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From: Commanding General
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Subj: DEER HUNTING ABOARD MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT PARRIS ISLAND

Ref: (a) Depot Order 5090.3 Fish and Wildlife Management and Enforcement
Operating Procedures

Encl: (1) Waiver of Liability
(2) Certificate of Understanding

1. Situation. The purpose of this Bulletin is to fulfill the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) recommendation that current optimum population levels be maintained aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island (MCRD PI) to prevent over-grazing, disease, starvation, to minimize vector-borne illness transmission, and accidents between privately owned vehicles and deer.

2. Mission. To ensure proper management and reduction of the Depot's deer herd-size by conducting safe and controlled hunts.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The purpose of deer reduction hunts for MCRD PI is to reduce vector-borne illness exposure, sustain healthy wildlife, prevent motor vehicle accidents, and provide a recreational opportunity for Depot personnel. The Environmental Division (ENV DIV) plans, coordinates, and supervises the deer hunts. This process includes hunter application and selection, safety courses, orientation briefs, firearms certifications, and follow-up reports to SCDNR. The end-state is to ensure the hunter selection process is fair, the hunts are conducted safely, and in accordance with SCDNR regulations.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) This Bulletin applies to all persons, facilities, equipment, and materiel aboard the Depot. The provisions contained in this Bulletin are obligatory and must be implemented through the chain-of-command throughout military and civilian components of the installation and tenant activities.

(b) The deadline for registration will be the close of business on Saturday, September 10, 2025.

(c) All residents and non-residents born after June 30, 1979, must complete a hunter safety education course before a hunting license can be obtained. ENV DIV does not provide this training. This requirement may be met by either an instructor led 8-hour class or an online self-study course. Additional information can be found at www.dnr.sc.gov/education/hunted.html

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(e) Shotgun certification will take place on the recreational firing-range (Suribachi) on the following dates and times: Wednesday August 13th 1100-1300, Saturday August 16th 0900-1100, Wednesday September 10th 1100-1300, and Saturday September 13th 0900-1100.

(f) Hunts will take place, weather permitting, on the following Saturdays: September 27, October 11, October 25, November 8, November 22, and December 6.

(g) In conjunction with the Single Marine Program (SMP), the ENV DIV will host a hunt with Marines affiliated with the SMP on October 25th. SMP members will be paired with an experienced hunter who will remain with the Marine during the hunt, serving as a safety observer, assisting the single Marine with shot selection and, if applicable, processing the deer. The single Marine will hunt with a shotgun and ammunition provided by the experienced hunter. The goal is to host 10 SMP Marines, providing there are a sufficient number of experienced hunters willing to support.

1. An invitation to assist as an experienced hunter will be included in the deer reduction hunt application.

2. Registration for participation in the SMP hunt will be through the SMP. SMP Marines who have registered will be forwarded the contact information of their assigned experienced hunter for coordination.

3. While not required, SMP hunters are highly encouraged to attend one of the shotgun certification ranges with their assigned experienced hunter in order to familiarize themselves with the weapon.

4. Tasks

a. Prospective Hunters

(1) Only authorized personnel may participate. These include active-duty military personnel, active-duty dependents over 18 years of age, military retirees, Tri-Command civil service employees, and non-appropriated funds employees.

(2) A fair, lottery-type drawing will be used to choose participants of the hunt and to assign tree stands. Those chosen for a hunt will not be included in the draw for subsequent hunts until all registered applicants are selected.

(3) Applicants not selected may be present at any hunt as stand-by hunters to fill vacancies created by hunters not in attendance. Stand-by hunters will be drawn from a hat with priority given to Drill Instructors and then other active-duty members.

(4) Prospective hunters must complete the registration form at either:

(a) <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/Yyqyyrwe6E>



(b)

(5) Hunters must have successfully completed a shotgun certification at least once. Hunters are not required to recertify annually; however, they are highly encouraged to attend one of the shotgun certification dates in order to zero their sights or pattern their shotgun. Prospective hunters must furnish their own shotgun and ammunition for the shotgun certification. Hunters must have at least fifteen rounds of slug ammunition in their possession. To certify, the hunter must demonstrate safe operation of their weapon while firing five rounds from either the standing or seated bench position. The shooter must place three of the five slug rounds into a 12-inch circle from 25 yards. The shooter will be allowed two additional attempts for a total of three attempts in one day.

(6) Authorized weapons for the deer hunt are limited to 10-, 12-, 16-, and 20-gauge shotguns. Only slug and 00 or 000 buck shot are allowed.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Waivers of Liability and Certificates of Understanding [enclosures (1) and (2)] will be completed by all hunters and collected by the Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) during roll call for each hunt.

b. Violation of hunt rules may result in the following:

(1) Suspension of hunting privileges at the discretion of the ENV DIV.

(2) Confiscation of any illegal game.

(3) Issuance of a District Court Violation Notice.

(4) Legal proceedings in accordance with the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

(5) Other measures as deemed appropriate by Commanding Officers and law enforcement personnel in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, and Department of Defense regulations.

b. ENV DIV will have oversight and is responsible for the conduct of this deer reduction program. Recommendations will be forwarded to the CLEO through the appropriate chain of command.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. All persons must comply with the orders outlined in this bulletin.

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

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