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**Environmental Quality** 

Hunting and Fishing Regulation

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# SUMMARY OF CHANGE

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- Changes Fort Bragg to Fort Liberty
- Establishes and clarifies that Trail Cameras, photography, and/or videography are not authorized in Training / Hunting Areas.
- Clarifies Off Road Vehicle usage IAW Range Regulation 350-6.
- Clarifies procedure for hunter responsibility over a Passive Observer
- Establishes that Youth fishing in the Training Areas must be under Permitted adult supervision
- o Clarifies that baiting is unauthorized in Training / Hunting Areas for any purpose.
- Adjusts terminology from Sign-out (to go hunting) and Sign-in (return from hunting) to Check-In and Check-Out respectively to align with other installation programs.
- Establishes that hunters must bring animals to the Check Station within 30 minutes of the Check Out time
- Establishes that muzzleloader hunters must remove primers prior to transport in a vehicle
- Establishes that hunting or otherwise taking of beavers in unauthorized
- Clarifies that daily Hunting Area searches will not be conducted for hunters that fail to Check Out from hunting.
- Clarifies that Deer scouting is not available when areas are open for rifle hunting
- Clarifies that with the automated system, hunters are no longer required to report to the Check Out location unless they harvest a deer or turkey
- Adjusts some Gun Hunting Areas capacities to match minor changes in Training Areas and maintain hunters / acre safety quotas
- Removes restrictions around the (now closed) All American Trail
- Clarifies the definition of "Baiting"

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**History.** This regulation supersedes Fort Bragg Regulation 200-1-1, dated

19 October, 2017. The sections affected by the revision are listed in the Summary of Change **Summary**. This regulation gives information on hunting and fishing use on Fort Liberty.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all individuals that enter the Fort Liberty Training Areas for the purposes of hunting or fishing. This regulation covers only the Fort Liberty regulations for hunting and fishing. All individuals entering Fort Liberty under authority of this regulation are also subject to local, state, and federal laws and regulations; including but not limited to, Fort Liberty Regulation 350-6, installation security regulations, and state and federal hunting and fishing regulations.

Proponent and exception authority. The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Public Works and the Garrison Commander. The Garrison Commander has the authority to approve exceptions to this regulation.

**Suggested Improvements**. Recommendations,

suggestions, or information pertinent to improving the installation hunting and fishing program may be submitted in writing to the Directorate of Public Works (IMBG-PWE-D).

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# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Section I General

## 1-1. Purpose.

This regulation sets policies and procedures for the hunting and fishing program on Fort Liberty and Camp Mackall military reservations. It applies to all individuals that use the installation for wildlife recreation purposes.

#### 1-2. References.

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in Appendix A.

## 1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms.

Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

## 1-4. Recordkeeping Requirements.

This regulation requires the creation of records to document and support the business processes of the Army. Records created under the purview of this Regulation, regardless of content or format, will be created and maintained, in accordance with (IAW) AR 25-400-2 and retention schedules found at <a href="https://www.arims.army.mil">https://www.arims.army.mil</a>.

#### 1-5. State and Federal Laws.

All persons participating in hunting, fishing, or boating on the installation will comply with State and Federal fish and game laws; as well as all Army and installation regulations (see Appendix A) and will cooperate fully with representatives of law enforcement agencies.

## 1-6. Land Management Objectives.

Fort Liberty lands are managed for multiple uses. Primary consideration is given to military training sustainability and compliance with federal regulations and guidelines for public land management.

#### 1-7. Access.

All training areas, unpaved roads, and firebreaks are off-limits except for military training, or for other activities permitted by this and other applicable regulations.

## 1-8. Enforcement.

The Garrison Commander has delegated law enforcement authority to the Fort Liberty Law Enforcement Conservation Officers to protect fish and wildlife and their habitat and prevent their disturbance; to protect installation property and facilities; and to ensure the safety of the using public. Conservation law enforcement personnel are authorized to enforce Federal, State, local conservation and game laws, Army and installation regulations; issue military police reports and United States (U.S.) District Court violation notices; carry weapons; and make arrests or apprehensions, in accordance with (IAW) Army regulations and procedures established by the North Carolina (NC) Wildlife Resources Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### 1-9. Violations.

a. The Garrison Commander may eject violators of game and fish laws or Fort Liberty regulations from the installation and prohibit their re-entry under 18 USC 1382. All federal lands

under exclusive legislative jurisdiction are areas of special territorial jurisdiction. Violations of federal statutes on the installation that pertain to fish and wildlife statutes are federal offenses (18 USC 7 and 13). North Carolina State laws may be assimilated when applicable, or when no federal fish and wildlife statute applies to an offense.

- b. Violators of Federal and State game laws are subject to prosecution before the U.S. Magistrate. Violators who are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) are also subject to prosecution under that code for any violation of this regulation. Any actions taken by the magistrate or by commanders under the UCMJ will be in addition to the administrative suspension or revocation of privileges.
- c. The Garrison Commander has the authority to revoke hunting and fishing privileges for violating this regulation, Federal and State regulations, and game laws. Fort Liberty Wildlife and/or Fort Liberty Law Enforcement Officers have the authority to temporarily suspend hunting and fishing privileges for 45 days pending action by the Garrison Commander. Violations will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander for appropriate action. The Garrison Commander's office will officially notify, by letter, persons whose privileges have been revoked. Persons whose hunting and fishing privileges have been revoked, may apply in writing to the Garrison Commander for reinstatement after a lapse of one year, and at three-month intervals thereafter.

