

WENDELL H. FORD
REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER
HUNTING AND FISHING STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)
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CHAPTER I
GENERAL

- 1-1 **Applicability:** This SOP is applicable to all training areas controlled by the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center (WHFRTC) and to all personnel, both military and authorized civilian, requesting to hunt or fish on the WHFRTC.
- 1-2 **Mission:** The primary mission of this installation is to conduct military training and other related military activities requiring the use of all land owned by this installation. Outdoor recreational activities and the harvest of fish and wildlife resources, an element of overall environmental management, will be permitted subject to the availability of areas as determined by the Training Site Commander, Deputy Training Site Commander, or Base Operations Manager, based on installation training requirements. Mission requirements will take precedence over all outdoor recreational activities.
- 1-3 **Hunting and Fishing Areas:**
- a. The WHFRTC has nine major training areas, and the Assault Airstrip (FLS). These ten areas subdivide into 26 hunting areas. All other areas of the training center are considered off-limits and will not be used for outdoor recreational activities. All training / hunting areas are clearly displayed on the training center map, available at Range Operations and Security Office.
 - b. The matrix below outlines the recommended hunter density for each hunting area. These numbers are a guide. The Fish and Wildlife Staff adjust these numbers as required to harvest the desired number of animals.
 - c. Each body of water is a fishing area.
- 1-4 **Regulations:** All hunting and fishing regulations to include hunting seasons, bag limits, and size limits herein are in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws. Nothing in this SOP permits acts contrary to either State or Federal Statutes (see restrictions in Appendix B of this SOP).

HUNTER DENSITY GUIDE						
AREA	ARCHERY		FIREARM			
	DEER	TURKEY	DEER	TURKEY	SMALL GAME	WATERFOWL
HA 1A	8	8	8	3	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 1B	15	15	15	5	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 1C	6	6	6	4	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 2A	3	3	3	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 2B	3	3	3	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 2C	3	3	3	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 2D	3	3	3	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 3A	3	3	3	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 3B	2	2	2	1	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 3C	3	3	3	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 3D	2	2	2	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 4A	6	6	6	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 4B	2	2	2	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 4C	4	4	4	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 4D	6	6	6	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 5	8	8	8	8	3 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 6A	11	11	11	5	4 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 6B	8	8	8	3	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 7A	10	10	10	6	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 7B	15	15	15	8	3 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 7C	10	10	10	6	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 8	15	15	15	8	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA FLS A	4	4	4	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA FLS B	4	4	4	2	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA FLS C	2	2	2	1	2 Parties	1 Party/Lake*
HA 9	5	5	5	4	2 Parties	Not Authorized
Waterfowl Refuge	Not Authorized					

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1-6 **Definitions:**

- a. **Area Assignment:** Documents issued to eligible personnel authorizing them to hunt and/or fish in a particular area. This document is only valid at the WHFRTC property.
- b. **WHFRTC Chargeable Transit Quarters (CTQ):** All hunters are eligible to utilize CTQ while conducting recreational activities. Military, DMA, and Retirees will be selected in rooms per SOP/RANK. Property Owners, FOGs, and guests are not eligible for DVQ's.
- c. **Cantonment Area:** The area containing billeting, barracks, dining facilities, and offices of the WHFRTC.

