

Environmental  
RECREATIONAL HUNTING ON ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND

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**Summary.** This regulation prescribes policies, assigns responsibilities, and establishes procedures to be used in conjunction with Army Regulation (AR) 200-1, Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 Dec 2007; AR 215-1, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) Instrumentalities, 24 Sep 2010; and AR 350-19, The Army Sustainable Range Program, 30 Aug 2005. This regulation sets forth policies, laws, restrictions and procedures for all hunting activities at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). It applies to all individuals hunting on the Installation. The regulation is provided to establish guidelines for safe and orderly conduct and to ensure the military mission of APG is not negatively impacted. Aberdeen Proving Ground operates a hunting program in areas currently and historically used for military testing and training. Areas are open or closed to hunting based upon scheduled military testing, training, safety, or biological management objectives. **Hunting on APG is a privilege afforded to Directorate of Family, Morale, and Recreation (DFMWR)-eligible patrons and is not a right.**

**Applicability.** The policy and guidance prescribed by this regulation apply to all U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground (USAGAPG) elements, tenant organizations, and to all individuals requesting the privilege to hunt or trap at APG.

**Suggested Improvements.** The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Public Works (DPW). Users are invited to send comments, suggestions, and improvements directly to the APG DPW, Chief, Environmental Division, Building 4304.

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**1. Purpose.** This regulation prescribes responsibilities and rules governing recreational hunting and trapping on APG.

**2. References.**

- a. AR 190-45, Law Enforcement Reporting, 27 Sep 2016
- b. AR 215-1, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) Instrumentalities, 24 Sep 2010
- c. AR 200-1, Natural Resources – Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 Dec 2007
- d. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 24 Feb 2017
- e. USC Title 16 703-711 Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 1918
- f. APGR 385-1, Range Administration, 1 Apr 2014
- g. APGR 190-1, Prohibited Weapons/Items and Control and Registration of Privately Owned Weapons and Ammunition, 1 Dec 2012.

**3. Explanations of Abbreviations and Terms.** Special terms and abbreviations used in this regulation are explained in the Glossary.

**4. Scope.** This regulation applies to all activities located at APG and to all individuals accepting the privileges of hunting at APG.

**5. Responsibilities.**

- a. Community Recreation Division, DFMWR, USAGAPG, will:
  - (1) Sell APG hunting permits and collect an activity fee for each permit sold;
  - (2) Conduct the day-to-day administrative operations of the recreational hunting programs for the Installation, with authority to delegate any portion thereof with written permission of the Commander, USAGAPG;
  - (3) Provide hunters with a link to a copy of this regulation at the time of registration and instruct all hunters to become thoroughly familiar with this regulation;
  - (4) Provide a link to Hunting Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs);

(5) Provide the coursework, hunting areas tour, hunting escorts for the HIC certification program. Conduct the HIC training in accordance with Safety Office guidance.

(6) Organize one time gun and archery hunting qualifications. Written guidance on qualifications will be provided by Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) and Installation Safety Office (ISO);

(7) Coordinate with DES/DPW/volunteers to maintain all hunting areas and mark firing zones;

(8) Ensure hunters are assigned only to areas opened by Range Operations, Aberdeen Test Center (ATC) or other approved entities;

(9) Ensure hunters view unexploded ordnance (UXO) presentations and maintain records of attendance; and

(10) Collect completed 1249b forms containing raw information on animals harvested and provide to DPW.

b. DPW, USAGAPG, will:

(1) Exercise technical supervision and set game management policy and requirements as the basis for the Installation Recreational Hunting Program;

(2) Provide professional guidance for all proposed wildlife projects;

(3) Conduct wildlife studies and analyze harvest and survey data to determine management goals;

(4) Establish seasons and bag limits to achieve management goals;

(5) Present the results of the hunting season to the APG Conservation Subcommittee indicating the total harvest by category at the end of the APG hunting season;

(6) Ensure the Chief, ATC Range Operations, receives current hunting season schedules;

(7) Submit requests for changes in active hunting area(s) boundaries to the DPW Biologist. The DPW Biologist will coordinate the submissions with ISO, DFMWR, DES, DPW and ATC Range Operations for comments and concurrence. The ISO will forward the request and associated comments to the Commander; and

(8) In coordination with the Installation Hunting Management Team (See Glossary), prepare, coordinate, approve, and effect publication and dissemination of recreational hunting regulations, maps, and required changes and operational procedures.

c. Directorate of Emergency Services, USAGAPG, will:

(1) Enforce the APG recreational hunting regulations and all applicable laws;

(2) Provide personnel (e.g. DES Conservation Law Enforcement Officers (CLE)) to specifically enforce Natural Resources statutes and regulations. Directorate of Emergency Services CLE officers may observe daily operations to ensure established operational procedures are being followed;

(3) Provide gun registration review program in accordance with (IAW) APGR 190-1.

d. Chief Counsel/Staff Judge Advocate, USAGAPG, will: Act to prosecute violators of Federal, State, County, and APG recreational hunting regulations.

e. Chief, Installation Safety Office, USAGAPG, will:

(1) Conduct periodic Risk Assessments for changes to established hunting areas and newly requested areas;

(2) Review and coordinate, with applicable activities, all recommended changes in established hunting/trapping areas;

(3) Forward recommendations to the Commander for a decision on whether or not to accept any risks involved with opening hunting areas;

(4) Provide the requestor written notice of decisions on new areas;

(5) Provide DFMWR and DPW information on hazards affecting hunting area suitability; and

(6) Review the coursework, upon request, for the HIC certification program.

f. Chief, Range Operations, ATC, shall:

(1) Designate areas open or closed to hunting based on safety and security restraints and range operations;

(2) Notify the APG Plans and Operations, DFMWR, DES CLE, and DPW in writing regarding the availability of hunting areas for the following day; and

(3) The ATC Commander shall submit permanent area closure requests, to include justification, in writing, to the Garrison Commander for approval.

g. Chief, Plans and Operations USAGAPG, shall:

(1) Serve as the tasking authority for updates to and dissemination of APGR 200-6 and

(2) Participate in the APG Conservation Subcommittee.

h. Army Public Health Center shall: Provide technical support to USAGAPG in matters concerning the health of the APG deer herd.

i. Maryland National Guard shall: Provide weekly input to the availability of Lauderick Creek Training Site to ATC Range Operations throughout the hunting season.

## 6. General.

a. Acronyms: For the purpose of this regulation only, Outdoor Recreation, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation will be referred to as DFMWR, the Outdoor Recreation program staff will be referred to as ODR, the Directorate of Public Works will be referred to as DPW, the Installation Safety Office will be referred to as ISO, and the Directorate of Emergency Services will be referred to as DES (See Glossary).

b. Laws: Activities conducted on APG and its restricted waters shall comply with applicable Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 33 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Section 334.140, Federal and Maryland (MD) game laws and regulations. These Federal and State laws and regulations are found in the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) Laws and Regulations of the State of MD, and the U.S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service regulations relating to migratory birds. These laws and regulations are enforced by officers under the DES. **Participation in the hunting program is a privilege. All personnel desiring to hunt on APG must have a current APG Hunting Permit and a MD State Hunting License, as well as the appropriate MD and Federal Stamps (Archery, Muzzleloader, and/or Waterfowl) and Permits.** Violations of UCMJ, Federal, State, or APG regulations will be cause to bar violators from hunting at APG (See Appendix B Suspension and Revocation of APG Hunting Privileges). Permanent barring for violations may occur, at the Garrison Commander's decision. Criminal violations shall be prosecuted in the U.S. Magistrate Court or by court martial, as appropriate.

c. Permits: Hunting on APG is a recreational activity administered by DFMWR. All personnel desiring to hunt on APG must have an APG Hunting Permit sold by DFMWR. Details on obtaining a permit are found in Section 7. Prior to being issued a permit all applicants must:

- (1) Show evidence of attending a State-approved hunter safety course;
- (2) View video training in recognizing UXO;
- (3) Sign an Assumption of Risk Agreement;
- (4) Provide a current Government Identification Card (e.g. Retired Military or Retired Civilian) Common Access Card (CAC) or obtain a Visitor Pass;
- (5) Comply with gun registration requirements for all firearm hunting;
- (6) Demonstrate proficiency with weapons by taking a qualification test (See Appendix M).

d. Eligibility to Hunt: See Appendix O

e. Safety: Safety is the first concern of the APG hunting program. Hunters are responsible for making decisions with safety in mind. All will comply with safety instructions included in this regulation, Federal and State laws and regulations, as well as, any additional information received at the time of permit registration and throughout the hunting season. The DES CLE officers are authorized to immediately suspend hunting privileges of an individual found in violation of safety provisions. Due to the history of testing and training activities at APG, encountering UXO is a possibility. **A hunter will not attempt to pick up, move or otherwise disturb exploded or unexploded ordnance materiel or unidentifiable items.** Hunters will call 911 immediately to report the location of questionable items. The instructional part of the hunter safety program consists of a range safety briefing and a UXO identification video. Rules concerning movement in hunting areas must be strictly observed and objects encountered in hunting areas must not be disturbed. All hunting at APG is done in parties. Each party is led by a HIC who is familiar with all aspects of the hunting program and is responsible for ensuring that members of the party observe the safety and other provisions of this regulation. Eligibility requirements to become a HIC, and instructions for persons wishing to enroll in the HIC training program provided by DFMWR, are found in Appendix K.

f. Season Specific Information: Information and procedures concerning specific game species and hunting methods are described in Appendices D through I.

g. Distinguished Visitors: Distinguished Visitors (See Glossary) may hunt pursuant to policies and procedures in Appendix L.

h. Hunting Permit Fees: Hunting Permit Fees at APG are published annually.

