the Head, FWA Section at 432-6776/6782.

b. They will often be assigned to hunt in the nonimpact portion of TA 11 or may be assigned to other hunting areas.

c. Guests will obtain all appropriate licenses, attend mandatory classes, and comply with all MCBQ, state, and federal requirements for hunting.

3. Guest Hunting Office (GHO). The GHO is operated as part of the GCS under the guidance of the Head, Natural Resources Section, NREA Branch, G-5. Conservation volunteers may be appointed as Guest Hunting Coordinators (GHC) to assist NREA personnel in the management of the guest hunting program.

4. Authorized Guests. Persons authorized to make advance reservations and checkout from the Guest Hunting Office will consist of the following:

a. Invited officials of local, state, Federal and foreign governments.

b. Active and retired generals and flag officers of the United States armed services and active and retired senior executive service employees of the United States Government.

c. Invited guests of foreign nations.

d. Officials of cooperating natural resources management and law enforcement agencies.

e. Invited guests of the Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and the Commander, MCBQ.

f. Active duty service members (wounded warriors) who are receiving treatment from military hospitals for combat related injuries, paralyzed veterans, and persons who have mobility challenges that would otherwise prevent their enjoyment of the outdoors.

g. NREA personnel responsible for natural resources management in the training areas, to include volunteers assigned to assist with the guest hunting program, are responsible to ensure the safety and convenience of guest hunters. They are authorized access to guest hunting areas and must

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know the terrain features, roads, trails and hunting stand locations to ensure the safe ingress and egress of all personnel.

h. The buddy system is encouraged for all hunting at MCBQ. Each hunter is encouraged to have a companion to get help in case of illness or injury. Therefore, anyone entitled to make a guest reservation may also make a reservation for a companion hunter.

i. The precedence roster used by USMC protocol may be consulted to identify civilian rank and qualification for guest consideration.

#### 5. Guest Hunting Areas

a. The daily quota of hunting permits available at the GCS will not be used for guest hunters. Guests will usually be assigned to a designated tree stand in the nonimpact portion of TA 11 or to another training area where they will incur no safety risk nor will they interfere with military training operations. In no case are any personnel permitted within the surface danger zone (SDZ) of a live firing exercise.

b. When guests are assigned to a training area in which a portion of the surface area is impinged upon by an SDZ, the guest will be escorted by a NREA employee or designated GHC. The escort will select a terrain feature on a Quantico topographic map identifiable on the ground, which is clearly exterior to all SDZs scheduled for the day of the hunting trip. The GHC will ensure that neither the GHC nor the guest crosses the selected terrain feature(s) during the hunting trip.

c. On occasions where a guest hunter has a preference to hunt in an area open for public hunting, the guest office may issue the guest a daily permit for that area that does not count against the daily quota of permits issued to the public. No more than two guest permits can be issued per training area; the use of these permits is discouraged if other areas are available for use. Hunters seeking daily permits through normal checkout procedures shall not be displaced to make room for an official guest.

b. Wounded Game Tracking. Any hunter positioned within an area affected by an active SDZ will not track wounded game unless the Range Management Branch has determined that the SDZ has become inactive.

#### 6. Responsibilities

a. Head, Natural Resources Section, NREA Branch, G-5. Provide guidance to coordinators concerning acceptance of guest reservations from individuals whose guest status is questionable. Route all potentially controversial decisions to the Head, NREA Branch.

#### b. Guest Hunting Coordinators

(1) Coordinate with the GCS, CLEOs, Head, FWA Section, NREA Branch and the Fire Desk at the Range Control Office 703-784-5321 as appropriate to maintain constant awareness of the use of firing ranges and locations of SDZs, military operations and land management activities.

(2) Assign guests to designated hunting areas or tree stands. Escort guests so that they hunt in the specific designated safe location. If the number of guests on a given day requires additional help, the GHCs may request assistance from other active conservation volunteer program members to ensure that all guests are properly **escorted to and from** the guest hunting area.