## **1-10. Prohibited Activities.** The following is a partial list of prohibited activities:

- a. Possession or use of alcohol, physically and/or mind-altering drugs while hunting, boating, or using the Hunting and Fishing Center (HFC) facilities, including Check In/in lines and wildlife check stations.
- b. Any unsafe act or misuse of weapons reasonably likely to endanger life, limb, or property.
  - c. Use of Trail Cameras, photography, or videography in Training / Hunting Areas.
- d. Recreational shooting or discharging of any firearm, except as outlined in chapter 2.
- e. Permitting unconfined domestic animals (dogs, cats, horses, sheep, cattle, hogs, etc.) to roam on the installation.
- f. Introducing plants, animals, fish or their parts onto the installation, except as authorized by the Directorate of Public Works (DPW).
- g. Entering the installation for the purpose of locating or "taking" plants or animals (as defined under the Endangered Species Act); to include but not limited to, harassing, harming, pursuing, shooting, wounding, killing, trapping, capturing, collecting, or attempting to engage in such conduct.
  - h. Removing forest products (wood, pine straw, etc.) without proper authorization.
  - i. Disrupting operations or interfering with anyone using the HFC facilities.

- j. Entering the installation for the purpose of locating or removing artifacts, or handling, removing, or taking into possession any natural or man-made item not expressly authorized in this regulation (i.e. magnet fishing).
- k. Harassment of government employees or contractors involved in natural resources management, or uniformed Soldiers training or conducting operations.
- I. Confronting other hunters, or any individuals utilizing the HFC or Fort Liberty training areas, concerning their compliance with procedures or regulations, except to provide courtesy notice and for the avoidance of a safety hazard. Any and all communication to direct regulatory compliance should be through the wildlife staff.
- m. Intentionally interfering with the lawful pursuit of taking of wildlife resources or disturbing any wildlife resources for the purpose of disrupting the lawful taking of wildlife.
- n. Intentionally removing or destroying an electronic collar or other electronic device placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.
  - o. Removing, altering, or defacing information on regulatory signs or instructions.
  - p. Camping on any installation land except in an area designated for camping.
  - q. Littering or disposing of refuse, except in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- r. Operating any mountain bike or motorized vehicle to include motorcycles, dirt bikes, 3 or 4 wheeled ATV/UTV, Modified UTV, or other Off-Road Vehicle in hunting/training areas in accordance with range regulations.

## CHAPTER 2 HUNTING

## 2-1. License Requirements.

- a. The following licenses and permits are required prior to hunting on the installation:
- (1) Fort Liberty Permit. All hunters 16 years of age and over must have in their possession a valid Fort Liberty hunting permit while hunting, scouting, or training dogs. Annual and daily permits may be purchased only at the HFC during normal business hours. Hunters may set up an account at the Fort Liberty Wildlife website prior to permit purchase. A public kiosk is available at the HFC for this purpose. The HFC is located on Schoomaker Road one mile past Pike Field. Fees payable for hunting permits are at Appendix C.
- (2) <u>North Carolina State Hunting License</u>. All hunters and dog trainers, 16 years of age and over, must have a valid NC State hunting license.
- (3) <u>Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation (Federal Duck Stamp) Stamp</u>. Waterfowl hunters, 16 years of age and older, must have a valid federal duck stamp, signed in ink across the face of the stamp. In addition, the hunter must possess a license having the NC Waterfowl privilege.

- (4) <u>Harvest Information Program (HIP)</u>. All licensed hunters hunting migratory game birds (dove, rails, woodcock, snipe, or waterfowl) are required to have the HIP certification.
- (5) <u>Hunter Education Course</u>. All personnel that desire to hunt must show proof of successfully completing a hunter education course <u>before</u> they can purchase a hunting permit. The hunter education course must be comparable to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Hunter Education Course.
- (6) <u>Hunter Orientation</u>. All personnel that desire to hunt must complete the Fort Liberty Hunter Orientation. Any lapse of three years or more in hunting requires the Fort Liberty Hunter Orientation course be re-taken.
- a. All personnel who are issued post permits will be required to acknowledge a statement releasing the U.S. Government and all in authority from responsibility for any injuries resulting from duds (unexploded ammunition), mines, barbed wire, falling into craters, etc., or any other injury resulting from hazards incident to hunting or fishing on the installation.
- b. The loan or transfer of a hunting permit is prohibited, with the exception of minors using a parent or sponsor's permit. Minors (persons under 16 years of age) must be accompanied by a Fort Liberty permitted adult while hunting. The minor does not have to possess a state hunting license or a Fort Liberty permit; however, minors must be able to produce a valid hunter education card and appropriate big game harvest tags, if applicable.
- c. While hunting, scouting, fishing, dog training, or boating, all persons will have the appropriate license, installation permit, and identification in their possession, and will display same upon request to any person authorized to enforce the laws and regulations referred to or prescribed in this regulation.
- d. IAW state law, passive observers are not required to have a license as long as they do not handle firearms, dogs, harvested game, or equipment of any kind. Observers may not actively drive, flush, call, or otherwise participate in the hunt in any way. Fort Liberty hunting observers must communicate their interest with the Chief, Wildlife Branch and must remain at all times with, and under the immediate direction and control of the permitted, Checked In hunter. Under these conditions, they are not required to complete hunter safety or orientation or acquire a Fort Liberty permit.
- e. Purchasing a permit signifies that you have been advised of this regulation and have received a copy of the regulations digest.
- **2-2. Days Open for Hunting.** Authorized hunting days and hours will be posted at the HFC. Sunday hunting is authorized for all personnel.
  - a. Hunter Control.

