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NAS PATUXENT RIVER INSTRUCTION 11015.6M

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Patuxent River

Subj: HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5090.1
(b) Annotated Code of Maryland; Natural Resources
(c) NASPAXRIVINST 3750.5I
(d) NASPAXRIVINST 5510.16
(e) Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland
(f) NASPAXRIVWEPSDEPTNOTE 11015.6

Encl: (1) Hunter's Checklist and Health Information
(2) Hunting and Trapping Regulations for Naval Air Station Patuxent River,
Webster Field Annex and Bloodsworth Island Range

1. Purpose. To publish regulations and procedures governing hunting and trapping onboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River; Webster Field Annex (WFA), St. Inigoes, and Bloodsworth Island Range (BIR) in Dorchester County, Maryland. For the purpose of this instruction, "NAS complex" refers collectively to NAS, WFA, and BIR. Hunting and trapping at the Navy properties in St. Mary's County at Bay Forest, Point No Point, Point Lookout, and elsewhere, is not permitted.

2. Cancellation. NASPAXRIVINST 11015.6L. This instruction is a complete revision and must be reviewed in its entirety. Significant changes are:

- a. Change the hunter sign-in/out process.
- b. Change the hunting permit issuing process.

3. Policy.

a. It is the policy of the Department of Defense (DoD) that hunting and trapping at each military reservation be authorized and controlled by the installation Commanding Officer (CO) through locally published NAS instructions, references (a) and (b) germane.

b. Hunting and trapping are time-honored traditions, intrinsic to our heritage and culture. Aside from providing pleasurable hours of wholesome outdoor recreation and nutritious table

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fare, hunting has been shown to be an essential element of sound wildlife management, sometimes being the only efficient and effective means of maintaining animal populations in harmony with their environment and the mission of NAS. Hunting will be promoted wherever the activity remains consistent with other stated objectives. Reference (c), which is the NAS Bird and Animal Strike Hazard (BASH) plan, recognizes that controlling animal and bird populations before they become a hazard to aircraft and motor vehicles is an essential part of the Natural Resources Management (NRM) program.

c. Unexploded Ordnance (UXO): Hunters are reminded that UXO has been found on station. Hunters should not pick-up, handle, or touch any suspected UXO. Report suspect items to the Station Police Department (301-342-3218) or to the Conservation Branch (301-342-3670).

d. Violations of applicable Federal and State of Maryland wildlife conservation statutes may result in criminal prosecution in the United States District Court and/or under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, as well as suspension or revocation of NAS hunting privileges. DoD police officers and/or Environmental Division personnel responding to an NAS, state, or federal hunting violation are authorized by the NAS CO to temporarily suspend a hunter's NAS and/or WFA hunting permit(s) until adjudication by the Legal Officer (NOOJ).

4. Responsibilities.

a. Environmental Division (N45). The Environmental Division, which is part of Public Works Department, is responsible for managing fish and wildlife resources, to include control of game harvesting and management; and applying federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

b. Public Safety Department (N3AT). Law Enforcement Division personnel are responsible for the enforcement of wildlife laws. When staffing levels permit, at least one police officer and two assistants will be assigned to wildlife law enforcement. Emergency Dispatch personnel will immediately inform the Environmental Division, or Environmental Division volunteers from a call-back list, of all reports of injured or dead deer. Emergency Dispatch may be contacted at (301) 342-3218 or by dialing 911.

c. Air Operations Department (N32). The Air Operations Officer is responsible for ensuring that all hunting areas under their control remain open to hunting to the greatest extent possible and when safe to do so, especially during the firearm deer season, subject to mission or operational restrictions. The Air Operations Duty Officer is responsible for notifying the Environmental Division Director and the BASH Officer of all incidents involving aircraft/animal/bird collisions. After normal working hours, report incidents to Emergency Dispatch. The Weapons Officer (N39), via the Air Operations Officer, is responsible for ensuring hunting areas within the Weapons Magazine area remain open to hunting to the greatest

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extent possible, especially during the firearm deer season, subject to mission or operational restrictions. Special sign-in requirements for the Weapons Compound are included in reference (f).

d. Navy Security Force Company (NSFCo). NSFCo will coordinate hunter access into the portion of hunting area 13, which surrounds the Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four Detachment Alert Facility, and is responsible for ensuring that the area surrounding the secure compound remains open to hunting to the greatest extent possible, especially during the firearm deer season, subject to mission or operational restrictions.

e. Sportsmen's Organizations. Membership in a sportsmen's organization is not a requirement to hunt onboard the NAS complex. Sportsmen's organizations, as well as unattached individuals, are encouraged to make written recommendations concerning hunting regulations or procedures to the Natural Resources Manager, via Environmental Division, by 1 February of each year.

f. Mattapan Rod & Gun Club. Unless the driver of a privately owned vehicle claims a vehicle-killed deer, all vehicle-killed deer will be turned over to the Mattapan Rod & Gun Club for processing. Processed venison may be retained for use at official Club functions open to the public or donated to needy individuals or institutions. The Club shall keep detailed records, by weight, of the amount and type of wild game received from the Environmental Division or private individuals, as well as when, from where, and how much wild game is distributed or utilized. These records shall be available for inspection by the Environmental Division, Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Police, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agents.

g. All Hunters and Trappers. All personnel who exercise their privilege to hunt and/or trap onboard NAS and/or WFA are responsible for complying with this instruction, and the regulations and procedures published in NASPAXRIVNOTE 11015. Per reference (d), all weapons must be registered before they are brought onboard the NAS complex. All required forms for registering a firearm can be found at the pass office at gate #2. All hunters and trappers are encouraged to make written recommendations concerning hunting regulations or procedures to the Natural Resources Manager, via Environmental Division, by 1 February of each year.

