

# ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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## 3RD BN POND CATCH-AND-RELEASE FISHING



**NO**  
Shrimping  
Crabbing  
Swimming  
Wading  
Boating

For all of us to continue to enjoy the catch-and-release privileges of 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn Pond, please be mindful of the following activities that have been observed and need to be corrected:

- Pick up Litter (fishing line has been a constant problem). Local wildlife will become entangled in the fishing line and will usually result in the death of the animal.
- No Parking on the Grass – This can create sinkholes.
- No Cast Nets (even for bait).
- No Improper Handling of Fish – this kills the fish.
  - Use circle hooks to decrease the possibility of gut hooking the fish.
  - Once a fish is caught, remove hook close to the water, not up by the car. The longer the fish is out of the water the less likely it is to survive.
  - If the fish has been gut hooked, do not remove the hook. Cut the line as close to the hook as possible and release the fish.
  - Ensure you have a tool (needle nose pliers, hemostats, or a dehooking tool sold at local bait shops) to remove a hook from a fish that has not been gut hooked.
  - Hold a fish horizontally with two hands so as not to stretch the spine.
  - Immediately introduce the fish back into the water upright with two hands and let it “catch it’s breath”.
  - Gently move the fish back and forth to introduce water into the gills. When the fish is adequately revived, it will swim away from you.

**PMO AND CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WILL ENSURE COMPLIANCE OF DEPO 5090.3C (FISH AND WILDLIFE ORDER). VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF FISHING PRIVILEGES, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, ISSUANCE OF A FEDERAL CITATION, OR DEBARMENT FROM THE INSTALLATION.**

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## PRESCRIBED FIRE

Did you know fire can be good for people and the land? After many years of fire exclusion, an ecosystem that needs periodic fire becomes unhealthy. Trees can be stressed due to overcrowding; fire-dependent species disappear; and flammable fuels build up can become hazardous.



### What is a Prescribed Fire?

Prescribed fire is a **planned fire**; sometimes called a “controlled burn” or “prescribed burn,” and used to meet management objectives. A prescription is a set of conditions that considers the safety of the public and fire staff, weather, and probability of meeting burn objectives. *Environmental Division staff are Certified Prescribed Fire Managers for MCRD Parris Island.*

### What are the Benefits of Prescribed Fire?

- Assists with Recruit Training Area Management
- Minimizes the Spread of Pest Insects and Disease
- Removes Unwanted Species that Threaten Species Native to An Ecosystem
- Stimulates Growth of New Forage for Wildlife
- Improves Habitat For Threatened and Endangered Species
- Recycles Nutrients Back Into the Soil
- Promotes Growth of Trees, Wildflowers, and other Plants
- Reduces Hazardous Fuels; Uncontrolled Wildfires

### Prescribed Fire Protocol on MCRD Parris Island:

- Examine Weather Conditions
- Burn Areas Determined Based on Recruit Training Schedule
- Approval from G4 and Stakeholders
- All Hands Message Distribution

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