## 2-3. General Hunting Regulations.

(2) Fort Liberty supports disabled Soldiers, retirees, veterans, and civilian users; and posts information on special disabled amenities (such as Disabled Deer Stand) at the Hunting & Fishing Center and the Wildlife website. Any accommodations needed, or any suggestions for hunting or fishing accommodations or services should be directed to the Wildlife Branch Chief.

- (3) Hunting areas are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. The Wildlife Branch Chief, DPW, will coordinate with Range Operations, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS), to determine the availability of areas. Areas opened or closed for hunting will be announced by posting the information at the HFC, Stations Number (No.) 2 and 5, located at the Manchester and Southern Pines Roads intersection and Camp Mackall, respectively, and on the Fort Liberty Wildlife website and telephone voicemail system. Open areas are subject to change based on military training and other requirements.
  - (4) Deer and turkey hunting slots are assigned on a quota basis.
- (5) Check In/out will be done at the Fort Liberty Wildlife website, or at kiosks or the HFC. All persons must Check In prior to entering an open hunting area. Small game and turkey hunters are allowed to Check In for the ten major hunting areas designated by name or abbreviation. Table 2-1 lists each named or lettered area and indicates the types(s) of weapon(s) permitted, and the approximate hunter capacity. Each individual will personally Check In and out on appropriate Check In sheets or the Fort Liberty Wildlife website. Minors will be Check In and out for hunting in the same slot as their parent or accompanying adult. Separate Check In procedures will be maintained for deer and small game. Hunters may not Check In for both simultaneously. Deer hunters are also prohibited from checking in for more than one lettered area at the same time. Vehicle control cards (range pass) showing assigned hunting area will be provided and must be visibly displayed in the vehicle when parked. Vehicle control cards are required during scouting, dog training, and all hunting activities. The Garrison Commander can grant exceptions to the above Check In policy if conditions warrant.
- (6) Hunters are not authorized to leave paved roads to enter hunting areas until 90 minutes prior to official sunrise.
- (7) Off-post hunters whose dogs accidentally enter Fort Liberty must coordinate with HFC before entering the installation to retrieve those dogs.
- (8) Deer scouting is authorized from the second Saturday in August through 31 December. Deer scouting is not available when areas are open for rifle hunting. Turkey scouting is authorized beginning two weeks prior to turkey season until the start of hunting. The use of turkey calls is prohibited during turkey scouting. Vehicle control cards are required for scouting. All persons scouting during this time period must Check In and Check Out. Days and hours for scouting will be posted at the HFC and the Fort Liberty Wildlife website.
- (9) On special occasions, such as opening days or holidays, and in special areas, registration and drawings for spaces may be conducted for safety and security reasons. Such drawings will be planned, organized, and controlled by DPW, Wildlife Branch personnel.
- (10) The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) is authorized to plan and conduct special hunting and fishing activities for Fort Liberty Youth Activities, disabled veterans, and other special occasions, as requested. All such activities will be coordinated with the DPW, Wildlife Branch to avoid conflicts with ongoing public hunting and fishing programs. Announcements for special hunting and fishing activities will be posted with the DFMWR Activity Flyers and on the DFMWR and DPW/Wildlife Websites and Facebook pages.
- b. No person will take any animal on the installation except as authorized by State and Federal laws, and Army and installation regulations.

c. No person will kill, cripple, or otherwise harm any animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal.

## d. Manner of Taking.

- (1) Generally, game animals, except raccoon and opossum, may be taken only between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset with a rifle, shotgun, or bow and arrow. (In the event you are trailing a wounded animal at the close of legal hunting hours, you will cease and proceed to a Check Out location for assistance). It is unlawful to use artificial lights, motor vehicles (to include off-road vehicles such as 4x4 trucks and jeeps, four- and three-wheel cross-country vehicles, and motorcycles of all types), motorboats, sail boats (except as immobilized hunting stands), or airplanes in taking any wild animals or birds, or to use bait in taking game animals. It is unlawful to take deer that are swimming or in water above the knees of the deer. Migratory game birds may be taken only during the hours and in the manner permitted by Federal regulations.
- (2) All game bagged will be reported on Check In/sign-in sheets, computers, or physically Checked In at the game check-in point. The HFC is the reporting and biological collection station for all deer and wild turkeys killed at Fort Liberty. Harvested deer and turkey will be taken directly from the harvest location, and by the most direct authorized route, to the wildlife check station, located in the immediate vicinity of the HFC) for weighing, aging, and the collection of other data when required. Failure to bring required animals to the Check Station within 30 minutes after Check Out time will be cause for suspension of privileges. Other animals harvested on the installation will be Checked at the wildlife check station as directed by DPW.
- e. Federal seasons and bag limits on migratory game birds are adopted as installation regulations. As they vary from year to year, information on season and bag limits published separately will be posted at the HFC.
- f. In accordance with North Carolina wildlife law, no wild animals or wild birds may be taken from any vehicle if it is in motion, the engine is running, or the passenger area of the vehicle is occupied.
- g. It is unlawful to drive a motorized vehicle on firebreaks or Maneuver Trails for the purpose of hunting, scouting, or otherwise locating game. Firebreaks or Maneuver Trails will be used for the sole purpose of going to and from the individual hunter's hunting/scouting area. Hunters will make an effort to enter and leave the hunting area as quickly and quietly as possible so as not to disturb other hunters in the area.
  - h. It is unlawful to obscure the sex or age of any bird or animal by mutilation of the carcass.
- i. It is unlawful to take any game animals by baiting or to disperse bait of any kind in Training/Hunting Areas for any reason.
- j. It is unlawful to use any electronic or recorded devices for taking wildlife, except crow and coyote. This includes calling devices, commercial band (CB) radios, or game tracking devices.
- k. It is unauthorized to erect any tree stand or platform attached by nails, screws, bolts, or wire to a tree on the installation for the purpose of hunting. This prohibition will not apply to lagscrew steps or portable stands that are removed after use, with no metal left in or attached to the tree. Lagscrew steps or tree stands should not be used in pine trees with double white

bands or a single green band marking Red Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) cavities, or any other trees marked as off limits.