5. Regulations and Procedures.

a. Authorized Personnel.

(1) The following personnel are authorized to hunt and trap onboard the NAS complex. Proper credentials must be carried at all times and presented to NAS Police Department

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personnel or Environmental Division personnel or their representatives when requested. All personnel must complete the firearm registration as stated in paragraph 4.g above. Additionally, all guests of authorized personnel must complete a background check prior to coming on station. Background check forms are available at the pass office at gate #2.

- (a) Active duty military personnel, with current DoD Common Access Card (CAC).
- (b) Dependents of active duty military personnel, with current DD Form 1173.
- (c) Retired military personnel, with DD Form 2 (Retired).
- (d) Dependents of retired military personnel, with DD Form 1173.
- (e) Reservists, with either current DoD CAC or DD Form 2 (Individual Ready Reserve).
- (f) Active federal civil service employees assigned onboard NAS or WFA, with a CAC or USCSC Optional Form 55. Federal civilian employees from other military installations or federal agencies are not authorized to hunt except as guests of other authorized individuals.
- (g) Dependents of civilian personnel described in (f) above. Civilian dependents under the age of 16 must be accompanied by their civilian sponsor or another authorized person at all times.
- (h) Long-term contractors assigned onboard NAS or WFA, with a CAC hard badge. Contractors are authorized to hunt only deer and are authorized to sponsor guests, including dependents.
- (i) Maryland DNR Police with DNR uniform or DNR badge, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agents with badge and credentials.
- (j) Authorized personnel as described above in paragraphs 5a(a), 5a(c), 5a(e), 5a(f), and 5a(h) may sponsor not more than three guests at any one time. Guests are required to purchase a guest permit, valid only for the date(s) specified. Guests may purchase either a daily guest permit or a weekly guest permit, which is valid for six consecutive days (inclusive of Sundays). Multiple hunting days may be specified on a single daily guest permit. However, the guest will pay the daily fee for each date specified unless a weekly permit is obtained. A guest may not purchase more than three (3) weekly permits or 21 daily permits in a single hunting season. Guests must be accompanied at all times by a licensed sponsor, who shall assume responsibility for their guest's actions. Guests may not trap.

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(2) All personnel listed in paragraph 5a (1), who possess a valid CAC and a WFA hunting permit, are authorized to hunt WFA.

(3) Exceptions to the above requirements will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Requests shall be submitted in writing to the CO, via the Environmental Division.

b. License. A Maryland hunting license with appropriate stamps, and separate NAS and/or WFA hunting permit, is required of each person who hunts onboard either NAS or WFA.

c. Permit. Permits may be purchased by going to <https://naspaxriver.recaccess.com>. A person must have an account prior to purchasing their permit. All hunters are required to prove they have completed a state-certified (all states accepted) Hunter Safety course; or possess an NAS hunting permit issued after 1982; or a Maryland hunting license with a "CCS" number printed on the license. Hunting permits are valid from 1 August to 31 July, inclusive. A copy of the NAS hunting instruction and NAS Notice 11015 can be obtained from the Environmental Division's Conservation Branch, located in Building 1410.

d. Rates. Fees for hunting and trapping permits will be published annually in NASPAXRIVNOTE 11015.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed as per SECNAV Manual 5210.01 of January 2012.

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, the Public Works Officer will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will automatically expire five years after effective date unless reissued or canceled prior to the five-year anniversary date or an extension has been granted.



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HUNTER'S CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU HUNT, HAVE YOU:

Completed a state-certified Hunter Safety course?

Obtained a State of Maryland hunting license **and** an NAS and/or WFA hunting permit(s)?

Ensured that any weapon(s) you plan to use are registered (to an authorized military or civilian employee) with the Public Safety Department (N3AT), per reference (d)?

Thoroughly read the NAS Hunting and Trapping Regulations?

Checked out to hunt at the appropriate location?

HEALTH INFORMATION

Lyme Disease (LD) is a tick-borne bacterial disease that is becoming a significant health problem in Maryland. The primary vector for LD in the east coast states is the deer tick (Ixodes dammini), but all ticks are potential vectors.

LD bacterium can be transmitted at any time during the tick's active life cycle, which involves the following stages: larva, nymph, and adult. Small mammals, particularly mice, are the common hosts of the larval and nymphal stages, whereas deer are the primary hosts for adults. Larvae and nymphs are of particular concern because of their small size. Thorough tick checks should be made after being in an area inhabited by ticks.

Symptoms commonly associated with the early stages of the disease include flu-like symptoms such as headache, chills, fatigue, fever, and sore, aching muscles and joints. A large red rash, usually characteristic of LD, can appear within 3 to 32 days after an infected tick bites a person. The rash most often appears around the bite but can occur elsewhere on the body. However, sportsmen should be aware that not all individuals will develop a rash. If any of the above symptoms develop, consult your physician immediately.

