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From: Commanding General
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SUBJ: RECREATIONAL FISHING PONDS

Ref: (a) North Carolina Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping
Regulations (NOTAL)
(b) North Carolina General Statutes (NOTAL)
(c) BO 1710.20

1. Situation. To publish individual recreational fishing regulations for the 12 managed base fishing ponds.

2. Mission

a. General. Specific pond regulations are adjusted seasonally, as appropriate, dependent upon last stocking date and reproductive output of resident brood fisheries. These actions are necessary to ensure continued cost-effective recreational opportunities within fishing ponds managed by the Environmental Management Division. Annual harvest rates of game fish within specific ponds currently exceed reproduction and growth rates of important game fish species. Additionally, current and future budget limitations will not permit fish stocking for replacement to make up for cumulative harvest rates (current recreational demand and predators). Therefore, daily creel limits have been established accordingly.

b. Universal. The intentional catch or pursuit of grass carp is prohibited in all Base-fishing ponds. Largemouth Bass daily creel limit is two with a minimum size of fourteen inches, except as noted for individual ponds listed below. Catfish daily creel is four, except as noted below.

c. Hickory Pond. All Largemouth Bass must be released unharmed, to the water. Other fish may be possessed per reference (a) and paragraph 2.b. above.

d. Weil Point Pond. Closed.

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e. MCAS, New River Pond. All Largemouth Bass must be released unharmed, to the water. Other fish may be possessed per reference (a) and paragraph 2.b. above.

f. Old Landfill Pond. All Largemouth Bass must be released unharmed, to the water. Other fish may be possessed per reference (a) and paragraph 2.b. above.

g. Osprey Pond (MCAS, New River). All fish caught in this pond must be released unharmed, to the water and not retained.

h. Catch and Release Stipulations. In fishing ponds that have catch and release stipulations, anglers wishing to have fish caught in these ponds mounted by a taxidermist are instructed to obtain necessary girth, length, and other dimensions, along with photo documentation, and provide these to a taxidermist in lieu of the fish.

3. Execution. All participants are required to comply with the provisions of references (a) through (c) and all individual pond regulations provided in paragraph 2.

4. Administration and Logistics. Environmental Conservation Branch, Environmental Management Division, Installations and Environment Department will post signs at all ponds to emphasize general and site-specific regulations.

5. Command and Signal

a. Signal. This Bulletin is effective the date signed.

b. Command. This Bulletin is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve. The Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, concurs with this Bulletin.


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