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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity South Potomac

Subj: NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY INDIAN HEAD RECREATIONAL HUNTING  
SEASONS AND HARVEST LIMITS FOR 2022-2023

Ref: (a) NSASPINST 5090.2D  
(b) Naval Support Activity South Potomac Physical Security Plan CH-2  
(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (COMAR); Title 08, Subtitle 03 Wildlife

1. Purpose. To announce the dates and harvest limits, hunting times, deer harvest regulations, permit fees, and bow proficiency requirements on Mainside and Stump Neck for the Naval Support Facility Indian Head (NSFIH) 2022-2023 hunting season.

2. Background. Hunting is permitted aboard NSFIH to promote sound game conservation, maintain habitat quality, and provide outdoor recreational opportunities. Hunting regulations are necessary to provide a safe hunting environment, to ensure accountability, to maintain required security, and to obtain hunter harvest data for wildlife conservation purposes. Safety is of the utmost concern and importance aboard NSFIH. All hunters shall be able to show their NSFIH hunting permit and all applicable licenses and, or stamps upon request. The Natural Resources Manager (NRM) administers the hunting program.

3. Scope and Applicability. Hunting procedures and regulations are outlined in references (a) through (c). Established procedures and regulations apply to all who hunt aboard NSFIH.

4. Action

a. Hunting Seasons

(1) Deer

(a) Archery. 9 September 2022 - 18 March 2023.

(b) Firearm. 26 and 27 November 2022; 3, 4, and 10 December 2022; 7, 8, 14, 21, and 28 January 2023; 4 and 11 February 2023 (Saturdays and Authorized Sundays Only).

(c) Muzzleloader. 22 and 29 October 2022; 17, 24 and 31 December 2022 (Saturdays and Federal Holidays Only).

(d) Primitive Deer Hunt Days. 1-3 February 2023

(2) Turkey

(a) Winter. 19-21 January 2023.

(b) Spring. 18 April 2023 - 23 May 2023.

(3) Rabbit. 5 November 2022 - 28 February 2023.

(4) Squirrel. 3 September 2022 - 28 February 2023.

(5) Mourning Dove. 1 September 2022 - 15 October 2022; 22 October 2022 - 25 November 2022; 15 December 2022 - 7 January 2023 (1 September - 15 October 2022 shooting hours are 1200 to sunset. For season dates after 22 October 2022, shooting hours are a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset). Saturdays and Federal holidays only.

(6) Waterfowl

(a) Early Resident Canada Goose. 1-24 September 2022.

(b) Late Resident Canada Goose. 19-25 November 2022; and 12 December 2022 - 7 March 2023.

(c) September Teal. No Season.

(d) Regular Duck. 15-22 October 2022; 12-25 November 2022; and 15 December 2022 - 31 January 2023.

(e) Black Duck. 12-25 November 2022; and 15 December 2022 - 31 January 2023.

(7) Furbearer Seasons

(a) Fox. Year Round.

(b) Raccoon. 15 October 2022 - 15 March 2023.

(c) Opossum. 15 October 2022 - 14 March 2023.

(d) Skunk. 1 November 2022 - 15 March 2023.

(e) Coyote. Incidental harvest of coyotes is authorized while deer hunting during authorized deer hunting dates and hours and within authorized deer hunting areas. Furbearer permit required.

b. Hunting Days and Times

(1) Hunting hours. Hunting hours comply with those identified in Federal and State game regulations, except where noted by NRM.

(2) Weekday Firearm and Muzzleloader Hunting. Weekday hunting with firearms or muzzleloaders is prohibited with the exception of:

(a) Federal holidays.

(b) Waterfowl hunting.

(3) Weekday Archery Hunting. Weekday archery hunting is permitted as follows:

(a) 1500 to half an hour after sunset in all hunting areas, unless otherwise noted by the NRM. Outside designated daylight savings time, hunting in all areas is permitted from 1430 to half an hour after sunset.

(b) All day Friday in hunting areas 4A, 4B, and 8A. Hunters may proceed to areas no earlier than 0500.

(c) All day Monday through Friday at Rum Point (hunting areas 9SN, 10SN, and 11SN). Hunters may proceed to areas no earlier than 0500.

(d) Spring turkey season is authorized from one half-hour before sunrise to 1200 in designated areas. During the last two weeks of the spring turkey season, hunting is authorized from half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset. Hunters may proceed to areas no earlier than 0500 during the last two weeks of the season.

(4) Saturday and Federal Holiday Archery Hunting. Saturday and Federal holiday archery hunting is permitted as follows:

(a) One half-hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset in all hunting areas, unless otherwise noted by the NRM. Hunters may proceed to areas no earlier than 0500.

