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This instruction establishes the control for hunting, trapping, and fishing on Scott AFB IL. It applies to all organizations and individuals on Scott AFB.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Changes collection of fees for archery hunting from 375th Services Squadron to 375th Security Police Squadron; adds all fishing permits to be obtained from Outdoor Recreation; changes all current State of Illinois Fishing Rules and Regulations to apply to Silver Creek; deletes only broadhead arrows engraved with the hunter's identifying mark or number registered daily with the Scott deer hunting checkpoint; deletes animals being removed from the checkpoint prior to examination by the Base Game Warden or a designated representative; deletes no animal being field dressed; deletes facilities being available for dressing deer.

1. Terms Explained:

1.1. Wildlife. (Defined in AFM 126-4.) "Wildlife can be viewed broadly to include finfish or true fish, as well as shellfish, starfish, jellyfish, and other invertebrates such as insects, slugs, and earthworms which are important parts of the food chain, in addition to birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians that are considered as wildlife."

1.2. Hunting. The act of a person possessing a weapon or being accompanied by a dog for the purpose of taking species protected by law in any location such species may inhabit.

1.3. Trap. To capture, or to attempt to capture, by setting or placing a leg hold trap, bodygripping trap, cage, live trap or other similar device, permitted by law to capture, hold or kill game or furbearing mammals.

1.4. Fishing. Taking or attempting to take aquatic life in any waters by any method and all other acts such as placing, setting, drawing, or using any device commonly used for the taking of aquatic life whether resulting in such take or not.

2. Responsibilities:

2.1. Individual fishers or hunters:

2.1.1. Will report all game violations set forth in this regulation and Illinois State Laws to Security Police personnel.

2.1.2. Are responsible for strict compliance with this instruction and Illinois State Laws.

2.2. Base Civil Engineer (BCE) will be responsible for all aspects of the management of fish and wildlife on Scott AFB and the development of a 5-year fish and wildlife plan.

2.3. Outdoor Recreation Section of the 375 SVS is responsible for taking permit applications, conducting the drawings, collecting fees, and issuing applicable permits for fishing and trapping within the confines of Scott AFB. Archery deer permits will be issued and fees collected by the Base Game Warden (375 SPS/SPOS).

2.4. The Staff Judge Advocate ensures this instruction is in compliance with DOD, federal, state, and local laws.

2.5. The Veterinary Service (US Army/SGV) will advise the 375 CES Pest Management (CEOIB) on the disposition of wounded and trapped animals and wildlife.

2.6. The 375 SPS will enforce this instruction, as well as State of Illinois Fish and Game Laws, within the confines of Scott AFB and they will maintain a liaison with state and federal conservation enforcement agencies. The Base Conservation Warden will be appointed, by letter, from the 375 SPTG Commander.

3. Removal and Disposition of Injured Wildlife:

3.1. The 375 SPS will, when necessary and in conjunction with the Veterinary Office, destroy animals that may be injured or diseased.

3.2. The 375 CES Pest Management (CEOIB) will:

3.2.1. Properly dispose of dead animals on base.

3.2.2. Trap diseased or injured small animals.

3.3. The US Army/SGV will, on a case-by-case basis, determine the extent of involvement needed by the Veterinarian's Office.

4. Migratory Game Birds and Animals. Federal rules on migratory birds and animals and the State of Illinois Game and Fish Codes apply on Scott AFB. Possession of birds or animals governed by the federal and state codes will be as directed by administrative order of the Department of the Interior and the State of Illinois. No wildlife shall be in possession in the confines of Scott AFB.

