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Hunting and Fishing Program Plan

Joint Base Charleston

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ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL APPROVAL

Full approval of this Joint Base Charleston Hunting and Fishing Program Plan (HFPP) is recognized by the Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Council (ESOHC) and the Joint Base Commander, who has the necessary authority to commit the necessary resources to implement the plan. The plan will be implemented as herein described.

This plan supersedes all previous versions at the Air Base and Weapons Station. In accordance with Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-7064, the installation Natural Resources Manager is responsible for direction and oversight of hunting and fishing. In addition, the office of primary responsibility for this plan is the Environmental Element of the Civil Engineer Squadron, Installation Management Flight, 628 CES/CEIE, Natural Resources (843) 794-795 I, DSN 794-7951.

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Executive Summary

1. PURPOSE

The Hunting and Fishing Program Plan (HFPP or Plan) provides guidance for the management of hunting and fishing programs on Joint Base Charleston (JB CHS). Management of the program is designed to meet three objectives:

- (1) to fulfill the requirements required by the Sike's Act and DoD and Air Force (AF) Instructions (AFI) governing hunting and fishing activities on AF property;
- (2) to provide recreational opportunities to authorized individuals in accordance with state and federal regulations; and
- (3) to ensure protection of the installation's natural resources. Additionally, this program supports the mission by providing an opportunity for increased quality of life for service personnel and the surrounding community.

2. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This Plan is a revision the Joint Base Charleston Hunting and Fishing Program Plan issued in May of 2016. Much of the Plan remains the same, some information has been updated to reflect changes in the management of fish and game as reflected in state and federal regulations; Department of Defense and Air Force Instructions and guidance memoranda; JB CHS policies; and procedural improvements based on accumulated experience to enhance management effectiveness.

3. IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICABILITY

This Plan implements the JB CHS Hunting and Fishing Program. The Plan applies to all military and civilian personnel participating in hunting and fishing activities on JB CHS.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AF – Air Force

AFI – Air Force Instruction

AFP – Air Force Policy Directive

CAC – Common Access Card

CES – Civil Engineering Squadron

CEIE – Civil Engineering Installations and Environment

DoD – Department of Defense

DoDI – Department of Defense Instruction

FSS – Force Support Squadron

JB CHS – Joint Base Charleston

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

NAAF – North Auxiliary Air Field

NR – Natural Resources

OAC – Outdoor Adventure Center

SCDNR – South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

References

AFI 32-7064 Integrated Natural Resources Management

DoDI 4715.03 Natural Resources Conservation Program

AFPD 32-70 Environmental Quality

Sikes Act 16 U.S.C. § 670a(a)(3)(A)

1. Overview: This management plan provides guidance for the oversight of hunting and fishing programs on Joint Base Charleston (JB CHS). Management of this program is designed to meet three objectives: (1) fulfill the requirements laid in the federal law and DoD and AF Instructions governing hunting and fishing activities on AF property; (2) to provide recreation opportunities to authorized individuals in accordance with state and federal regulations; and (3) to ensure protection of the installation's natural resources.

2. Eligible Participants and Authorized Areas: Access to authorized hunting and fishing areas on JB CHS is based on safety and security considerations. Personnel are divided into two groups.

Category A Personnel – All appropriately licensed personnel including DoD contractors and the general public. Areas open to Category A personnel include the Pier Charlie dredge spoil area when participating in organized dog drives only; and Northside, Marrington Plantation and MenRiv Hunt Areas as defined in Attachment (1): Hunting and Fishing Access Map.

Category B Personnel - DoD employees and DoD retirees: this includes all retired DoD civilians with retiree ID, military retirees, and reservists, active duty military and DoD civilian employees with Common Access Card (CAC) and their dependents. For the purpose of this program, dependent children are defined as unmarried, living at home, less than 21 years old or students (12 hours minimum) and less than 23 years old. Category B areas include all authorized areas for hunting and fishing on JB CHS Weapons Station as defined in Attachment 1 and all authorized areas at North Auxiliary Air Field as defined in Attachment 2. Fully licensed Category A personnel may access Category B Areas as “guests” if accompanied by a Category B sponsor excluding North Auxiliary Air Field.

