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From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT

Ref: (a) MCO 5090.2A  
(b) MCO 5090.4A  
(c) South Carolina Department of Natural Resources TITLE 50  
Rules and Regulations for Hunting and Fishing  
(d) DepO 11101.22  
(e) Controlled Deer Hunt Environmental Standard Operating Procedure

Encl: (1) Fishing Regulations  
(2) Rules and Regulations Governing Shellfish Harvesting at Parris  
Island

1. Situation. This Order implements practices that regulate fish and wildlife management aboard the Depot. References (a) and (b) require the Marine Corps to enforce laws to protect natural resources. These laws include federal and state wildlife laws, natural resource laws, and endangered and threatened species laws. Reference (a) outlines environmental and natural resource procedures and safeguards. Reference (c) establishes South Carolina (SC) hunting regulations. Reference (d) establishes proper procedures for transporting privately owned firearms in privately owned vehicles (POVs) aboard the Depot. Reference (e) provides the standard operating procedure for deer reduction hunts. A Depot bulletin will be promulgated announcing any deer reduction hunts deemed necessary to ensure appropriate and humane reduction of deer aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island (MCRDPI).

2. Mission. MCRDPI will establish and enforce regulations governing fish and wildlife management to protect the natural resources and personnel of MCRDPI while allowing and promoting the military mission of MCRDPI to be executed.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) Purpose: MCRDPI has a range of natural resources on and around the installation which reciprocally interact with and impact the installation community and mission. The purpose of this order is to ensure the installation manages those natural resources in a manner which abides by all legal and regulatory requirements, enforces any violations of legal or regulatory requirements, promotes the accomplishment of the MCRDPI mission, and maximizes the recreational use and enjoyment of the natural resources aboard the Depot.

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(b) Method: This Order describes the information and procedures required to be followed to harvest fish, shellfish, and deer in accordance with legal and regulatory drivers and installation policy. This order also discusses the procedures to follow in the event of encountering sick, injured, or nuisance wildlife. Relevant points of contact are contained to assist installation personnel with reporting violations and with questions or concerns.

(c) End state: The installation abides by all legal and regulatory requirements governing natural resources. Natural resources are managed in a manner which supports the installation mission. To enjoy installation natural resources responsibly and lawfully and providing maximum opportunities for the military and civilian community while protecting wetlands, habitat, forest products, wildlife, and personnel from any misuse of those resource.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Fishing. Individuals authorized to harvest fish on MCRDPI include active and retired military personnel, their dependents, house guests of military personnel when accompanied by the sponsor, and civilian employees. The civilian community may fish aboard the Depot for recreation when current security posture and Depot operations permit. Enclosure (1) provides detailed Depot fishing regulations and information.

(b) Hunting

1. Recreational hunting is prohibited. Game management hunts may be permitted when necessary. These hunts are coordinated by the Environmental Division. The Deer Reduction Hunt Standard Operating Procedures, reference (e), may be found at <https://www.mcrdpi.marines.mil/Resources/Environmental-Division/>.

2. Weapons for hunting which are transported in a POV must be unloaded and locked in the glove box, console, trunk, or a portable weapons case. If the glove box or console does not lock, the weapon must be secured in the glove box or console with a locked trigger guard device. Ammunition must be in a separate and distinct location away from the weapon.

(c) Shellfish. Shellfish harvest is permitted on land and water areas of the Depot only as described in enclosure (2).

(d) Off-Road Recreational Vehicles

1. All land and water areas of MCRD PI are closed to off-road travel by Off-Road Recreational Vehicles and privately owned vehicles.

2. Official off-road travel of government vehicles is permitted.

3. No vehicles may drive off-road in wetlands.

(e) Sick, Injured, and Nuisance Wildlife. Wildlife that appears to be injured, sick, or displays aggressive behavior must be avoided. Wildlife, such as snakes, alligators, birds, and mammals, which disrupt training, cause annoyance, or endanger health and welfare by coming into close contact with personnel are deemed nuisance wildlife.

In the event of either injured, sick, aggressive, or nuisance wildlife, contact Natural Resources Personnel at (843)228-3066, (843)228-3799, (843)228-2663. If Natural Resources Personnel cannot be contacted, report the wildlife to the Provost Marshal Office (PMO) Desk Sergeant at (843)228-3444. The Desk Sergeant will coordinate with the Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) for disposition.