- d. **Contract Employee:** An employee who works on-site at WHFRTC for a company that is under a long term contract to provide a service to the Training Center (i.e. food service employees, marksmanship training contractors, DEKA security guard etc.). Contractors that are building ranges, installing electricity, updating facilities DO NOT QUALIFY.
- e. **Creel and Size Limits:** Statewide creel and size limits will be enforced on fish taken from WHFRTC waters except as specified in Appendix A of this SOP.
- f. **Fishing Creel Survey:** Document completed at the security office by the fisherman upon returning from the water on which the fisherman records the number and species of fish caught.
- g. **Immediate Family Member:**
 - (1) Spouse of a military, DMA, or retiree.
 - (2) Parents / Step Parents of a military hunter/fisherman.
 - (3) Children / Step Children of a military hunter/fisherman.
 - (4) Grandchildren / Step Grandchildren of a military hunter/fisherman under the age of 12 for hunting, or under the age of 16 for fishing.
- h. **Full-time (FTM) Personnel:** Personnel employed in full-time Federal or State positions at WHFRTC -- to include full-time employees of the Unit Training Equipment Site #2 (UTES#2), 238th Regiment, all DMA Employees
- i. **Guest Hunter/Fisherman:** Individuals invited to hunt or fish at WHFRTC with a Category B hunter/fisherman as outlined in para 2-1 of this document.
- j. **Installation Hunting, Fishing Permits:** The documents are issued for a fee, granting permission to hunt and/or fish on the installation.
- k. **Military Hunter / Fisherman:** Kentucky National Guard Current or Retired Soldier/Airmen. Soldier/Airmen must have current Military ID. Any retired Soldier/Airmen will show their retired card to WHFRTC security for verification. Any validation needed will be sent to the WHFRTC Base Operations Manager for verification.
- l. **DMA Retirees:** Any DMA employee who has served at least 10 years in DMA and is within State Retirement scope and regulations (IE: Civilian worked 7 years at F&W, 10 years at DMA, and 3 years at Department of Transportation = 20 years of state qualification service). Any validation needed will be sent to the WHFRTC Base Operations Manager and forwarded to Department Military Affairs Director for verification purposes.
- m. **Minor:** Any person who has not reached the age of eighteen (18).
- n. **Range Operations:** The office responsible for advising the Training Site Commander, Deputy Commander, or Base Operations Manager on training activities on all training areas. Is further responsible for recommending available hunting dates and scheduling hunting dates in RFMSS upon approval by the Training Site Commander, Deputy Commander, or Base Operations Manager.
- o. **Range:** Those areas or lands controlled by the WHFRTC that contained fixed installations, to include buildings, shelters, towers, firing lines/positions, downrange courses and service roads, and target devices/positions which compose a range training site.

- p. **Surface Danger Zone (SDZ):** Those portions of the installation where explosive or non-explosive ordnance are fired on or into.
- q. **Release of Liability:** The form signed by both military and non-military hunters / fishermen releasing both the State and Federal Governments and its officers and employees from any liability in the event of accidental injury or death of a military or non-military hunter/fisherman. ALL PERSONS GOING IN THE TRAINING AREAS FOR ANY RECREATION PURPOSE MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:
 - 1. Sign a release form
 - 2. Read and sign SOP form
- r. **Waterfowl Refuge:** Area where hunting and fishing is prohibited from 15 October through 1 March. Reference Hunting Area map for location.
- s. **Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center (WHFRTC):** Area located in Greenville, KY with command-and-control authority over all National Guard training areas located within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This description used to describe all training sites. Where differences or deviations from prescribed procedures at the major installation are required, the deviation or difference will be addressed in applicability to the appropriate site, by its proper name.
- t. **Wildlife Game Survey:** Document completed at the security office by the hunter upon returning from the field on which the hunter records the amount of wildlife by species observed while in the field.
- u. **Wildlife Management Fund Council:** Members appointed by either G3, Training Site Commander, Deputy Training Site Commander, or Base Operations Manager to oversee management and disbursement of fund proceeds from sale of hunting and fishing permits.

1-7 Responsibilities:

- a. **Training Site Commander, Deputy Commander, and Base Operations Manager:**
 - (1) Serves as the final approving / disapproving authority for units wishing to use the WHFRTC after dates for deer, turkey, small game or waterfowl hunting are established.
 - (2) Establishes, in conjunction with the Environmental office, and forwards all deer, turkey and waterfowl hunting dates for approval through the Hunting and Fishing Committee.
 - (3) Serves as the approval authority for all administrative suspension activities or appeals.
 - (4) Establishes policies and procedures for an effective Wildlife Management Program in accordance with AR 200-1, dtd 28 August 2007, Natural Resources Land, Forest, and Wildlife Management.
 - (5) Works closely with Environmental Office for any controlled hunts. IE: Youth or Disabled Veteran hunts.
 - (6) Validates any current or retired KYNG with the G1, State Headquarters along with current and retired DMA employees through the Department of Military Affairs Office.