## 7. Procedures.

a. Permits: All personnel desiring to hunt on APG must have an APG Hunting Permit issued by DFMWR. The following are requirements to obtain this permit:

(1) Affiliated persons desiring to hunt must have a Government Identification Card (e.g. Retired Military or Retired Civilian) or a CAC.

(a) Non-affiliated persons must obtain a Visitor Pass from the Visitor Center. This pass acts as a valid security clearance. The Visitor Pass must be presented when purchasing a hunting permit and must be in the hunter's possession when hunting.

(b) Those under the age of 18 are not required to have a CAC or Visitor Pass to hunt.

(c) All activities will report suspension of a CAC or termination of employment to DFMWR and the DES CLE Officer(s) within five days. The DFMWR/DES will immediately suspend any Hunting/Trapping permits of person(s) affected by the suspension.

(2) The hunter must have the appropriate MD State Hunting License, as well as the appropriate MD and Federal Stamps and Permits.

(a) The MD license, stamps, and permits must be presented when purchasing the APG Hunting Permit.

(b) State license and APG Permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting at APG and must be presented on request.

(3) Hunters must possess proof of attendance (card or certificate) for an approved state hunter safety course. A previous APG permit may be accepted as proof in subsequent years.

(4) Hunters must possess proof of attendance (card) at an UXO identification training presentation. The training will be available for viewing at the point of purchase. A card showing proof of attendance shall be issued by the activity showing the UXO information.

(5) An Assumption of Risk Agreement must be completed by the applicant. DFMWR will keep the agreement on file for each person registered to hunt at APG during the hunting season.

(6) Hunters must possess proof of firearm registration.

(7) Payment of an APG hunting fee is mandatory for all hunters, including guests and family members, before issuance of the hunting permit (See Appendix J).

b. Hunting Parties and HIC:

(1) All hunting at APG is done in parties. All hunting parties will consist of at least two hunters. Parties can be comprised of: a maximum of three hunters for turkey hunting; a maximum of three hunters for deer hunting with firearm or muzzleloader; or a maximum of four for all other hunting, except for double carding (see Glossary).

(2) Each hunting party is led by a HIC. The HIC must be familiar with the assigned area, blind, or stand. A HIC will stay with the party for the duration of the hunt. All HICs may be held responsible for hunting violations committed by any member of their hunting party and may thus be subject to being charged for permitting such violations, depending on the outcome of investigations. A HIC will ensure all members of his/her party exit the security area at the same gate entered at all times. A HIC designation will be placed in the appropriate space on the IMAP Form 1249b. Requirements to become a HIC are found in Appendix K.

c. Assignment of Hunting Areas:

(1) The DFMWR automated reservation system must be used to make a reservation for hunting. Further instructions on use of the DFMWR automated reservation system can be found on the APG DFMWR web site.

(2) Hunters who contact Range Operations or DFMWR to find out what hunting areas will be open for a particular day will be subject to permit suspension.

(3) A completed IMAP Form 1249b must be displayed in a conspicuous position in the vehicle so that it can be easily read. Hunters will complete the back of the IMAP Form 1249b prior to leaving their hunting area to accurately show all game harvested. **Noncompliance is an administrative violation and will result in suspension of hunting privileges.**

(4) A HIC tag must be displayed conspicuously in the vehicle at all times during the hunt, and while en route, so it can be seen in the vehicle windshield. **Deliberate removal of the identification tag is an administrative violation and will be cause to suspend the violator from all hunting/trapping.**

(5) A given hunting party may use a maximum of two vehicles, except where double carding is allowed during deer archery season. A maximum of four vehicles may be used where double carding is allowed. All members of the hunting party must return to the appropriate Hunting Facility to clear the hunting area.

(6) In firearms deer season, only one vehicle is permitted. HICs must ensure all members of the hunting party return to the appropriate Hunting Facility to clear the hunting area.

(7) Maps for this regulation are guides. The signs in the field mark actual hunting/trapping area boundaries.

d. Security Area Hunting Privilege: The privilege to access these areas is controlled as follows:

(1) Hunters will comply with all security requirements. The CLE Officers are authorized to immediately suspend hunting privileges of an individual found in violation of security provisions of this regulation.

(2) The DFMWR will prepare a daily list of all hunting participants and area assignments as soon as the assignments are completed. The DMFWR will submit the list to the appropriate offices.

(3) Hunters must sign in at the Hunting Facility and the ATC security gates (Gates 10, 24, or 25) or ARL security gate (Gate 1) and depart through the same ATC/ARL gates they used to enter so they can be checked off the roster as having cleared the area.

e. Opening, Closing, and Modification of Hunting Areas: The Chief, Range Operations, ATC will notify the DFMWR, in writing regarding the availability of hunting areas for the following day. The DFMWR will ensure only open hunting areas are available on the DFMWR automated reservation system to hunters using the information provided by Range Operations.

f. Tagging and Registration Procedures:

(1) The hunter must affix a completed MD State-approved field tag to the leg of each turkey or to the head of each deer harvested. The Big Game Harvest Record must be completed before removing the game from the area where it was harvested. Possession of a turkey or deer without a completed tag and Harvest Record is a violation. Field tags and instructions for completing the MD Big Game Harvest Record can be found in the MD Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

(2) All turkeys and deer must be registered by the hunter with the State of MD, following procedures established by MD DNR. This cannot be completed by APG. **Deer harvested on APG do not count against the MD bag limit. Turkeys harvested on APG do count against the MD bag limit.**

g. Game Management:

(1) The APG seasons and bag limits will be determined by wildlife population management goals.

(2) Hunting seasons, hours of hunting, and bag limits will conform to MD State law. If exceptions to these have been granted by the State, the changes will be provided in writing for approval to the Garrison Commander by the DPW Biologist. The DFMWR will provide the hunting seasons and bag limits to the hunters each year prior to the beginning of the respective seasons.

h. General:

(1) All deer will be field dressed. The remains will be disposed of by covering them with leaves at the site of the kill. Remains will not be readily visible from roads, facilities or buildings. Participants will remove litter and refuse in the areas in which they are hunting. Violators will be denied hunting privileges and directed to leave the area.

(2) The U.S. Army and APG are not liable for any ill effects resulting from the consumption of wild game.

(3) All personnel will report illegal hunting practices, poachers, and trespassers to DES Dispatch (410-306-0509) or DES CLE Officers immediately, giving the names and registry numbers of violator's boats or vehicles, if any, and other available information.

(4) Any person who shields, or conspires with another in the commission of a violation of any provision of this regulation, or who, upon inquiry withholds information from enforcement officers, or who hinders, obstructs, or interferes with, or attempts to hinder, obstruct, or interfere with any officer charged with the administration of this regulation will be barred from hunting.

(5) All privately owned vehicles (POVs) requiring towing will be towed at the owner's/HIC's expense.

(6) It is strongly recommended hunting parties carry a first aid kit and cell phone.

(7) Scouting is not permitted on APG.

## 8. Restrictions.

a. General Safety:

(1) **Hunting will be suspended if threat condition warrants. (See Appendix R.)**

(2) Hunters will comply with all safety regulations. The DES CLE Officers are authorized to temporarily terminate hunting privileges immediately if an individual is found in violation of safety provisions of this regulation.

(3) Intoxication, use, or possession of alcohol or illicit drugs while hunting or trapping is strictly prohibited and may result in suspension of hunting privileges for the entire hunting party. The HIC will police his/her party's compliance.

(4) The HIC will ensure safety information is disseminated to his/her party before hunting begins.

(5) A HUNTER WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO PICK UP, MOVE, OR OTHERWISE DISTURB, EXPLODED OR UNEXPLODED MATERIEL OR UNIDENTIFIABLE ITEMS LOCATED IN HUNTING AREAS. IMMEDIATELY CALL 911 then DES DISPATCH 410-306-0509.