Rabies has been diagnosed in St. Mary's County. Sportsmen should consult their physician for advice on pre-exposure rabies vaccine.

Tularemia (Rabbit Fever) has been confirmed in three station hunters. Tularemia is transmitted by a bacterium and can be life-threatening in humans. Station personnel hunting rabbits should wear rubber gloves while cleaning rabbits to minimize risk of exposure. Symptoms in humans include fever, infected sores at point of entry, swollen lymph nodes and general flu-like symptoms that progress rapidly to severe debilitation.

If you show signs of illness after known or potential exposure, consult a physician immediately.

West Nile Virus has been confirmed in the State of Maryland and in St. Mary's County. Symptoms of West Nile Virus often include fever, headache, tiredness, and body aches. These symptoms usually only persist for a few days. To reduce the possible exposure to West Nile Virus apply insect repellent directly to exposed skin. Spray clothing with an insect repellent containing permethrin, do not spray permethrin directly on the skin. Wear long pants and long sleeved shirts weather permitting. Remove and prevent any standing water around your house and yard, including emptying and refilling bird baths and pet's water bowl once or twice per week.

Due to the risks of contracting wildlife diseases, hunters are advised to wear rubber gloves while field dressing deer and other game animals.

HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS
FOR NAVAL AIR STATION, PATUXENT RIVER,
WEBSTER FIELD ANNEX, ST. INIGOES, MARYLAND, AND
BLOODSWORTH ISLAND RANGE

1. Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife laws, applicable federal laws, and local regulations apply onboard Naval Air Station (NAS), Patuxent River; Webster Field Annex (WFA), St. Inigoes, Maryland; and Bloodsworth Island Range (BIR), Dorchester County, Maryland. For the purpose of this instruction, "NAS complex" refers collectively to NAS, WFA, and BIR. Hunters must possess applicable NAS and/or WFA permit(s) in addition to State and other federal hunting licenses and stamps, before hunting onboard NAS or WFA.

2. Enforcement

a. Enforcement of hunting and trapping regulations is conducted by the Public Safety Department's Law Enforcement Division, which may be contacted at (301) 342-3208, (301) 342-3218, or (301) 342-3911.

b. Disputes over ownership of game will be adjudicated by the Conservation Director or his/her agents. Ownership will be determined based on whether or not the first person to hit the animal had a reasonable chance of recovering it had the second person not fired.

c. The Conservation Director, his/her agents, Public Safety Department (N3AT), and Maryland DNR Police are authorized to conduct inspections of hunters for the purpose of checking bag limits, type of game, means used to take game, and for any other wildlife conservation restrictions.

3. Weapons

a. Per reference (d), all weapons, including starter pistols and bows, must be registered (to an authorized military or civilian employee) at the Public Safety Department's (N3AT) Pass Office. All personnel must complete the firearm registration as stated in paragraph 4.g. of the hunting instruction. Additionally, all guests of authorized personnel must complete a background check prior to coming on station. The firearm registration and background check forms are available at the pass office at gate #2. Reference (e), unless otherwise noted below or under regulations for specific species or hunting areas, lists legal weapons, ammunition, and methods for the taking of game.

b. No rifles or pistols may be used for hunting onboard the NAS complex, with the exception of air rifles used for hunting squirrels from an elevated stand, muzzleloading firearms that may be used for deer and woodchuck hunting. All shotguns must be plugged, to render them incapable of holding more than three shells. Muzzleloading revolvers may be loaded with not more than three rounds.

c. Possession of lead shotshells while waterfowl hunting, or slugs while hunting during any season other than the firearm deer season, is prohibited. The possession of live ammunition while dog training when hunting seasons are closed is prohibited.

d. During the firearms deer seasons, a hunter may hunt with a combination of one long-barreled gun (shotgun or muzzleloading rifle, depending on season) and one short-barreled gun (muzzleloader pistol), or with a bow.

e. See trapping regulations for additional authorized weapons.

4. Target Ranges. Per reference (d), approved target ranges include the indoor pistol range (Building 2624) for firearms, Mattapan Rod & Gun Club for archery, Patuxent River Skeet Range for shotgun, and the Environmental Division archery qualification range. An archery range is located to the east of the check station at WFA.

5. Release of Animals. No one may release live animals, wild or domestic, onboard the NAS complex without written permission from the Commanding Officer (CO). Submit requests for exceptions to the CO via the Conservation Director.

6. Field Dressing: Deer and turkey may only be field dressed at one of the hunter check stations, unless prior permission is obtained from the Environmental Division's Conservation Branch. If prior permission is obtained all entrails must be placed in a plastic bag and brought to the check station with the field dressed deer or turkey.