- (7) Establishes WHFRTC Hunting and Fishing Recreational Use Counsel and meets bi-yearly (DEP CDR, BASE OPS) non-voting member for the counsel.
- (8) Provides Notes from previous meeting and due outs for future meetings.
- (9) Maintains Master List of hunters to include unique exceptions and friends of the guard (FOGs) and or any exceptions to adjacent property owners.

b. Range Operations:

- (1) Recommends hunting dates to the Training Site Commander, Deputy Commander, Base Operations Manager based on training site usage periods, and allows hunting and fishing based on area usage.
- (2) Maintains in RFMSS number of personnel on-site.
- (3) Conducts Random Anti-Terrorism Measures (RAMs) throughout the year at all TA's and Gates.
- (4) Provides Security "training off-limits" areas 30 days in advance via RFMSS; additionally provides updates to Security weekly every Monday NLT 1000 (CST).
- (5) Assist the Base Operations Manager in any contracts, projects that would close an area (Ex; MPMG construction).

c. Environmental Office:

- (1) Maintains records of number of game and fish taken daily at the site, including weight, number of points, and sex of deer and weight and spur and beard length of turkey.
- (2) Maintains these records for natural resource management activities.
- (3) Coordinates and manages all controlled hunts. IE; Youth or Disabled Veteran hunts
- (4) Develops Wildlife Management Plan, which is used to establish lengths of season and bag/creel limits.
- (5) Process immediate family member applications for any specialty hunts.
- (6) In conjunction with WHFRTC security enforces hunting and fishing regulations IAW State Law and WHFRTC Hunting and Fishing SOPs
- (7) Assist the Base Operations Manager in any contracts, projects that would close an area (Ex; Cypress Creek project).

d. Training Site Security:

- (1) In conjunction with Environmental Office enforces hunting and fishing regulations IAW State Law and WHFRTC Hunting and Fishing SOPs
- (2) Serve as point of contact for signing in/out of hunters and fishermen from the Training, Hunting, and Fishing Areas.
- (3) May at their discretion search cars entering and leaving the training site for contraband.
- (4) May check all personnel entering the training site for recreational purposes for proper documentation to include Kentucky hunting and fishing license, appropriate hunting tags and WHFRTC hunting/fishing permits.
- (5) Effective in 2027 Hunting and Fishing season landowners need to provide proof of ownership of the property. New property owners in the last 1-10 years do not fall into Category E. Property Owners 10 years +1 day will provide a copy of the DEED. Any issues on deeds will be addressed directly with Base Operations Manager. Property owners that meet these requirements will be allowed to hunt in the TA that borders their personal property (Ex; Ownership property line is up against WHFRTC TA 7, that property owner will be able to hunt TA 7).
- (6) Will deny access to individuals not providing proper documentation/licenses or other required information. Training site security has the discretion to remove individuals displaying disruptive behavior.
- (7) Responsible for issuing hunting/fishing permits and the collection of permit fees.

e. Hunters / Fishermen:

- (1) Responsible for reading the WHFRTC Hunting and Fishing SOP & Waiver and provide signature/date.
- (2) Responsible for purchasing all hunting and fishing permits issued by the installation prior to hunting or fishing on the installation.
- (3) Responsible for having in their possession All Kentucky State hunting and fishing licenses and permits prior to hunting / fishing on the installation.
- (4) Responsible for the behavior and actions of their guests.
- (5) Responsible for properly recording all fish and game harvested to include tele-check in a timely manner per State Regulations; any extreme circumstances will need to be communicated to front gate security shift supervisor.

f. WHFRTC Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Use Advisory Council:

- (1) Meets at least bi-annually to ensure timely resolution of hunting and fishing issues. Special event meeting called as needed (Ex; April, July, January).

- (2) The Deputy Commander or Base Operations (non-voting member) will schedule, create, and sustain Council.
- (3) The WHFRTC State Facilities Manager (non-voting member) functions as the council's Fund Manager to ensure proper disposition and expenditure of funds derived from hunting and fishing permit fees.
- (4) The Advisory Council establishes hunting and fishing permit fees.
- (5) The Advisory Council discusses and votes on changes to be made/presented to the Command IAW AR 215-1 to improve the recreational, social, and leisure activities on Wendell H. Ford Training Facility for Kentucky National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, DMA Employees, and Retirees.
- (6) Discusses Youth Hunts, Operations, Timelines, Dates, and Restrictions.