(f) Licenses. All persons who hunt or fish aboard the Depot and waters surrounding MCRDPI must physically carry the appropriate licenses required by SC state laws for the species harvested. All South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) laws relative to hunting and fishing must be observed and adhered to by personnel engaged in such activities aboard the Depot. Laws are enforced by the Depot CLEO per Title 50 SCDNR Regulations for Hunting and Fishing, as found in Reference (c). Regulations and licenses may be obtained and printed online at <https://www.gooutdoorssouthcarolina.com>.

(g) Violations. Failure to comply with this order and regulations outlined in Reference (c) may result in the forfeiture of fishing and hunting privileges for individuals aboard the Depot and may also result in the issuance of a United States Court Violations Notice by the CLEO. These violations may result in monetary fines payable to the US Treasury. Active-duty personnel are also subject to the Uniformed Code of Military Justice and may also be charged with violating Article 92 failure to obey an order or regulation.

b. Subordinate Element Mission

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(a) Conduct routine surveying and monitoring of natural resources aboard the installation to identify emerging or changing conditions.

(b) Maintain and publish, on the MCRD Parris Island Environmental Division public website, a current map of areas with access or use restrictions due to the presence of bald eagle nests.

(c) Through the CLEO, conduct patrols of the installation and enforce all relevant conservation laws and regulations.

(d) Monitor the deer population aboard the installation, coordinate with the SCDNR, and conduct deer reduction hunts as required.

(e) When deer reduction hunts are deemed necessary, distribute a Depot bulletin announcing the hunt, to include the dates of the hunt, eligibility criteria for hunters, and the registration process.

(f) Ensure appropriate signage is posted in vicinity of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Pond in accordance with the Site 3 Causeway Landfill Land Use Control for catch and release fishing.

(g) Provide annual environmental education to the installation which includes discussion on installation natural resources.

(2) Office of Communication Strategy and Operations

(a) Facilitate updating of the MCRD Parris Island Environmental Division public website.

(b) Assist in the distribution of information regarding recreational opportunities associated with natural resources to the installation military and civilian community.

(3) Provost Marshal Office

(a) Enforce all laws, regulations, and installation policies governing Depot natural resources.

(b) Coordinate with the CLEO prior to responding to any non-emergency calls involving wildlife aboard the installation.

(c) Notify the CLEO of any incidents or violations associated with natural resources.

(4) Lowcountry Counsel Office. Provide legal counsel and advice governing the management of natural resources aboard MCRDPI.

(5) Weapons and Field Training Battalion. Support weapons qualification ranges for hunting aboard the Depot by:

(a) Coordinating with the Environmental Division to establish appropriate qualification range dates;

(b) Reserving ranges as required; and

(c) Providing qualified Range Safety Officers and Range Officers-in-Charge.

(6) G-3. Coordinate with the Environmental Division prior to the initiation of any new or modified actions aboard the installation which have the potential to impact natural resources.

(7) All MCRDPI Personnel

(a) Notify the CLEO at (843)441-0831 immediately upon becoming aware of sick, injured, or nuisance wildlife.

(b) Notify the CLEO at (843)441-0831 immediately upon becoming aware of a violation of this order.

c. Coordinating Instructions. Recommendations for changes to this order may be submitted to the Environmental Division Natural Resources Manager at (843)228-3066 or the Environmental Director at (843)-228-3423.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Directives issued by this Command are published and distributed electronically via the Adjutant's Office. Individuals may also request a digital copy of this order from the Environmental Division by calling (843)228-3066.

b. Applications to participate in a Deer Reduction Hunt will be submitted in accordance with reference (e) and the relevant Depot bulletin.

c. Fishing licenses may be obtained online and printed online through the SCDNR at <https://www.gooutdoorssouthcarolina.com/>.

d. Hunting licenses and big game permits may be obtained online and printed online through the SCDNR at <https://www.gooutdoorssouthcarolina.com/>.

e. Deer tags in support of the deer reduction hunt will be acquired by the Environmental Division. Deer must be tagged at the point of kill.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all Marines, Sailors, and civilians aboard MCRDPI.

b. Signal

(1) The point of contact for this order is the Environmental Division. The Environmental Division Natural Resources Manager can be reached at (843) 228-3066. The Environmental Division Director can be reached at (843) 228-3423.