(6) Hunters will have safe fields of fire to and beyond their targets. Under no circumstances will a firearm be discharged toward any building, igloo, magazine, blind, or other structure. Discharge of firearms will not be allowed within 600 feet of any building or structure.

(7) Hunters will unload weapons and verify all weapons are unloaded before leaving the assigned hunting areas. No loaded weapon will be carried in or on any vehicle.

(8) POVs equipped with catalytic converters must not be parked on grassy areas or within 50 feet of any ammunition storage area, magazine, etc.

(9) Smoking or use of flame producing devices is not allowed in hunting areas or any government buildings except where instructed or as marked by signs. Smoking is prohibited in explosives/range areas.

(10) Hunters will wear solid "daylight fluorescent orange" or "daylight fluorescent pink" IAW MD State Regulations. Archery hunters are required to wear orange/pink during APG's deer firearms seasons.

(11) All hunters will use an **approved commercially manufactured full body safety harness** while hunting from an elevated position or stand. The harness will be attached to the hunter and the tree concurrently while the hunter is off the ground.

b. Movement Restrictions:

(1) Hunting outside the boundaries of an established assigned area is prohibited. Security and UXO safety requirements mandate restricting hunters to specified areas.

(2) Hunters may not depart for their hunting areas 90 minutes prior to the start or end of legal hunting hours with the exception of waterfowl hunters and hunters following remote call-in procedures for outlying areas (e.g. Graces Quarters, Carroll Island). The option to initiate additional remote call-in procedures can be addressed on a case-by-case basis (e.g. inclement weather, launch ramp issues, etc.) by the DES CLE Officers (See Appendix P).

(3) Individuals will use the most direct road route to and from assigned areas and will travel only on roads.

(4) Test roads are closed to all hunter POVs.

(5) Activities conducted in APG restricted waters will comply with the 33 CFR Section 334.140.

c. Hunting Restrictions:

(1) The simultaneous hunting of small game, deer, turkey, or waterfowl is prohibited with the exception that coyotes may also be taken IAW State law when the hunter possesses the proper furbearer permit. There is no coyote hunting on Sundays.

(2) Driving deer (See Glossary) is not permitted.

(3) Deer/Turkey/Duck Calls - Hand or mouth operated calls are legal; however, you may not hunt or attempt to hunt deer/turkeys/ducks at APG or the State of MD with the aid or possession of:

(a) Recorded deer/turkey/duck calls or sounds;

(b) Recorded or electrically amplified imitations of deer/turkey/duck calls; or

(c) Any electronic device by which these calls are conveyed or amplified;

(4) Electronic coyote calls are permitted IAW State regulations.

(5) Hunting from a vehicle is prohibited. Handicapped hunters with a MD DNR Handicapped Hunter Certificate will be accommodated within the regular hunting program.

(6) Hunting Dogs:

(a) All dogs used for hunting on APG will be vaccinated for rabies. Proof of current vaccination must be available for presentation to DES CLE Officers on request.

(b) Hunting dogs will be under reasonable control at all times. Hunters will not pursue dogs out of assigned area.

(7) Hunting on Holidays: Hunting on Christmas Day is prohibited. Hunting after 1200 on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve is prohibited. All hunters will clear the Hunting Facility by that time.

(8) Hours of hunting will conform to the State of MD regulation when not otherwise specified.

d. Weapons:

(1) The only authorized weapons are firearms, muzzleloading weapons with a muzzle velocity less than 2,300 feet per second, long bows, compound bows, recurved bows, crossbows, and approved raptors. Compressed air weapons are permitted for raccoon and opossum hunting only. Handguns, rifles, and combination firearm/rifles are prohibited in the field at any time. All weapons used at APG will conform to MD law.

(2) Laser sighting devices or any other types of sighting devices projecting a light beam of any type are prohibited for hunting.

(3) While transporting, all firearms and crossbows will be cased.

(4) Any person found with an unauthorized weapon or ammunition in his/her possession while hunting will have his/her hunting permit suspended and may be permanently prohibited from hunting on APG. This action is in addition to any legal action deemed appropriate.

**9. Exceptions to Policy.** Requests for an exception will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Installation Hunting Management Team and final recommendations made by the USAGAPG, DFMWR Director, for approval/disapproval by the Garrison Commander, APG. Request for exception must include proof of a CAC, Government Identification Card (e.g. Retired Military or Retired Civilian) or Visitor Pass (if required). The ISO will coordinate with affected Garrison Supported Organization Security Officers, as required. The length of the exceptions will also be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the policy affected.

**10. Control.** The DFMWR ODR, will maintain an accurate and current register of persons granted APG permits, to include APG permit and MD DNR ID number.

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**Appendix A**  
**References**  
**Section I**  
**Required Publications**

**16 USC 703-711**

Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 1918

**AR 190-45**

Law Enforcement Reporting, 27 Sep 2016

**AR 215-1**

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 24 Sep 2010

**AR 200-1**

Natural Resources – Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 13 Dec 2007

**AR 385-10**

The Army Safety Program, 24 Feb 2017

**APGR 385-1**

Range Administration, 1 Apr 2014

**APGR 190-1**

Prohibited Weapons/Items and Control and Registration of Privately Owned Weapons and Ammunition, 1 Dec 2012

**Section II**  
**Related Publications**

This section contains no entries.

**Section III**  
**Referenced Forms**

**IMAP Form 1249B**

APG Hunting Request

## **Appendix B**

### **Suspension and Revocation of APG Hunting Privileges**

#### 1. GENERAL.

a. This regulation does not preempt or replace applicable UCMJ, State laws, or Federal laws regarding hunting. Violations of the provisions of this regulation, UCMJ, State laws, or Federal laws may result in severe disciplinary and administrative penalties.

b. As a result of a hunting or administration violation, individuals may lose hunting privileges and have their personal equipment confiscated. Additionally, individuals may face criminal charges in U.S. Magistrate Court or District Court. In these cases, in addition to the loss of hunting privileges, individuals may have to pay a fine and/or appear before the U.S. District Court and face more serious penalties.

c. Individuals violating any regulation or law relating to hunting may have their hunting privileges suspended immediately and their permit will be revoked. The DES will inform DFMWR of the violation via email and DES will inform the violator of the period of suspension. The violator will also be notified of the time limit to, and procedures for, appeal.

d. Any hunter whose permit is suspended may appeal that suspension within 10 calendar days from the date cited. To appeal, the hunter must submit a written appeal via email to the DPW Biologist. The Biologist will contact DES to provide case information and forward the appeal to the Garrison Commander with recommendation for concur/non-concur.

(1) Failure to submit appeal within 10 calendar days will constitute a waiver of the right to appeal and the suspension shall stand.

(2) If an individual files an appeal, he/she may request an office appointment to give an explanation of the incident and present evidence to show good cause for the request to reconsider or modify the suspension.

(3) If an appeal is filed, the individual's hunting privileges will remain suspended until the matter is decided. The decision of the Garrison Commander is final.

(4) If an individual is cited for committing any criminal offense, violations will be properly annotated by a police report (DA Form 3975); privileges will immediately be suspended and/or revoked until the case is decided by forfeiture of collateral or pending trial in U.S. Magistrate Court or District Court.

## 2. AUTHORITY.

a. The DES, USAGAPG, Director or his/her designated agent (CLE Officers) will enforce applicable laws and regulations concerning natural resources and has the authority to immediately suspend the violator's privileges to hunt on APG.

b. The DES, USAGAPG, designated agent will notify the violator when cited that his/her privilege will be suspended. Violators will be removed from the field immediately. DES will inform DFMWR of the infraction by email. The DFMWR will enforce the suspension by deactivating the HIC in the DFMWR automated reservation system.

## 3. VIOLATIONS.

a. Violations of this regulation need only to be proven by preponderance of the evidence in order to impose administrative action. The suspension of hunting privileges is an additional administrative action in conjunction with any judicial or punitive actions.

b. If a suspension of privileges occurs at or near the end of the license year (APG hunting season), then the remaining suspension period will be carried over to the next license year (APG hunting season). Any suspension imposed for a violation will not be shortened except through filing an appeal.

c. Any violation/offense may result in suspension or revocation of privileges to hunt on APG. The following is a list of common violations and the suggested suspension of privileges. Longer suspensions or permanent revocation of privileges may be applied based on the severity of the matter and/or multiple violations.

