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HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATION



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History. This publication is a major revision.

Summary. This regulation establishes rules and statutes for hunting and fishing on Fort Jackson, SC to the extent that they are not in conflict with state or federal laws or regulations.

Applicability.

- a. This regulation applies to all Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation authorized patrons and guests of authorized patrons.
- b. This regulation is punitive. All violations will be addressed through the Installation Directorate of Emergency Services (DES)/Provost Marshal (PM).

Proponent and exception authority. The proponent of this regulation is the Fort Jackson Director, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR).

Army internal control process. This regulation contains internal control provisions for typical punitive actions for violations.

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Distribution. This publication is available and intended for all authorized patrons wishing to hunt and fish on Fort Jackson.

Summary of Change

This revision implements changes to Fort Jackson Regulation 28-4, dated 2012. This is a re-write of the Fort Jackson Hunting and Fishing Regulation.

- Changed signature block to MG John P. Johnson (page 1).
- Appendixes A – H were removed and incorporated into this revision. The only appendix is a listing of the references that apply to this regulation.
- Removed DFMWR responsibility to establish procedures and monitor disposition of accidentally or illegally killed deer.
- Added Range Control as the responsible party to designate available hunting areas (page 12, para 1-4.a.).
- Removed "Planting annual food plots will be avoided as major activity." from Director of Public Works (DPW) responsibility.
- Removed requirement for the game wardens to charge all offenders on DD Form 1408.
- Moved hunter safety briefing from a DFMWR responsibility to a DES responsibility (page 12, para 1-3.i.).
- Removed description of support provided by Savannah Rapids Veterinary Services Support District (previously page 3).
- Removed previous section 3.d.(6) (previously page 4).
- Added allowance for DES to close hunting and fishing due to weather or other emergency (page 12, para 1-3.h.).

- Added paragraph for individuals to follow all written or oral instructions of the PM Office (PMO) or game wardens (page 13, para 1-5.b.).
- Added paragraph stating the hunting individual's responsibility to ensure there are no Soldiers training in the area intended for hunting (page 13, para 1-5.c.).
- Clarified paragraph about fire danger to state no fires are allowed while hunting and fishing (page 13, para 1-5.d. (1)).
- Clarified paragraph about the requirement to annually attend the hunters' safety brief by the game wardens before signing out a hunting area (page 13, para 1-5.e).
- Removed DOD contractor employees, technical representatives and employees of military banking facilities from authorized patrons (page 14, para 2-1).
- Clarified requirements for migratory bird and migratory waterfowl permits (page 14, para 2-2.a-d.).
- Removed sliding scale for a free hunting and fishing post permit for E-1 through E-4 based on new IMCOM policy.
- Changed post hunting and fishing permits to expire one year from purchase (page 15, para 2-3).
- Added paragraph to give the location of pricing for hunting and fishing permits and guest pricing (page 15, para 2-4.g.).
- Added clarification that for special hunts, hunters must present their tags, if required, and proof of hunter's education prior to the draw for special hunts. Also, added clarification that Quality Deer Management Area (QDMA) rules and standards may be modified on a per case basis to meet the requirements of special hunts (page 16, para 2-9).
- Clarified paragraph 2-10, which gave priority access to training areas for large game to active duty (page 16, para 2-10).
- Added Old Mill Pond to the list of lakes/ponds that do not require to be signed out (page 17, para 3-2).
- Added the requirement to have a vehicle identification card in the window of a vehicle that is fishing in the cantonment area (page 17, para 3-2.a.).

- Added fishing bows to the list of prohibited fishing practices (page 18, para 3-5.c).
- Clarified the wording defining maximum “fishing devices” (page 19, para 3-8).
- Changed who provides hunter safety briefing from Outdoor Recreation to DES (page 19, para 4-1).
- Clarified which state or federal regulation applies under Applicable Regulations (page 19, para 4-2).
- Removed the hunt area draw at 1215 hours and replaced it with a first come, first served basis for all hunt areas (page 20, para 4-4 thru 4-4.a.).
- Changed wording to include signage verbiage of areas to avoid (page 21, para 4-6).
- Added wording to authorize organized coyote night hunts (page 22, para 4-9).
- Under prohibitions added: aa. releasing of wild or domestic animals; bb. removal of posted signage; and cc. no hunting within 200 yards of any authorized feeder (page 25, para 4-14.aa-cc.).
- Changed all hunting areas to QDMA standards (page 25, 4-15.a.).
- Revised the harvest period for antlerless deer (page 25, para 4-15.b).
- Clarified reference location for QDMA standards (page 25, para 4-16.a).
- Changed harvest limits for white-tailed deer (page 25, para 4-16. a-b), quail (page 33, para 4-42.b), raccoons, and opossums (page 29, para 4-35.b).
- Changed all hunt areas to QDMA standards (page 25, para 4-17).
- Added a paragraph about the requirements for personal tree stands left in the training areas (page 26, para 4-20.f.).
- Added clarification to the big game check in procedures that all large game must be checked in by a game warden or appointed personnel (page 27, para 4-21).
- Opened cantonment bow areas (BA) to turkey hunting from an elevated stand only (page 27, para 4-26).
- Added clarification to who is responsible to check in all turkeys at the Big Game Check Station (page 28, para 4-27).

- Added clarification about multiple hunters signing out one turkey area (page 28, para 4-28).
- Reworded for clarity of slugs and buckshot (page 29, para 4-32).
- Added regulations for beaver hunting (page 30, para 4-37.a-e).
- Added clarification to checking in hogs and coyotes (page 31, para 4-38.d.(3)).
- Added allowances for baiting hogs and coyotes (page 31, para 4-38.d.(7)).
- Established Davis Waterfowl Impoundment as youth-only for waterfowl hunting on certain dates each year (page 33, para 4-41.c.(6)).
- Modified the penalty for permitting another hunter to use your hunting license or permit from two to five years for the first offense (page 36, para 8-1).
- Modified the penalty for unauthorized use, carrying, or transportation of weapons from one to two years for the first offense (page 36, para 8-1).
- Modified the penalty for the use of alcoholic beverages or under the influence of alcohol or drugs while hunting from two to five years for the first offense (page 37, para 8-1).
- Modified the penalty for failure to check in deer or turkey taken on Fort Jackson for biological data collection from three to five years for the first offense (page 38, para 8-1).
- Added the penalty for forgetting or refusing to sign back in from an area while large game hunting on the last day of the season (page 38, para 8-1).
- Modified the penalty for permitting another to use fishing license or Fort Jackson permit from two to five years for the first offense (page 38, para 8-2).
- Modified the penalty for unauthorized use of combustion motors from thirty to ninety days for the first offense (page 39, para 8-2).
- Modified the penalty for failure to sign in or out before or after fishing from thirty to ninety days for the first offense (page 39, para 8-2).

- Added clarification on allowable weapons and ammunition for all small game hunting (page 29, 4-32; page 30, para 4-34.c; page 29, para 4-35.c; page 29, 4-36.c; page 30, para 4-37.c; page 30, para 4-38.c; page 32, para 4-41.b; and page 33, para 4-42.c).
- Included crossbows as archery equipment where applicable throughout the document.
- Made regulations consistent with current state regulations throughout the document.
- Revised opening date for deer hunting in cantonment BA (page 34, para 5-4).
- Added recommended penalties for hunting with an unregistered weapon (page 38, para 8-1).

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Chapter 1

Fort Jackson Hunting and Fishing Program Responsibilities

1-1. DFMWR. DFMWR is responsible for the overall execution of the Fort Jackson Hunting and Fishing Program in coordination with appropriate directorates and regulations. DFMWR will:

- a. Supervise and coordinate the recreational aspects of the hunting and fishing program in accordance with (IAW) AR 215-1 and AR 200-1.
- b. Plan, organize, and supervise group hunts as authorized by DA PAM 420-7 and AR 215-1.
- c. Provide special instructions and a list of hunters and fishermen registered, to include name and home telephone number, to the DES/PMO game warden.
- d. In coordination with DPW, establish the method by which deer tags are issued to ensure tags are used per DPW deer management prescriptions.
- e. Report violations to appropriate command and law enforcement authorities.
- f. Receive and process applications for hunting and fishing privileges and maintain appropriate records. For purposes of this regulation the term "permit" is used to describe both the activity fees charged by DFMWR and the actual license and permit fees charged by DPW and federal and state agencies.
- g. Provide each hunter and fisherman a copy of this regulation.
- h. Issue each individual a vehicle control form for display while in the use area.