Any person who provides false information regarding their eligibility status, violates any portion of this plan, or state or federal conservation law, or conducts him or herself in any way that is dangerous to self or others is subject to having hunting and fishing privileges revoked with no monetary refund. Military members, who engage in conduct in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, could also face disciplinary action.

JB CHS Volunteer Game Wardens and other Natural Resource Program Volunteers and dependents will be issued a DBIS identification card and Category B license at no charge.

3. Requirements for Hunting and Fishing on JB CHS: The Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC), located on JB CHS Weapons Station, will issue all hunting and fishing permits, copies of this plan and other pertinent information. To purchase hunting permits applicants must show actual card showing successful completion of the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Hunter Safety Education Course or another state approved hunter education course. All hunters and other hunt participants (age 12 and above), must possess JB CHS Hunting Permit (\$40) or Combination JB CHS Hunt and Fish Permit (\$50) and appropriate state and/or federal license(s). All fishermen (includes crabbing) must possess appropriate state license and/or permits and JB CHS fishing permit (\$15).

DoD affiliated personnel must carry their CAC, retired military ID, or retired DoD employee ID and

appropriate licenses and permits on their person when hunting or fishing. All non-DoD personnel who desire to bike, hike or ride horses on trails at Marrington are required to obtain an annual recreational badge (\$20) and appropriate licenses and permits for access to base recreational areas.

Permit fees shall be used solely to support this program per DoD policy. Monthly funds collected will be deposited per MOU between 628 Civil Engineer Squadron/Civil Engineer Installation Environment (CES/CEIE) and 628 Force Support Squadron (FSS). A quarterly report of collected fees will be provided by 628 FSS to CES/CEIE Natural Resources (NR).

Applicants must provide appropriate documentation when applying for base permits including: CAC, retired military ID, or retired DoD employee ID, and Hunter Safety Education Card, state hunting and/or fishing license and state driver's license. Lost permits and badges can be replaced at the OAC for \$5.00 fee. Annual recreation badges for non-DoD persons are obtained at JB CHS Weapons Station Visitor Control Center (Bldg. 3) following successful criminal background check and permit application at OAC.

Possession of CAC, retired military ID, retired DoD employee ID and/or appropriate recreation badge and JB CHS hunting/fishing permit allows entry into authorized areas during approved hunting, fishing and scouting times as indicated on schedules issued by 628 CES/CEIE Natural Resources.

Dependents age 13 and younger may fish only when accompanied by an adult, 21 years old or over. Fishing permits are not required until age 16. Dependents age 11 and younger cannot hunt but may accompany an authorized hunting sponsor. Dependents age 12 to 15 must have a gratis JB CHS hunting permit. Hunters age 12 to 15 must be with a licensed/permitted sponsor 21 years of age or older who must maintain sight and voice contact with the dependent hunter. Personnel who are 16 years old and older must purchase permits and may hunt and/or fish on their own. Person 65 years of age or older with a South Carolina state-issued gratis license will be issued an annual gratis Over 65 base permit.

Military personnel who are residents of SC stationed outside of the state and home on leave, may upon presentation of their earnings and leave statement (which declares SC as home state) , shall be allowed to fish or hunt without a state hunting/fishing license, or a saltwater fishing stamp. A base hunting permit is required along with all other appropriate state and federal tags and permits.

Prior to purchase of base permits, hunting firearms must be registered with the 628 Security Forces Squadron (SFS) by completing and submitting (a) Air Force Form 1314, Firearms Registration and (b) DD Form DO 2760, Qualification to Possess Firearms or Ammunition. These documents are available at the OAC (Bldg. 1700, 843/794-2120). Hunters are authorized to transport firearms to/from scheduled hunts. A completed firearm registration form, verified by base Security, must accompany applications for firearm hunting permits.

4. General Regulations and Enforcement: Hunting and fishing shall follow laws and regulations of federal government and the state of South Carolina. Modifications are noted in this plan and schedules issued by 628 CES/CEIE Natural Resources (843/794-7951). Season lengths and bag limits, as set by state and federal laws, may be modified or canceled by 628 CES/CEIE NR.

