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DEPOT BULLETIN 5090

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: DEER HUNTING ABOARD MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, PARRIS ISLAND

Ref: (a) Controlled Deer Hunt Standard Operating Procedure

Encl: (1) Registration Form
(2) Waiver of Liability
(3) 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 (MCRDPI or Depot) to prevent over-grazing, disease, starvation, to minimize vector-borne illness transmission and accidents between privately owned vehicles (POVs) and deer. Eligibility, certification, and registration requirements are outlined in reference (a), Controlled Deer Hunt Standard Operating Procedure available online <https://www.mcrdpi.marines.mil/Resources/Environmental-Division/>.

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 MCRDPI is to reduce vector-borne illness exposure for Depot personnel, sustain healthy wildlife, prevent motor vehicle accidents, and provide a recreational opportunity for Depot personnel. The Environmental Division plans, coordinates, and supervises the deer hunts. This process includes hunter application and selection, safety courses, orientation briefs, firearms and archery 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, 2023.

(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. Two options are available to fulfill this requirement:

1. Instructor led class (8 hours).

2. Online self-study course.

(d) Additional information can be found at www.dnr.sc.gov/education/hunted.html

(e) Per ref: (a), Controlled Deer Hunt Standard Operating Procedure, shotgun and archery certification will take place on the recreational firing-range (Suribachi) on the following Saturdays: August 5, August 19, and September 16, 2023, at 0830.

(f) Hunts will take place on the following Saturdays: September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2, and December 16, 2023.

4. Tasks

a. Prospective hunters will complete the following:

(1) Registration Form, Waiver of Liability, and Certificate of Understanding provided in the enclosures.

(2) Shotgun and Archery Certification Course. Archery hunters will be required to certify annually. Shotgun hunters are not required to recertify however, they are highly encouraged to attend one of the shotgun certification dates in order to zero their sights or pattern their shotgun.

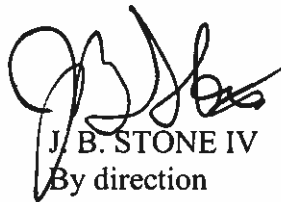
b. Prospective hunters must submit completed forms to the Conservation Law Enforcement Officer's (CLEOs) designated Controlled Hunt Drop-Box. The box is located in the Environmental Division, Building 864. Forms may also be faxed to (843) 228-2616 or emailed to the CLEO at van.horton@usmc.mil.

c. Additional assigned tasks are outlined in Controlled Deer Hunt Standard Operating Procedure.

5. Administration and Logistics. MCRDPI, Environmental Division 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.



J. B. STONE IV
By direction

DISTRIBUTION: A

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

In consideration for the permission granted me to enter upon the United States Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island (MCRDPI) to engage in hunting or fishing, I the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby promise to waive for myself, my guardians, heirs, executor, administrators, legal representatives, and any other persons on my behalf, any and all rights and claims for damages, demands, and any other actions whatsoever. These include those attributable to simple neglect which I may have against any of the following persons or entities: the United States of America; the Department of Defense; the Department of the Navy; the United States Marine Corps; MCRDPI, and any and all individuals assigned to or employed by the United States. These include but are not limited to: the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Commanding General of MCRD, PI, in both their official or personal capacities; any medical support personnel assigned thereto, and these persons or entities' representatives, successors, and assigns which said injuries arise as a result of the permission which is the consideration recited above.

I ALSO VERIFY THAT I HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE RELATED RISKS. I EXPRESSLY, KNOWINGLY, AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THE RISKS INVOLVED, AND AGREE TO HOLD THE U.S. HARMLESS FOR ANY RESULTANT INJURY SUFFERED BY ME IN THE COURSE OF SUCH USE OF FEDERAL PROPERTY. THIS INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO: ANY INJURY SUFFERED BY REASON OF ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING BY OTHERS, OR BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES, ETC, WHICH MAY BE CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR FAULT OF ANY OTHER PERSON, WHETHER EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR NOT, OR ANY OTHER INJURY OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER, WHICH MAY BE SUFFERED BY ME.

I understand that this Assumption of Risk Agreement will remain effective until the Commanding General, MCRDPI, SC, receives notice of cancellation. I understand that, should I decline to execute this agreement, I will not be permitted to hunt or fish on MCRDPI property.

Printed Name of Participant

Participant Signature

Date

Printed Name of Witness

Witness Signature

Date

Return the following forms to Building 864 and place in drop box on door of the Conservation Officer:

**Registration Form
Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Form
Certificate of Understanding**

Forms may also be faxed or emailed to the following:

FAX (843) 228-2616

Email van.horton@usmc.mil

Enclosure (2)

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERSTANDING

DATE _____

I understand and will comply with the following instructions. Additionally, I understand that all SC Dept. of Natural Resources hunting regulations apply and must be adhered to. I further understand that any violation thereof or any conduct that is disruptive to the administration of the hunt subjects me to possible disciplinary, civil and/or administrative action as appropriate, and may prohibit me from participating in future game management reduction programs aboard MCRD, Parris Island. Specifically, I understand:

- a. I must have the appropriate state license, as well as a big game permit.
- b. 10-, 12-, 16- and 20-gauge shotguns are the only approved firearms. Slugs and "00 or 000" buck shot are the only authorized shells that will be utilized during the hunt. The use or carrying of handguns is prohibited. Methods of archery include recurve, compound, and tradition or pneumatic crossbow.
- c. All personnel will wear patches of international orange colored material, not less than one square foot in size, on both the front and rear portions of the upper body, as well as an orange hat. This includes walking to and from a stand. All weapons will be unloaded and cased or carried in a gun box when being transported by privately owned vehicle to and from the old Parris Island Rod and Gun Club building 956.
- d. Personnel shall not leave their assigned stand or change stands unless authorized by hunt master. Weapons will not be fired after leaving stand except for finishing off a downed deer.
- e. Personnel will have weapons unloaded, upon entering and departing the woods. Weapons will not be loaded until personnel are safely seated in the tree stand. Weapons will be unloaded prior to exiting tree stand. Gun lanyard will be used to raise and lower the weapon while in the tree stand.
- f. The only vehicles allowed in the hunt areas are those authorized by the Environmental Division (EnvDiv). Personnel may not drive their POV into the hunt areas unless designated by the hunt master.
- g. The daily take limit will be specified by the hunt master based on harvest requirements.
- h. All personnel must return to the drop off point within 45 Minutes after official sunset. The assigned driver for each area will signal hunters by sounding vehicle horns.
- i. All deer must have the weight recorded and half of the lower jawbone extracted. Deer will not be field dressed (gutted) in the field. All deer must have the appropriate SCDNR deer tag attached prior to departing the Depot. EnvDiv will supply the necessary deer tags.
- j. Each person must shoot only from the provided tree stand. All personnel must wear a safety harness while climbing up, sitting, and climbing down the tree stand.
- k. No alcohol will be consumed prior to the hunt or during any phase of the hunt. The hunt will conclude when all deer have been recorded and skinned and all EnvDiv equipment has been cleaned and returned to the compound. No headphones or other distracting devices will be utilized during the hunt.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

WITNESS PRINT NAME

WITNESS SIGNATURE

Enclosure (3)