1-2. DPW. DPW will:

- a. Manage game and fish resources on Fort Jackson IAW the Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP) and in conformance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- b. Perform habitat improvements. These activities are accomplished in a manner directed toward the development of native habitats and perennial planting. Prescribed burning is utilized to enhance the fire dependent ecosystem and the associated indigenous wildlife populations. Fisheries management will emphasize the management of a sustained yield fishery to maximize user satisfaction while minimizing associated costs.
- c. Monitor indigenous and introduced wildlife populations to detect adverse changes of relative abundance, which may lead to overpopulation or jeopardize the continued existence of a species on the installation. Examples include the performance of surveys, collection of harvest data, and sampling of populations. Species abundance and health characteristics are considered in the monitoring procedures.

d. Set fish and game harvest limits, strategies, and season dates in coordination with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

e. Recommend population control activities to maintain wildlife populations at levels that do not exceed the carrying capacity of the habitat and to prevent health and safety hazards.

1-3. DES/PMO. DES/PMO will:

a. Enforce fishing and hunting laws and regulations. Military police (MP) and game wardens have the authority to confiscate Fort Jackson hunting and fishing permits from person(s) who are in violation of this regulation. Confiscated Fort Jackson hunting and fishing permits, filed with a DD Form 1408, will be forwarded to the Installation Hearing Officer (IHO) when an appeal is received for action within ten days. The Installation Commander will be the final appeal authority for all appeals concerning hunting and fishing privileges. State hunting and fishing licenses are not confiscated.

b. Provide, within resources, adequate personnel to perform the game warden mission. Game wardens will remain PMO assets but will maintain a close liaison with the DPW Wildlife Branch and Outdoor Recreation personnel to coordinate wildlife and fishing issues.

c. Conduct patrols to:

(1) Make routine checks of licenses, weapons, bag and creel limits, seasonal restrictions, check for unauthorized methods or means of taking fish and game, and establish roadside checkpoints as required.

(2) Cite violators and render reports IAW AR 190-45. Offenders may be cited on DD Form 1408 or Central Violations Bureau (CVB) Form 1805 for petty offenses or violations of this regulation. Offenses other than petty offenses are coordinated with Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA) or Assistant United States Attorney for possible charging. Military personnel may be charged under UCMJ. Civilian patrons may be charged under the Federal Assimilative Crimes Act, 18 United States Code, §13. Provide Outdoor Recreation with violation reports.

(3) Investigate fish, wildlife, and boating violations.

(4) Provide information to personnel in the area (i.e., directions, regulations, policies, etc.), locate and assist hunters/fishermen in distress (injured/vehicle breakdown, etc.).

d. Enforce procedures for hunting and fishing in approved areas.

e. Establish and monitor a hot line operation "Game Thief" for the purpose of reporting fish and game violations on Fort Jackson. Game Thief Hotline may be

reached at 803-751-3113 or through the Fort Jackson MP Desk at 803-751-3114/3115, or 911.

f. Issue a temporary letter of exclusion followed by a permanent letter of exclusion signed by the Garrison Commander. Persons receiving letters of exclusion will have 10 calendar days from the permanent action to submit a written appeal through the IHO to the Garrison Commander IAW Fort Jackson Regulation 210-1.

g. Check sign in/out register at the Big Game Check Station, Building G-2175, daily, 90 minutes after official sunset, to ensure everyone has returned safely from hunting or fishing.

h. Enforce procedures for hunting and fishing in approved areas. Close all hunting and fishing areas in case of emergencies such as threatening weather or other situations deemed appropriate by the PMO for the safety of all personnel.

i. Provide Fort Jackson Hunter Safety Briefing outlining each hunter's safety responsibilities.

1-4. DPTMS/Range Operations. DPTMS/Range Operations will:

a. Designate areas available for hunting and fishing in coordination with DPTMS range scheduling.

b. Provide Outdoor Recreation with a list of available training areas for recreational use each Thursday for the upcoming Saturday through Friday. Range operations will inform appropriate stakeholders if this list of areas change. All changes are available on Range Facility Management Support System (RFMSS) and posted at range operations.

c. Check hunting passes on windshields and report all vehicles in the training areas that do not have a proper pass to DES and game warden. Vehicles found outside the cantonment area will be inspected for a vehicle control form. All violations are reported to the MP desk sergeant and game warden.

d. Assist in locating hunters and fishermen in distress or vehicle breakdowns, and communicate to the PMO information to include the need for ambulance, wrecker service, or PMO assistance. Range operations can be reached by phone at 803-751-4732/7171.

e. Report damaged or missing signs related to impact areas, off-limits, and sector areas, etc., to DPW for appropriate action.

1-5. Individuals. Individuals will:

a. Know and abide by the South Carolina hunting, boating, and fishing laws; federal fish and wildlife regulations; and Fort Jackson regulations governing fishing and hunting on Fort Jackson.

b. Follow all verbal and written instructions of the PMO and Fort Jackson game wardens.

c. Ensure no Soldiers are in the area intended for hunting and will ensure hunting activities do not interfere with military training. Training confirmation can be made by calling the range operations fire desk at 803-751-7171/4732, or by visiting range operations, Building F7905 Dixie Rd.

d. Understand and follow the safety information provided below:

(1) Camp fires, warming fires, or open burning are prohibited. Report all wildfires to Fort Jackson Fire Department at 751-9111.

(2) Loaded rifles, pistols, or shotguns using slugs are prohibited while on the ground when signed out for deer hunting. These weapons are loaded after the hunter is in an elevated stand, and must be unloaded prior to descending. See Chapter 5 for specific restrictions related to using archery equipment within cantonment BA.

(3) If Soldiers enter your area for any reason, unload your weapon and leave the area immediately. Return to the Big Game Check Station to sign in the area. Note on sign-out sheet that Soldiers are in that hunt area. Do not get into an altercation with the Soldiers. Training comes first! If an area must close during the hunt, DFMWR staff, game wardens, or range operations will sound three blasts on their siren or horn. Hunters must exit the area immediately.

(4) Use of a safety belt or harness when utilizing any elevated stand, permanent or portable, is highly encouraged.

e. Comply with the Fort Jackson hunting safety briefing provided by the Fort Jackson game wardens. The briefing is offered once a week at a minimum, and all hunters are required to attend the briefing once a year prior to signing out an area.

f. Register all firearms used for hunting on Fort Jackson. Weapons are registered at the Visitor Control Center, and a copy of the weapons registration form must remain in possession of the hunter at all times when entering or hunting on Fort Jackson.

Chapter 2

General Regulations

2-1. Authorized Patrons

Safety, security, and the sustainability of natural resources are the primary concerns of the Fort Jackson Hunting and Fishing Program. Therefore, fishing and hunting access is restricted to the following groups of individuals: all active duty personnel, military retirees, Department of Defense appropriated fund and non-appropriated fund personnel, retired civilian employees, reservists, National Guard, Family members of

the above, or others as determined by the Installation Commander, and the general public to participate in specific hunting and fishing events or programs (ex., managed hunts) as organized by DFMWR.

2-2. License Requirements and Exceptions

Each person (16 years of age and over) who hunts or fishes on Fort Jackson must have in his/her possession a valid Fort Jackson hunting or fishing permit and a South Carolina hunting or fishing license. Additionally, persons (16 and older) hunting waterfowl must have a Federal Duck Stamp and a South Carolina Migratory Waterfowl Permit (State Duck Stamp). All migratory bird hunters (16 and older) must also have in their possession a free Migratory Bird Permit/Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit. Turkey tags are required of all turkey hunters regardless of age.