<b>Common Violations/Offenses</b>	<b>Minimum Period of Administrative Suspension of Privileges</b>
Failure to have current APG permit and photo identification on your person while hunting	10 Days
Failure to display IMAP form 1249b and/or HIC tag conspicuously in the vehicle	10 Days
Utilizing more than two vehicles (except archery double card)	10 Days
Failure to record all game harvested on the back of IMAP Form 1249b and return the form to the Hunting Facility	10 Days
Parking within 50 feet of any ammunition storage area, magazine	10 Days
Failure to park at designated parking areas (firearms)	10 Days
Failure to have arrows marked	10 Days

<b>Common Violations/Offenses</b>	<b>Minimum Period of Administrative Suspension of Privileges</b>
Failure to have covered quiver for arrows	10 Days
Failure to sign in and out of Hunting Facility and/or security gate when arriving and departing to hunt	10 Days
Tracking in firearms season (no tracking allowed)	15 Days
Failure of HIC to prevent violations of hunting regulations/laws by an member of their party (Loss of HIC privileges)	15 Days
Failure to use the most direct route to and from assigned area	30 Days
Hunting more than fifty yards from assigned area red marker (firearm)	30 Days
Failure to cease tracking two hours after legal hunting (archery)	30 Days
Failure to case all firearms and crossbows while transporting	45 Days
Hunting parties comprised of fewer than the minimum number or greater than the maximum number of individuals	45 Days
Failure to wear Daylight Fluorescent Orange or Daylight Fluorescent Pink IAW MD State law	45 Days
Hunting party en route to hunting area more than 90 minutes prior to the start or end of legal hunting hours with the exception of waterfowl hunters and hunters following procedures for outlying areas (e.g. Graces Quarters, Carroll Island)	45 Days
Driving POV on test roads	60 Days
Failure to field dress deer and cover remains so they are not visible from roads, facilities, or buildings	60 Days
Failure to bring deer harvested directly to the Hunting Facility	60 Days
Hunting or pursuing game in other than assigned area (outside of boundary markers)	90 Days
Failure to wear manufactured harness while hunting from an elevated position	One Year
Hunting while not accompanied by a HIC	One Year
Driving of deer	One Year
Littering	One Year
Failure to comply with safety and/or security requirements	One Year
Intentionally disturbing the trapping area, equipment, or catch of those individuals engaged in pest or animal control	One Year
Use of unauthorized weapons or ammunition	One Year
Failure to abide by instructions of DES officers in the field	One Year
Firing in unsafe direction or outside indicated area	One year

<b>Common Violations/Offenses</b>	<b>Minimum Period of Administrative Suspension of Privileges</b>
Use or possession of alcoholic beverages and/or narcotics	Indefinite
Withholding information, or conspiring with another to withhold information, hindering or otherwise obstructing enforcement officers	Indefinite

**NOTE: There will be no refunds of permit or activity fees for any hunter suspended from hunting based on a violation citation.**

## **Appendix C**

### **Archery Deer and Woodchuck Hunting**

#### 1. GENERAL.

a. All archery hunters must satisfactorily complete an archery safety seminar and proficiency qualifications coordinated and promoted by DFMWR (See Appendix M). Hunters must qualify once with a bow. For locations and times of qualifications see the APG DFMWR website ([www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com)). A qualification card will be issued upon successful completion of the qualification test and must be presented when purchasing a hunting permit. A previous year's permit will suffice for proof of qualification.

b. Hunters will not pursue game beyond the limits of their assigned hunting areas. If available, DES CLE Officers will assist with recovery of wounded deer moving outside the hunting area boundaries.

c. Hunters must be particularly careful to ensure arrow line of flight is clear of personnel and equipment to and beyond their target.

#### 2. EQUIPMENT.

a. Bows must have a minimum pull weight in compliance with State law.

b. Arrows with broad heads, approved and having sharpened cutting edges and minimum blade width of 7/8 of an inch are the only arrows authorized for deer or woodchuck hunting at APG.

c. The hunter must mark each arrow used with his/her first initial and last name. Information will be placed between two fletches on the shaft of each arrow used at APG to provide permanent identification of ownership. The name on the arrow shaft must be etched and filled with or just painted with, a contrasting color.

d. The hunter must use a quiver or case that covers, or in some manner protects the hunter from, the sharpened arrowheads at all times.

e. Bow mounted lights, including laser sights, are prohibited. Illuminated sight pins are permitted.

f. All crossbows must be in a case while travelling to and from hunting areas. One field bolt may be carried to clear the crossbow.

### 3. CONTROL.

a. Areas open for hunting in accordance with this regulation are indicated at the DFMWR automated reservation system. Those hunters using areas indicated are cautioned that firearm small game hunters may be in surrounding areas. Participants will remain in their assigned areas.

b. Legal hunting hours will conform to MD State law.

(1) Any hunter seeking a wounded deer after legal hunting hours will attempt to notify DES Dispatch at 410-306-0509 before tracking the animal.

(2) Possession of arrows not contained in a quiver, while tracking a deer after legal hunting hours, will constitute *prima facie* evidence of illegal hunting.

(3) All tracking will cease two hours after the end of legal hunting hours.

c. Wounded deer leaving an approved area or going into a non-hunting area may only be retrieved after approval from a CLE Officer.

4. PROCEDURE. For greater utilization of hunting areas, HICs may combine their parties prior to utilizing the DFMWR automated reservation system. In no case shall this double carding result in combined hunting parties exceeding eight persons. The IMAP Form 1249b shall reflect all members.

5. SEASON. As prescribed in Appendix E and published on the APG DFMWR website.

## Appendix D Deer Hunting-Firearm/Muzzle Loaders

### 1. GENERAL.

a. The APG specific firearms deer seasons will be published each year based on management requirements. Hunting time of day restrictions will be in accordance with MD State law.

b. Prior to hunting during the firearms deer season, all deer hunters must successfully complete a required proficiency qualification with a firearm or a muzzleloader (See Appendix M). For locations and times of qualifications see the APG DFMWR website ([www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com)). All firearms/muzzleloaders must be registered prior to qualifying and utilizing to hunt. Firearms and ammunition used for this purpose must be the same as those approved for deer hunting on APG. Hunters must supply their own firearm and ammunition. The qualification target will be 10 inches in diameter. The qualification distance will be approximately 50 yards. The hunter must hit the target three out of five shots. A qualification card will be issued upon successful completion of the qualification test and must be presented when purchasing a hunting permit. A previous year's permit will suffice for proof of qualification.

c. Hunters must hunt in their assigned area only. For the purpose of this Appendix, the term stand refers to the position marked with a red can or marker, not an elevated platform. Moving more than 50 yards from the assigned area marker is a violation. Only after approval from a CLE officer, may hunters attempt to recover deer outside the hunting area. Yellow markers indicate the direction for the field of fire (left to right) that hunters are limited to when shooting at a deer. Firing in another direction is a violation.

### 2. PROCEDURES.

a. A single party for shotgun deer hunting may use only one POV.

b. POVs must be parked at designated parking areas if available.

3. MUZZLELOADERS. Muzzleloaders will be unloaded IAW MD State Regulations and cased prior to placing in your POV.

4. BLINDS. Persons required to wear fluorescent colored clothing that **hunt from a ground blind must display** 250 square inches (approximately 16 inches by 16 inches) of solid daylight fluorescent orange or pink within 25 feet of **all four corners** of the blind approximately four feet off the ground.

## **Appendix E**

### **Migratory Game Bird Hunting**

1. GENERAL. Shore blinds of a temporary nature may be erected.

2. HUNTING AREAS.

a. DFMWR automated reservation will be used for hunting area assignments.

b. All areas will be hunted from a boat unless otherwise stated.

(1) Areas 540, 543, 545, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 564, 565, 566, 579, 580, 581, 582, 590, 591, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 653, 654, 655, 656, and 657 may be hunted from the shore. This list may be superseded by the ATC daily range sheets.

(2) Hunting Areas 530, 531, 502, 508, 658, and 659 are limited to the mouth of the creeks.

(3) The specific areas identified as cleared within a given area will be the only area where hunting on the shoreline is allowed. If limited sections in an area are cleared, only those areas can be hunted from shore.

(4) As areas are cleared, they are posted at the Hunting Facility and shoreline access permitted as of that time. The list in subparagraph b(1) above will be updated as subsequent changes to the regulation or when a complete revision is needed.

(5) Areas 608 through 612 will have access from the water only, but shoreline hunting is permitted.

c. Access to all areas is recommended from within the APG boundaries, but not required. This includes, but is not limited to, outlying areas (e.g. Poole's Island, Carroll Island, Graces Quarters). For safety reasons, alternate launch sites should be approved by DES prior to hunting.

d. Use of raptors in waterfowl hunting is permitted. Only waterfowl areas may be used and other small species will not be taken.

e. Hunters using raptors may not pursue birds out of their assigned areas. Recovery of the bird will be permitted after coordination with DES CLE Officers.

f. A second request through the DFMWR automated reservation system for issuing a second waterfowl hunting area is permitted for unused available areas. Hunting parties desiring to request a second area must follow the same procedure with the IMAP Form 1249b as in an initial request. The forms will be marked "1st draw" or "2nd draw" as appropriate.

g. All waterfowlers will check in at the Hunting Facility when finished for the day or within two hours of the close of legal hunting hours. Hunters following special sign-in/out procedures for outlying areas will call 410-278-4843 and leave a voicemail stating the number of their assigned hunting area and the date/time departed.

h. Partial closure of an area for mission related reasons is permitted. The portions of the area left open will be accessed by boat only.