(b) Spring turkey season is authorized from one half-hour before sunrise to 1200. During the last two weeks of the spring turkey season, hunting is authorized from half an hour before sunrise to an half an hour after sunset. Hunters may proceed to areas no earlier than 0500 during the last two weeks of the season.

(5) Saturday and Federal Holiday Firearm and Muzzleloader Hunting. Saturday and Federal holiday hunting with firearms and muzzleloaders is permitted as follows:

(a) One half-hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset in designated firearm stand sites, unless otherwise noted by the NRM. Hunters may proceed to areas no earlier than 0500.

(b) Spring turkey season is authorized from one half-hour before sunrise to 1200. During the last two weeks of the spring turkey season, hunting is authorized from half an hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset. Hunters may proceed to areas no earlier than 0500 during the last two weeks of the season.

(6) Sundays and Christmas Day Hunting. Deer hunting is authorized during the Region B Sunday hunting dates for archery and the Charles County Sunday hunting dates for firearms, which are:

(a) Archery. 16, 23, and 30 October 2022; and 6, 13 November 2022.

(b) Firearm. 27 November 2022; 4 December 2022; and 8 January 2023.

(c) No other hunting is authorized on Sundays.

(d) No hunting is authorized on Christmas Day.

c. Deer Harvest Goals

(1) Mainside. 60 deer of which at least 75 percent are female. Maintain a 1:1 sex ratio.

(2) Stump Neck Annex. 30 deer of which at least 75 percent are female. Maintain a 1:1 sex ratio.

d. Deer Harvest Regulations. Deer herd management at NSFIIH supports the principles of quality deer management. The following regulations will be in place for the 2022-2023 deer hunting season.

**Note: Deer harvest regulations are subject to change by the NRM depending upon results of deer spotlight surveys, increase in vehicle and, or deer collision incidents, and, or how the hunting season progresses.**

(1) Mainside

(a) NSFIIH hunters at Mainside shall be authorized to harvest up to seven deer for the archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons and at least five of the seven shall be antlerless. NSFIIH hunters that achieve doe harvest limits at Mainside may be authorized to harvest additional does, if needed to control deer populations.

(b) The first deer taken at Mainside shall be female.

(c) Only two antlered deer per hunter shall be taken at Mainside.

(d) If a hunter takes three male fawns (button buck) the hunter shall forfeit all antlered tags at Mainside. A deer will be considered antlered if it has one or more hardened antlers visible and greater than one inch above the hairline.

(e) Hunters choosing to harvest a quality buck at Mainside must follow Mainside quality buck criteria. The harvested quality buck must meet a Pope and Young gross score of at least 130. If the hunter fails to meet these restrictions, he or she has the option of proving that the buck is at least four years old. The age can be determined by the NRM examining the jawbone or by cementum annuli at the hunter's own expense. If the hunter fails to meet this restriction, their antlered tags will be forfeited the following year at NSFIIH. This emphasis is directed to ensure that harvested deer fall within the quality deer management program. No hunter is authorized to harvest more than one buck meeting Mainside quality buck criteria. If a hunter does harvest a second Mainside quality buck then that hunter shall forfeit their antlered tags for the following year at NSFIIH and the NRM shall confiscate the second Mainside quality buck.

(f) Mainside hunters are authorized to harvest one additional buck in addition to the one authorized quality buck meeting Mainside quality buck criteria. One doe shall be harvested prior to harvesting the additional buck. The antler size of the additional buck is limited to six points or less.

## (2) Stump Neck Annex

(a) NSFIIH hunters shall be authorized to harvest up to seven deer combined for archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons at Stump Neck Annex (SN) and at least five of the seven deer shall be antlerless.

(b) The first deer taken at SN may be either sex.

(c) Only two antlered deer per hunter shall be taken at SN, unless otherwise noted by the NRM.

(d) Hunters choosing to harvest a quality buck on SN must follow SN quality buck criteria. The harvested quality buck shall have at least six points. If the hunter fails to meet these restrictions, their antlered tags will be forfeited the following year at NSFIIH. This emphasis is directed to ensure that harvested deer fall within the quality deer management program. No hunter is authorized to harvest more than one buck meeting SN quality buck criteria. If a hunter does harvest a second SN quality buck then that hunter shall forfeit their antlered tags for the following year at NSFIIH and the NRM shall confiscate the second SN quality buck.

(e) SN hunters are authorized to harvest one additional buck in addition to the one authorized quality buck meeting SN quality buck criteria. One doe shall be harvested prior to harvesting the second buck. The antler size of the additional buck is limited to four points or less.

(3) The daily deer harvest limit is two deer, unless otherwise authorized by the NRM to reach management requirements.