Exceptions:

a. Military personnel on leave, who are legal residents of South Carolina and stationed at installations outside of South Carolina, are not required to purchase a South Carolina hunting or fishing license and a Fort Jackson permit. Military personnel must have their leave form on their person while hunting. However, a big game permit for deer and turkey, and a state and federal duck stamp, along with a Migratory Bird Permit/HIP Permit, are required when applicable. Bona fide Family members must purchase a resident South Carolina hunting and fishing license and a Fort Jackson guest permit or annual permit.

b. Military personnel on leave, who are not legal residents of South Carolina and are stationed at installations outside of South Carolina, are required to purchase a nonresident hunting or fishing license and a Fort Jackson fishing or hunting permit. In addition, a nonresident big game permit is required for hunting deer and turkey.

c. Hunters, 64 years of age or older who hold a SCDNR lifetime hunting, lifetime combination, senior license, or gratis license are not required to obtain a Migratory Bird Permit/HIP Permit.

d. Hunters, who hold a SCDNR lifetime migratory waterfowl add-on, senior license, gratis license, Catawba license or disability license, do not need to obtain an annual Migratory Waterfowl Permit (State Duck Stamp).

e. Persons, who are authorized to hunt or fish on Fort Jackson and have obtained a State of South Carolina gratis or disability license, are required to complete a sportsman locator card each season and must obtain a big game hunting permit with appropriate fees.

NOTE: Youth under 16 years of age may hunt only when accompanied by a properly licensed parent or an authorized hunter with written permission to sponsor the youth from his/her parent or guardian. Documentation is furnished at the time of sign out.

2-3. Post Permit Term Duration

Post annual hunting and fishing permits expire one calendar year from the date of purchase. Exchanging or lending licenses/permits is prohibited.

2-4. Guests

Personnel 18 years of age or older who have a valid Fort Jackson hunting or fishing permit are authorized to invite a guest, providing a guest permit is obtained and the sponsor accompanies the guest while hunting or fishing. Rules governing guests are as follows:

a. Guests must have in their possession a valid South Carolina State hunting or fishing license. Guests hunting deer or turkey are also required to have a big game permit. Nonresident guests fishing/hunting are required to have a nonresident license and a guest permit.

b. For big game hunting, individuals may bring one guest or two (non-affiliated) Family members per day. For small game hunting and fishing, individuals may bring two guests per day.

c. Civilian guests are required to sign a waiver prior to hunting or fishing on the reservation.

d. Guest permits and waiver forms are signed at Marion Street Station, Building 4522, at the time of purchasing the guest permit.

e. Sponsors are responsible for the actions of their guests, and must ensure they abide by all state, federal, and post hunting and fishing regulations while on Fort Jackson. Sponsors of guests who are cited for violations of these regulations are subject to the same administrative penalties outlined in the appendix of this regulation as the violator.

f. Guests of big game hunters are accompanied to and from the hunt area by the sponsor, and are assigned in an area within the same numbered hunt area as the sponsor. Guests fishing and hunting small game will remain in the presence of their sponsor at all times.

g. Pricing for guest permits is available through Outdoor Recreation's website: <https://jackson.armymwr.com/programs/hunting-and-fishing>.

2-5. Area Sign Outs

Individuals entering authorized hunting, fishing, and scouting areas will sign out and in from the Big Game Check Station (Building G-2175). Sign out for scouting and fishing will include name, permit number, areas, ponds by number or name (do not sign "all" or "all open areas") and time out and in. Individuals signing for areas may sign for no more

than six alphanumeric areas as noted on the briefing map located at the Big Game Check Station. Areas are signed for in order of preference and time of use (a.m./p.m.). Possession of weapons while scouting or fishing is prohibited.

2-6. Vehicle Control Forms

Individuals hunting, fishing, or scouting are required to complete a vehicle control form, which is available at Marion Street Station. Completed vehicle control forms are to be placed inside of the windshield so that it is readable from outside the vehicle. The use of any other form or card is not authorized.

2-7. Hunter's Education

All hunters, regardless of age, are required to present their SCDNR hunter's education card or proof of an equivalent program from another state before being issued a post small or large game permit.

2-8. Social Security Number Requirements

Individuals issued a post permit are entered into RecTrac by their social security number. A Privacy Act notice is provided prior to requesting and entering anyone's social security number. Other information, such as a phone number, is obtained and utilized for emergencies and official action.

2-9. Youth and Other Special Hunts

Special hunting days for any season (deer, waterfowl, and/or turkey) are conducted IAW state and federal guidelines concerning dates, times, etc. QDMA rules and standards may be modified on a per case basis to meet the requirements of special hunts. For all special hunts, participants must show a valid hunters safety card and tags, if required, before being allowed to enter the draw for hunting areas. DFMWR and its proponent organizations reserve the right to conduct special hunting days.

2-10. Priority Access to Training Areas

Priority during selection of training areas for hunting large game (deer and turkey) is given to active duty Soldiers as afforded by regulation and IAW DFMWR procedures. Active duty Soldiers are allowed to sign out an area forty-eight (48) hours in advance at the Big Game Check Station. Priority designation is subject to change.

Chapter 3 Fishing

3-1. General Fishing Regulations

All fishing on Fort Jackson waters is IAW the fishing laws of South Carolina. This regulation is designed for use in combination with South Carolina regulations and anglers should be thoroughly familiar with both. This regulation repeats some South

Carolina regulations, but primarily places additional restrictions on fishing Fort Jackson waters.

3-2. Angler Sign In/Out

Individuals wishing to fish range area waters (Clark, Cobb, Messer's, Odom, Davis, Chaver's, Dupre, South, Boyden Arbor Ponds, Gills Creek, Colonel's Creek, or any other body of water within the range area of Fort Jackson where training or hunting is authorized), and all waters within the National Guard licensed area, must check the hunting map at the Big Game Check Station prior to entering the range area. Anglers will sign out only to those range area waters designated as open to fishing on the map using the fishing logbook maintained at the Big Game Check Station. No sign-out is required to fish Semmes, Upper and Lower Legion, Arrow Head, Twin Lakes, Golf Course ponds, Catfish Pond, Price's Pond, Varn Lake, Heise's Pond, Old Mill Pond, and the east side of Weston Lake. Unless signed out for night fishing, anglers are required to sign in upon completion of fishing or no later than (NLT) 90 minutes after official sunset. Night fishing anglers are required to sign in NLT 90 minutes after official sunrise.

a. A vehicle control card is completed and placed inside the windshield of any vehicle entering the range area or in the cantonment area for the purpose of fishing.

b. Family members, under 16 years of age, will be accompanied by a parent or responsible individual, who is authorized fishing privileges IAW the appendix, when fishing any Fort Jackson range area waters. An individual must be 18 years of age or older to sponsor a guest. The parent or responsible individual must have a valid state and post fishing permit to accompany or sponsor youth fishing in range area waters.

3-3. Boats

a. Boats are prohibited on all golf course ponds and Upper Legion Lake. Rowboats, canoes, and other small boats with no artificial power source other than an electric motor are authorized on all other ponds and lakes open for fishing.

b. Outboard motors can be used to fish: Davis, Boyden Arbor, Messer's, Dupre, Cobb's, Chaver's, Barstow and Odom Ponds, and Weston Lake. Weston Lake hours of operation are seasonal and may be obtained by calling 803-751-7353 or 803-751-LAKE. REMINDER: Weston Lake boaters must observe a no wake, idle speed and use only the authorized boat ramps.

c. All persons occupying a boat on Fort Jackson must wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device at all times.

d. All personnel utilizing Outdoor Recreation watercraft from Weston Lake or Marion Street Station shall be aware of safety guidelines for their type of craft.

3-4. Night Fishing

Night fishing is authorized on Price, Cobb, Davis, Messer's, Dupre, Clark, Odom, South, Weston and Semmes Lake.