7. Hunting Area Boundaries. Figures 1-4 are maps of authorized hunting areas. More detailed maps are available in the check station manuals, which are located at the NAS and WFA check stations. **Consult the Check Station Manuals for complete area descriptions and restrictions.**

8. Check-in/out

a. Hunters may hunt in only one hunting area at a time and may not enter any areas to hunt other than the **one** to which they are checked in.

b. Hunters are required to check in and out for hunting. Hunters must check-in and out at <https://naspaxriver.recaccess.com>. Each hunter must check in at the time he/she is proceeding to the hunting area. Hunters are reminded to check for special area closure notices, which may be posted on the website and the bulletin board at the hunter check station.

c. Hunters must check in for the game animal primarily pursued. Game harvested other than that primarily being pursued must also be noted at the time the hunter checks out from hunting.

d. During game seasons in which area hunter quotas are established, hunters shall check in immediately prior to entering the hunting area and check out immediately upon

leaving the area. Under no circumstances may a hunter leave the installation while checked in to hunt.

e. Check stations are located onboard NAS in building 2497 on Shaw Road at the old archery range, and across from building 2187 (South Engineering); and onboard WFA in building 8289, along the dirt road leading to building 8195.

f. Each vehicle used to transport hunters to their hunting areas must display a hunting vehicle pass on the dashboard. Vehicles shall be parked only in designated parking areas, in addition to regular parking lots and spaces. Refer to the Check Station Manual for authorized parking areas.

g. **All hunters must be checked in from hunting within one and a half hours of the end of legal shooting hours** for the game being pursued. Hunters attempting to track wounded game after hours must first check out from hunting, then check in again for scouting, except as permitted in paragraph 12e.

h. Hunters under 16 years of age must be accompanied by, and be under the positive supervision of, an adult 21 years of age or older who has a valid state hunting license and NAS hunting permit. Positive supervision means:

- (1) Within clear and full view of the adult sponsor.
- (2) Within such a distance that clear, verbal communication can be maintained.
- (3) In such a position as to be influenced by the adult sponsor, if necessary.

9. Area Quotas

a. Area quotas will be established by the Conservation Branch for dove, firearm and muzzleloader deer, and spring turkey seasons. Area quotas will be established to provide adequate safety for hunters while also achieving management goals.

b. Lotteries for opening day area assignments for firearms deer and spring turkey hunting seasons will be held on an as-needed basis. If a lottery is planned, registration will open one month before opening day, and the lottery will be held two weeks before opening day. Lotteries will be announced on the website and by publishing notices at check stations and in the NAS newspaper.

10. Blaze Orange Requirements

a. Reference (e) outlines the requirements for safety clothing during various seasons, usually either a head covering or vest. In addition to reference (e), whenever any hunter orange is required, all station hunters shall wear **both** a solid blaze orange hat or cap **and** vest or coat with front and back panels (i.e., > 250 sq. in.) of predominantly (i.e., > 50%) blaze orange color, except as authorized in paragraph 17d. Hunters are encouraged to

wear conspicuous amounts of blaze orange whenever hunting, even when not required by law.

b. Hunters hunting in an enclosed ground blind during a season when blaze orange is required must conspicuously place the minimum amount of blaze orange, as required in paragraph 10a above, on the outside of the blind while hunting. The blaze orange must be visible on at least two sides of the blind.

11. Deer Drives

a. More deer tend to be harvested in the early part of the season if disturbance is kept to a minimum. Hunters are discouraged from conducting deer drives during the first few days of the firearm deer season and should refrain from driving in areas that have received little hunting pressure.

b. Drives involving non-hunters, which cause the area quotas to be exceeded, or which are intended to push deer from non-hunting areas, must first be approved by a Conservation Branch representative. Drives will be coordinated by a designated drive captain and will be conducted in accordance with Standard Operating Procedure established by the Conservation Branch.

c. All persons involved in a drive within a hunting area must adhere to NAS blaze orange requirements. Drivers in non-hunting areas should not wear blaze orange, which might mislead the public and create concern about "hunting" in non-hunting areas or Safety Zones. A driver, moving from a non-hunting area into a hunting area, should first stop and put on the required blaze orange clothing.

12. Wounded Game

a. Hunters must make every reasonable effort to retrieve wounded game. In addition, hunters are encouraged to assist others in tracking and recovering wounded game. Whether or not the hunter is certain of a hit, he/she shall report the possible wounding on the hunter check-in/out sheet.

b. Under no circumstances shall any hunter, without proper escort, enter the groomed grounds of Mattapany (Flag Quarters) in pursuit of wounded game. A Conservation Branch representative or NAS Police shall be contacted and must escort the hunter.

c. All wildlife found injured or dead will be immediately reported to the Conservation Branch, (301) 342-3670, during normal working hours; or NAS Police, (301) 342-3208 or (301) 342-3218, after hours and on weekends. Only authorized Conservation Branch personnel or NAS Police may destroy an injured animal.

d. Deer injured or killed by government motor vehicles will be reported immediately to NAS Police. Deer or other animals hit or killed by aircraft will be reported immediately to the Air Operations Duty Officer, who in turn will notify the Conservation Branch, Public Safety Department, and/or the USDA agent. After tagging and inspection

by a police officer or a Conservation Branch representative, deer will be turned over to the Mattapany Rod & Gun Club. Deer killed by a privately owned vehicle may, after tagging by a police officer or Conservation Branch representative, will be turned over to the driver of the vehicle upon request. A deer not claimed by the driver of that vehicle within 24 hours will be turned over to the Mattapany Rod & Gun Club. Deer may not be accepted for personal use by NAS police officers, authorized deer checkers, or Environmental Division personnel.

e. Hunters may not pursue wounded game into an adjacent hunting area until first checking in from his/her assigned area and checking out to the new area, unless the hunter is in pursuit of a recently wounded animal and following an active and obvious blood trail. If pursuing wounded game with a weapon, but not following an active and obvious blood trail, hunters must first return to the check station and sign out to a specific hunting area. If not carrying a weapon, hunters may sign out on the Scouting sheet and pursue game in multiple areas. Hunters may not carry weapons in pursuit of wounded game after legal shooting hours.