(2) This Order is effective the date signed.

  
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**Fishing Regulations**

1. The Environmental Division, through the Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO), has primary oversight for enforcement of fishing and boating regulations. The PMO also has the authority to examine licenses, equipment, and creel limits. When PMO determines or suspects a violation of wildlife regulations has occurred, they should coordinate enforcement with the CLEO. Violators are subject to issuance of a United States District Court Violation Notice, confiscation of their catch, and possible denial of future fishing privileges aboard the Depot.
2. The recreational harvest of fish on the Depot and surrounding waters shall be in accordance with all applicable federal and state regulations for SC and requires a valid SC State Saltwater Fishing License.
3. Fishing from the top of the Ballast Creek Bridge and the Berkeley Bridge is prohibited. Fishing from the catwalk under Berkeley Bridge at Archer's Creek is permitted.
4. Fishing within the golf course ponds is prohibited.
5. Department of Defense regulations prohibit the use of any amenity or recreational facility for commercial enterprise. For example, recreational facilities and overland access, which includes boat ramps and landings aboard the Depot, may not be used for commercial fishing, crabbing or any other commercial venture.
6. Fishing from the stormwater retention ponds aboard the installation is prohibited. These locations are illustrated on the Fish and Wildlife Management and Enforcement Bald Eagle Nest Buffers and Stormwater Ponds Map located on the Environmental Division website at <https://www.mcrdpi.marines.mil/Resources/Environmental-Division/>.
7. Third Battalion Pond. This is the saltwater impoundment located between the two causeways that connect Horse Island and Parris Island:
  - a. Private boats are not authorized on the impoundment.
  - b. No commercial guiding or similar activity is allowed on the impoundment.
  - c. Personnel fishing in the Third Battalion Pond are required to possess a current SC saltwater fishing license.
  - d. Person fishing with rod and reel are limited to catch and release only.
  - e. Alligators are often present in the pond. No swimming or wading is allowed in the impoundment.
  - f. Shrimping, gigging, and crabbing in the pond is not allowed.
  - g. No set nets, seines, fish traps, trotlines or baskets are allowed.
  - h. Several bald eagle nests are present in and around fishing areas on the Depot. During the nesting season of October-April, human activities near the nest have the potential to interrupt nesting activities and violate the Bald

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and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Therefore, personnel may not be within 1,000 feet of the nest sites. This boundary is delineated in the Fish and Wildlife Management and Enforcement Bald Eagle Nest Buffers and Stormwater Ponds Map located on the Environmental Division website at <https://www.mcrdpi.marines.mil/Resources/Environmental-Division/>.

**Rules and Regulations Governing Shellfish Harvesting at Parris Island**

1. General

a. Personnel allowed to participate in the harvest of shellfish on the Depot are military personnel, active and retired, their dependents, house guests of military personnel when accompanied by the sponsor, and civilian employees. Overland access to shellfish grounds (for recreational harvesting only) is authorized for the above personnel. Overland access by the general civilian community for recreational shellfish harvesting may be authorized when the current security posture and Depot operations permit.

b. Recreational shellfish harvesting is restricted to the hours between sunrise and sunset on Tuesdays and Thursdays and requires a valid South Carolina State Saltwater Fishing License.

c. Harvest limits are established by State regulations.

2. Commercial Harvest. Commercial shellfish harvesting from Depot facilities will not be allowed. Access for commercial harvesting shall only be from the surrounding waterways and must be in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement for Conservation of Intertidal Shellfish Resources on Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. This agreement between the Depot and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources may be found on the Environmental Division website at <https://www.mcrdpi.marines.mil/Resources/Environmental-Division/>.

3. Shellfish Harvesting Areas

a. Permitted Areas. The Depot is part of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Shellfish Management Areas 15 and 17. Permitted areas are subject to change. Maps reflecting the current permitted areas may be found at <https://scdhec.gov/food-safety/retail-food/shellfish-monitoring-program-overview/shellfish-maps>.

b. Restricted Areas

(1) No harvesting is permitted from the 3rd Battalion Pond.

(2) Access to waterways may be restricted due to operational requirements aboard the installation, such as rifle range activities.