Dates and hunt hours are set by the Natural Resources Manager. Hunting Schedules are available from the Natural Resources Office and posted at Hunter Check Station and are subject to periodic revision based on hunting activity and game harvest levels. JB CHS 628 Security Force Squadron (SFS) personnel, JB CHS CES/CEIE NR personnel, and JB CHS volunteer game wardens are authorized to enforce this plan. These personnel may carry and discharge registered firearms to euthanize injured or nuisance wildlife.

Violations of state or federal game laws will be reported to the Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC) dispatcher (843/794-7555) who shall send a patrol officer to take a report and potentially issue a DoD 1408 Ticket or Federal 1805 Central Violation Bureau citation. These violations carry either monetary fines or require action by the chain of command. Such violations will also be reported to appropriate state or federal conservation law enforcement officers. Violations of this plan will result in surrender of base permit to authorized enforcement personnel, will be reported to 628 CES/CEIE NR and may result in suspension or revocation of hunting/fishing privileges following review by the Natural Resources Manager.

Restrictions: Protection and conservation of resources are of primary importance. Participants in the hunting and fishing program and all outdoor recreational users are prohibited from:

- cutting, breaking, moving, or harming base flora;
- littering: including shell casings, bait holders, food and beverage containers;
- driving vehicles "off-road" or riding ATVs except in the performance of official duties;
- building fires;
- removing artifacts or ecofacts from surface or subsurface ground
- introducing or releasing any plants or animals without approval of 628 CES/CEIE NR;
- recreational trail use during posted hunting hours; and
- taking or destroying timber, other forest products, or cutting firewood.

Improved, semi-improved and un-improved access roads to hunting areas may be closed to maintain road conditions by the Natural Resources Manager.

Persons involved in hunting and fishing shall not have in their possession, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, stimulants, depressants or hallucinogens. They must be capable of the full and rational exercise of all mental and physical faculties at all times. This includes North Auxiliary Air Field (NAAF) hunters camping or spending the night. No convicted felons or persons convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence may hunt with a firearm on JB CHS.

5. Hunting Regulations for JB CHS Weapons Station: The only wildlife species that may be hunted on JB CHS Weapons Station are: white-tailed deer, wild hog, wild turkey, bobcat, rabbit, bobwhite quail, grey squirrel, raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, fox, armadillo, and migratory game birds (as defined by SCDNR Regulations). There are numerous other species of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians on the base. None shall be taken, harmed or disturbed in any way. This includes species which might be permitted under state regulations. Specifically included on the "NO HUNTING LIST" are alligators, turtles, non-poisonous snakes, fox squirrels, and federally protected migratory birds. There is no restriction on taking coyotes or wild hogs during scheduled

deer hunts. These kills will be noted on the hunt log.

Authorized weapons for base hunting activity include: shotguns, muzzleloaders, air guns, and bows (including cross bows). No rifles or handguns may be used by hunters on the Weapons Station. There will be no discharging of firearms with slugs within 400 yards of Henry Brown, Red Bank or Bushy Park roads. Multiple shot shotguns will not be discharged within 200 yards and bows not shot within 50 yards of these roads. There will be no discharge of firearms using slugs within 400 yards of the station boundary. Shotguns using multiple shot shall not be discharged within 200 yards of station boundary. These distances need not be observed if positive measures ensure firing is directed away from these exposures. Hunting activity is not authorized in Northside small arms range safety arc when the firing range is "hot".

Deer, quail, migratory game bird (excluding waterfowl hunters), grey squirrel and rabbit hunters will wear clothing (shirt, coat or vest) of solid, visible, international (SVI) orange at all times (except on the stand in bow-only areas). This specifically includes the pre-hunt muster. The Duty Game Warden is authorized to judge acceptability of garments.

Sponsors are responsible for their guest's and dependent's actions and are allowed one guest (licensed Category A individuals) or one 15 years of age or younger dependent per hunt. When hunting in Category B areas Category A "guests" must ride with and occupy a stand adjacent to their Category B sponsor. If deer hunting, guests must be at least 100 yards away but no more than 200 yards away. Stand placements follow. Non-hunting dependents must occupy the same stand as their sponsor. Hunting dependents aged 12-15 may take a stand only when accompanied by a sponsor. The dependent may be the designated hunter and have the only allowed firearm. With written approval from the Natural Resources Manager armed dependent hunters may be allowed to occupy a stand adjacent to an armed sponsor's stand.