## **Appendix F**

### **Small Game/Early Migratory Birds**

#### 1. GENERAL.

a. Hunting of small game and early migratory birds is permitted during the published APG season only.

b. Requests for daily hunting area assignments to hunt small game and early migratory birds will be made through the DFMWR automated reservation system.

c. Small game hunting at the Edgewood Area will be suspended during the firearms deer hunting season except in areas containing no deer stands.

d. Hunting dogs will be under reasonable control at all times. Hunters will not pursue dogs out of assigned areas.

e. Hunting using raptors is permitted following the same procedures as stated in Appendix E, paragraph 2e.

f. Archery hunters must use a blunt head or similar head. No broad heads are permitted. All small game archery hunters must comply with conditions of Appendix C except for those involving broad heads.

g. Hunters will not pursue game beyond the limits of their assigned hunting areas. The DES CLE Officers will be requested to recover game that is outside hunting area boundaries.

2. HUNTING AREAS. The official hunting areas are available in the DFMWR automated reservation system.

## **Appendix G**

### **Wild Turkey Hunting (Spring Season)**

#### 1. GENERAL.

- a. Season and bag limits will be published annually based on management criteria.
- b. Turkey harvested at APG DO count towards your MD State bag limits.
- c. Hunters are limited to one turkey per hunter until a date is determined annually.
- d. After the date hunters are allowed to harvest a second turkey, they will still be limited to only one per day.
- e. Hunting of turkeys is permitted only within the boundaries of the assigned areas and when using the appropriate weapon.
- f. Gun stands may be utilized for turkey hunting. Hunters must remain within 50 yards of the assigned area red marker. Only after approval from a CLE officer may hunters attempt to recover turkeys outside the hunting area. Yellow markers indicate the direction of the field of fire (left to right) to which hunters are limited. Firing in another direction is a violation
- g. Hunters must not pursue game beyond the limits of their assigned hunting areas.

2. ELIGIBILITY. Small game areas will be used on an equal basis by both archery and firearm hunters. Archery hunting areas will be issued for archery hunting only.

3. HUNTING PARTIES. All turkey hunting parties will consist of a minimum of two and not more than three hunters. If there are three hunters in the party, they must remain within 25 meters of each other and not hunt alone.

#### 4. EQUIPMENT.

- a. Hunters will wear daylight fluorescent orange or daylight fluorescent pink cap or vest while moving, but will not be required when stationary.
- b. Use or possession of any type of electronically amplified or recorded calling devices is not permitted for Spring Turkey hunting at APG.
- c. Baits may not be used.

5. TAGGING AND REPORTING WILD TURKEY HARVESTS.

a. A hunter who harvests a bearded turkey will, before removing the carcass from an assigned area, affix a field tag to the leg of the turkey and complete the Big Game Harvest Record.

b. Recording daily harvest must be done in accordance with APGR 200-6 section 7f(1).

## **Appendix H Hunting Permit Fees**

### **1. GENERAL.**

a. Hunting permit fees at APG are published annually. Permit fees are based on patrons' eligibility category (See Appendix O) and either single species or multiple species hunting.

b. The DFMWR may charge an administrative and activity fee to defray expenses of day to day operations. The fees will be reported separately to comply with the requirements of the Sikes Act.

## **Appendix I Hunter-in-Charge Requirements**

1. GENERAL. Eligibility to become a HIC requires the applicant to be authorized to hunt and is a member of one of these categories:

- a. Active Duty Military and Retired Military;
- b. Active and Retired APG civilians and full time NAF employees;
- c. Active or Retired National Guard who are, or were, assigned to APG; or
- d. Badged multi-year Contractors supporting mission requirements with a written request and concurrence from the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) and the COR's Security Office.

2. HIC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. All eligible hunters desiring to become a HIC must successfully complete the HIC certification program. The program consists of a classroom education component and supervised field experience to include:

- a. Participation in the APG Hunting Program for at least one full seasonal year September – August;
- b. Participation in at least eight hunts. Volunteering at a full day work party where hunting areas are maintained may satisfy this requirement in lieu of up to four hunts;
- c. Attend the HIC seminar;
- d. Complete a HIC seminar test with a score of 80% or better; and
- e. Attend the HIC Area Orientation Tour or participate in a full day work party event where travel to and maintenance of hunting areas is included.
- f. If hunters do not meet the above eligibility, they will be grandfathered in if they can show proof of prior HIC status. Hunters may be required to participate in some components of the HIC program requirements.

3. HIC RESPONSIBILITIES.

- a. All HICs have the responsibility and accountability for the party's actions.
- b. All HICs are responsible for ensuring members of their party observe all safety and other provision of APGR 200-6.

c. All HICs are experienced with hunting on APG and responsible for being familiar with APG specific requirements.

d. All HICs can be penalized along with members of their party for violations of APGR 200-6.

e. A HIC must stay with party for duration of the hunt.

f. A HIC will ensure entire party exits security area as required.

g. The HIC will ensure safety information is disseminated to their party.

h. The HIC must know the most direct route to area and location of appropriate parking.

## **Appendix J Distinguished Visitors**

1. A Distinguished Visitor is a dignitary desiring to hunt at APG and who falls into one of the following categories:

a. U.S. Congressional Personnel - members of the U.S. House of Representatives or U.S. Senate;

b. Active Duty and retired General and Flag Officers and Senior Executive Service (SES) equivalents;

c. Key congressional staff members at SES level or equivalent; or

d. Guests who meet the requirements of APGR 200-6 and are accompanied during the hunt by a category listed.

2. Distinguished Visitors wishing to hunt at APG for the first time are requested to notify DFMWR. Distinguished Visitors will be required to follow all Federal, State and Installation fees and document requirements.

## **Appendix K Permit Requirements and Firearm Registration**

1. All eligible patrons and guests who wish to hunt on APG must have a current APG Hunting Permit issued by DFMWR Outdoor Recreation.
2. Permits must be purchased annually.
3. Permit fees shall be utilized for the protection, conservation, and management of fish and wildlife, including habitat improvement and related activities in accordance with the APG Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (Sikes Act: 16 U.S.C. §670a(b)(3)).
4. Permits are issued from the Outdoor Recreation Service Center.
5. Requirements for purchasing an APG hunting permit:
  - a. State/Federal Requirements:
    - (1) State-approved Hunter Safety Card (from any state) and
    - (2) Current MD State Hunting License and appropriate MD and Federal stamps and permits.
  - b. APG Requirements:
    - (1) Valid photo Identification;
    - (2) Proof of eligibility if CAC or military identification not used for section b(1);
    - (3) Gun Registration, if using firearms to hunt;
    - (4) Visitor Pass issued by the APG Visitor Center for guests. Those under the age of 18 are not required to have a CAC or Visitor Pass to hunt;
    - (5) UXO Video Card;
    - (6) Assumption of Risk;
    - (7) Proof of Qualification (see section 6); and
    - (8) Signed copy of Hunting Policies and Procedures Memo.

6. Above requirements must be submitted annually except for Hunter Safety and UXO Video cards, which are not required if previous year's permit is presented.

7. All required paperwork must be completed and presented in person when applying to purchase the APG hunting permit.

8. Firearm Registration:

a. All personnel participating in Recreational Hunting and Skeet and Trap programs with APG DFMWR are required to complete the APG Firearm Registration form, which covers firearms and muzzleloaders. This requirement is pursuant to Army Regulation-190-11, Chapter 4-5.

b. Bows are not required to be registered.

c. The APG Firearm Registration Form. Hunters are to complete the form and deliver it to APG Building 2200.

d. Once the form is dropped off, the badge office staff will complete the necessary check and contact the hunters so they can pick up the confirmation documentation from the APG Building 2200.

9. For Hunting:

a. A current firearm registration must be presented annually to purchase a permit.

b. If hunters do not have a firearm registration they must provide a current Government Identification Card (e.g. Retired Military or Retired Civilian), CAC or Visitor Pass in order to purchase a permit. Anytime a hunter has a new firearm they want to use at APG, they will have to submit the registration document.

c. Youth hunters, age 17 and under, will have to use a firearm registered to the adult that is accompanying them in the field.

d. Any retired military, retired civilian, and guest hunters who are only interested in hunting with a bow have two options.

