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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity South Potomac

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

Ref: (a) NSASPINST 5090.2D  
(b) Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) Physical Security Plan CH-2  
(c) Virginia Annotated Code (VAC); Title 29.1 Game, Inland Fisheries, and Boating

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

2. Background. Hunting is permitted aboard NSFDL 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 utmost concern and importance aboard NSFDL. All hunters shall be able to show their NSFDL hunting permit and all applicable licenses/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 NSFDL.

4. Action

a. Hunting Seasons

(1) Deer

(a) Youth and Apprentice. 24 September 2022 (either sex).

(b) Archery. 1 October 2022 - 18 November 2022 (either sex).

(c) Muzzleloader. 5 - 18 November 2022 (either sex).

(d) Firearm. 19 November 2022 - 7 January 2023 (either sex hunting days: 26 Nov 2022, 03 Dec 2022 and 26 Dec 2022 – 07 Jan 2023). Archery and muzzleloader hunting are

permitted; hunters shall comply with the either sex deer hunting days. Note: Regardless of the change to the King George County ordinance, the use of rifles is NOT permitted on NSFDL.

(e) The deer bag limit for NSFDL is identified under 4.d. on page 4.

(f) NSFDL may participate in the Virginia Deer Population Reduction Permit (DPOP) program this season. Consequently, antlerless deer tags may be available. The NRM will provide further direction prior to the beginning of the deer season.

(2) Turkey

(a) The turkey bag limit is one per day; three per license year; no more than two may be taken in the fall.

(b) Youth and Apprentice. 8 October 2022 (either sex).

(c) Archery. 1 October 2022 - 18 November 2022 (either sex).

(d) Fall Firearms. 22 October 2022 - 4 November 2022; 24 November 2022; 5 - 31 December 2022; 14 - 28 January 2023 (either sex).

(e) Spring Turkey. 1 April 2023 (Youth and Apprentice); 8 - 23 April 2023 (1/2 hr before sunrise to 1200); 24 April 2023 - 15 May 2023 (1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset) (bearded turkeys only during spring turkey season; one per day).

(3) Quail. Closed at NSFDL due to low population numbers and the species designation as a Mission Sensitive Species by DoD Partners in Flight.

(4) Rabbit. 5 November 2022 - 28 February 2023 (six per day). Adhere to carcass disposal regulations due to rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus 2 (RHDV2).

(5) Squirrel. 3 September 2022 - 28 February 2023; 3 - 17 June 2023 (six per day).

(6) Dove. 3 September 2022 - 23 October 2022; 19 - 27 November 2022; 23 December 2022 - 21 January 2023 (1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset with exception of 3 September 2022 which is 1200 to sunset) (15 per day).

(7) Woodcock. 11 November 2022 - 3 December 2022; 27 December 2022 - 17 January 2023 (1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset) (three per day).

(8) Waterfowl

(a) September Canada Goose. 1 - 16 September 2022 (1/2 hr before sunrise to 1/2 hr after sunset); 17 - 25 September 2022 (1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset) (ten per day).

(b) September Teal. 17 - 30 Sep 2022 (1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset) (six per day).

(c) Ducks. 7 - 10 Oct 2022 (Black duck closed); 16 - 27 Nov 2022; 17 Dec 2022 – 29 Jan 2023; Youth and Veterans Waterfowl Days. 22 Oct 2022 and 4 Feb 2023 (1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset). See state regulations for specific bag limits.

(d) Mergansers and Coots. 7 - 10 Oct 2022; 16 - 27 Nov 2022; 17 Dec 2022 - 29 Jan 2023. (Daily Bag Limit: Mergansers. Five birds, the restriction on hooded mergansers has been removed. Coots. 15 per day).

(e) Canada Goose. 19 Dec 2022 - 1 Jan 2023; 14 - 29 Jan 2023 (1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset) (One per day).

(f) Light Goose. 17 Oct 2022 - 31 Jan 2023 (1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset) (25 per day). No Conservation Order Season.

(g) Tundra Swan. 16 Nov 2022 - 31 Jan 2023. Permit required (one per permit).

(9) Furbearer Firearms Seasons

(a) Fox. 1 Nov 2022 - 28 Feb 2023.

(b) Raccoon. 15 Oct 2022 - 10 Mar 2023 (two per hunter).

(c) Opossum. 15 Oct 2022 - 10 Mar 2023.

(d) Skunk. Continuous.

(e) Coyote. Continuous.

b. Hunting Days and Times

(1) Hunting hours. Hunting hours comply with those identified in federal and Commonwealth game regulations. Access to hunting areas is permitted 1 1/2 hours before sunrise.

(2) Weekday Firearms Hunting. Weekday hunting with firearms is prohibited with the exception of:

(a) Deer hunting during muzzleloader season at Pumpkin Neck after 1500 unless an earlier release is approved by the EEA Site Supervisor.

(b) Federal holidays.

(c) Between Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

(d) Waterfowl hunting from blinds 10, 11, 12, and 13 along the Pumpkin Neck shoreline.

(e) Waterfowl hunting from blinds 14 and 15 and area 16 around Thanksgiving and Christmas depending upon testing schedules.

(f) Waterfowl Blind 16 – NO HUNTING.

(3) Weekday Archery Hunting. Weekday archery hunting is permitted as follows depending upon range testing schedules:

(a) Mainside. All day in hunting compartments west of Gambo Creek; after 1500 in hunting compartments east of Gambo Creek.

(4) Saturday Firearms and/or Archery Hunting.