- I. Possession of Live Animals. Every game animal wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter will be killed immediately and become a part of the daily bag. No person will at any time, or by any means, possess or transport live game animals taken under authority of this regulation.
- m. Artificial Lights. No unauthorized person will use or direct the rays of a spotlight or other artificial light, including automotive headlights, for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking any animal within the boundaries of the installation or along rights-of-way for public or private roads within the installation.
- n. No unauthorized person will intentionally direct any light beam in areas frequented by deer within the boundaries of the installation or along rights-of-way for public or private roads within the installation.
  - o. Specific Regulations, Various Species. For specific dates, see State regulation.
- (1) All game harvested will be reported on Check In sheets, computers, kiosks, or via check station, as required. In addition, all big game tags will be validated IAW North Carolina hunting regulations. Persons harvesting big game and leaving it unattended must identify the carcass with their name, hunting license number, and date of harvest. If the big game is registered and then left unattended, it need only be identified with the authorization number received at the Wildlife Check Station.
- (2) Large Game, Deer Limits. Two per day (only one can be antlerless) and six per season, including deer killed elsewhere in North Carolina. The total bag includes the various seasons, i.e., bow and arrow, muzzleloader, and firearms. Of the six deer, two must be antlered and the remaining four must be antlerless. North Carolina Bonus Antlerless Permits are not permitted for use on Ft. Liberty.
- (a) Deer Hunting Areas: Deer hunting areas are depicted as lettered or named areas at Table 2-1. In most cases lettered areas correspond to training areas. Firearms authorized and hunter capacity for the various deer hunting areas, are shown at Table 2-1 and paragraph 2-4a. Muddy Creek Quality Deer Management Area (QDMA): Muddy Creek QDMA is managed for quality, older age bucks, a high buck: doe ratio, and lower overall hunter density. Muddy Creek QDMA includes the entire NTA (1-8). Only antlerless deer, when applicable, and antlered deer with at least 3 antler points ( $\geq$  1 inch) on one side or with an inside spread of at least 12 inches may be taken in this area.
- (b) Archery Hunting. Antlerless deer may be taken IAW State law during the archery only season or if Checked In as archery hunting during the gun season. Archery hunting is authorized concurrently in areas where training or other activities are taking place unless specifically closed. Archers must Check In for a specific named or lettered area. If the area is open for gun hunting, archers must only harvest antlered deer if the area is "buck-only".
- (c) Muzzleloader Season. Muzzle-loading rifles and archery only, antlerless deer may be taken IAW State law unless otherwise posted. Areas open for hunting with shotgun or with slugs are also open to muzzle-loading rifles. Muzzleloaders may not be used for hunting in

areas concurrently occupied or being used for troop training. Muzzleloader hunters must remove primers prior to transport in a vehicle.

- (d) Gun Season. Antlerless deer may be taken IAW NC State law unless otherwise posted. When Checked Out in a "buck only" slot, any deer harvested must have visible hardened antlers above the hairline. Stalking and stand hunting is authorized. Deer gun hunting is prohibited in all areas which are occupied or being used for training. Hunters observing troop activity within an area in which they are hunting, will cease hunting and report the activity to the HFC.
- (e) Man-drive hunting is prohibited unless specifically authorized by DPW. Man-driving is defined as one or more moving hunters attempting to push or drive deer to one or more motionless hunters.
  - (f) Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited unless specifically authorized by DPW.
- (3) Big Game, Turkey. Turkey hunting is authorized IAW State law. Only bows, crossbows, muzzle loading shotguns, or shotguns with #4 or smaller shot, may be used.
  - (4) Big Game, Black Bear. Bear hunting or otherwise taking of Bears is not authorized.
- (5) Small Game and Other Species. All species except waterfowl, as listed in North Carolina hunting regulations, and other species covered by Federal regulations. Hunting or otherwise taking of Beavers is not authorized.
- (a) Check In and Sign-In. Small game hunters are authorized to Check In for the major (or small game) hunting areas. Small game hunting is authorized concurrently in areas where training or other activities are taking place, unless specifically closed.
  - (b) Squirrel. Squirrel dogs are authorized.
  - (c) Rabbit. Rabbit dogs are authorized.
  - (d) Quail. Bird dogs are authorized.
- (e) Raccoon and Opossum. For raccoon and opossum hunting, the use of dogs is mandatory. Hunters will Check In following the time when deer hunters have Checked Out. Check Out will be not later than 0400.
- (f) Dogs authorized for hunting on Fort Liberty may be exercised or trained from 1 August through 31 March. Year-round dog training is authorized only at the named and approved recreation lakes. All dog trainers using Training / Hunting Areas during the Dog Training Seasons must possess a valid Fort Liberty permit, check in/out, and display vehicle control card. All dogs over four months of age must have rabies vaccination.
- (g) Bobcat. Bobcat hunting is authorized IAW State law. In addition, bobcats may be taken while hunting deer during the legal bobcat season.
- (h) Fox. Fox hunting is authorized IAW State law; however, the use of dogs is prohibited. In addition, foxes may be taken while hunting deer during the legal fox season.