1-8 **Privately Owned Vehicles (POV):**

- a. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) usage on the WHFRTC is unauthorized for any recreational purpose to include hunting and fishing. The only exception to this policy is the use of these vehicles by severely handicapped hunters whose physical disability makes it impossible to hunt by conventional methods. Unless deemed an emergency in which Security, Range Operations, and or the Base Operations Manager are notified. Hunting via vehicle could be authorized if individual has all state requirements/permits to do so as a qualified handicap hunter. Handicap hunters will notify security during the check in process and provide proof to conduct hunting from vehicle.
- b. Driving on firebreaks is prohibited for recreation purposes. Any unique circumstances for driving on fire breaks must be vetted through Security/Base Operations Manager Vehicles that become mired or immobilized within training areas or ranges are the responsibility of the owner. No military equipment or personnel will be used to recover these vehicles. Hunter / Fisherman may be responsible for any damage if repairs are needed. If recovery of game requires driving off road, approval must be made in advance through; Training Site Commander, Deputy Commander, Base Operations Manager, Environmental Staff or Security OIC. Personnel found in violation of this policy may have all hunting and fishing privileges on the WHFRTC suspended, time TBD.
- c. All POVs entering the WHFRTC must display the issued area assignment card on the rearview mirror, if no rear mirror in the vehicle, then proceed to put the pass on the left (drivers' side) windshield area. POVs must use designated parking areas and or off the side of the road (not blocking any incoming outgoing traffic on roads).
- d. Restricted areas – Churches, cemeteries, wildlife surveys, BIVOUAC sites etc. No parking, deer stands, blinds or baiting at sites.

1-9 **Archeological or Historical Items:** As required by the Archeological Resource Protection Act and AR 405-80, dtd 1 Feb, 79, Granting Use of Real Estate, excavation or removal of archeological or historical items is prohibited without Federal or State approval specifically for that purpose. Hunters and fishermen report archeological or historical items to the Base Operations Manager (502) 607-7922 or by cell phone at 502-229-3317. Destruction of an archeological site and / or collection of antiquities are a violation of the Federal Antiquity Act of 1906 and the Archeological Resource Protection Act and will be prosecuted accordingly.

CHAPTER 2

FEES, PERMITS, AND REFUNDS

- 2-1 **Fees and Permits:** In addition to Kentucky State hunting and fishing licenses, permits, and stamps, hunters/fishermen on the WHFRTC are required to purchase WHFRTC hunting/fishing permit. WHFRTC permits are issued by WHFRTC Security. All checks or Money Orders for fees, will be made payable to the **WHFRTC Wildlife Management Fund**. The permit costs and length of issue are as follows:

WHFRTC Hunting and Fishing Permit Tiered Rate Structure (Annual Permit)

Cost	Rank / Status
\$20	E1-E4
\$40	E5-E6
\$60	E7-E8
\$60	WO1-CW3; 2LT-CPT
\$80	CW4-CW5; MAJ-COL
\$100	E9; General Officer
\$20	DMA State Employees up to Grade 12
\$40	DMA State Employees Grades 13-15
\$60	DMA State Employees Grades 16 and above
\$75	FOG, Landowner, KSP, Sheriff (CIV)

(Retired KYNG and DMA State Employees cost for annual permit is what their rank or grade was at the time of retirement)

*****Donations are also accepted (check only) and will be made out to WHFRTC Wildlife Management Fund. Point of Contact is the GTC-KY (WHFRTC) Base Operations Manager at 502-607-7922 or by email at curtis.m.persinger.mil@army.mil**