13. Scouting

a. Scouting is defined as looking for game, game trails, or signs; preparing for hunting by searching out hunting locations or placing stands; or trailing wounded game after shooting hours. Weapons may not be carried into the field when signed out for scouting.

b. Unless closed for operational or security reasons, all areas are open for scouting year round.

c. Parking (hunting) passes are not required for scouting unless the hunter enters restricted roads or areas marked with signs reading "Authorized or Government Vehicles Only." Restricted roads are marked by signs at the road and/or are depicted on maps at the check station.

d. Hunters must sign in and out for scouting whenever they are required to display a parking pass. Only a single parking pass is required for each vehicle.

e. Hunters may sign out to scout up to three areas at a time.

14. Parking. Each check station is furnished with a procedures manual, which contains maps depicting authorized parking areas. **Vehicles are restricted to driving on paved or well-defined gravel roads. Off-road vehicular use and driving on dirt/grassy farm roads are prohibited.** However, use of these roads for retrieval of harvested deer is permitted. Keys for access through locked gates may be obtained from a Conservation Branch representative. Hunters shall park near the perimeter of the hunting area to minimize safety risks and disturbance to other hunters. **Do not block any roadways, firebreaks, or gates.**

15. Special Webster Field Annex Procedures

- a. Firearm hunting is prohibited in the following areas, 0730-1600, on normal workdays: W-1, W-2, and W-6. Refer to Figure 3 for a map of WFA terrestrial hunting areas.
- b. Firearm hunting is permitted in areas W-3, W-4, and W-5 during authorized hunting hours for the species being pursued.
- c. Area W-1A is open only to archery hunting.
- d. Waterfowl hunting along the shoreline of the St. Mary's River and St. Inigoes Creek, as well as on ponds 1, 2, 4, and 5, is prohibited during normal working hours, i.e., 0730-1700 Monday through Friday, as depicted in Figure 4.
- e. The section of shoreline from Priest's Point to the fishing pier may be used for waterfowl hunting on Saturdays and holidays only, after 0630. Prior to hunting this area, hunters must first notify WFA Security and the firehouse duty section, which is located in Bldg. 8076, if hunting within 150 yards of this structure.
- f. Pond 3 is closed to all hunting.

16. Tree Stands

- a. Permanent tree stands may not be built without prior written approval from the Environmental Division. All requests must be submitted in writing not later than 1 September. Building a permanent tree stand does not establish proprietary rights to its use. A permanent tree stand is defined as any stand attached to a tree by nails, screws, or bolts. Hunters are encouraged to repair or re-build old permanent tree stands.
- b. Hunters may not place a tree stand, ladder stand, tri-pod or ground blind within a hunting area more that 45 days prior to the opening day of the deer hunting season. Additionally, hunters must remove all portable tree stands, ladder stands, tri-pods and ground blinds within 45 days of the last day of the deer hunting season. Portable stands found within hunting areas outside of authorized dates will assume to be abandoned and may be confiscated by the Conservation Branch.
- c. Anyone caught stealing, damaging, or defacing a tree stand, or who interferes with or disrupts the lawful taking of wildlife by another person, will be prosecuted to the maximum extent possible.
- d. Use of a **safety belt or harness is mandatory** when hunting from any tree or ladder stand (portable or permanent).

17. Deer Hunting Procedures

a. Deer harvested onboard NAS or WFA do not count towards the State Region B bag limit. Deer harvested onboard NAS do not count towards the WFA bag limits and deer harvested onboard WFA do not count towards the NAS bag limit.

b. When firearm or muzzleloader deer seasons are open, all other hunting, except rabbit and waterfowl, is closed. During these periods, rabbit may be hunted between 1000 and 1400 only. Waterfowl hunting, with some area restrictions, is permitted during deer firearms and muzzleloader seasons, when the seasons run concurrently.

c. Hunting with a bow or muzzleloader is permitted during the firearms season. Hunting with a bow is permitted during the muzzleloader season. Regardless of weapon used, deer harvested are tagged against the season during which they are taken.

d. Archers desiring to hunt “archery only” areas during the firearms and muzzleloader seasons must wear, at a minimum, a solid blaze orange cap or hat. Archers hunting the firearm hunting areas during the firearm or muzzleloader seasons are required to follow the blaze orange requirements for firearm hunting areas and will be counted towards that area’s quota.

e. During the firearms deer and spring turkey seasons, Area 18 (normally an archery-only area) has a portion of the area open to firearms hunting. Archery hunters wishing to hunt the remaining archery-only section of Area 18 may do so only if they meet the firearm hunting blaze orange requirements and maintain at least 100 yards distance from the firearms hunting section boundary.

f. Hunters must field tag their deer prior to moving it from the site of the kill. Deer must be tagged at the check station for the installation where the deer was harvested (either NAS or WFA). Deer will not be field-dressed before being brought to the check station, unless otherwise directed by the Conservation Branch. Deer taken at WFA should be tagged by a WFA check station volunteer, if available. If not, the deer may be field-dressed prior to transport to the NAS check station (if necessary), only if the entrails are bagged and delivered to the check station with the deer. Except during the firearm deer season, when the check station may be manned, successful hunters must contact a Conservation Branch representative from the call-back list, which is posted at the check station, to tag the deer. No deer may be removed from NAS until tagged. When WFA check station personnel are not available, deer taken at WFA may be transported to NAS for tagging, after first checking out with Security at the Main Gate.

g. Deer may not be dressed or cleaned in any NAS housing area.