- (i) Coyote. Coyote hunting is authorized IAW State law, but further restricted on Fort Liberty to be hunted only during legal seasons for other game. Electronic calls are authorized during daylight hours only.
- (j) Feral Hogs. Hog hunting is authorized IAW State law, but further restricted on Fort Liberty to be hunted only during daytime hunting hours and legal seasons for other game. Baiting is not authorized, except on a case by case basis as approved and directed by the DPW Wildlife Branch.
- (k) Crow. Crow hunting is authorized IAW State law, but further restricted on Fort Liberty only to be hunted from the opening day of dove season through February. Electronic calling devices are permitted for crow hunting.
- (6) Migratory Birds. A partial summary of migratory bird regulations is found in Appendix D.
  - (a) Waterfowl. Regulations concerning these species will be posted at the HFC.
  - (b) Dove. Dove hunting is authorized IAW State and Federal law.
- (7) Frogs. May be taken from 1 June through 30 September. Gigging is the only authorized means of taking frogs. No State hunting or fishing license is required, but a Fort Liberty fishing permit is required.
- (8) Horses are prohibited on the installation and may not be used for hunting, scouting, dog training, or pursuit of any wildlife species.
  - (9) Trapping is not authorized.

## 2-4. Weapons and Ammunition.

- a. All firearms used on Fort Liberty, to include hunting must be registered IAW FB Reg 190-11-1.
  - b. Authorized Weapons and Ammunition for Deer Hunting:
- (1) Any center-fire rifle .223 caliber (or comparable ballistics) and larger firing rifle cartridges with expanding bullets in accordance with state law.
  - (2) Shotguns .410- through 10-gauge firing slugs.
- (3) Bows, arrows, and broad heads, to include crossbows IAW State law. Bows and arrows, to include crossbows are not considered firearms in the context of weapon registration or other regulation, unless required by the owner's commander IAW FB Reg 190-11-1.
- (4) Muzzle-loading rifles or muskets, .40 caliber and larger, firing a single lead bullet. Modern in-line muzzleloaders and scopes are authorized.
  - c. Authorized Weapons and Ammunition for Small Game and Other Species.

- (1) Shotguns .410 bore through 10 gauges. Shot sizes larger than #4 are prohibited, except larger size (to a maximum of BB) non-toxic shot may be used for waterfowl only. When hunting migratory game birds, auto loading and repeating shotguns capable of holding more than three shells must be plugged with a one-piece filler plug inserted inside the magazine in such a way the plug may not be removed without disassembly of the shotgun. Nontoxic shot is required for hunting migratory waterfowl. Twenty-two (.22) caliber rifles are allowed for raccoon and opossum hunting. Twenty-two (.22) and .17 rim fire (or air rifle, in accordance with state law) and .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloaders are authorized for squirrel and bobcat hunting after deer season. Check In will be separate from other small game hunting and by individual training areas which are not occupied or being used for training.
- (2) Bows, arrows, and crossbows described in paragraph 2-4a(3), to include blunt-type arrowheads, may be used.
- (3) Coyotes and hogs may be taken with any weapons legal for other game. Rifle use will only be in conjunction with rifle deer hunting, and/or otherwise in areas specifically cleared for rifle hunting.
  - d. Unauthorized Weapons and Ammunition for Hunting or in Possession while Hunting:
    - (1) Buckshot.
    - (2) Lead shot shotgun shells while hunting migratory waterfowl.
- (3) Full metal jacket or nonexpanding bullets (such as, issue 5.56-mm or 7.62-mm ammunition).
  - (4) Pistols and revolvers.
  - (5) Fully automatic weapons.
- (6) Any other type bows with any device attached to them, which contains any electronic circuitry that projects a light beam toward the animal.

#### 2-5. SAFETY REGULATIONS.

- a. Beginning with the opening day of muzzleloader season, all hunters are required to wear blaze orange safety colors (headgear and vest) at all times. Outer garments may be completely colored or consist of normal hunting wear with blaze orange headgear and a minimum of 144 square inches of blaze orange on the chest and back. Blaze (or Daylight Fluorescent) orange must be clearly visible from all sides and must not be faded. Faded blaze orange clothing and/or camouflage (camo) pattern blaze orange hats with insufficient amounts of orange will be rejected at the discretion of Fort Liberty personnel.
- b. Deer hunters in ground blinds must have a blaze orange garment or marker, equal in size to a vest, displayed and visible from all sides.
- c. Duck and dove hunters are required to wear blaze orange to and from their blinds but are authorized to remove it once they are in their blinds.