PERMIT FEES					
TYPE PERMIT	LENGTH OF PERMIT	COST			
		CATEGORY			
		A	B	C	D
User Permit	1 Day	\$10.00*	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
	3 Days	\$20.00*	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Annual	N/A	Tiered	\$50.00	N/A
*Category A do not need to purchase a user’s permit to fish on WHFRTC, however they do need to purchase a permit to hunt.					
Children Under Age 16 Are Not Required to Buy a WHFRTC Fishing Permit.					
Children Under Age 12 Are Not Required to Buy a WHFRTC Hunting Permit.					
MANAGED HUNTS					
Turkey	Event Specific	Permit + \$10.00 fee if drawn			
Deer	Event Specific	Permit + \$10.00 fee if drawn			
HUNTER/FISHERMAN CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION				
A	Soldiers, Airmen, Personnel actively training at WHFRTC.				
B	Kentucky Guardsmen (Army/Air) - Tiered Retired Kentucky Guardsmen (Army/Air) - Tiered Kentucky Department of Military Affairs employees - Tiered Retired Kentucky Department of Military Affairs employees - Tiered Federal, State or Contract Employees assigned and supporting training center operation \$50.00 Annual Pass				
C	Immediate Family Member as defined in para-1-5f. \$50.00 Annual Pass Kentucky State Police assigned to Muhlenberg County and Muhlenberg Sheriff \$75.00 Annual Pass (no guest)				
D	Guest of personnel in Category B: 1-3 Day Pass (no guest)				
E	Friends of the Guard (FOGs) and Bordering Property Owners \$75.00 Annual pass (Allowed one (1) guest-Immediate family member)				

- 2-2 **Managed Hunts:** Registration Fees may be required when submitting the applications for the hunt. Hunters selected to hunt on the WHFRTC are required to pay fees prior to the hunting event.
- 2-3 **Refunds:** No refunds will be issued to hunters who fail to show on the day of their assigned hunt or to hunters who wish to hunt less than the length of their permit.
- 2-4 **Fishing Permits for Personnel in Annual Training (AT) or Inactive Duty for Training (IDT):** (Basically Cat A.) Personnel performing duty in AT, IDT status may fish on the site without purchasing a permit.
- 2-5 **Children under the Age of 16:** Children under the age of 16 are not required to purchase a WHFRTC fishing permit and must be accompanied by a sponsor to be eligible to fish.
- 2-6 **Children under the Age of 12:** Children under the age of 12 are not required to purchase a WHFRTC hunting permit and must be accompanied by a sponsor to be eligible to hunt.

- 2-7 **Annual Fishing and Hunting Permits:** Annual Permits will be issued on the same cycle as Kentucky State fishing permits (01 March to 28 February). Annual permit holders will adhere to the same hunting / fishing regulations applicable to all others on WHFRTC, to include checking in with site security before and after fishing/hunting.
- 2-8 **KRS 150.170 (9)** Any member of the Kentucky Army or Air National Guard, active duty or Reserve Component, in any branch in the United States Armed Forces that is based in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, shall have the right to take fish or hunt on any military property belonging to the Commonwealth without procuring any sport hunting or sport fishing license.
- 2-9 **Fee Accountability:**
- a. All fees paid to WHFRTC for hunting and fishing are accounted for in the WHFRTC Wildlife Management Fund. Money from fund is used to support recreational site maintenance, wildlife programs established by the training site, troop morale, welfare and recreational activities.
 - b. The fee can be submitted by cash, check or money order made payable to: WHFRTC Wildlife Management Fund. (If check is returned for inappropriate funds a 30-day suspension will be imposed on the hunter / fishermen).
- 2-10 **Sponsors and Guests:** Sponsors (Persons in Category B) are authorized to be accompanied by one guest for non-managed turkey and or deer hunts. Small game and or fisherman sponsors are authorized up to two guests for non-managed events. (Sponsors are responsible for the actions of their guests and are subject to the same penalties).
- 2-11 **Mutually supporting Individuals / Organizations to WHFRTC:** Individuals or individuals within an organization MAY BE authorized to Hunt / Fish at WHFRTC if they are involved in mutually supporting activities of WHFRTC. For example: A property owner whose property borders the WHFRTC boundary can be allowed to hunt / fish on WHFRTC as they would most likely cross WHFRTC's boundary and assist WHFRTC with watching its boundary. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and approved by the Commander, Deputy Commander or Base Operations Manager.

CHAPTER 3

SAFETY

- 3-1 **Hunter Orange:** All hunters in the field during the WHFRTC deer gun season will wear blaze orange vests and hats. Jackets with orange pockets, orange camouflage vests, jackets, and hats are not acceptable.
- 3-2 **Life Preservers:** All persons utilizing boats, rafts, or canoes on training site lakes and ponds will have in their possession a US Coast Guard approved lifesaving device per person on their boat.
- 3-3 **Alcoholic Beverages:** Consumption of alcoholic beverages within hunting/fishing areas is NOT AUTHORIZED. Hunting/fishing under the influence of alcohol will result in immediate removal from the hunting/fishing area. Penalty will be levied according to Para 7-3.
- 3-4 **Firearms:** Guns will not be loaded prior to arrival within assigned hunting area. At no time will hunters carry loaded weapons intended for hunting in their vehicles. Muzzle loading weapons, which are loaded with ball and powder but not primed, are considered not loaded.
- 3-5 **Tree-Stands:** Safety harnesses and belts are required with the use of tree stands on the training site.