3-5. Prohibitions

The following are prohibited on Fort Jackson:

- a. Releasing any species of fish into a Fort Jackson pond, either from another Fort Jackson pond, or from off-post.
- b. Individuals baiting or chumming fish in any manner for the purpose of fishing. Taking fish from a pond containing a DPW/DFMWR maintained fish feeder is allowed.
- c. Taking any species of fish by the use of a bow, firearms, seines or other nets, snares, explosives, electrical apparatus, fish traps, or fish baskets.
- d. Night fishing, except as specifically noted above.
- e. Selling, offering to sell, buying, or offering to buy any fish caught on the installation.
- f. Adding or removing boards or manipulating a water body by tampering with water level control structures in any way.
- g. Fishing in any waters posted with "NO FISHING" signs.
- h. Taking or attempting to take grass carp. Grass carp are stocked in ponds to help control noxious weeds.

3-6. Creel Limits

The daily creel limit on all lakes and ponds is:

- a. Bass - 3 per person.
- b. Other game fish (as defined in South Carolina hunting and freshwater fishing rules and regulations) - 15 per person.
- c. Catfish - 3 per person.
- d. Non-game fish (except grass carp) - no limit.

3-7. Size Limits

Size limits are the same as those designated by South Carolina hunting and fishing regulations.

3-8. Devices

In lakes and ponds, fish are caught with hook and line, fly rod, casting rod, pole and line, or hand line only. A fisherman may only use four of these game-fishing devices at the same time, except when fishing in a boat. A fisherman, fishing from a boat, may use an unlimited number of lawful game fishing devices if all persons in the boat, 16 years and older, have valid fishing licenses. Set hook, jug fishing, trotlines, bow and arrow, spears, gigs, nets, seines, tires, traps, and other devices are prohibited.

Chapter 4 Hunting

SECTION 1: GENERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

4-1. General Hunting

Hunters are required to follow both written and oral instruction given by Outdoor Recreation hunt control personnel and PMO game warden personnel. Hunters are required to attend a hunter safety briefing conducted by DES. Hunters are also required to cooperate with the DPW Wildlife Branch personnel in the collection of harvest data.

4-2. Applicable Regulations

In addition to this regulation, all SCDNR hunting and freshwater fishing rules and regulations and all federal regulations pertaining to hunting and fishing (especially 50 CFR part 20, Migratory Bird Hunting) also apply on Fort Jackson. Where this regulation does not address a specific subject, the applicable state or federal regulation applies. Where this regulation conflicts with federal regulations, federal regulations apply. Where this regulation conflicts with state regulations, this regulation applies.

4-3. Hunting Areas

The range area of Fort Jackson is divided into alphanumeric training/hunt areas (hunt areas correspond to recognized military training areas). When the military training schedule allows, these areas are open to hunting. All hunters are required to sign in at the Big Game Check Station prior to entering any hunt areas and sign out upon completion of hunting or NLT 90 minutes after official sunset (see exception for raccoon and opossum hunting, and organized coyote night hunts, Section 4 and 5).

4-4. Hunter Sign In

Sign in is accomplished by a first come, first served basis on the morning of the hunt. For deer hunting, a hunter may only sign in for one stand or alphanumeric stalk area at a time.

- a. Sign in for same day hunting will cease NLT one hour before official sunset.

b. With the approval of the Garrison Commander, personnel may modify these sign in procedures as necessary to improve the process or to resolve conflicts.

4-5. Hunter Safety

a. All deer hunters must wear a visible, solid, hunter orange coat or vest and headgear while hunting (with the exception of archery hunters hunting in a bow area, unless hunting on the ground in applicable bow areas). The use of red or faded fluorescent orange apparel, which has lost the color for the intended safety purpose, is prohibited. Once in an elevated stand, a hunter may remove their hunter orange apparel.

b. Deer stands found in need of repair will close until repairs are completed. Hunters will not use damaged deer stands in need of repair and should report damaged deer stands to DFMWR. Damaged deer stands, once identified, are marked with yellow caution tape until they are repaired/relocated, and closed deer stands are marked on the board at the Big Game Check Station.

c. Except when entering or leaving, those hunters signed in for a permanent stand are restricted to an area within a 100 meter radius of the stand (closed areas are not to be entered). Vehicles are parked within the hunter's assigned area and located so as not to disrupt another hunter or military training.

d. When signed in to an alphanumeric hunt area, hunters are not authorized to hunt or park within 200 meters of a permanent deer stand. Only one hunter is allowed to sign out each alphanumeric hunt area, except when a hunter is accompanying another hunter under the age of 16 years, or the first hunter signing for an alphanumeric area agrees to authorize additional hunters (not to exceed quotas set by DFMWR, normally four hunters) within the area. Multiple hunters may sign out designated bow areas when these areas are open to hunting. The number of hunters allowed in each bow area is restricted to the number of spaces available on daily sign out sheets. During waterfowl seasons, a 200-yard buffer around ponds and streams open to waterfowl hunting exists. Deer hunting is prohibited within this buffer during the hours of waterfowl hunting on days when these areas are open to waterfowl hunters. Information regarding waterfowl hunting seasons during deer season and open areas are available at the Big Game Check Station.

e. No hunting within 50 meters of a hard surface road except in a permanent numbered deer stand. No hunting within 50 meters of the installation boundary.

4-6. No Hunting Areas

a. Hunting is only authorized in areas designated by DPTMS or DFMWR personnel.

b. East Impact Area. Entry into any designated unexploded ordinance (UXO) containing impact area for the purposes of hunting, fishing, or scouting is prohibited IAW DA PAM 385-63, page 3, 2-1, a-b.

c. No hunting authorized within 50 meters of the Fort Jackson boundary.

d. Any area which is demarcated with signage reading "Caution," "Do Not Enter," and "Keep Out."

4-7. Other Restricted Areas

a. Endangered Species Sites. The Endangered Species Act prohibits the "take" of listed fish and wildlife species. "Take" means to "harm, harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt to engage in any such conduct. Criminal penalties may apply.

b. Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Sites. Only the following activities are allowed within RCW sites: vehicle use on maintained roads and firebreaks, and undelayed foot travel through the sites.

(1) Trees at the edge of RCW sites are marked with white or yellow diamond-shaped signs indicating an endangered species site.

(2) Trees marked with two white or green bands are RCW cavity trees and shall be avoided.

c. Other endangered species sites are marked with white or yellow diamond-shaped signs with wording indicating an endangered species site. These sites are off limits to all activities including foot travel.

d. Archaeological Sites. Federal law prohibits the disturbance or removal of archaeological artifacts on Fort Jackson (e.g., arrowheads, pottery, fragments, bottles, etc.). In addition, cemeteries are not to be disturbed. Criminal penalties may apply. If artifacts are discovered, leave them in place and report the find to the DPW cultural resources manager at 803-751-7153.

e. Waterfowl Buffer Areas. During waterfowl season, a 200-yard buffer exists around ponds and streams open to waterfowl hunting. Deer hunting is prohibited within this buffer during the hours of waterfowl hunting on days when these areas are open to waterfowl hunters.

4-8. Hunting Days

Hunting on Fort Jackson occurs seven days a week including all holidays, except on Christmas Day.

4-9. Shooting Hours

Legal daytime shooting hours are from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Night is defined as that period of time between one hour after official sunset of

a day and one hour before official sunrise of the following day. Night hunting is unlawful except for raccoons, opossums, and DFMWR organized coyote night hunts. See specific hunting sections for variations to legal shooting hours related to specific game and non-game wildlife.

4-10. Youth Hunting

Youth, 16 years of age and younger, may hunt only when accompanied by a properly licensed parent or another authorized hunter with written permission to sponsor the youth from his/her parent or guardian. Individuals 14 to 15 years of age, when deer hunting from a stand, are assigned to a stand adjacent to the sponsor's. Individuals 13 years of age and younger will sign for the same stand as the sponsor.