18. Wild Turkey

a. Wild Turkey may be hunted in firearm or archery only hunting areas.

b. Wild Turkey harvested on station must be checked in at the hunter check station for the facility where it was harvested. For example, a turkey harvested at NAS must be checked in at NAS and a turkey harvested at WFA must be checked in at WFA.

c. Turkey hunting is permitted on Sunday per NASPAXRIVNOTE 11015, Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits.

19. Small Game Hunting Procedures

a. Small game includes rabbit, dove, squirrel, groundhog (or woodchuck), woodcock, snipe, and rails. Small game may only be hunted in the firearm hunting areas.

b. All small game, with the exception of dove, may be hunted with either shotguns loaded with shotshells, or bow and arrow. Dove may only be hunted with shotguns loaded with shotshells. In addition to shotguns or bows, woodchuck may also be hunted with muzzleloading rifles of .32 caliber or larger, but not on Sundays.

c. Woodcock hunting parties are limited to three hunters.

d. Rabbit hunting parties are limited to four hunters.

20. Waterfowl Hunting Procedures

a. Waterfowl includes all species of ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots.

b. Figures 2, 4, and 5 identify those non-terrestrial areas open to waterfowl hunting. Only the licensed stake sites located within the BIR are open to waterfowl hunting. Waterfowl hunting is also permitted in all terrestrial firearm hunting areas.

c. Waterfowl hunters must wear blaze orange when transiting areas open to firearm hunting, especially during the firearm deer seasons and when traveling to and from hunting sites within firearms hunting areas during the late firearm and muzzleloader seasons.

d. Allow, upon request (and when areas 10 and 11 are open for hunting), a one-half day restriction to allow waterfowl hunting in areas 10 or 11 when the firearms or muzzleloader seasons overlap with the waterfowl hunting seasons. All requests received by the Conservation Branch 48 hours and/or two business days in advance will be considered. Hunters may only have one approved request at a time.

e. Waterfowl hunters must hunt from the NAS complex River and Bay shoreline, from a numbered stake or blind site, or a numbered point when either the firearms or muzzleloader seasons run concurrently with the waterfowl hunting season, except as described in paragraph 20.d. above.

f. The Conservation Branch must review all requests to build permanent or semi-permanent duck blinds. Building a permanent duck blind does not establish proprietary rights. A permanent blind has poles or pilings set into the ground. A semi-permanent blind has no poles set in the ground, but is not easily portable or readily taken down after a hunt.

g. Permanent or semi-permanent duck blinds may be used on a first come first serve basis. Hunters can check the sign-out sheets at the hunter check station to determine if other hunters are already checked in to a specific location. Locations of permanent blinds are listed in check station procedures manuals.

h. Hunters shall indicate the species and sex (when possible) of all waterfowl harvested.

i. When checking into hunt, hunters shall reference one of the following as the area in which they will be hunting:

(1) the terrestrial hunting area number or name closest to the location they plan to hunt;

(2) the duck blind name and number (e.g., Goose Creek 3); or

(3) the Gold Coast

j. Hunters wishing to hunt BIR do not need an NAS and/or WFA permit nor do they need to check-in/out at the hunter check station. Instead, hunters must first obtain a permit from Maryland DNR, fill it out, sign it, and send a copy to the Conservation Branch. Permits can be found on the Maryland DNR website, <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/>, or by calling (410) 260-8540. Completed permits can be faxed to (301) 342-7511; mailed to: Naval Air Station, Attn: Environmental Division, 22541 Johnson Road, Patuxent River, MD 20670-1700; or sent via e-mail to laura.labella@navy.mil.

21. Furbearer Hunting Regulations

a. Hunters may pursue coyote, red fox, gray fox, raccoon, and opossum in firearm hunting areas only except as noted herein.

b. Raccoon and opossum chasing or hunting with dogs is permitted in areas 14, 15, 16, and 17 and only on Fridays and Saturdays from sunset of that day to sunrise of the next day.

c. No tree may be cut down in pursuit of game.

d. Fox may be hunted by day in firearms hunting areas only. Night fox hunting is permitted, at the discretion of the Air Operations Officer. Hunters must contact the Air Operations Tower at (301) 342-3836 before checking out for night hunting. Hunters

must state that they will be using a spotlight and inquire about special concerns or restrictions. Hunting from tree stands is encouraged.

- e. Fox may not be pursued with dogs onboard NAS.
- f. Fox hunters must adhere to firearm hunting blaze orange requirements.