(a) Between 1 Sep 2022 and 28 Feb 2023 on Mainside and 1 Sep 2022 and 31 Jan 2023 on Pumpkin Neck.

(b) Saturdays during spring gobbler season on both sites.

(c) Saturdays during June squirrel season on Mainside.

(5) Sunday Hunting. Restricted to waterfowl hunting in shoreline blinds 10 through 15 and area 16.

(6) Christmas Day Hunting. No hunting permitted.

c. Deer Harvest Goals

(1) Mainside. 15 deer and strive for a 1:1 sex ratio.

(2) Pumpkin Neck. 40 deer and strive for a 1:1 sex ratio.

d. Deer Harvest Regulations. Deer herd management at NSFDL 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 and/or how the hunting season progresses in order to reach the deer harvest goals.

(1) Mainside

(a) The harvest of one antlered buck per license year. The buck shall meet the legal requirements as defined under 4 d.(1)(b).

(b) A legal buck is defined as one that possesses at least three 1-inch points on one side and has a 15-inch inside spread with a 0.5-inch margin of error. An exception is permitted for a 4-year old buck or older.

(c) The harvest of one antlerless deer per license year.

(d) An antlerless deer may be harvested first during the archery and muzzleloader season and during firearms seasons either sex days (26 Nov, 3 Dec, and 26 Dec - 7 Jan). Otherwise, a buck must be harvested first on all other dates during the firearms season.

(e) Hunters shall strive to not harvest small deer thereby limiting the take of fawns. The harvest of a fawn shall count as a hunter's doe or buck.

(2) Pumpkin Neck.

(a) The harvest of one antlered buck per license year. The buck shall meet the legal requirements as defined under 4 d.(2)(b).

(b) A legal buck is defined as one that possesses at least three 1-inch points on one side with no spread requirement.

(c) The harvest of two antlerless deer per license year.

(d) An antlerless deer may be harvested first during the archery and muzzleloader season and during firearms seasons either sex days (26 Nov, 3 Dec, and 26 Dec - 7 Jan). Otherwise, a buck must be harvested first on all other dates during the firearms season.

(e) Hunters shall strive to not harvest small deer thereby limiting the take of fawns. The harvest of a fawn shall count as a hunter's doe or buck.

(3) Deer hunting will be permissible in the OFF LIMITS area at Pumpkin Neck by Naval Surface Warfare Dahlgren Division Ordnance Certified Team Leaders throughout the season, and by other base-permitted hunters during scheduled special hunts. A Plan of Action shall be prepared that outlines implementation of the special hunts.

(4) Penalties for harvesting an illegal deer will be administered on a case by case basis depending upon circumstances. They may include loss of hunting privileges, confiscation of antlers, eight hours of service to the natural resources program, loss of buck harvest privileges, etc. The NRM may also establish individual harvest restrictions for that hunter the following year, if warranted.

Note: The deer harvest regulations are site specific and therefore independent; that is, what a hunter harvests on one site does not influence his/her harvest requirements on the other site. However, suspension of a hunter's privileges will include both sites.

e. Licenses and Permits. All hunters are required to possess a Commonwealth of Virginia hunting license, NSASP hunting badge and NSFDL hunting permit. Hunters shall have these in their possession at all times when hunting as well as their weapon registration. NSFDL annual hunting permits for the 2022-2023 season are issued by the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Department at the Tickets and Travel Office in Building 106 (540-653-8785) Monday through Friday from 0800-1600.

f. Fees. The hunting permit fee is \$20.00 plus a \$1.00 administrative fee. Hunters under 16 and over 65 years of age shall be issued a no-cost permit with the exception of the \$1.00 administrative fee.

g. Archery Qualifications. All archery hunters shall have taken the International Bow Hunter Education Course. In addition, all archery hunters shall annually meet the following archery proficiency standards before archery hunting aboard NSFDL (the test will be given by the NRM at scheduled times). All hunters shall qualify with the bow(s), crossbow(s) and type of arrow(s) they will use during the season:

(1) Place one broadhead arrow in the insert of a 3-D target at two locations (total of two arrows). The shaft of the arrow must be in the insert. Targets shall be placed at undisclosed distances not to exceed 25 yards. Typical distance determination techniques may be employed.

(2) All tests shall be conducted from an elevated stand unless an individual is physically unable to climb or hunts only from the ground. However, if the hunter wishes to hunt from a tree stand then the hunter shall qualify from a tree stand.

(3) All sportsmen shall take the test upon arrival with no warm up shots.

(4) Sportsmen may attempt to pass the test just once a day. No more attempts will be permitted if the sportsman is unable to pass the test after three (3) attempts.

(5) A manufacturer approved safety harness shall be used during the test.

h. 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. Scouting activities shall be regulated in the following manner:

(1) June through August. No scouting.

(2) September, Tue and Thu after 1500.

(3) October through December. Sundays only from 1000 to 1600.

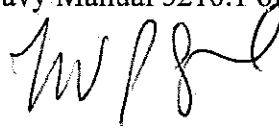
(4) The first Sunday in January through May. No day or time restrictions.

(5) Scouting activities shall be identified in the Game Check Station logbook when conducted during the hunting seasons (i.e. Sep - Dec and Apr - May).

(6) No scouting is permitted on Pumpkin Neck due to access restrictions.

(7) All hunters shall provide the location of their deer stand(s) and affix some form of identification on their stand(s). All deer stands shall be removed within two weeks of the closure of 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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