4-11. Scouting

Scouting is authorized except during big game hunting seasons. Individuals wishing to scout must sign out in the scouting logbook maintained at the Big Game Check Station before entering any hunt area to scout. Persons scouting may sign out for any six alphanumeric open areas (i.e., 10-A, 10-B, 13-C, 14-A, 4-B and 7-A). Persons scouting are authorized to sign in 90 minutes before sunrise and must be signed out by 45 minutes after sunset. The possession of any firearm, crossbow, or bow while scouting is prohibited. Scouting is restricted as necessary to maintain integrity of hunting opportunities, and any changes are posted prior to the restriction.

4-12. Dog Training/Conditioning

Personnel authorized to hunt on Fort Jackson may condition hunting dogs in open hunt areas when all game seasons are closed. Individuals must sign in and out at the Big Game Check Station. The possession of any weapon while conditioning hunting dogs is prohibited, with the exception of blank starter pistols. Proof of rabies vaccination is required, and a completed vehicle control card will be displayed.

4-13. Weapons/Ammunition

a. All military full-jacketed ammunition is prohibited from hunting purposes. Hunting with or possession of fully automatic weapons while hunting is prohibited.

b. When transporting a handgun on Fort Jackson for the purpose of hunting, the pistol must be unloaded and carried in a secured area not readily accessible to any vehicle occupant. The handgun is not removed until the hunter is parked at his/her assigned hunting area. Carrying a handgun on one's person in a concealed manner is prohibited.

c. All weapons that are used for hunting on Fort Jackson must be registered. Hunters must keep weapon registration forms in their possession at all times when entering or hunting on Fort Jackson.

d. See "Authorized Weapons" in the following section for regulations on weapons and ammunition specific to the type of game hunted.

4-14. Prohibitions

The following are prohibited on Fort Jackson. Exceptions include activities that are used in a recognized, acceptable wildlife management practice by authorized personnel of DPW Wildlife Branch, Fort Jackson PMO/game wardens, DFMWR personnel, and their authorized contractors.

a. Baiting or hunting over a baited area or taking wildlife over a baited area, except as outlined in Section 4-38 Hog and Coyote Hunting. Baiting is defined as placing, distributing, exposing, or depositing corn, wheat, or other grain, mineral, or food stuffs to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement, on, or over any areas, where hunters are attempting to take wildlife.

b. Using traps, snares, nets, or other devices to catch wildlife (except as specifically authorized for fishing, or as allowed under a special coyote trapping season to be announced in the future).

c. Moving, tampering with, or altering in any way a trap of any kind or trail camera found while hunting, fishing, or scouting. (The DPW Wildlife Branch and PMO use these devices for wildlife management purposes.)

d. Killing non-game animals (except armadillos, hogs and coyotes).

e. Taking any wildlife out of season.

f. Hunting at night, except authorized raccoon and opossum hunting as highlighted in Section 4-35, or authorized coyote hunting as highlighted in Section 4-38.

g. The use of artificial lights to observe or harass wildlife in any manner (except vehicle headlights while traveling in a normal manner on public roads). Artificial lights may be used to take raccoon and opossum after being treed or cornered by dogs (see Section 4-35), or when authorized for coyote hunting (see Section 4-38).

h. Selling, offering to sell, buying, or offering to buy any wildlife taken on post.

i. Entering the East Impact Area or other off-limits area at any time.

j. Entering Fort Jackson with the intent to retrieve wildlife without prior notification and consent of the PMO.

k. Hunting from a motorized vehicle or horseback (special exceptions for handicapped persons will be made by DFMWR personnel in coordination with PMO on a case-by-case basis). Anyone utilizing a bicycle as transportation must have their weapon in a case and unloaded.

- I. Transporting loaded weapons within a vehicle.
- m. Allowing dogs to run except as authorized in this regulation.
- n. Using strips of fluorescent orange in lieu of a fluorescent orange hat, coat, or vest.
- o. Interfering with troop training or operations, or other personnel in the performance of their official duties.
- p. Bypassing gates or barriers with vehicles or on foot.
- q. Drinking alcoholic beverages while hunting or hunting while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or possessing alcoholic beverages while in the hunting area.
- r. Use of a loaded rifle, pistol, or shotgun with slugs on the ground while deer hunting.
- s. Adding or removing boards or otherwise tampering with any water control structure.
- t. Opening or otherwise tampering with artificial nest boxes (wood duck, etc.).
- u. Taking any game or non-game animals not specifically authorized in this regulation.
- v. Parking off-post while hunting or fishing on Fort Jackson, or being picked up by another vehicle off-post while signed out for hunting on-post.
- w. Pursuing wounded game after legal hunting hours without first signing in at the Big Game Check Station. Game warden personnel will accompany hunters pursuing wounded game after hours as resources permit.
- x. Not signing in or out at the Big Game Check Station when required and/or not having a vehicle control card displayed on the dash of a vehicle.
- y. Cutting or removing any pine trees (except for limited cutting of limbs near deer stands).
- z. Driving on designated closed firebreaks.
- aa. Releasing wild or domestic animals on the installation, with the exception that unwanted fish can be released in the same water body where they were caught.
- bb. Removal of any signage.
- cc. No hunting within 200 yards of any authorized feeder placed in the hunting area by DPW, PMO game wardens, or other authorized personnel by order of the Garrison Commander.

SECTION 2: WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTING

4-15. Season Dates

a. Legal Bucks - 15 August through 1 January, with no hunting on Christmas Day. All hunting areas on Fort Jackson follow QDMA standards.

b. Antlerless Deer – Open season for antlerless deer is as follows:

15 September through 15 October

Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday after Thanksgiving

24 December through 1 January (No hunting on Christmas Day).

c. During all other periods of the open deer season, only legal bucks are harvested, except youth hunters authorized to harvest antlerless deer on state designated youth deer hunt days.

Note: The opening and closing dates may vary by one day from year-to-year as defined by state regulations.

4-16. Bag Limits

a. Hunters are authorized to take two white-tailed deer per season on Fort Jackson. Each hunter is authorized one buck meeting QDMA standards, as outlined in 4-17, and one doe. Hunters are encouraged to harvest a healthy mature doe.

b. The daily bag limit is one legal buck and one antlerless deer.

4-17. Antler Restrictions

All Fort Jackson deer hunting areas are QDMA. Each buck harvested must have a minimum of four antler points (one inch or longer) on one side of their antlers, or a 13-inch minimum inside antler spread.

4-18. Deer Tagging

When a deer (buck or antlerless) is harvested, individuals must transport the deer to the Big Game Check Station by the most direct on-post route, at which time a state deer tag is issued and affixed to a hamstring by the game warden or appointed personnel. Hunters transporting harvested deer off-post without an issued state deer tag are in violation of state regulations and subject to enforcement actions.

4-19. Shooting Hours

Legal time for shooting deer is from one hour before official sunrise until one hour after official sunset.

4-20. Authorized Weapons

No weapons, other than those specifically authorized for use on the ground, may be loaded until in an elevated position (for purposes of this regulation, an elevated position means a stand at least ten feet above the ground level).

a. Rifles. Centerfire rifles are authorized for deer hunting, and are only loaded and used while in an elevated stand. No loaded rifles are allowed on the ground. Rim fire weapons are not authorized for deer hunting.

b. Shotguns. Shotguns, 20 gauge and larger utilizing buckshot, are authorized for deer hunting on the ground or in an elevated position. Slug ammunition is only used from an elevated stand.

c. Handguns. Only centerfire handguns are authorized for deer hunting from elevated positions.

d. Archery Equipment (Bow and Arrow, and Crossbows). Archery hunting for deer is authorized in all hunt areas. Hunters utilizing archery equipment in any rifle area must wear the requisite hunter orange garments as specified in this regulation for other ground hunting during deer season and follow all applicable rules. Special "BA" are designated for archery-only deer hunting. If the area is designated as a BA only there is no requirement for hunter orange. Areas designated as "cantonment BA" (See Chapter 5) are only hunted from elevated stands, but the others may be hunted from the ground. Crossbows must have a working safety device. In cantonment BA, either de-cock the crossbow by shooting into the ground, or remove the bolt prior to descending from an elevated position. Use or possession of poison, bullet-tipped, or exploding arrows is prohibited.

e. Black powder rifles are authorized for deer hunting only from an elevated position. The weapon must have the primer removed prior to descending from the stand. Minimum caliber authorized as per South Carolina hunting regulations.

f. All personal stands left in a hunting area must be registered with the game wardens. Stands must be identified with the hunters name and permit number while in the training area. Stands not properly marked or registered will be removed by the game wardens.