22. Dog Training

- a. Owners may run or train dog(s) on rabbit in Areas 8 and 9 (Figure (1)) from 1 August to the first day of rabbit season. Both areas may be worked at the same time.
- b. Dogs may be trained for water retrieving in Ponds 2, 3, and 4 or in Pine Hill Run, Goose Creek, or Harper or Pearson Creeks. Please respect other users. In addition, consideration should be made to the possible effects of training dogs in Ponds 2 and 3 during the waterfowl nesting period (April-August).
- c. Dogs may be trained for retrieving in an upland setting in hunting area 2.
- d. Training is permitted every day of the week. Water areas may be used year round.
- e. Check in/out on the dog training sheets at the hunter check station.
- f. Only starter pistols or shotguns with blanks may be used when hunting seasons are closed.
- g. No animals, domestic or wild, may be released onboard the NAS complex without prior approval of the CO. Requests should be submitted to the CO via the Conservation Director. In addition, all birds used for dog training and field trials must be marked with leg bands. Dog training that involves the pursuit of live game requires a State license and an NAS or WFA hunting permit.

23. Falconry. CO approval is required prior to hunting NAS or WFA. Requests should be submitted to the CO via the Conservation Director. Falconry is permitted per State regulations.

24. NAS Hunting Areas. Refer to the check station manual for detailed descriptions.

- a. Firearm hunting is authorized in the following areas: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.
- b. Archery hunting only is permitted in the following areas: 1, 5A, 12A, 13A, 13B, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 20A, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32. Only deer may be hunted in these areas, unless specifically excepted.

c. Area 1. A 150-yard buffer shall be observed around Mattapan Estate (Quarters A) at all times. At no time shall a hunter venture onto the groomed grounds of Mattapan Estate, unless escorted by Conservation Branch personnel or by a NAS Police Officer.

d. Portions of Areas 2, 8, 15, and 16 are located on former landfills, which may contain hazardous wastes. Hunters are hereby notified of these conditions and warned to refrain from any and all activities (such as digging, scraping, or boring into the soil) which could expose contaminants and create a risk of exposure. Any evidence of such activities in these areas should be reported immediately to the Conservation Branch.

e. Area 4. In addition to the hunter check in/out procedures, all hunters must make a reservation by calling the weapons duty office (301-342-5018) by close of business on Thursday for a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday hunt and by close of business the day of a hunt for Monday through Thursday hunt. Hunters have 30 minutes after the scheduled time before the area will be secured. All hunters must check in and out at the weapons duty office upon entering or leaving the area, as per reference (f). Firearms are not to be discharged towards or within 100 yards of magazines. Only personnel, approved by the Weapons Division Officer, are authorized to hunt within the fenced portion of hunting area 4. Authorized personnel include, persons with a valid NAS hunting permit, and hunters that have not had an NAS complex hunting violation in the last 5 years. Hunters must be signed out from hunting, at the weapons duty office, within one hour of the end of legal shooting time.

f. Area 7. Goose Creek Campground will open for hunting on the Saturday after Veterans Day and close on February 1. This includes deer, small game, and waterfowl hunting.

g. Area 10. Currently closed, but when open, use the parking lot at TC-7 (Steam Catapult). If hunting only the smaller portion of Area 10 (adjacent to the hot refueling pits), park along Cedar Point Road on the housing side of the road. Contact the Air Operations Duty Officer (AODO) at (301) 342-3836 prior to entry into any part of Area 10. All hunters must also sign in at the TC-7 duty office when hunting the larger part of the area that encompasses TC-7.

h. Area 11. Currently closed, but when open the AODO must be contacted at (301) 342-3836 prior to entry. Parking is permitted in Areas 12 and 13, as well as at TC-7 and buildings 106 or 1669. If parking at TC-7, you are required to check-in/out at the TC-7 duty office.

i. Area 13

(1) Before entering the portion of this area north of Buse Road, each hunter will contact the Navy Security Force Company at (301) 342-3259 or (301) 342-3272, and provide his/her name, type of weapon, and estimated time of arrival and departure. Hunters will call to report having left the area. The Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4) Alert Facility is located on the north and east side of Buse Road and should

not be approached with a weapon under any circumstance. Hunters should orient themselves away from the compound whenever possible.

(2) Do not hunt within the marked Range perimeter when the skeet range is in operation.

j. Area 18 is an archery only area. During the spring turkey and firearm or muzzleloader deer seasons, however, area boundaries are reduced and a portion of the area is open to firearms hunting. (Refer to section 17e.) Be alert for children, hikers, joggers, vehicles, and personnel working at the dog kennels (Bldg. 1181) and the Microwave Antenna Range. Observe a 200-yard buffer zone around Carpenter Park housing area.

25. Trapping

a. All areas open to hunting are open to trapping.

b. Trapping seasons are announced annually in NAS Notice 11015.

c. To prevent injury to hunting dogs, no leg hold or body gripping trap or wire snare may be set in Areas 2-17 during dove, woodcock, and rabbit seasons unless traps remain covered by at least 6 inches of water, are sprung, or are otherwise disabled. Some area closures (to small game hunting) may be announced to facilitate trapping of nuisance species.

d. Trappers must register in person with Environmental Division's Conservation Branch (building 504).

e. Trappers may request trapping areas on or after 1 October of each year. Drawings for areas will be held when the area demand exceeds quotas.

f. Selling rights to areas or swapping areas is prohibited.

g. A .22 caliber rimfire cartridge, fired from a pistol, is the only single projectile ammunition authorized to dispatch trapped animals. Shotguns with shotshells are also authorized.

h. Trappers are directed to contact the Environmental Division's Conservation Branch at (301) 342-3670 or in person (building 504, located on Peary Road) for specific details and regulations. Legal traps and methods are described in reference (e).