With the exception of small game hunters (see small game section), all hunters will muster and attend safety brief at the Marrington Hunter Check Station before hunt departure time. Hunters will register on the hunt log, by printing full name, phone number, POV license number, category, hunt area, stand number and grid number. All hunters will check out with the duty game warden or his designated assistant(s) within 30 minutes of the end scheduled hunts.

A. Deer Hunting: Antlerless deer may be taken if authorized by the NR Manager. Harvest restrictions (e.g., number, sex, antler characteristics) are set by the NR Manager. Deer weighing less than 70 pounds will not be killed. Hunters who kill under-weight deer will surrender base permit to the Duty Game Warden and their hunting privileges will be suspended for 30 days. If the violation occurs near the end of the deer season, suspension will continue into the next deer season. A second offense will result in a loss of base hunting privileges until reinstated by NR Manager. Similar penalties will apply to violations of antler restriction regulations. Other base policy infractions will be handled on a case-by-case basis by 628 CES/CEIE NR.

Hunters are responsible for processing deer. Field dressing deer is not authorized. Deer will be taken to the Check Station where harvest data will be taken under direction of the Duty Game Warden. Deer stored in the check station cooler will be tagged with hunter's name, date harvested and removed from cooler within three days. Hunters failing to follow posted cooler protocol will lose hunt privileges. All harvested deer must be properly tagged, per SCDNR regulations.

1) Still Hunting: All still hunters will shoot from elevated stands (minimum of 10' above the ground). Prior to each hunt, hunters will mark their stand location on the hunter check station wall map. With written approval of CES/CEIE NR handicapped persons may hunt from ground blinds. A limited number of JB CHS base stands are available on a first-come basis at the Weapons Station and NAAF. No reservations or personal claim of hunt areas is permitted. Report any such attempts to the Duty Game Warden for JB CHS Weapons Station and/or Natural Resources office.

Construction or use of tree stands and temporary climbing devices is prohibited if the stand or temporary device involves driving nails, screws or other devices into the tree; or the stand or climbing device is constructed by wrapping wire around the tree. Other tree stands and temporary climbing devices are permitted provided they are not permanently affixed or embedded in the tree. Stands will be clearly marked, in a readily visible location, with the hunter's name and a contact phone number or will be subject to removal. Stands may be placed one month before the season begins and must be removed, along with any steps, within two weeks of the end of the season. Hunters in tree stands must use an approved fall arrest device (safety harness) and have a cord to raise weapons to stand.

Stand locations (with exclusive 100-yard radius) will be available to hunters on a first-come basis as signed-up on hunt log. Hunting in unassigned stands, stalking, tracking wounded game out of assigned areas or encroaching on adjacent, occupied stands is strictly forbidden. Hunters will not leave their stand area until the designated time (a.m. hunts) or one-half hour after official sunset (p.m. hunts) unless an emergency situation or dangerous weather conditions develop. Duty game warden must be contacted before an emergency departure is authorized.

For gun hunting authorized firearms are 20, 16, 12, and 10 gauge shotguns using slugs (buckshot is not authorized for still hunting) and muzzleloaders, (caliber .45 to .58). Guns will be unloaded until the hunter is in the stand and unloaded prior to descent.

For bow hunting authorized weapons are crossbow, long bow, straight-limb, reflex, recurve, and compound. Bow hunters are not permitted to carry firearms. Bows must have a minimum draw-pull weight of 35 pounds and cast a hunting arrow 125 yards to a point of similar elevation. Arrows must be broad-heads with a minimum width of 3/4 inches and have well-sharpened, metal, cutting edges. The use or possession of a poison arrow, an arrow with explosive tip, or any device propelled by any means that is used for the purpose of injecting or delivering any type of drug into an animal is prohibited. Cross bows will not be cocked until the hunter is in the stand and un-cocked before descending from stand. Bow hunting areas are clearly delineated on Check Station wall map. JB CHS Game Wardens are the only personnel authorized to use a firearm to dispatch wounded animals in designated bow only areas. A 50-yard buffer zone exists between stands and the wood lines adjacent to houses, buildings, the golf course and public, paved public roads.