- d. During the archery only season, archers are <u>not</u> required to wear blaze orange, however, they will be required to wear blaze orange during the deer gun-hunting seasons, to include hunting in an archery only area. Blaze orange is not required for turkey hunting.
  - e. Rifles may be used for deer hunting only in those areas listed (Table 2-1) as rifle areas.
- f. It is unlawful to enter into an off-limits zone (an area marked and designated as 'off limits') on the master hunting map. All personnel are required to acknowledge these permanent off-limits areas.
  - g. Hunters may not Check In for one area and hunt or enter a different area.
- h. It is unlawful to discharge any weapon from a vehicle, within 300 feet of centerline of a paved roadway, or within 300 yards of an occupied dwelling or training structure. It is unlawful to hunt within 300 feet of the Eastern boundary of NTA8 adjacent to Carvers Creek State Park.
- i. It is prohibited to transport loaded weapons in, or to fire from, vehicles or aircraft. (A loaded weapon is one that contains ammunition in the chamber and/or magazine).
- j. It is prohibited to transport any firearms in a vehicle, unless the firearm is unloaded and cased, in accordance with FB190-11-1.
- k. Except on an approved range, target practice and/or randomly firing a weapon within all areas, whether or not Checked In for hunting, is prohibited. The only approved range for non-military firearm use is located immediately behind the HFC. All individuals must coordinate with the Rod and Gun Club before firing on the range.
- I. Carrying, possessing, discharging firearms, fireworks, or explosives on the installation is prohibited except as authorized.
- m. Minors under the age of 16 years of age will be under the immediate control of their parent or other responsible and permitted adult. Immediate control is construed as being within voice control and eyesight; for 12-16 years of age, after completion of hunter safety training, and direct control (within arm's reach) for youth under 12 years of age or youth 12-16 years of age who have not completed hunter safety.
- n. Hunting of any type in and around the school grounds located in areas H-4 and QQ (see Hunting and Fishing Map for locations) is prohibited.
  - o. Safety harnesses must be worn and attached to the tree while occupying a tree stand.

Table 2-1 Hunting Areas and Deer Hunter Capacity

Unless otherwise posted at the HFC, the following areas are OFF LIMITS to hunting of any type: Drop zones, A (south of Honeycutt Rd), B, C, G (north of Gruber Rd), O, OP-11, All Impact Areas, and Main Post Area.

MAJOR HUNTING AREA	Permanent Archery Only or Archery/Small Game only Areas	Rifle Areas	Approx. Deer Hunter Capacity
Northeast (NE)	D E Knox Street Warehouse A (North of Honeycutt Road) G (South of Gruber Road) Cross Creek (Portion of QQ South of Cross Creek & North of FB12) MacArthur (Archery/Small Game/Turkey) PP and east end of QQ	OO QQ (Shotgun Only) RR (Shotgun Only) SS	4 17 15 14
NTA 1-4	Ammo Supply Point (North) Croatan (Archery/Small Game/Turkey)	I (QDMA) II (QDMA) III (QDMA) IV (QDMA)	10 14 10 7
NTA 5-8	Croatan (Archery/Small/Game/Turkey)	V (QDMA) VI (QDMA) VII (QDMA) VIII (QDMA)	7 6 8 11
Latham (LATH)	H Archery Only Area J Archery Only Area	K L1 L2 M1 M2 N1 Youth Only N2 P2	11 7 8 10 6 4 14 4
Normandy (NORM)		P1 Q1 Youth Only Q2 R S1 Youth Only S2 S3 T U V2 W1 W2	8 5 8 9 5 8 9 11 17 9 5
Holland (HOLL)		V1 X1 X2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 AA1 AA2 BB1 NN	16 15 9 8 6 5 6 15 18 7

MAJOR HUNTING AREA	Permanent Archery Only or Archery/Small Game only Areas	Rifle Areas	Approx. Deer Hunter Capacity
King		BB2	5
		BB3	14
		CC1	14
		CC2	15
		DD1	7
		DD2	13
		DD3	25
		EE1	4
		EE2	13
		GG1	16
Sandy Grove	Field Branch	EE3	14
(SAN)		FF1	17
` ′		FF2	14
		GG2	21
		GG3	9
		HH1	18
		HH3	7
		Z1	10
		Z2	8
Mott	II-4	HH2	14
	II-3 (S of Plank Road)	HH4	7
	Bones Creek	II1	8
		II2	8
		II3	6
		JJ	8 8 6 7 9
		TT1	9
		TT2	15
		TT3	4
		UU1	12
		UU2	6
Mackall	Drowning Creek (Archery/Small Game/Turkey)	KK1 Shotgun Only	10
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		LL	10
		MM	10

# CHAPTER 3 FISHING AND BOATING REGULATIONS

## 3-1. Fishing Regulations.

The following regulations, in addition to State regulations, are applicable to fishing on the installation:

- a. All individuals 16 years of age or older must have in their possession a valid Fort Liberty permit while fishing on the installation. Youth under the age of 16 fishing in any lake outside of the Cantonment must be under the supervision of a permitted adult.
- b. All individuals 16 years of age or older, who fish on the installation, must possess a valid North Carolina fishing license, no matter the type of bait used (artificial or natural bait).
- c. Fishing is permitted year-round, 24 hours a day, unless otherwise posted. Locations of lakes are shown on the Fort Liberty Hunting and Fishing map, which is available at the HFC and the Fort Liberty Wildlife Website.
  - d. Snagging fish is prohibited.
- e. With the exception of minnow nets, the use of nets and fish traps in all lakes and streams is prohibited.