(1) Hunters can provide ODR with a current Government Identification Card (e.g. Retired Military or Retired Civilian) or a current Visitor Pass issued by the APG Visitor Center.

(2) If hunters own a firearm or muzzleloader they can complete the step necessary to register it.

10. Trap and Skeet: The ODR will require trap and skeet patrons to provide registration documentation prior to shooting.

## **Appendix L Hunting Area Assignment Procedures**

1. The DFMWR automated reservation system must be used to make a reservation for all hunting.
2. Specific rules for assigning areas are:
  - a. Reservations may be made for the current day and the next day by calling the number listed in the DFMWR automated reservation system instructions.
  - b. Reservations for the next day(s) must be made the evening before.
  - c. Weekend and Holiday assignments are available for request the last weekday before.
  - d. Only HICs are assigned access numbers to the system and only the HIC or their designee is allowed to use their access number to confirm an area assignment daily.
  - e. A HIC access number may only be used once per day to secure a hunting area. Failure to follow this policy may result in the HIC's suspension of permit to hunt.
  - f. Only HICs will be listed on the report and in the system as checked into an area. Therefore, the HIC and the rest of the hunting party will be required to sign the roster sheet at the Hunting Facility and the Gate. The HIC will ensure the roster sheet shows names, date, and area they are hunting.
  - g. Upon assignment of the hunting area, the HIC fills out all required information on IMAP Form 1249b.
3. Cantonment Areas Restrictions. Due to location, the following areas must be requested by submitting IMAP Form 1249b via e-mail or walk-in request:
  - a. Area 12 Ruggles Golf Course,
  - b. Area 335 Plum Point,
  - c. Area 376, and
  - d. Area 334 adjacent to Shore Park Travel Camp.
4. Misuse of the DFMWR automated reservation system will be considered a violation and can lead to suspension.

## Appendix M Hunting Specialty Primers

### 1. DEER ARCHERY.

a. Season: The season is September through 31 January. Season will begin concurrent with state of MD, but ends on 31 January.

b. Qualification: Hunters must qualify once with a bow. For locations and times of qualifications see the APG DFMWR website ([www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com)). A qualification card will be issued upon successful completion of the qualification test and must be presented when purchasing a hunting permit. A previous year's permit will suffice for proof of qualification.

c. Hunting Hours: half hour before sunrise until half hour after sunset.

(1) Hunters may not depart for their hunting areas 90 minutes prior to the start or end of legal hunting hours.

(2) Tracking is permitted, but tracking will cease two hours after the end of legal hunting.

d. Area Assignments:

(1) HIC will use the DFMWR automated reservation system to obtain hunting area, unless that area has been designated as a restricted use area.

(2) The areas listed below must be requested with an IMAP Form 1249b, sent via e-mail or hard card submission (walk-in).

(a) Area 12, located on Ruggles Golf Course, hunting ends at 1000,

(b) Area 335, located on Plumb Point Loop, hunting is permitted only if Harford County Public Schools are in session until 1000. There is no weekend hunting. Hunters must hunt from a tree stand;

(c) Area 376, located near Rodman Road, hunting is permitted on regular day off Friday and weekends; and

(d) Area 334, located near Aberdeen Boulevard and Shore Park Travel Camp, hunting ends at 1000. Hunters must hunt from a tree stand.

(3) Solid Daylight Fluorescent Orange or Daylight Fluorescent Pink must be worn by archery hunters during APG's deer Firearm/Muzzleloader Season.

e. Area Access Procedures. After getting an assigned area through DFMWR reservation system you will be required to check in by signing the clipboard roster at the Hunting Facility AS WELL AS the Security Gate upon entry. Hunters must provide assigned area, names of all party members, and time of entry. Upon arrival at assigned area, hunters will place IMAP Form 1249b in the vehicle so it can be read. If you leave your area for lunch you are not required sign out on the DFMWR automated reservation system, but you must sign out at the Security Gate and Hunting Management Facilities. Upon re-entry you will sign in. If you are finished for the day all members will sign out at gate and facility.

f. Cantonment Area hunters will also sign in at the Hunting Facility furnishing assigned area, names of all party members, and time of entry, but not at Gates. Upon arrival at assigned area, hunters will place IMAP Form 1249b in the vehicle so it can be read. If you leave your area for lunch you are not required sign out on the DFMWR automated reservation system, but you must sign out at the Hunting Management Facilities. Upon re-entry you will sign in. If you are finished for the day all members will sign out at gate and facility.

g. Completion of Hunting for the Day:

(1) The HIC will turn in a completed, legible IMAP Form 1249b at the Hunting Facility after completion of hunting.

(2) All harvested game must be listed on the back of IMAP Form 1249b with all required information.

(3) If you are placing items in the cold box, it must be written on the log sheet. Cold box procedures must be followed. Item can stay in cold box for 72 hours.

h. Control:

(1) Areas approved for Archery Deer Hunting are emailed to permitted hunters.

(2) Hunters using areas listed as Archery/Small Game are cautioned that Firearm Small Game hunters may be in surrounding areas. Hunters will remain in their assigned areas.

(3) Any hunter seeking a wounded deer after legal hunting hours will notify the DES Dispatch by calling 410-306-0509. This is known as "tracking." When calling, the hunter will provide the following information:

(a) Assigned Area;

(b) Name;

(c) Wounded deer leaving approved area or going into a non-hunting area must be reported to the Aberdeen Hunting Facility by calling 410-278-4843;

(d) In the event of no response at the Aberdeen Hunting Facility, the hunter may call DES Dispatch at 410-306-0509 to alert CLE Officers to respond and attempt to recover the deer; and

(e) If the wounded animal is not recovered on the day of hunt, hunter may obtain permission from DES, CLE Officer to “track” the next day if the area is not being hunted.

## 2. Deer Firearm/Muzzleloader

### a. Season:

(1) Muzzleloader Season will begin in October and

(2) Firearm Season will begin in November. Specific dates will be published by DFMWR.

b. Qualification: Hunters must qualify once with a firearm/muzzleloader. For locations and times of qualifications see the APG DFMWR website ([www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com)). A qualification card will be issued upon successful completion of the qualification test and must be presented when purchasing a hunting permit. A previous year’s permit will suffice for proof of qualification. All firearms/muzzleloaders must be registered prior to qualifying and utilizing to hunt.

c. Hunting Hours are half hour before sunrise until half hour after sunset.

(1) Hunters may not depart for their hunting areas 90 minutes prior to the start or end of legal hunting hours with the exception of waterfowl hunters and hunters following procedures for outlying areas.

(2) No tracking is permitted.

### d. Hunting Parties:

(1) There will be 2-3 hunters per party.

(2) A single party may use only one POV.

(3) The POV must be parked at designated parking areas if available.

e. Area Assignments. HIC will use the DFMWR reservation system to obtain hunting area.

### f. Area Access Procedures:

(1) After getting an assigned area through the DFMWR reservation system you will be required to check in by signing the clipboard roster at the Hunting Facility AS WELL AS the security gate upon entry. Hunters must provide assigned area, names of all party members, and time of entry. Upon arrival at assigned area, hunters will place IMAP Form 1249b in the vehicle so it can be read. If you leave your area for lunch you are not required sign out on the DFMWR automated reservation system, but you must sign out at the Security Gate and Hunting Management Facilities. Upon re-entry you will sign in. If you are finished for the day all members will sign out at gate and facility. The following information will be required:

(2) If you are finished for the day all members will sign out at gate and facility.

(a) All hunters will turn in IMAP Form 1249b at the appropriate Hunting Facility after completion of hunting.

(b) All harvested game must be listed on the back of IMAP Form 1249b with all required information.

(c) If you are placing items in the cold box, it must be written on the log sheet. Cold box procedures must be followed. Item can stay in cold box for 72 hours.

g. Control:

(1) Areas approved for Firearm Deer Hunting are listed on the ATC Range Control sheet as Firearm Areas.

(2) Hunters must hunt from their assigned stand. For the purpose of this Appendix, the term stand refers to a stake marked by a red can or marker, not an elevated position. Hunters are not permitted to move more than 50 yards from assigned area stand or they will be in violation of this regulation.

(3) Yellow firing markers indicate the permitted field of fire (left to right) that hunters are limited to when shooting at a deer. Firing in another direction is a violation.

(4) Any person found with an unauthorized weapon or ammunition in his/her possession while hunting will have his/her hunting permit suspended and may be permanently prohibited from hunting on APG. This action is in addition to any legal action deemed appropriate.

### 3. Migratory Game Bird Hunting

a. Seasons: Are September through January. All seasons are concurrent with state seasons.

b. Qualification: Not required.

c. Hunting Hours:

(1) Half hour before sunrise until sunset for late season.