2) Dog Drive Hunting: Authorized guns: 20, 16, 12, or 10 gauge shotguns (no slug barrels) using buckshot. The Dog Drive Coordinator is in charge of hunts. The Coordinator may designate Duty Game Wardens to assist in the conduct of the hunt. The Duty Game Warden will see that hunters sign the hunt log as they arrive at the Check Station. Hunters will take their stand in the

order which they signed in. Hunters will remain on the stand until picked up. At no time will two or more hunters be on the same stand with a loaded gun. Weapons will be unloaded when in trucks. All hunters will stand on the edge of the road next to the area being driven. Under no circumstances will any hunter stand on the opposite side of the road or shoot at any deer as it passes directly between standers. When the standers are picked up for return to the Hunter Check Station, hunting is secured. To be eligible for a meat draw riders will return to Check Station and help process game (dog handlers are excluded if they are locating dogs). Hunters who kill deer during dog drive hunts will be allowed the head, skin and first choice of a portion of the meat. The remainder will be divided by drawing lots with one draw per hunter.

Hunters wishing to bring dogs on station must register with the Dog Drive Coordinator in advance of hunts and will be assigned dates when their dogs can be brought on base. Individual dog packs must range from three to twelve dogs. Dog owners must be able to show proof of rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian.

B. Wild Turkey Hunting: Except where noted in this plan, South Carolina state rules and regulations for turkey hunting on private land apply. The season will begin with a limit of one gobbler per hunter. All gobblers must have beards six inches or longer. Dependents under age 16 may take gobblers with beards less than six inches. Bag limits and harvest restrictions will be set annually by the NR Manager and are subject to modification during the season. Turkey hunting will be on weekends only. Hunts may be cancelled for safety and/or security reasons. Hunters will muster at the Marrington Hunter Check Station one hour and forty-five minutes before sunrise for a lottery to confirm eligibility and determine hunt locations. Hunters will depart the check station following the lottery and will hunt until 0900 (early out) or until 1200. All hunters will check out with the duty game warden or assistant game warden. The duty game warden must be notified in case of an emergency departure.

Lottery procedures for turkey hunting are as follows. The Northside, Eastside Unrestricted and Southside Areas, will be divided into numbered hunt areas (see check station turkey map). Each hunt morning, hunters will draw to determine if and where they will hunt that morning. Markers will be placed in a can, numbered one through the total number of hunters present participating in the draw. If, for example, thirteen hunt areas are available that morning, hunters who draw markers one through twelve will be eligible to hunt and will select their hunt areas in the order of the number on the marker they drew. The Duty Game Warden will select an area first. If more hunters have mustered than there are hunt areas available those hunters who do not pick a number lower than the maximum number of hunt areas available will not be able to hunt that morning. However, each hunter who drew a hunt area may take one hunting companion with him as well as one non-hunter under the age of 16. Each hunter is eligible to take one legal turkey that morning. However, only one firearm is allow in the field at a time. No one is obligated to take another hunter with him or her.

C. Small Game and Waterfowl Hunting: Authorized weapons are shotguns. Air rifles may be used for squirrel and bow and arrow for rabbit. Shot size and pellet composition will comply with state and federal migratory bird and waterfowl laws and regulations. For waterfowl hunting, federally approved non-toxic shells are required. Dogs may be used per state regulations. Hunters are responsible for their dogs. Uncontrollable dogs will be barred from the station.

1) **Small Game:** Small Game Hunting is authorized in Marrington only. Hunters will check in/out via the Marrington Hunter Check Station Small Game Hunt Log provided in a three-ring binder.

2) **Raccoon** - Raccoon hunting is authorized in the Marrington and Northside Areas. Hunters will muster at the Marrington Hunter Check Station for Safety Brief by Game Warden in charge. Only one shotgun per hunt group with shot size 4 or 6 is authorized.