4-21. Game Check In

All deer taken on Fort Jackson are brought to the Heise Pond Big Game Check Station. Deer may be cleaned (field-dressed) in the field during August and September. Deer are not field-dressed during the remainder of the season. Individual hunters must call the MP station once the big game is harvested. Individual hunters should know how to properly field dress, measure, and log game harvested. If there is a question and assistance is needed, hunters are encouraged to call the on-duty game warden or designated member of the Fort Jackson Sportsman's Club. Telephone numbers will be posted at the Big Game Check Station.

4-22. Miscellaneous

- a. Removing deer, which are accidentally, illegally killed, or found dead, is prohibited.
- b. Hunters finding such carcasses must report them to the Military Police (phone 803-751-3113/3114).

SECTION 3: TURKEY HUNTING

4-23. Season Dates

The season for turkey hunting on Fort Jackson is the same as published by SCDNR.

4-24. Bag Limits

The bag limit for eastern wild turkeys on Fort Jackson is one bird per day, two birds per season, gobblers only. All turkeys taken on Fort Jackson count as part of the hunter's statewide bag limit. All turkeys taken on Fort Jackson are tagged with a SCDNR turkey tag prior to moving the bird from the point of kill.

4-25. Shooting Hours

It is unlawful to shoot any turkey between 30 minutes after official sunset and 30 minutes before official sunrise.

4-26. Authorized Weapons

Turkeys may be taken with bow and arrow, crossbow, or shotguns only (rifles and handguns are prohibited). The use of buck shot, and possession of it while in the field during turkey season, is prohibited. If open, turkey hunting in BA are authorized with bow and arrow and crossbow only (possession of firearms in these areas is prohibited). The exception is BA 3 (part of turkey area 16) where shotguns are authorized during turkey season. Cantonment BA are open to turkey hunting from an elevated stand only.

4-27. Game Check In

All turkey taken on Fort Jackson must be brought to the Big Game Check Station for check in by game wardens or appointed personnel. Game wardens will weigh, measure, and record the harvest information.

4-28. Hunter Sign In/Out

Hunters must sign in from the Big Game Check Station prior to turkey hunting on Fort Jackson and sign out NLT 90 minutes after official sunset. Sign out is allowed by numbered turkey hunt area only. Only one turkey hunter is allowed to sign in to each numbered hunt area, except when a hunter is accompanying another hunter under the age of 16 years old, or the first hunter signing for a numbered area agrees to authorize

additional turkey hunters (not to exceed quotas set by DFMWR) within the area. These areas are shown on the turkey hunt map issued to hunters when purchasing a post hunting permit. The number of hunters and/or callers (no weapons) authorized to hunt in each area is IAW administrative procedures established by DFMWR personnel. DPW may establish harvest limits for each numbered area. Once the number of turkeys allowed are harvested, the area is closed to further hunting for the remainder of the season.

4-29. Prohibitions

The following activities are prohibited while turkey hunting on Fort Jackson:

- a. Using electronic calls, recorded calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of calls or sounds.
- b. Baiting and/or hunting near bait (any baited areas found will be closed immediately).
- c. Using dogs for turkey hunting.
- d. Shooting turkeys from vehicles.

SECTION 4: SMALL GAME HUNTING

4-30. Small Game Defined

Small game include the following species: rabbit, raccoon, opossum, squirrel, beaver, hog, coyote and migratory game birds (mourning dove, waterfowl, crows, American woodcock and common snipe).

4-31. Hunting Sign In/Out

- a. A vehicle control card is completed and placed inside the windshield of any vehicle used for the purpose of hunting.
- b. Small game hunters are required to sign in and out at the Big Game Check Station prior to hunting. Each hunter must enter his/her name, post hunting permit number, sign out time, and the specific alphanumeric areas to be hunted (maximum of six). Hunters must return to the Big Game Check Station after hunting is completed or NLT 90 minutes after official sunset, enter their sign in time, and harvest data. (Exceptions are granted for raccoon and opossum hunting; see Section 4-35.) Hunters must also fully complete Small Game Harvest Reports upon return to the check station.

4-32. Authorized Weapons

See subsections below for authorized weapons. Possession of rifled slugs or buckshot, while small game hunting, is prohibited unless otherwise stated in subsections below. Centerfire rifles are prohibited for small game hunting.

4-33. Bag Limits

The bag limits and other restrictions listed in this section either correspond to, or are more restrictive than state and federal regulations at the time of writing. If state and/or federal regulations change, the more restrictive of state, federal, or Fort Jackson regulations apply.

4-34. Rabbit Hunting

a. Season Dates. Season dates for rabbit hunting on Fort Jackson are the same as those listed in the annual SCDNR regulation.

b. Bag Limits. The daily bag limit for rabbit on Fort Jackson is five.

c. Authorized Weapons. Shotguns, rim fire rifles, and archery equipment are authorized for rabbit hunting.

4-35. Raccoon and Opossum Hunting

a. Season Dates. Season dates for raccoon and opossum hunting on Fort Jackson are the same as those listed in the annual SCDNR regulation.

b. Bag Limits. The daily bag limit is three raccoons and three opossums per party per night.

c. Authorized Weapons. Only shotguns, .177 caliber rim fire and .22 caliber rim fire handguns or rifles, are authorized during the "guns and dogs" season. During the "no gun" seasons, raccoon and opossum are hunted with dogs only. Possession of (either on one's person or in one's vehicle) any firearm, saw, artificial call, or tree climbing device is prohibited.

d. Raccoon and opossum hunting are authorized at night in those areas designated by DFMWR personnel on the hunting map at the Big Game Check Station. These animals are not hunted with artificial lights except when treed or cornered with dogs as per South Carolina law.

e. No more than five people are allowed in each group of which only two can be guests. Guests must purchase a daily or seasonal guest permit.

4-36. Squirrel Hunting

a. Season Dates. Season dates for squirrel hunting on Fort Jackson are the same as those listed in the annual SCDNR regulations.

b. Bag Limits. The daily bag limit for gray squirrels on Fort Jackson is ten; only one fox squirrel per person is allowed for harvest during the entire season.

c. Authorized Weapons. Only shotguns, .177 caliber rimfire and .22 caliber rimfire handguns or rifles, crossbows, and bow and arrows are used.

4-37. Beaver Hunting

a. Season Dates. Season is year round.

b. Bag Limits. None.

c. Authorized Weapons. Shotguns, .177 caliber rimfire and .22 caliber rimfire handguns or rifles, crossbows, and bow and arrows. No slug ammunition or center-fire rifles are allowed.

d. Areas open to waterfowl hunting are not signed out for the purpose of beaver hunting.

e. Beaver traps are periodically utilized by the Fort Jackson Wildlife Branch and USDA Wildlife Services. Tampering with, or removal of, traps is strictly prohibited. Trap sights shall be left undisturbed.

4-38. Hog and Coyote Hunting

a. Season Dates. There is no closed season on hunting hogs and coyotes; however, there are certain restrictions related to hunting these animals during hunting seasons for game animals.

b. Bag Limits. There are no limits on the number of hogs or coyotes that are harvested on Fort Jackson.

c. Authorized weapons. During deer, turkey, and small game season, hogs and coyotes are only hunted with weapons authorized for use during these seasons for game animals. Periods when game animal seasons are closed (typically 6 May – 14 August), hogs and coyotes are hunted with the following weapons:

(1) From an elevated shooting position: bow and arrows, crossbows, centerfire and rim fire rifles, shotguns, and handguns.