- f. Using minnows for bait is prohibited on designated lakes. The HFC will maintain and post a list of the lakes closed to fishing with minnows.
- g. Trotline fishing is authorized except in intensively managed catfish lakes. Trotlines will not be left unattended. Trotline use and placement will be IAW State regulations.
- h. A maximum of two fishing rods, or trotlines, per person is allowed while fishing in all lakes.
- i. Fishing in closed lakes, exceeding a posted creel limit, and non-compliance with length restrictions are prohibited.
- j. Fishing or boating within 100 meters of any dam, water plant, or sewage treatment plant on the Little River is prohibited.
- k. It is unauthorized to take fish in any lake while attempting to feed the fish by throwing any kind of fish food or anything that resembles fish food into the lake (i.e., chumming).
- I. The possession limit for catfish in Lower McKellar's, Mossgeill, Andrews Church, and Wyatt Lakes is three daily, all of which must be a minimum of 14 inches in length. The possession limit for largemouth bass in MacArthur, Simmons, Hurley, and Holland lakes is five daily, all of which must be a minimum of 16 inches in length. Trout limits will be in accordance with the posted Lake Sheet.
- m. While fishing on lakes with possession limits and/or length restrictions, no one may possess more than the daily limit and/or possess fish within a restricted length, regardless of where or how the fish are acquired.
- n. Largemouth bass and channel catfish may not be cleaned or processed on or around any lake.
- o. McKeithan Pond, located in McPherson Impact Area, Hutaff, and Young's Lake are permanently closed.
- p. McFayden Pond is open to youth fishing only, 15 years of age and under. McFayden Pond is open during daylight hours with shore fishing only. No fishing with minnows. Adults are prohibited from fishing. Adults may assist younger children with casting, handling fish, and other complex functions if they are directly instructing a child. Youth must be actively engaged in fishing activity and be responsible for tending the pole and line, reeling, landing fish, and all other aspects of fishing for which they are capable.

# 3-2. Boating Regulations.

In addition to North Carolina boating and water safety laws, the following regulations apply on the installation:

- a. Boats and float tubes are prohibited in Andrews Church, Lower McKellars, Mossgeill, Wyatt, and McFayden lakes. Gas powered motorized boats are prohibited in Smith Lake.
  - b. There is no restriction on motor size use in McArthur, Mott, and Big Muddy lakes.

- c. Maximum size of motors to be used on all other lakes and streams is 25 horsepower; larger motors may be used to trailer boats only.
- d. Boats used on waters of the installation will be equipped with life preservers and other safety equipment, as required by State and Federal laws. Youth under 13 years of age will wear life preservers at all times. Weight capacity and number of occupants will not exceed the maximum allowed, as stated on the boat data plate.
- e. Operating a boat in a reckless or negligent manner reasonably likely to endanger life, limb, or property is prohibited.
  - f. Maximum boat speed in congested areas (fishing or docking) will be a "no wake speed".
- g. Waterskiing, jet skiing, wind surfing, and other watersports on installation waters is prohibited in accordance with FB Regulation 350-6.
- h. Swimming in any lakes (unless specifically approved for swimming), rivers, and other bodies of water on the installation is prohibited. Exceptions to this may be granted by Range Control.

## **APPENDIX A**

#### References

#### Section I

## **Required Publications**

#### AR 200-1

**Environmental Protection and Enhancement** 

#### Section II

## **Related Publications**

A related publication is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this regulation.

#### 10 USC 2671

Military Reservation and Facilities: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping

## 16 USC 670a-670d

The Sikes Act

## 16 USC 703-711, and 50 CFR 20

Part 20 (Migratory Bird Hunting), Migratory Bird Treaty Act

## 16 USC 718a

Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Tax Act

# 16 USC 742j-1, and 50 CFR 19

Airborne Hunting Act

## 16 USC 1531-1543, and 50 CFR 17 and 23

**Endangered Species Act and Convention** 

#### 18 USC 7

Special Maritime and Territorial Jurisdiction of the United States Defined

## 18 USC 42

Lacey Act

## 18 USC 113

Assault within Maritime and Territorial Jurisdiction

## 18 USC 1382

Entering Military, Naval, or Coast Guard property

#### **North Carolina General Statutes**

Chapter 113, Subchapter IV, Game Laws

## **North Carolina Administrative Code**

Title 15, Subchapters 10B, 10C, 10F, and 10I

# **North Carolina Session Laws of:**

1975, Chapter 748

1977, Chapter 471, as amended by 1981, Chapter 506

1977, Chapter 241

1967, Chapter 267

## FB Regulation 190-11-1

Privately Owned Weapons and Ammunition Control and Prohibited Weapons

## FB Regulation 350-6

Installation Range Operations

## Section II

**Prescribed Forms** 

## **FB Form 2261**

Release (Prescribed in para 2-1b)

#### FB Form 2404-8

**Hunting and Fishing Permit Application** 

## FB Form 2404-10

Fort Liberty, North Carolina Hunting and/or Fishing Permit (Prescribed in para B)

## **APPENDIX B**

## **Permit Fees and Categories**

General. The following is a listing of fees payable for installation hunting and fishing permits:

a. Fees payable are the same for Categories I and II. Annual permits are valid for one year from the date of purchase. List of fees for permits are listed below:

(1)	Daily Hunt or Fish	\$	7.00
(2)	Weekly (7day) Hunt or Fish	\$2	0.00
(3)	Annual Hunt	\$4	0.00
(4)	Annual Fish	\$3	5.00
(5)	Annual Combination Hunt & Fish	\$6	0.00

- b. <u>No-Cost Hunting and Fishing Permits</u>. The following categories of personnel are eligible to receive a no-cost lifetime Fort Liberty Hunting and Fishing Permit upon presentation of documentation verifying eligibility. Lifetime permit holders will be issued a no-cost card with a three-year expiration. Upon expiration, cards will be reissued at no cost, along with notice of any regulation or policy changes.
- (1) Disabled Veterans: Those determined to be 50 percent or more disabled by the Veterans Administration.
  - (2) Senior Citizens: Age 70 or older.
- (3) Totally Disabled: Physically incapable of being gainfully employed, as prescribed in North Carolina General Statutes.
  - (4) Legally Blind: Fishing permit only.
  - (5) Dependents of Active Duty/Deceased Soldiers.
- c. Disabled or handicapped sports persons who cannot follow the established procedures for hunting and fishing on Fort Liberty will be given special consideration in the use of the recreational program. Any individual requiring assistance should contact the Hunting and Fishing Center.