3) **Waterfowl** - Hunters will check in/out with the Duty Game Warden at the Hunter Check Station. On a first-come basis, waterfowl hunters will be assigned ponds by the Duty Game Warden. Any blinds constructed with plant material will consist of vegetation obtained on base. No plant material may be imported. . Electric trolling motors and air-cooled outboard motors only are permitted.

D. Wild Hog Hunting: Wild hogs may be taken during scheduled deer hunts. Hog hunting policies and procedures will generally follow those stated for deer hunting however no harvest limits or restrictions apply (weight, sex, number, etc.). Special hog population control hunts using dogs are authorized under the direction of the NR Manager. Registered hand guns are authorized for use in hog population control activities: trapping and hunting with dogs.

E. Scouting: Scouting by licensed hunters is authorized during daylight hours during non-hunting hours and the remainder of the year sunrise to sunset with appropriate permits and passes. Do not enter the safety arc down range from the Northside small arms firing range when the range is “hot”.

6. Hunting Regulations for North Auxiliary Air Field (NAAF): Hunting policies and procedures for JB CHS Weapons Station apply at NAAF except where specifically noted below.

A. Access, Areas, Schedules and Camping: 628 CES/CEIE NR will coordinate all hunting activities at NAAF with 437 OSS/OSA (Airfield Management). Hunting schedules will be adjusted or cancelled as needed for training exercises, outside users, etc. at the request of 437 OSS/OSA.

NAAF hunters (Category “B” and dependents only, no guests) must provide their Cat B permit, appropriate ID and e-mail address to NR staff (843/794-7335) for inclusion on the list of hunters authorized to hunt NAAF. Hunters not on this list will not be allowed NAAF access. A weekly e-mail from NR will be sent to these individuals with updates on access and information related to NAAF hunting.

Weekday Hunts

Hunters planning to hunt NAAF must call NAAF Landing Zone Safety Officer (LZSO) 24 hours in advance to request access (843-670-6664 cell). Hunters may call Monday through Friday, anytime except 0600 to 0800, to register to hunt the next day. LZSO will maintain a “call-in” list and verify hunters are on the authorized access list when hunters call from the NAAF gate (LZSO cell)

requesting access. Hunters arriving in early morning hours (not camping), Monday through Friday, should call LZSO before 6:00 a.m. No calls will be answered 0600 and 0800 hours. If hunters are not on the call-in list they will not be allowed access.

Weekend Hunts

All hunters requesting weekend access must contact LZSO before 1600 Friday afternoon to be placed on the weekend call-in list. Friday afternoon, before they depart the field, the LZSO will provide the NAAF Fire Department (FD) staff a binder with the weekend call-in list and the complete list of all authorized NAAF hunters. The FD will be briefed on expected number of hunters, campers, hunt zones, etc. The FD will then be responsible for cross-checking and opening the gate to hunters/campers on Friday (1600-2200), Saturday (0700-2200), and Sunday (0700-2200). If hunters are not on the call-in list they cannot hunt.

Entrance to NAAF on Friday afternoons (after 1600), Saturday and Sunday and federal holidays is during working hours (0700-2200) only. Hunters will use the phone at the front gate to call the FD to gain access at these times. The fire station is secured at 2200 hours nightly until 0700 hours the next morning. Firefighters will not be called or disturbed between 2200 and 0700 except during an emergency. Hunters who wish to hunt early in the morning on these days will be required to camp the night before as the airfield gate is locked. Hunters will report directly to the Fire Station to sign in and out of the hunting log book. The log book is located in the foyer area of the Fire Station. Failure to sign in or out properly will result in a loss of hunting privileges.

Monday morning, LZSO will retrieve the binder, receive a brief on hunting activities that took place, and resume monitoring the phone and approved list throughout the week.

In summary, for access: upon arrival at the NAAF gate, hunters will call either the LZSO (cell) Monday thru Friday, or the FD (front gate call box) Friday (after 1600), Saturday and Sunday (0700-2200). If they are on the call-in list and approved list they will be allowed access to NAAF to hunt. All hunters will sign in and out of Hunt Log book. The LZSOs will have the book during their "watch", the FD will have it otherwise.