(2) From a ground position: bow and arrows, crossbows, shotguns (no slug ammunition), and rim fire rifles only.

d. The following apply to hunting hogs and coyotes:

(1) A state hunting license and a Fort Jackson hunting permit (large or small game permit) are required.

(2) The same sign in and sign out procedures required for small game hunting are followed. Areas that are already signed out for scouting or hunting are not signed out for hog or coyote hunting.

(3) Animals harvested are recorded on data sheets located at the Big Game Check Station and shown to the game warden or designated appointed personnel for verification.

(4) Electronic calls are authorized.

(5) Night hunting coyotes and hogs is only allowed during specially authorized DFMWR/DES designated coyote/hog hunts. These hunt dates are established and announced annually in advance of the hunts. These night hunts will not take place during deer season.

(6) The use of dogs is prohibited.

(7) Baiting is allowed for hogs and coyotes from the day after the last day of deer season (SC youth day) until 1 March, and from 6 May until 1 August. During the first baiting period (January-March), no corn, grains, or other seeds are placed as bait. Any bait utilized at any time is intended for the sole purpose of attracting hogs or coyotes into a hunting area, and the bait must have no impact on the health of any animal species. The placement of sponges, antifreeze, or any other toxicants is strictly prohibited.

(8) Only one hunter (or group of hunters hunting together and within sight of each other at all times) is authorized in any one particular hunt area.

(9) Bow hunters are authorized to hunt coyote and hogs within designated bow areas utilizing bow and arrows and crossbow only. Firearms are allowed only during certain DFMWR/DES organized hunts. Cantonment BA are open for coyote and hog hunting utilizing bow and arrows and crossbows. All hunting within cantonment BA is from an elevated position; hunting from the ground is prohibited.

(10) Hunter orange clothing is required for coyote and hog hunting during deer season.

4-39. Migratory Game Birds

Specific regulations, season dates, and bag limits for mourning dove, waterfowl, crows, snipe, and woodcock on Fort Jackson is the same as federal and South Carolina regulations (see the South Carolina Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations brochure) except as noted below. Shotguns only are authorized for taking these migratory game birds. The shotgun cannot be capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, which cannot be removed without disassembling the gun. REMINDER: When hunting for migratory birds, a HIP Permit is required for any hunter 16 years of age or older.

4-40. Dove Hunting

- a. Shooting hours and bag limits are determined by federal and state migratory bird regulations and DFMWR/DPW personnel prior to the season.
- b. Managed dove fields are open for dove hunting on a rotational basis. The managed dove fields are closed to dove hunting at any other time. To prevent overcrowding of dove fields, the number of hunters allowed in any one field is restricted.
- c. There is a 50-shell limit per hunter.

4-41. Waterfowl Hunting

- a. Shooting Hours. Shooting hours are one-half hour before official sunrise until 1200. Shooting hours for resident Canada geese during the early and late Canada goose season (typically during September and February) are one-half hour before official sunrise to official sunset. During the early Canada goose season, only Canada geese may be harvested before official sunrise or after 1200 (i.e., no teal). Shooting hours for the early teal season (typically held in September; dates are found in SCDNR migratory bird regulations) on Fort Jackson are from official sunrise until 1200.
- b. There is a 25-shell limit per person. The possession of lead or other toxic shot while waterfowl hunting is prohibited. When signed out for waterfowl hunting, no other game may be harvested, except that hunters may take any beaver that travel within range of their waterfowl hunting location, with only weapons and ammunition approved for waterfowl hunting.
- c. Waterfowl Hunting Areas. During the waterfowl season, the creeks and ponds listed below are open to waterfowl hunting on a rotational basis during the authorized shooting hours as determined by DFMWR and the DPW Wildlife Branch and on opening day and closing day, provided that a training area adjacent to the area is open to small or large game hunting. The areas, and a 200-meter buffer zone around them, are off limits to all hunters except authorized waterfowl hunters, during the time of authorized waterfowl hunting on the days designated for waterfowl hunting. Some of these areas are located along the boundary of two or more training areas. If all of the training areas surrounding the waterfowl area are not opened for hunting, waterfowl hunting is only authorized within 50 yards of the area's edge that is adjacent to the open training area. Hunters may only sign for two areas at a time for waterfowl hunting. The ponds and areas included under this subsection are:
 - (1) Creeks and Streams: Gills, Mack, Rowell, Bynum, Rose, Cedar, and Colonels Creek are opened on a rotational basis.
 - (2) Ponds, beaver ponds, and wetlands: Boyden Arbor, Clark's, Barstow ponds, Cobb's, Dupree, Messers, Odom, Chavers, Davis, Davis Impoundments, Weston, South, beaver ponds in Training Areas 6-B and C, and ponds located in Training Areas 20-C and 26-B. Additional waterfowl hunting areas are only designated by DPW.

(3) No waterfowl hunting is authorized in, on, or around any waterway or water source without the area being opened for waterfowl hunting.

(4) Shooting at or tampering with wood duck nest boxes is prohibited.

(5) To prevent overcrowding of waterfowl hunting areas, the number of hunters allowed in any one pond or stream is restricted. Hunters are notified of any restrictions prior to waterfowl season.

(6) Davis Waterfowl Impoundments and Colonels Creek Road adjacent to the impoundments are designated as youth-only waterfowl hunting areas on certain dates each waterfowl season. These dates are designated by DPW and announced on an annual basis. During the youth-only hunts only hunters 17 years of age and under are authorized to hunt when supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older. The adult may not carry or discharge a firearm. These areas are open to all authorized waterfowl hunters, regardless of age, on waterfowl hunt days not designated as youth-only.

4-42. Quail Hunting

a. Season Dates. Season dates for quail hunting on Fort Jackson are the same as those listed in the annual SCDNR regulations.

b. Bag Limits. The daily bag limit for bobwhite quail on Fort Jackson is four birds.

c. Authorized Weapons. Shotguns are the only authorized weapons for quail hunting.

Chapter 5 Cantonment Archery

5-1. Hunting General

All bow and arrow and crossbow (i.e., archery) hunters accessing areas of Fort Jackson designated as bow areas must familiarize themselves with these instructions and demonstrate ethical archery hunting practices at all times.

5-2. Archery Only Areas

Certain areas are opened for archery-only hunting. These areas are in close proximity to buildings and facilities (administration, training, recreation, etc.), walking trails, and private property. Considerable caution is exercised at all times while hunting these areas. Be aware of, and considerate of, other people within and adjacent to these bow areas.

5-3. Cantonment BA Defined

BA 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 are considered "cantonment BA."

5-4. Season Dates

Season Dates: Deer hunting in the cantonment BA is allowed from 15 August to the end of deer season.

5-5. Non-Cantonment BA Defined

BA 3, 4, WLR2 and WLR3 are not "cantonment BA" and are still archery only hunting. Ground hunting is allowed. Hunter orange restrictions apply.

5-6. BA Safety

In order to provide safe and effective hunting, these instructions are followed at all times. If ever in question, do not hunt! Specific BA maps are available and are referenced.

5-7. Cantonment BA Rules

The following rules apply to archery hunting in cantonment BA.

- a. Elevated hunting only in cantonment BA. No stalking or ground hunting.
- b. No field dressing deer. All deer harvested are taken to the Big Game Check Station for cleaning.
- c. No hunting within 50 meters of a BA boundary, building, facility, or walking trail.
- d. No hunting within 100 meters of the installation boundary in BA 9.
- e. Hunter may only shoot white-tailed deer, hogs, and coyotes while deer hunting in cantonment BA.
- g. Do not pursue wounded deer beyond the BA boundaries, especially onto private property. Contact the game wardens for assistance.
- h. All efforts are made to recover wounded deer.
- i. If military personnel enter the area, hunters must leave the area without disrupting military activities.
- j. Become familiar with the BA boundaries. If in question, do not hunt.
- k. Be conscious of the non-hunting public. Do not display harvested deer while being transported from the area. Deer are transported out of public view and those transported on cargo racks are covered.