# **APPENDIX C**

# **RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

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## **APPENDIX D**

## **Migratory Bird Regulations**

The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

## D-1. RESTRICTIONS.

No person will take migratory game birds:

- a. With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a onepiece filler, which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
  - b. From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle or motor-driven land conveyance.
- c. No person will take migratory waterfowl while possessing shot other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic by Federal law.

#### D-2. WANTON WASTE.

All migratory game birds killed or crippled shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

## D-3. POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS.

Wounded birds reduced to possession will be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

## D-4. FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.

No person will possess more than one daily bag limit of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, home, etc.

## D-5. TAGGING.

No person will give, place, or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

- a. The hunter's signature and address.
- b. The total number of birds involved, by species.
- c. Dates birds were killed. No person or business will receive, transport, or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are <u>properly tagged</u>.

#### D-6. FIELD DRESSING.

No person will completely field dress any migratory game birds (except doves) and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds being transported from the field to one's home.

## D-7. SHOOTING HOURS.

Shooting hours for migratory birds are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset unless otherwise posted.

## D-8. BLAZE ORANGE.

During the entire gun hunting season (approximately 5 October to 28 February), duck and dove hunters are required to wear blaze orange (in accordance with section 2-5) to and from their blinds but are authorized to remove it once they are in their blinds.

#### **GLOSSARY**

## Section I Abbreviations

#### ammo

ammunition

## **ASP**

ammunition supply point

#### .cal

caliber

#### camo

camouflage

## CB

commercial band

#### DFMWR

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

#### **DPTMS**

Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization and Security

#### **DPW**

Directorate of Public Works

#### **HFC**

**Hunting and Fishing Center** 

#### **IAW**

in accordance with

#### NC

North Carolina

#### **QDMA**

quality deer management area

#### **RCW**

red cockaded woodpecker

#### **UCMJ**

Uniform Code of Military Justice

#### US

**United States** 

#### Section II

**Terms** 

#### **Artifact**

An object of cultural significance.

## **Baiting**

The introduction, placement, or use of artificial or natural bait, hay, grain, fruit, nut, salt, chemical, mineral or other food as an enticement for any game or wildlife, regardless of kind or quantity; or to take advantage of any such area or food or bait prior to 10 days after the removal of such material and its residue.

#### Closed season

The time during which birds or animals may not be taken.

#### **Endangered wildlife**

Any animal currently on the list of endangered species published by the U.S. Department of the Interior. This list includes, but is not limited to, the red-cockaded woodpecker.

## Family member (dependent)

Any Family member that possesses a valid identification card.

#### Game

All game fish and game animals (animals that are pursued for food or sport) that are regulated by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and/or the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### Game animals

Resident and migratory game species, including deer, turkey, squirrels, quail, rabbits, and other regulated species (does not include Rock Doves/pigeons).

#### Game fish

Inland game fish, to include chain pickerel, black bass, and panfish that are regulated by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

## Installation

Fort Liberty, to include Camp Mackall.

#### Loaded weapon

A weapon containing ammunition either in the chamber or magazine.

## Migratory game birds

Ducks, geese, swans, doves, woodcock, and snipe.

## Migratory wild waterfowl

Anatidae or waterfowl, to include wild ducks, geese, swans, migratory wild birds, shore birds, snipe, and woodcock.

#### **Natural bait**

Bait which may be beneficially digested by fish.

#### Off-road vehicle

Any motorized vehicle designed primarily for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain.

#### Open season

The time during which birds or animals may be lawfully taken (each period of time prescribed as an open season will include the first and last days of the season).

#### **Possession**

The control of articles, property, or wildlife without regard to ownership.

#### Revocation

A permanent forfeiture of an individual's hunting and fishing privileges on the installation.

## **Snagging**

The drawing of a line with hooks through the water and jerking the hooks into an external portion of the fish.

#### State

The State of North Carolina.

#### Suspension

A forfeiture of an individual's hunting and fishing privileges for a prescribed period of time.

## **Take**

Lawful take: The pursuit, hunting, fishing, capture, or killing of animals; in the manner, at the time, and by the means specifically permitted.

Unlawful take: Includes pursuing, shooting, hunting, fishing, killing, capturing, trapping, snaring, and netting animals, collecting birds' nests or eggs, and all lesser acts other than in the manner, at the time, and by the means specifically permitted. This includes disturbing or annoying animals or placing or using any net or other device for the purpose of taking animals, whether or not they result in the taking of such animals.

Endangered Species take: Where endangered species are involved, take includes all actions prohibited by the Endangered Species Act, implementing regulations, and relevant case law...

#### To fish

The same as to take fish.

## To hunt

The same as to take animals.

## Upland game birds

Quail, commonly known as bobwhite or partridge, and wild turkey.

#### Wildlife

Wild animals, wild birds (does not include English sparrows, starlings, or Rock Doves/pigeons), all fish found in inland fishing waters, and inland gamefish (unless the context clearly states otherwise, the definitions of wildlife, wildlife resources, wild animals, wild birds, fish, and the like are deemed to include species normally wild or indistinguishable from wild species, which are raised or kept in captivity). All wildlife species are protected by state and federal law, unless specifically designated otherwise.