- Hunting will be allowed seven per week in hunt areas 6, 9, 17A, 17B, 17C, 18, 19B, 20, and 21
- In addition to the areas listed above, hunting will be allowed on Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays in hunt areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 16, 19A, I-1 and I-2.

Due to night operations on the field, hunters will follow a "lights out" rule when camping. No use of vehicle lights or bright lights for camping activity. Flashlights will be suppressed and not directed toward the airfield. Additionally, driving after dark will be minimized and headlights not be directed toward flight-line/runways. Driving to and from the fire station is the only allowed after-dark traffic following entry. No in-woods activity is authorized after dark for baiting, scouting, stand maintenance, etc.

These same access and activity policies and procedures apply to hunters wishing to scout in the off-seasons.

Hunters may camp but only in the area adjacent to Building Number 1, also known as the Pecan Grove. This area is just to the right as you come in the gate. Open fires prohibited i.e. campfires, grills, portable fire pits, etc. Propane cook stoves, lanterns, heaters are authorized. Campers are responsible for policing their area prior to departure. Failure to clean up campsites after use could result in a loss of camping and/or hunting privileges. No utility hook ups of any kind are authorized. Campers are required to note that they are camping in the hunting book at the fire station. Restrooms (Bldg. 2) by the grounds maintenance buildings are the only facilities that can be used by approved campers. All other facilities including the Aerial Delivery Building and fire station facilities: office areas, living quarters, latrines and vehicle stalls are off-limits.

All dirt roads are open for vehicular traffic. The speed for the paved road leading to the fire station is 10 MPH. Visitor parking is available at the side of the fire station. Do not park in front of the fire department vehicles, vehicle stalls, or in any manner that would block or impede the route of a fire department vehicle. Parking ramp "A" is the only aircraft ramp/taxi way area authorized for POV travel with a speed limit of 25 MPH. When driving in wooded areas, use caution and low rates of speed. On-base driving hazards may include, but are not limited to, other vehicles, aircraft traffic, heavy equipment/firefighting apparatus, lack of traffic control devices, blind curves, washouts, flooded areas and fallen trees.

B. Hunting Policies: The only animals that may be hunted at NAAF are white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Coyotes and wild hogs may be taken during authorized deer hunts. No other animals will be hunted or harassed in any way. Hunt areas are subject to patrol by the SCDNR enforcement personnel, JB CHS NR personnel and JB CHS volunteer game wardens. Any poaching or other illegal activities should be reported to 628 CES/CEIE NR (843/764-7335 or -7951). Violators of state and/or federal laws, rules, regulations, or NAAF regulations will have hunting privileges suspended pending further investigation. State or federal violations will be reported to appropriate regulatory officials. In the interest of mission requirements, security, and/or safety, senior fire officials and Airfield Management staff may restrict, limit, ban or otherwise prohibit hunting/camping at NAAF at any time.

Authorized weapons include: shotguns (slugs only when deer hunting), muzzleloaders, cross bows and bows and arrows. No handguns are authorized. Bows and shotguns may be used in Areas 1, 2, 3, I-1, and I-2. Rifles, bows and shotguns are permitted in all remaining hunt areas (see Attachment 2). Target practice and/or sighting in of rifles/scopes is prohibited.

Hunters must sign in and out of designated hunting areas. It is the sole responsibility of the hunter(s) to properly sign in at the beginning and out at the end of each hunt. Hunters may not change areas without first signing out of the original area and into the new one. Hunting is permitted in wooded areas only. Hunting in open areas around ramps, taxi ways, and runways or in between runways is prohibited. In addition, the wooded area behind the fire station is off limits for hunting, except for areas I-1 and I-2 which are approved for bow and shotgun only. Hunter should pay strict attention to the "off limits" areas depicted on the map in Attachment 3. NAAF is an active airfield used regularly for touch and go landings, air drops and other training maneuvers. Driving or entering these areas could result in serious accidents and at a minimum could result in

the loss of hunting privileges. If a wounded animal enters any area that is “off limits” hunters will not enter that area but will advise fire department personnel and follow their instructions for retrieving the animal. If a hunter wounds an animal but is unable to locate it they should notify base NR personnel with the approximate area at (843) 764-7335 or 764-7951. NR will relay pertinent information to BASH personnel on-site at NAAF.