- 3-6 **Boat Motors:** The only authorized means of propulsion of boats on the WHFRTC lakes (with the exception of Big Reno) is by either paddle or electric trolling motor.
- a. Motorized boats are allowed on Big Reno at **NO WAKE** speed.

CHAPTER 4

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- 4-1 **Small Game and Fishing:** All persons wishing to small game hunt and fish on the WHFRTC may check for available areas at the WHFRTC Environmental office or Security office 24 hours prior to the day they wish to hunt or fish. This can be done by telephonically contacting WHFRTC Environmental office or WHFRTC Security. AFTER WHFRTC Deer Gun season closes, small game hunters and bird hunters can check out to a whole training area, instead of just a hunting area.
- 4-2 **Deer and Turkey Bow Hunting:** Bow hunting on the training site will be on first come first served basis for both deer and turkey hunting. Hunter density will not exceed the limits outlined in para 1-3b above.
- 4-3 **Deer and Turkey Gun Hunting (Non-Managed Hunts):** Gun hunting for deer and turkey on the training site will only occur during times authorized by the Base Operations Manager or the Environmental Manager. During these authorized times gun hunting will be on first come first served basis for both deer and turkey hunting. Hunter density will not exceed the limits outlined in para 1-3b above. Individuals wishing to gun hunt on the WHFRTC must contact the WHFRTC Security or Environmental Office prior to hunting in order to check for available dates and training areas open.
- 4-4 **Managed Hunts for Deer and Turkey:** Managed hunts for deer and turkey will be announced by the Environmental Office and Base Operation Manager through the State FRAGO battle rhythm prior to the dates of the hunt. All instructions will accompany the announcement. All managed hunts will be conducted as a Draw Hunt. All applications must be received by the published deadline to be considered and will be determined by the Environmental Manager.
- 4-5 **Waterfowl Hunting:** Waterfowl hunting will be on first come first served basis. Hunter density will not exceed the limits outlined in para 1-3b above. Available hunting areas are subject to change due to training. **AFTER WHFRTC Deer Gun Season closes:** 1. Waterfowl hunters can switch hunting areas, with permission 2. Can check out a whole training area, instead of just a hunting area.
- 4-6 Waterfowl Hunter's during Deer GUN season, MUST WEAR HUNTER'S ORANGE ANYTIME OUTSIDE THE BLIND.

CHAPTER 5

FISHING EQUIPMENT, GUNS, BOWS, and TREE STANDS

- 5-1 **Fishing Equipment:** All baits and fishing tackle are authorized on lakes and ponds owned and maintained by the training site. No Trotlines or Jugs authorized.
- 5-2 **Guns:**
- a. Shotguns in the gauge of 10, 12, 16, and 20, and muzzle loading rifles caliber .38 to .54 are the only authorized hunting firearms for deer on the training site.
- (1) Slugs, ball, or sabots are the only ammunitions authorized for hunting deer. A hunter is authorized a maximum of 10 slugs, or 10 rounds of powder and ball equivalent in their possession during

each hunting day. Shotguns will be plugged so as not to hold more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. Over and under shotguns are unauthorized if one of the barrels is chambered for either rim-fired or center fired rifle cartridges.

(2) #4 shot shell and smaller are the only authorized shot for hunting turkey on the training site. .410 shotguns are authorized for Turkey hunting and small game.

b. Pellet rifles in the calibers of .177, .20, .22, and .25 are authorized for small game hunting.

5-3 Bows / Crossbows:

- a. Bows will have a minimum draw weight of 40 lbs. Only longbows, compound and crossbows are authorized for hunting on the WHFRTC.
- b. Broad head arrows not less than 7/8" in width and razor sharp are the only authorized hunting tips. At no time will any drug or poison be used on broad heads while hunting on the training site.
- c. Crossbow hunting regulations and exemptions for age and disability on WHFRTC are aligned with Kentucky State-wide regulations.