(2) Hunters may not depart for their hunting areas 90 minutes prior to the start or end of legal hunting hours with the exception of waterfowl hunters and hunters following procedures for outlying areas.

d. Equipment

(1) All firearms and ammunition used must comply with State regulations.

(2) Shore blinds of a temporary nature may be erected. The erection of any permanent blinds must be specifically requested in writing to ODR.

(3) Use of raptors for waterfowl and small game/early migratory bird hunting is permitted providing the following conditions are met:

(a) All permits and licenses, Federal, State, and APG, are current and available for inspection while hunting.

(b) The hunter is a HIC or is accompanied by a HIC. Hunters using raptors in the cantonment areas may hunt unaccompanied.

(c) Hunters using raptors may not pursue birds out of their assigned areas. Recovery of the bird will be permitted after coordination with the DES CLE.

(d) Waterfowl areas will be used for waterfowl hunting only.

e. Hunting Parties. There will be 2-4 hunters per party.

f. Area Assignments: Waterfowl Areas will be assigned by DFMWR automated reservation system. Two areas can be requested.

4. Small Game/Early Migratory Birds

a. Seasons: Are September through January

(1) Early Migratory Birds

(a) Early Resident Goose (to be determined (TBD))

(b) Mourning Dove (TBD)

(2) Small Game

(a) Squirrel (TBD)

(b) Rabbit (TBD)

(c) Qualification: Not required

b. Hunting Hours:

(1) Half hour before sunrise until half hour after sunset.

(2) Hunters may not depart for their hunting areas 90 minutes prior to the start or end of legal hunting hours with the exception of waterfowl hunters and hunters following procedures for outlying areas.

## APPENDIX N TRAPPING

### 1. GENERAL.

- a. All trapping areas are indicated on the APG Trapping Maps.
- b. Traps must be checked in accordance with Maryland and APG regulations.
- c. **No stakes may be utilized to secure traps.**
- d. All traps will be marked legibly with the name of the trapper. Traps found unmarked will be confiscated as illegal traps.
- e. Intentional disturbance of the trapping area, equipment, or catch of persons authorized to participate in the trapping program, or those individuals engaged in pest or animal control, will be a violation of this regulation.
- f. Persons violating provisions in this Appendix will be declared ineligible for trapping.

### 2. PROCEDURES.

- a. Trapping areas will be assigned to individuals on the basis of a blind drawing at the beginning of the trapping season. If necessary, a second drawing will be made at the midpoint of the trapping season to allow additional persons to participate.
- b. Trapping areas will be limited to one area per HIC unless areas are available after the first drawing. Persons desiring to trap more than one area will attend a second drawing for unused areas, which will be held for this specific purpose.
- c. If a trapper no longer desires to use an area, the trapper will notify a DES CLE Officer and the area will be made available in a subsequent drawing.
- d. Persons who draw an area through the random drawing will not be permitted to turn in the area after the drawing for the purpose of combining as a co-trapper in another area.
- e. Trapping areas are not transferrable.
- f. After assignment of areas has been completed, a list will be provided to the Director, Emergency Services USAGAPG, indicating the trapper's names, areas of assignment, and hunting/trapping permit numbers. Changes to the list will be forwarded as they occur.
- g. All trappers will visibly display a completed IMNE Form 1249b in their vehicle

while in assigned trapping areas. All personnel engaged in trapping in an area must be registered on the completed IMNE Form 1249b.

h. Trapping may be done in parties of not more than four persons. One person in the party must be a HIC. All persons in the party must possess a Maryland furbearer permit, Maryland State license, and APG permit.

i. In the event of prolonged illness or absence due to job related duties of the HIC assigned to the trapping area, DES must be notified and other members of the party must assume the responsibilities of removing or disengaging traps.

j. Trappers may not set or tend traps outside of their assigned area.

k. Trappers will report all game to the DPW Biologist at the conclusion of the trapping season. Reports will be submitted not later than 31 March annually. Names of persons who fail to submit reports will be submitted to DES CLE officers for appropriate action. Failure to submit a seasonal report will result in the revocation of trapping privileges (Report Control Symbol exempt under AR 25-98).

3. Special Beaver Trapping Areas. Any special beaver trapping areas will be included in the trapping circular supplementing this regulation.

#### 4. SNAPPING TURTLE TRAPPING PROGRAM.

##### a. PERMITS/ELIGIBILITY.

(1) Persons desiring to trap turtles must obtain an APG Hunting/Trapping permit.

(2) Commercial fishermen, possessing a valid APG fishing permit in accordance with APGR 210-10, may trap turtles under that permit alone. Traps will be placed in areas as specified in subparagraph 2b.

##### b. TURTLE TRAPPING AREAS.

(1) Turtle trapping is allowed in waters located in established trapping areas indicated on the map or commercial fishing waters.

(2) Persons with APG Commercial Fishing Permits can only trap turtles in the authorized commercial fishing waters. All trap locations will be marked and reported to DES CLE by the permitted Commercial Fisherman (See APGR 210-10).

##### c. METHOD OF TRAPPING.

(1) Turtle trapping will be consistent with Maryland laws and regulations with the exception that no hooks may be used.

(2) The use of non-motorized boats is permitted only for turtle trapping in non-tidal water areas, except for commercial fishermen in open waters. The Garrison Commander or his designated agent may grant other exceptions.

d. ENTRY INTO TRAPPING AREAS. Regular trapping conditions apply to Turtle Trapping.

e. PROCEDURES.

(1) Each trapper will notify DES CLE Officers of areas where traps are placed.

(2) All trappers will check their traps at least once daily unless entrance to the area is prohibited for safety or security reasons.

(3) Each trap, pot, or net will have the trapper's name attached to it in a conspicuous manner.

(4) The DES CLE Officers will provide DFMWR and ATC Range Operations with a list of trappers.

(5) Turtle trappers will report harvests to the DPW Biologist.

f. SEASON.

(1) There are no seasonal restrictions imposed on turtle trapping on APG or in APG waters.

(2) No daily bag limit is established.

## Appendix O. Eligibility to Hunt

### 1. ELGIBILITY.

a. The following personnel are eligible to hunt/trap on APG.

(1) Active duty military personnel and their immediate family members. Immediate family members are those individuals possessing a valid Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173).

(2) Retired military personnel and immediate family members. Immediate family members are those individuals possessing a valid Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173).

(3) Department of the Army civilian (DAC) and fulltime NAF employees of APG and immediate family members. Spouses and immediate family members as defined by USPL 26, USC Section 152.

(4) Retired APG DAC, NAF and immediate family members. Spouses and immediate family members as defined by USPL 26, USC Section 152.

(5) Maryland National Guard/Army Reserve personnel possessing a CAC who are U.S. citizens and retired Maryland National Guard/Army Reserve who are U.S. citizens with a DD214.

(6) Employees and family members of multi-year contractors (two or more fiscal years) at APG who directly support the military mission. Spouses and immediate family members as defined by USPL 26, USC Section 152.

(7) Sponsored guests

(a) Guests must be U.S. citizens.

(b) The sponsor must be registered to hunt at APG, and must be present at the purchase of the permit. The DFMWR will register sponsors after initial purchase of a permit.

(c) A HIC must accompany the guest at all times. A guest may hunt with any HIC.

(8) The following personnel are authorized to sponsor guest hunters:

(a) Active duty military personnel;

(b) Retired military personnel;

(c) DAC and fulltime NAF employees of APG;

(d) Retired APG DAC and NAF employees; and

(e) Multi-Year Contractors supporting APG or on post mission requirements. The contract employee must obtain a security form from DFMWR to be validated by the COR and the COR's Security Office indicating concurrence with the employee's request to hunt.

b. Eligible individuals must comply with licensing, permit, safety training, and other requirements specified in this regulation.

## **Appendix P. Outlying Area Sign-In/Out Procedures**

### **1. GENERAL.**

a. Hunters (waterfowl, deer, or turkey) who obtain a hunting area located at an outlying/satellite property, Carroll Island and Graces Quarters, have the option of calling in and out.

### **2. PROCEDURES.**

a. The HIC is required to contact the Hunting Facility at 410-278-4843 and leave a voicemail with the following information prior to entering the outlying/satellite properties:

- (1) Number of assigned hunting area;
- (2) Date/Time accessing; and
- (3) Names of all members of the hunting party.

b. If the HIC departs for lunch, or upon completion of hunting, the HIC is required to call and leave a voicemail with the following information:

- (1) Number of assigned hunting area and
- (2) Date/Time accessing.

c. If hunters return following lunch, the HIC is required to repeat the above procedure to access and depart their assigned hunting area.

d. Hunters need to return a completed IMNE Form 1249b by the end of the next business day to the Hunting Facility. The hunting area, hunting party, and game harvested must be recorded on the IMNE Form 1249b.