C. Still Hunting for Deer: Only one deer hunter is allowed in any given hunt area at a time. The only exception to this rule is when a minor under the age of 16 is hunting with a sponsor. Scouting for hunting locations may be conducted in specific areas only. As with hunting, hunters must sign out a specific area prior to scouting. Scouting in un-assigned areas is prohibited.

Installation of privately owned tree stands is permitted. Tree stand policies on NAAF are the same as those at JB CHS Weapons Station. No stands will be placed along any road or path open for vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

All deer will be harvested under SCDNR rules and regulations using state issued deer tags. All deer harvested will be recorded in the logbook. Information should include sex of the deer, where taken and approximate weight. Field dressing is not allowed at NAAF. During still gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open for vehicle traffic.

D. Wild Turkey Hunting: Turkey hunters (Category “B” only, no guests) may hunt in pairs and with a youth hunter but must stay within visual and voice distance from each other. Only one hunter is allowed a weapon.

Hunters must have state-issued turkey tags. All turkeys must be properly tagged prior to moving the turkey from the location of the harvest. A log book will be kept by LZSO or Fire Department to record turkey approximate weight, beard length and spur size.

7. Fishing Regulations: JB CHAS Weapons Station fishing policies will follow SCDNR rules and regulations unless otherwise noted in this instruction. Game fish may be caught with only hook and line, pole, artificial pole, or rod and reel. Not more than 4 of these devices may be used by any fisherman at the same time. Gutting and cleaning fish at JB CHAS Weapons Station fishing locations or along base waterways is prohibited. Electric trolling motors and air-cooled, outboard motors are authorized for use on ponds. Water-cooled outboard motors are not authorized.

Shrimpers and crabbers must have a JB CHAS fishing permit and a SC Saltwater Recreational Fishing License. If fishing more than two pots a Commercial license is required. Crab pots may not be left overnight and must be marked with owner’s name and phone number.

Authorized Areas/Access: Categories A and B personnel are authorized to fish in Marrington Plantation's ponds and at Mary's Landing. No check in or out required. Fishermen will not drive into, loiter, or fish in the stable area. Fishing at James Pond is reserved for Scouts when they are conducting scheduled activities in the area (camping, field event, etc.).

Category B personnel with up to three “guests” (licensed Category A individuals) in their vehicle are authorized to fish along the Cooper River waterfront and the Southside Area. In the Southside Area Hooker Lake, the TC docks, Goose Creek’s west bank south of the old Coast Guard refueling dock and Goose Creek's east bank at Grace Hopper Bridge are open. On the Cooper River Category B fishing is authorized at Piers Edwards, Bravo, and Wharf Alpha and the river bank south of Pier Alpha up to Pier Charlie. No other areas are authorized.

No vehicles will be driven onto the piers, docks or wharf. Personnel fishing from piers, docks or wharf are strongly recommended to wear personal flotation devices (life jackets). This is a requirement for children 12 and under. JB CHAS Weapons Station Security boat piers/docks including parking area, floating dock and boat ramp on Old Tom Road just up river from Pier Edwards are off limits to fishermen. Fishing is authorized from sunrise to sunset daily.

Fishing will be secured at Pier Bravo and Wharf Alpha and all banks along the river within Public Traffic Route (PTR) distance when an explosive vessel is berthed. Weapons Safety will calculate the PTR distance and provide to CES/CEIE and 628 SFS when this condition exists. Additionally, fishing will be secured at individual piers, docks or wharf when a ship is berthed there.

Fishing from the base’s waterfront wharf, piers and docks is a privilege that will be revoked if policies and procedures are not followed. To summarize: state and base licenses are required; Category B and Category A licensed guests only; no littering....clean up after yourself and others; no cleaning fish; no pets; no night fishing; no unattended crab pots; no POV’s; no fishing when a ship is present; follow all SC fishing regulations....legal sized fish only; and, children under 12 must wear life jacket.