5-4 Tree stands

- a. Only portable stands that cause no injury to trees are authorized on the training site. The use of screw in steps is strictly prohibited.
- b. Hunters may put up stands and leave in place for the duration of their hunting season. Hunters who choose to do this assume full responsibility for the security of their stand. Hunters leaving stands in trees must track and be prepared to identify their stand. Any stands confiscated will be held at the Range Operations Compound.

CHAPTER 6

HUNTING / FISHING TIMES AND CHECK IN / OUT PROCEDURES

6-1 **Hunting Dates:** All hunting dates will generally correspond with Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife assigned hunting dates. Hunting seasons may be shortened or extended by the Environmental office to effectively manage the wildlife population on the training site. Environment office will consult with Base Operations Manager on established pre-determined dates.

6-2 **Hunting Times:** IAW applicable Kentucky state hunting regulations: Hunters are authorized to check out at Security no earlier than 0400 (CST); NO EXCPETIONS. Hunters must check in to security no later than 1.5 hour after sunset. Any exceptions and or emergencies will be reported to WHFRTC Security.

6-3 **Fishing Times:** Fishers may leave the Security Office 1.5 hour before Sunrise and must be back to the Security Office no later than 1.5 hour after sunset. Any exceptions and or emergencies will be reported to WHFRTC Security.

6-4 All Hunting / Fishing after hours must be approved in advance by Deputy Commander or Base Operations Manager.

6-5 Check-in Procedures:

- a. All personnel, both military and civilian, must sign in prior to hunting. Location for signing in for all hunts is the installation security office, or designated location for draw hunts. Personnel failing to sign in and/or gain proper authorization for hunting/fishing will be considered as trespassing and be ejected from the hunting/fishing area and prosecuted in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. Hunting/fishing penalty on WHFRTC will be levied according to Para 7-3.
- b. Personnel signing in for hunting/fishing are required to complete AGO Form 27-1, Release of Liability (first hunting/fishing trip of the recreation year 01 March – 28 February) and provide signature and compliance to the Hunting and Fishing SOP.
- c. Photo ID is required to be left with security when checking in to hunt/fish. However, for example if hunting or fishing in TA 7C requires you to drive off post and down a county or state highway, a Military ID (current or retired) or DMA ID can be substituted.

6-6 Checkout Procedures:

- a. All participants must immediately report to Security to sign out of their assigned hunting / fishing area.
- b. Persons hunting in parties may let one member of their party sign out all members of their party.
- c. Persons failing to sign out of their assigned hunting/fishing area may lose all hunting/fishing privileges. Penalty will be levied according to Para 7-3.
- d. All personnel must complete tele-check procedures before departing WHFRTC.

CHAPTER 7

ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION OF HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES

7-1 Administrative Suspension of Privileges:

- a. Citation, by a Game Warden or Installation Security for any offense is cause for immediate removal of the offender from the hunting area.
- b. Suspension of hunting and fishing privileges is an administrative action, which does not replace or preclude prosecution by military, state, or federal authorities, as appropriate.
- c. All suspensions are immediate and will be reviewed by the Deputy Commander or Base Operations Manager for further consideration. The dismissing officer will make a written report containing at a minimum type incident, date and time of incident, name, phone, and address of offender and provide to the Deputy Commander or Base Operations Manager

7-2 **Appeal of Suspensions:** Appeals of suspensions may be made in writing to the Training Site Deputy Commander or Base Operations Manager at:

WENDELL H. FORD REGIONAL TRAINING SITE
ATTN: Deputy Commander /Base Operations Manager
GTC Hunting and Fishing Appeals
4675 State Route 181 North
Greenville, Kentucky 42345-1732

7-3 **Violations Subject to Administrative Suspension:** Violations subject to administrative suspension of hunting / fishing privileges are listed below. In addition to those listed, any violations of Kentucky or Federal game laws will also result in suspension of privileges. The periods listed below are guidelines only and not intended to restrict the Deputy Commander or Base Operations Manager in fashioning an appropriate administrative remedy for violations:

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>SUSPENSION</u>
Blocking Gates/Boat Ramps	Base OPS Manager conversation
Killing a legal buck before killing a doe: Except QDMA Youth Hunt	Permanent
Killing an illegal buck less than 15 inches or a male deer less than 3.5 Years old. (See below)	1 Year to Permanent
Note: Deputy Commander Base Operations Manager determine suspension but will consult with individuals. F&W Biologists will age deer if in question	
Falsifying Information on Application	3 years
No State hunting, fishing license, tags, or permits	2 years
No Installation Permit	1 Year
Failure to Sign in or out	1 Year
Use of Altered State or Installation Documentation	Permanent
Making False Statement to Obtain Permit	Permanent
Hunting / Fishing in Unauthorized Areas	1 Year (Signage must be established)
Aiding or Abetting a Violator	Same as Violator
Unauthorized Night Hunting	Permanent
Illegal possession of fish or wildlife	Permanent
Exceeding limit	3 years
Killing Wildlife from Vehicle	Permanent
Use of Alcoholic Beverages	2 years
Failure to Wear required Clothing (Base Operations can determine)	6 months
Littering	1 Year
Destroying or Defacing Government Property	Permanent
Deer / Game Drives	Permanent
Failure to Tele-check	1 year
Use of Cellular-Enabled Trail Cameras	3 years
Use of a sUAS (Drone) for Hunting or Recovery Purposes	Permanent

NOTE: Second violations of the same offense may result in permanent suspension determined by Deputy Commander or Base Operations Manager

Appendix A: Special Instructions to WHFRTC Hunting and Fishing SOP

WHFRTC Special Creel and Size Limits								
Lake / Pond	Largemouth Bass		Redear		White & Black Crappie			
	Creel	Size	Creel	Size		Creel	Size	
Big Reno	STATE SIZE AND CREEL LIMIT					20	10 in	
ALL OTHER LAKES	STATE SIZE AND CREEL LIMIT EFFECTIVE MARCH 17, 2020					20	9 in	
UTES Lake = 3 Channel Catfish per person, per day.								
Special creel and size limits on these lakes and species of fish are designed to aid in building quality fish populations. This should result in higher quality fishing in the future. FISHING BIG RENO FOR CRAPPIE YOU MUST COME TO SECURITY BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER, FOR SECURITY TO CHECK SIZE								

SPRING TURKEY HARVEST

Bag limits follow statewide regulations. Spring turkey season will be the same number of State days but can be flexible hunting dates based on operational usage. ALL turkey is required to be tele-checked through the KY Fish and Wildlife prior to departing. **NO FALL TURKEY SEASON AT WHFRTC**

DEER HARVEST

Hunters must harvest a doe (female deer) before they can harvest a legal antlered deer. Button bucks (antlerless bucks whose nodules do not break the skin) are no longer considered valid for fulfilling the antlerless requirement. Legal antlered deer are deer with a 15-inch minimum outside spread or 3.5 years old or older. Hunters may not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches or less than 3.5 years old at any time UNLESS permission has been granted prior by the Environmental office. (i.e. QDMA Youth Hunt) ALL deer are required to be tele-checked through the KY Fish and Wildlife prior to departing WHFRTC and Confirmation # given to Security.

ANTLERLESS DEER SEASON ENDS YEARLY DECEMBER 20th

Hunter's & Fishermen - YOU ARE TO GO ONLY TO AND FROM YOUR HUNTING/FISHING AREA, USE THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE TO YOUR AREA, DRIVING AROUND OTHER AREAS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, ONLY TWO (2) CHANGES PER DAY. INDIVIDUALS MUST CALL SECURITY BEFORE MOVING REQUESTED TA.

Hunting Times: IAW applicable Kentucky state hunting regulations: Hunters are authorized to check in at Security no earlier than 0400 (CST) NO EXCEPTIONS. and must return to check-in no later than 1.5 hours after sunset. Emergencies/issues will require hunters to contact WHFRTC Security (vehicle breakdowns, game tracking etc.)

Fishing Times: May leave the Security Office no earlier than 0400 (CST) NO EXCEPTIONS Must be back at the Security Office 1.5 hour after sunset. Emergencies/issues will require fisherman to contact WHFRTC Security (vehicle break downs, boat issues etc.)