## **Appendix Q. Access Procedures for Areas 373, 374, 375**

### 1. GENERAL.

- a. Hunting areas 373, 374, and 375 are bow only areas.

### 2. PROCEDURES.

- a. Hunters **MUST** ingress and egress hunting areas 373, 374, and 375 on Michael Lane from Hancock Drive adjacent to Aberdeen Blvd and **NOT** via Guardian Gateway through the GATE business park (St. John Properties campus).

- b. Hunters hunting areas 373, 374, and 375 **must park in the designated parking locations** indicated by PARKING sign.

- c. Hunters assigned to areas 373, 374, and 375 who drive through the GATE business park will be cited in accordance APG Regulation 200-6, Appendix B for the following violation: Individuals will use the most direct road route to and from assigned areas (minimum 30 Day suspension of hunting privileges).

## Appendix R. Hunting/Trapping Program Participation by Threat Condition

Category / Condition	Normal	Alpha	Bravo	Charlie	Delta
APG Military	+	+	+	+	--
APG Military Family member	+	+	+	+	--
APG Military Guest	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian Family member	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian Guest	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian Retiree	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian Retiree Family member	+	+	+	+	--
APG Civilian Retiree Guest	+	+	+	+	--
Essential Multi-year Contractor	+	+	+	+	--
Essential Multi-year Contractor Family member	+	+	+	+	--
Essential Multi-year Contractor Guest	+	+	+	+	--
National Guard/ reserve activated at APG	+	+	+	+	--
Non-APG military	+	+	+	+	--
Military Retiree	+	+	+	+	--
Military Retiree Family member	+	+	+	+	--
Military Retiree Guest	+	+	+	+	--
Approved Foreign National with escort	+	--	--	--	--
Distinguished Visitors	+	+	+	+	--
Guests of Distinguished Visitors	+	+	+	+	--

## **Glossary**

### **Section 1 Abbreviations**

#### **APG**

Aberdeen Proving Ground

#### **APGR**

Aberdeen Proving Ground Regulation

#### **AR**

Army Regulation

#### **ATC**

Aberdeen Test Center

#### **CFR**

Code of Federal Regulations

#### **CJIS**

Criminal Justice Information System

#### **COR**

Contracting Officer Representative

#### **DAC**

Department of Army Civilian

#### **DES**

Directorate of Emergency Services

#### **DES CLE**

Directorate of Emergency Services Conservation Law Enforcement

#### **DFMWR**

Directorate of Family, Morale, and Recreation

#### **DoD**

Department of Defense

#### **DPW**

Directorate of Public Works

#### **HIC**

Hunter-in-Charge

**IAW**

In Accordance With

**MD**

Maryland

**MD DNR**

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

**MWR**

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

**NAF**

Non-Appropriated Fund

**NLT**

No Later Than

**ODR**

Outdoor Recreation

**POV**

Privately Owned Vehicle

**SES**

Senior Executive Service

**TBD**

To Be Determined

**UCMJ**

Uniform Code of Military Justice

**U.S.**

United States

**USC**

United States Code

**UXO**

Unexploded Ordnance

## Section II Terms

### Active Duty Military

Military personnel currently in active duty status.

**Assigned to APG:** Primary duty station of the military person involved.

a. **Administrative Violation:** A violation of procedural aspects of the regulation which does not constitute a violation of State or Federal laws and which does not jeopardize the APG mission or security.

b. **Active National Guard:** National Guard personnel while on active duty status.

c. **Bag Limit:** Maximum number of animals that can be legally harvested. The applicable APG Regulation, State, or Federal law applies.

d. **Command Sponsored Hunter:** Person(s) hunting as a separate class of hunters that do not fit into other groups of active duty and retired military, DoD Employees of APG, retired DA Civilian Employees, or VIPs. Access to this special group is acquired through direct request through APG command channels.

g. **DoD Employees of APG:** Current Federal Civilian work force for APG

h. **Dependent:** See Family Member

i. **Distinguished Visitors:** Dignitaries who hunt, and who fall into one of the following groups:

(1) U.S. Congressional Personnel - members of the U.S. House of Representatives or U.S. Senate

(2) Active Duty and retired General and Flag Officers and Senior Executive Service (SES) equivalents

(3) Key congressional staff members at SES level or equivalent

j. **Driving Deer:** Organized method of hunting deer where one or more persons approach the deer in an effort to force the animal(s) through a given area where other hunters in their party are waiting to attempt to kill the animal(s).

k. **Double Carding:** Two hunting parties combined to form a group with a minimum of five and not more than eight hunters. At least two HICs must be with the group while in the field. Double carding is allowed only during deer archery season.

l. **Family Member:** As defined in AR 215-1, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities

and NAF Instrumentalities

(1) Spouse of a sponsor;

(2) Unmarried widow/widower of a member/former member of a uniformed service;

(3) Unmarried child of a sponsor, including an adopted child, stepchild, foster child, or ward, who either:

(a) Has not passed his/her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday;

(b) Is incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical incapacity that existed before that birthday and is (or was at the time of the member's or former member's death) in fact dependent on the sponsor for over one-half of his/her support;

(c) Has not passed his/her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday, is enrolled in a full-time course of study in an institution of higher learning approved by a Secretary of an executive department specified in 10 USC Section 1073, and is (or was at the time of the member's or former member's death) in fact dependent on the sponsor for over one-half of his/her support; or

(4) A parent or parent-in-law of a sponsor who is (or was at the time of the member's or former member's death) in fact dependent on the sponsor for one-half of his/her support and residing in the sponsor's household.

m. **Guest:** A person sponsored into the Hunting/Trapping Program by an eligible patron authorized to sponsor guests.

n. **Hunter:** A person engaged in the act of hunting.

o. **Hunter-in-Charge:** Lead person in the hunting party responsible for the actions of the group and responsible for being familiar with the area boundaries and required safety and security procedures generated by this regulation.

p. **Hunting Management Team:** Representatives from DFMWR, DES, Plans and Operations, DPW, ISO, and Range Operations who cooperatively manage the hunting program.

q. **Season:** The time of year when a given type of hunting or trapping is permitted.

r. **Immediate Family Members:**

(1) Of active duty and retired military personnel: Those individuals possessing a valid Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173).

(2) Of DAC, fulltime NAF employees of APG, and retired DoD civilian and fulltime NAF employees of APG. Spouses and immediate family members as defined by USPL 26, USC Section 152.

s. **Law Violations:** Infringements of State and Federal Laws and Regulations as incorporated into this regulation by subparagraph 6b of the basic regulation.

t. **Multi-Year Contractor:** Employees of sub-contractors, who are on call personnel, delivery or service personnel DO NOT QUALIFY as Multi-Year Contractors. Qualifying contractor or employee thereof whose contract covers at least two fiscal years must meet the following conditions:

(1) Must be a contractor or employee of a contractor performing duties under a current and valid APG contract;

(2) Must have his/her daily work station located at APG; and

(3) Must possess a valid APG ID card.

u. **Outdoor Recreation Program Manager:** Administrator of the Outdoor Recreation Program.

v. **Prima Facie Evidence:** The circumstance where possession of contraband or improper equipment alone proves the guilt of the potential violator.

w. **Retired APG Civilian (Retired DAC):** A former APG civilian employee who retired from APG.

x. **Retired Military:** A person who retired from the armed forces.

y. **Scouting:** Scoping out hunting areas in advance of a specified hunt.

z. **Security Violation:** A violation of this regulation whose nature or location could, or does, compromise APG mission, programs, or security. The affected security office in conjunction with the installation security office must determine whether a given act constitutes a security violation.

aa. **Sponsor:** A person who acts to sponsor a person(s) participation in the hunting/trapping program and who assumes responsibility for the actions of that person(s), in addition to the "HIC".

bb. **Support Mission Requirements (re: Multi-year Contractor):** A contractor whose contract serves to augment the technical capability of the contracting agency to accomplish its basic mission. General labor contractors are not included.

cc. **Temporary Blind:** A shoreline waterfowl blind used in waterfowl hunting that is

set up upon arrival and removed on departure from hunting each day.

dd. **Test Road:** Any road, path, etc. on which vehicles travel as part of an organized testing area, where testing is actually conducted.

ee. **Uncased Weapon:** Storage of a firearm outside of a protective safety case (soft or hard), which would permit immediate access to that firearm.

ff. **Unexploded Ordnance:** Military munitions (primed, fused, armed or otherwise prepared) that were fired, dropped, launched, projected, or placed and remain unexploded by malfunction, design or other reason constituting a hazard to operations, personnel, or material.

gg. **Violator:** A person, group, or entity engaged in acts violating the conditions set forth in this regulation.

### **Section III**

#### **Special Abbreviations and Terms**

This section contains no entries.