(3) Maintain check-in and check-out log to ensure that all hunters are safe and accounted for at the end of the day.

(4) Ensure that guest hunters know Base hunting procedures and regulations and have all appropriate state, federal, and Base licenses. Further, ensure that all guests assigned to hunt in any training area into which an SDZ impinges are briefed about the dangers inherent in live fire training exercises, the proximity of live fire SDZs near the hunting area, and agree to hunt only where they have been positioned by the GHC.

(5) Maintain daily awareness of military training operations, live fire SDZs, etc., that may be ongoing in an area used for guest hunting.

(6) Maintain records of hours hunted and game killed. Ensure that big game is properly registered at the GCS.

(7) Maintain a minimum of 30 marked locations for guest deer hunting. Stands may be temporarily or permanently situated but will be constructed to ensure that the safety of users is not jeopardized.

(8) Maintain at least three waterfowl hunting blinds that are wheelchair accessible.

(9) Assist with the deployment and operation of hydraulic lift stands, tracked wheelchairs, and other devices designed to make hunting accessible for persons with mobility challenges.

(10) Assist with special outdoor recreation events for youth or physically challenged anglers and hunters to ensure outdoor recreation is accessible to everyone.

(11) Maintain woodland trails in a condition open to vehicular travel in case of emergency. Off-road vehicle travel is authorized for GHCs and guests in designated guest hunting areas.

(12) Shall limit participation in the guest hunting program to only those authorized by this Manual or as subsequently modified by the Commander MCBQ.

(13) Shall be assigned range gate keys only for the official purpose of opening gates that control access to the guest hunting area on a daily basis. Locked gates may be unlocked to enter safe areas but must be immediately relocked. Assigned keys may not be duplicated. Needs for range access required for other natural resources volunteer work programs will be authorized separately by NREA Branch personnel and will be coordinated with the Range Control Officer.

(14) When personnel are hunting or working in TA 11 series, or any area affected by an SDZ, the Range Control Office will be notified when personnel enter the area and when all personnel have cleared the area.

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APPENDIX H

APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR GUEST HUNTING COORDINATOR

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From: Commander MCBQ  
To:

Subj: APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR GUEST HUNTING COORDINATOR

Ref: (a) MCBO 11015.2B  
(b) MCBO 3570.1

1. Per reference (a), you are hereby appointed to be a Guest Hunting Coordinator. Your appointment is based upon your loyalty and dedication to the Marine Corps and your knowledge, skills, and abilities in the following areas: knowledge of the Base training areas and range safety procedures (reference (b)); knowledge of Marine Corps weapons systems; knowledge of safe hunting practices; and proven courteous and personable handling of all visitors.
2. Most guest hunting will be conducted in the portion of Training Area 11 that is outside of the Weapons Training Battalion and FBI range surface danger zones (SDZ). It is mandatory that all personnel stay clear of SDZs, whether in Training Area 11, or in any other training areas. Therefore, it is essential that you remain cognizant of range firing schedules and strictly comply with the guidelines provided at Appendix F of reference (a).
3. On a daily basis, you may be issued one or more range gate keys that are necessary for access to designated guest hunting areas. You will sign for the keys and will be responsible for the safekeeping, authorized use, and return of the keys at the end of the hunting day.
4. Your acceptance of this appointment must be certified by your endorsement of this letter. Any questions concerning guest hunting procedures not covered in appendix A of reference (a) should be addressed to the Head, Natural Resources Section, NREA Branch, G-5 at 703-432-6774.

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Commander MCBQ ltr 11015/B 046 of

From:

To: Commander MCBQ

Subj: APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR GUEST HUNTING COORDINATOR

1. Returned.
2. I have read and understand the instructions and procedures that apply to the guest hunting program.
3. I hereby accept this appointment as a Guest Hunting Coordinator and I agree to hold myself accountable for assigned keys and for compliance with the procedures in the references of the basic letter.

Signature

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