5. Permit Fees:

- 5.1. Will be reviewed annually by the 375 CES/CEV and 375 SVS, with recommended changes forwarded to the 375 SPTG Commander as necessary.
 - 5.2. Will be collected from the sale of base hunting, fishing, and trapping permits and deposited to the fish and wildlife fund for use in those programs.
- 6. Boating.** Boating on Scott Lake is allowed provided the following guidelines are followed:
- 6.1. Only nonmotorized 375 SVS boats are permitted.
 - 6.2. Boats will only be launched in designated areas.
 - 6.3. Boats will not be used to carry more people than there are available seats, i.e., canoes - 2 people; pedal boats - 2 seats, 2 people; 4 seats, 4 people. Boisterous play is not allowed.
 - 6.4. A Coast Guard-approved life preserver will be available for each boat occupant. Children 12 years and under must wear a life preserver at all times and must be accompanied by someone 16 years or older.
 - 6.5. Fishing is prohibited from boats.
- 7. Scott Lake Restrictions:**
- 7.1. Swimming and wading are prohibited.
 - 7.2. Discharge of firearms, air or CO₂ powered guns and bows of any type are prohibited in the Scott Lake Recreation Area.
- 8. Fishing Take and Limits:**
- 8.1. All largemouth bass must be immediately released.
 - 8.2. Taking of fish by seine, spear, bow and arrow, trotline, or any device other than a fishing pole or hand line is prohibited in the waters on Scott AFB.
 - 8.3. No person shall use, or have in use, more than one fishing pole or line.
 - 8.4. The use of live minnows including, but not limited to, goldfish and carp, is not permitted.
 - 8.5. Daily limit of five catfish. There is no limit on crappie or bluegill.
 - 8.6. The stocking or placing of any fish, minnow, aquarium fish, or any other species of fish from any other source into Scott Lake is a violation of the rules and regulations of the State of Illinois and is prohibited.
 - 8.7. All current State of Illinois Fishing Rules and Regulations are applicable for Silver Creek.
 - 8.8. All persons who fish within the confines of Scott AFB must obtain and have on their person, a current valid Scott AFB fishing permit from Outdoor Recreation.
- 9. Deer Hunting and Permit Procedures:**
- 9.1. A deer archery season may be authorized on an annual basis by the 375 SPTG Commander with the advice of the 375 CES/CEV. The archery season will be closed during the State of Illinois Deer Firearm Season in accordance with state law. The specific dates of the hunt within the confines of Scott AFB will be established and public notice given by 375 CES/CEV annually.

9.2. All active duty military will have priority over all other permit requests in accordance with AFI 34-101.

9.3. The actual number of permits issued will be based on the size of the deer herd on Scott AFB per season and will be determined by 375 CES/CEV annually. Applications for permits will be taken from 1 August through 20 September. The applications will be received by 375 SVS and overseen by the Base Conservation Warden or designated representative.

9.4. Hunter Requirements. All persons who participate in archery deer season on Scott AFB must have in their possession the following:

9.4.1. A valid Illinois Hunting License.

9.4.2. A valid Illinois Deer Hunting Permit.

9.4.3. A valid Illinois Hunter Safety Course Card.

9.4.4. A Scott AFB Hunting Permit.

9.4.5. The total number of deer allowable per year will be established on an annual basis by 375 CES/CEV.

9.5. A firearm deer hunting season will not be authorized in conjunction with this instruction.

9.6. All deer taken will be registered through the Scott AFB deer checkpoint. All State of Illinois deer registration and reporting procedures are and will remain the responsibility of the individual hunter.

9.7. The location of the hunt will be the wooded area on the east side of the base commonly referred to as the Silver Creek Nature Area. Hunting will not be allowed within 200 feet of Scott Lake, 500 feet of South Drive, 100 feet of the railroad tracks, 100 feet of the posted firearm range, or within 200 feet of any building or dwelling within the authorized hunting area.

9.8. All hunting will be done from above ground tree stands. No ground level hunting is permitted. All stands used will be nonpermanent in nature. At no time will nails, screws or other foreign matter be put in trees for the purpose of erecting a stand or climbing a tree, with the exception of commercially designed, screw-in steps. All tree stand material will be removed from the woods at the end of the season.

9.9. It is the responsibility of each person granted the privilege to hunt on Scott AFB to report any and all violations of game laws to the Base Conservation Warden, Security Police, or state law enforcement agencies.

9.10. All Illinois State Laws will apply in accordance with Chapter 61 of the Illinois Code.

10. Trapping and Permit Procedures:

10.1. Trapping on Scott AFB is only allowed on an as-needed basis to control wildlife populations, reduce the possibility of rabies outbreaks, and remove pests as approved by the 375 SPTG Commander.

10.2. Trapping permits will be issued by 375 SVS with the approval of 375 CES/CEV.

10.3. No trapping will be allowed where the potential for accidents to or by any personnel is likely to occur. The 375 CES/CEV will provide guidance.

10.4. Prior to applying for a permit, any person wishing to trap must have attended the State of Illinois Trapping Course and show proof of attendance.

10.5. All animals taken must be registered with the Base Conservation Warden within 24 hours after the take.

10.6. All Illinois Trapping Laws will apply.

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