26. Party Hunting. A party is a group of individuals hunting together in close proximity. This includes groups sharing dogs or participating in organized drives. Party hunting may not exceed established area quotas. A hunting party is limited to four people for rabbit hunting.

27. Spotlighting. It is unlawful for any person to cast the rays of an artificial light on any NAS complex field or wooded area at any time. This restriction does not apply to law

enforcement personnel exercising official duties; Environmental Division representatives conducting official population studies; USDA agent conducting surveys and/or removal actions on the primary surface of the airfield, hunters engaged in authorized night raccoon, fox, or coyote hunting; or hunters signed out for scouting who are attempting to locate wounded or dead deer.

28. Wanton Waste. **Animals (including woodchuck and crows) may not be deliberately killed and left in the field.** Hunters should make every effort possible to retrieve lost or crippled game. All game killed and found by the hunter will be applied to a hunter's bag limit, regardless of condition. Cases of wanton waste will be prosecuted to the maximum extent possible. Hunters are encouraged to utilize as much of all harvested animals as possible.

29. Permit Suspension/Revocation Policy

a. Department of Defense (DoD) Police (Game Warden and deputies) will enforce all regulations and policies. Violation of state and/or federal game laws will be prosecuted in the U.S. District Court. Violations of NAS policies and regulations will be processed through the Legal Officer (N00J). Violators will be referred to the Legal Officer not later than the next working day following the report of the infraction. Hunters may plead their case in person or in writing to the Legal Officer, who is located in building 409. Penalties listed are the maximum that may be awarded for the given infraction. Appeal of punishment imposed by the Legal Officer will be forwarded to the CO, via the Executive Officer. Community service may be served at the rate of one hour per day of suspension.

b. Second and subsequent offenses will be considered if they have occurred within the past five years. These punishments are for routine incidents. Should an incident be aggravated or the perpetrator be uncooperative or unwilling to abide by the terms of a punishment, more severe punishments may be awarded (e.g., a 1st or 2nd offense may merit indefinite suspension of hunting privileges). Penalties may carry over into the following season. A hunter will not get credit for time served after the hunting season ends.

c. Violations and corresponding punishments are as follows:

VIOLATION

Check-in/out (failing sign-in/out, leaving, not where signed out to, illegal parking or blind reservation)

Exceeding hunter area quota

PUNISHMENT

1st Offense: 1 month suspension
 2nd Offense: 3 month suspension
 3rd Offense: 1 year suspension
 4th Offense: indefinite suspension

1st Offense: 3 month suspension
 2nd Offense: 1 year suspension
 3rd Offense: indefinite suspension

VIOLATION

Unauthorized "Mercy Killing"

Violation of NAS season or bag limit, but within State's season or bag limit

Incorrect firearm/ammo

Littering

Failure to wear safety clothing or to use safety belt in tree stand

Building/using unapproved blind or stand

Unapproved release of animals onboard NAS

Violation of State's season or bag limit (daily or season, wrong sex/age or species)

Defacing Property

No License and/or Station Permit (or expired permit)

Unescorted guest or junior hunter (sponsor & guest/junior hunter

PUNISHMENT

1st Offense: 3 month suspension
2nd Offense: 1 year suspension
3rd Offense: indefinite suspension

1st Offense: 3 month suspension & game forfeiture
2nd Offense: 1 year suspension & game forfeiture
3rd Offense: indefinite suspension & game forfeiture

1st Offense: 6 month suspension
2nd Offense: 1 year suspension
3rd Offense: indefinite suspension

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Failure to check deer at Station

1st Offense: 1 year suspension
2nd Offense: indefinite suspension

“Spotlight” hunting

1st Offense: 1 year suspension
2nd Offense: indefinite suspension

Wanton Waste

1st Offense: 1 year suspension
2nd Offense: indefinite suspension

Failure to comply with
Environmental Division special
announcements

1st Offense: 1 year suspension
2nd Offense: indefinite suspension

Establishing or using unauthorized
target range

1st Offense: 1 year suspension
2nd Offense: indefinite suspension

Violation of any state or federal
law or regulation which carries
a fine of \$50 or more

1st Offense: 1 year suspension &
Magistrate’s court
2nd Offense: indefinite suspension
& Magistrate’s court

Safety violation or shooting
incident not resulting in
property damage or injury

1st Offense: 1 year suspension &
hunter safety course
2nd Offense: indefinite suspension &
Magistrate’s Court

Safety violation or shooting
incident resulting in property
damage or injury

1st Offense: indefinite suspension &
Magistrate’s Court
2nd Offense: and/or other
appropriate criminal
proceedings

Note: Permit suspension/revocation
may be in addition to criminal
prosecution and/or prosecution through
the Uniform Code of Military Justice.