(4) Hunters that fail to produce antlers to the NRM within one week for verification purposes shall forfeit their buck tag for the following year at NSFIH.

e. Baiting. The use of bait shall be authorized only during specific times of the year and at specific locations as determined by the NRM. A sign-up sheet for baiting will be posted at Building 554 once the specific times of year and locations have been determined.

f. Licenses and Permits. All hunters are required to possess a state of Maryland hunting license, NSASP hunting badge and NSFIH hunting permit. Hunters shall have these in their possession at all times when hunting. NSFIH annual hunting permits for the 2022-2023 season are issued by the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Department at Building 620 (301-744-4850) Monday through Friday from 0700-1700.

g. Fees. The hunting permit fees are listed in Table (1). MWR shall be authorized to charge a \$1.00 issuance fee for each hunting permit. Hunters over 65 years of age shall not be charged permit fees but will be issued a no-cost permit.

**Table 1: NSFIH 2022-2023 Hunting Permit Fees**

Categories	E6 and Below	E7-O3	O4 & Above-Retired. Military/Civilians from NSFIH & Active NSFIH Civilian & Center	Guests and Dependents
Small Game	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Waterfowl	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
Big Game	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
Trapping	\$ 5.00	\$8.00	\$12.00	No Trapping
Combination/Fishing Included	\$18.00	\$21.00	\$25.00	\$35.00

h. Archery Qualifications. All archery hunters shall meet NSFIH annual archery proficiency standards before archery hunting aboard NSFIH. Archery hunters may be exempt from archery qualifications if they meet the following criteria: hunted at NSFIH for five or more consecutive seasons; no failed archery qualifications during the five year period; and no more than two deer recorded lost by the NRM in the five year period. NSFIH archery proficiency standards comply with the Maryland State Shooter Qualification Program.

(1) Archery qualifications will be held at Building 1890 and sign-up sheets will be posted outside Building 554. All qualification shots shall be taken from either a tree stand at least 12 feet from the ground or on the ground, depending on the individual's preference. However, if the hunter wishes to hunt from a tree stand, then the hunter shall qualify from a tree stand. All hunters shall qualify with the bow(s), crossbow(s) and type of arrow(s) they will use during the season. Hunters are required to qualify with broadheads.

(2) The archery qualification shall consist of each hunter placing one arrow into each of three life-size deer targets' vital zones at ranges less than 25 yards. A fourth and fifth optional arrow can be shot at any previous target of the hunter's choice if any one of the previous shots missed the vital zone. Missing any three life-size target's vital zones will disqualify the hunter. Arrow shafts on the borderline of the vital zone must span the width of the borderline.

(3) The qualifying official, along with the shooter, shall inspect each target prior to removing arrows from the targets. The qualifying official shall not allow an individual to qualify if he or she fails to handle their equipment and themselves in a safe and ethical manner. An individual may attempt qualification any number of times but may not requalify until one day after the previous attempt.

(4) A safety harness shall be used during the qualification.

i. Firearm and Muzzleloader Qualifications. All NSFIH firearm and muzzleloader hunters shall meet certain shooter qualification proficiency standards required by the Maryland State Shooter Qualification Program. Hunters that meet these proficiency standards shall be issued a Maryland State Shooter Qualification Card valid for the current year. All NSFIH firearm and muzzleloader hunters must provide this card to participate in firearm and muzzleloader hunts at NSFIH. One firearm and muzzleloader qualification shall be provided by the NRM in August or September at the Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management Area shooting range. All hunters wishing to qualify at that time shall adhere to the Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management Area shooting range regulations and permit fees. Hunters that do not qualify during this time shall be responsible to locate facilities or groups that provide this service.

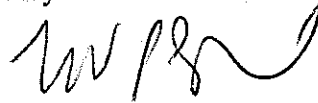
j. Scouting/Deer Stands. Activity in hunting areas before and during the hunting season will influence deer movement and potentially impact subsequent hunting success. As a result, hunters shall be considerate of other hunters when scouting and moving portable stands. Activities shall be regulated in the following manner:

(1) Scouting is allowed Monday through Sunday from sunrise to sunset. All hunters who want to scout shall sign in and out at Building 554 or at the SN target range (behind Building 2073) no earlier than one hour prior to scouting. Hunters may sign out to scout only two areas at a time. Scouting shall not take place within an area being hunted or an adjacent area.

(2) Deer stand installation is authorized Monday through Sunday from sunrise to sunset. Only two manufactured deer stands per hunter shall be placed on NSFIH at any one time. One of these stands shall be semi-permanent (i.e. the stand may be left in place more than one hunting day) and the other stand must be removed each day. Installation of a permanent deer stand shall

not take place within an area currently being hunted or an adjacent area. All hunters shall provide the location of their permanent deer stand to the NRM. All deer stands shall be removed within two weeks of the closure of the archery deer season.

5. Records Management. Records created as a result of this notice, regardless of media or format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of September 2019.



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