Chapter 6 Poaching

6-1. Poaching Defined

Poaching is defined as illegal taking of game by any means from the Fort Jackson military reservation. These illegal activities detract from the recreational welfare and natural resources of Fort Jackson.

6-2. DES/PMO Responsibilities

DES/PMO is responsible for enforcing the laws and regulations pertaining to Fort Jackson's wildlife areas. All hunters are responsible for reporting acts of poaching or suspicious activities and to assist in the protection of wildlife. Individuals who provide information on poaching activities will remain anonymous.

6-3. Law Enforcement Techniques

Several law enforcement techniques are used to deter poaching on Fort Jackson. These techniques include, but are not limited to:

- a. PMO patrols of wildlife areas.
- b. The use of checkpoints outside the cantonment area.
- c. Enforcement of off-limits hunting areas.
- d. Targeting poachers through special operations and the use of aerial surveillance.
- e. Depending upon the availability of other resources, different techniques are used at the discretion of the DES/PMO.

6-4. Trespassing

Anyone found in the hunting areas without approval is considered a trespasser, and all equipment (weapons, traps, vehicles, etc.) found in the individual's possession are impounded by Fort Jackson PMO personnel. Persons may be prosecuted under 18 United States Code § 1382 for such violations. Additionally, personnel found poaching/trespassing are subject to issuance of a DD Form 1408/CVB and cited on a DA Form 3975 MP Report for administrative, non-judicial and/or criminal charges in federal court. Personnel reporting violations should contact the MP Desk at 803-751-3113/3114 or 911.

Chapter 7

Suspension and Revocation of Hunting and Fishing Privileges

7-1. PM Responsibly

The PM may suspend hunting and fishing privileges. A suspension will become final unless appealed within ten days. The PM will inform the suspended individual of his appeal rights to the IHO.

7-2. Suspension Notices

The PM will furnish suspension notices and accompanying information to the IHO. The IHO will take action on appeals IAW FJ Reg 210-1.

Chapter 8

Recommended Penalties

8-1. Hunting

| VIOLATION | 1st OFFENSE | 2d OFFENSE |
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| Firing a weapon indiscriminately. | Withdraw privileges permanently. | |
| Permitting another to use hunting license or permit. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Killing, transporting, or possessing game taken illegally. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Unauthorized hunting at night. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Hunting out of season. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. | Withdraw privileges up to ten years. |
| Shooting from vehicle. | Withdraw privileges permanently. | |
| Unauthorized use, carrying or transportation of weapons. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. | Withdraw privileges up to three years. |
| Taking of game from baited area. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. |
| Unauthorized use of dogs. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. |

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| Hunting without required licenses or Fort Jackson permit in possession. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Endangering personal life. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Transportation of loaded weapons in vehicle. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. | Withdraw privileges up to three years. |
| Hunting or scouting in a closed or unassigned area. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. | Withdraw privileges up to three years. |
| Other violations of state, federal, or installation regulations not covered in this regulation. | Withdraw privileges up to 90 days. | Withdraw privileges up to 120 days. |
| Failure to sign in or out before or after hunting. | Withdraw privileges up to three months. | Withdraw privileges up to one year |
| Taking and/or possession of more than the authorized bag limit for any species. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Use of hunting dogs without dated or valid rabies vaccination. | Withdraw privileges up to 180 days. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. |
| Selling, offering to sell, or buying game from the reservation. | Withdraw privileges permanently. | |
| Use of alcoholic beverage or under influence of alcohol or drugs while hunting. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. | Withdraw privileges up permanently. |
| Hunting from horseback. | Withdraw privileges up to 180 days. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. |
| Possession of buckshot or slugs while small game hunting. | Withdraw privileges up to 180 days. | Withdraw privileges up up to two years. |
| Use of traps, snares, nets, or any other devices to catch game. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. | Withdraw privileges up up to five years. |
| Failure to check in deer or turkey taken on Fort Jackson for biological data collection. | Withdraw privileges up to three years. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |

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| Taking any game animal not specifically authorized in this regulation. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. | Withdraw privileges up to three years. |
| Taking non-game animals. | Withdraw privileges permanently. | |
| Failure to display Vehicle Control Card. | Withdraw privileges up to 30 days. | Withdraw privileges up to 180 days. |
| Hunting in a non-hunt area, i.e., East Impact Area or housing area. | Withdraw privileges up to three years. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Failure to update sportsman locator card with current information, i.e., address and telephone number. | Withdraw privileges up to three months. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. |
| Taking an antlered deer that does not meet QDMA standards. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. |
| Hunting with an unregistered weapon. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. | Withdraw privileges up to three years. |
| Forgetting or refusing to sign in from hunting on the last day of the large game season. | Withdraw privileges up to three months for the start of the next large game season. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. |
| Hunting over authorized feeders. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. | Withdraw privileges up to three years. |

8-2. FISHING

| VIOLATION | 1st OFFENSE | 2d OFFENSE |
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| Permitting another to use fishing license or Fort Jackson permit. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Fishing in closed lakes or ponds. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. |
| Fishing by unauthorized methods. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. | Withdraw privileges up to three years. |
| Fishing with more than four legal devices from shore. | Withdraw privileges up to 30 days. | Withdraw privileges up to 180 days. |

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| Unauthorized use of combustion motors. | Withdraw privileges up to 90 days. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. |
| Fishing without required license or Fort Jackson permit in possession. | Withdraw privileges up to 30 days. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. |
| Failure to sign in or out before or after fishing. | Withdraw privileges up to 90 days. | Withdraw privileges up to 180 days. |
| Unauthorized night fishing. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. |
| Possession of fish below the authorized size limit. | Withdraw privileges up to one year per each. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Possession of more fish than the legal limit. | Withdraw privileges up To five years. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Trespassing, illegal entry or bypassing locked gates. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. | Issuance of DD Form 1805. |
| Releasing fish, except when returning fish caught under the authorized size limit to Fort Jackson waters. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. | Withdraw privileges up to five years. |
| Baiting or chumming fish for fishing purposes. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. | Withdraw privileges up to three years. |
| Tampering with water control structures. | Withdraw privileges up to one year. | Withdraw privileges up to three years. |

8-3. Boating

| VIOLATION | 1st OFFENSE | 2d OFFENSE |
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| Failure to wear personal flotation device (lifejacket). | Withdraw privileges up to 180 days. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Failure to operate vessel in safe manner or endangering others. | Withdraw privileges up to one year | Withdraw privileges permanently. |
| Operation of boat while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. | Withdraw privileges up to two years. | Withdraw privileges permanently. |

NOTE: The administrative penalties contained do not preclude the imposition of fines/forfeitures or other judicial penalties in addition to these administrative actions. Withdrawal privileges may be imposed to cover exclusion from one season to the next. Criminal charges may be brought in addition to any denial of privileges or exclusion from the installation.

Appendix

References

- a. AR 40-1 (Preventive Medicine; Sanitation, Hygiene).
- b. AR 190-11 (Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives).
- c. AR 200-1 (Environmental and Protection Enhancement).
- d. AR 215-1 (The Management and Operation of Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities).
- e. AR 350-19 (The Army Sustainable Range Program).
- f. AR 385-63 (Range Safety).
- g. PAM 385-10 (Risk Management).
- h. PAM 385-63 (Range Safety).
- i. DA PAM 420-7 (Natural Resources; Land, Forest and Wildlife Management).
- j. FJ Supplemental 1 to AR 190-11 (Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives).
- k. FJ CIR 210-1 (Exclusions from the Installation and Installation Facilities).
- l. South Carolina Fishing and Hunting Laws and Regulations.
- m. Post Hunting and Fishing Safety Briefing.
- n. 50 CFR 20 Migratory Bird Hunting.
- o. Fort Jackson Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan.