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COMNAVREG MIDLANT INSTRUCTION 11015.1

From: Commander, Navy Region, Mid-Atlantic

Subj: FISHING

Ref: (a) 32 C.F.R. Section 190
(b) DODINST 4715.3
(c) OPNAVINST 5090.1B
(d) P.L. 105-85 (Sikes Act Improvement Amendments of 1997)
(e) NAVFAC P-73, Vol. II
(f) E.O. 12962
(g) Virginia Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing (Current) Regulations
(h) COMNAVREGMIDLANT/SOPA(ADMIN) HRINST 5400.1

Encl: (1) Station Permit Suspension/Revocation
(2) COMNAVREG MIDLANT Fresh Water Fishing Areas

1. Purpose. To establish procedures for fishing on board COMNAVREG MIDLANT installations including: Naval Weapons Station (WPNSTA), Yorktown, including Cheatham Annex; Naval Amphibious Base (NAVPHIBASE), Little Creek; Naval Air Station (NAS), Oceana, including Dam Neck Annex; and Naval Support Activity (NAVSUPACT), Norfolk, Northwest Annex. No freshwater fishing is permitted on Pennsylvania installations. References (a) through (h) pertain.

2. Cancellation. COMNAVBASENORVAINST 11015.1; CAXINST 11015.20; NAVPHIBASELCREEKINST 10570.1I; DAMNECKBASEINST 11015.1G; WPNSTAYORKTOWNINST 1710.3; and NASOCEANAINST 11015.3B. Due to numerous changes, instruction should be read in its entirety.

3. Policy

a. References (b) through (e) allow for recreational fisheries management on military installations, consistent with mission requirements.

b. Violations of reference (g) and this instruction may result in suspension or revocation of fishing privileges. See enclosure (1).

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c. The Regional Comptroller Office will prescribe operating and accounting procedures for handling funds. Permit fees will be expended solely for management, protection, and harvesting of fish and wildlife resources per reference (a).

4. Definitions

a. Tidal Waters (Saltwater). Tidal waters include the shorelines of the Atlantic Ocean and the York and James Rivers and their tributaries.

b. Non-tidal Waters (Freshwater). Non-tidal waters include all freshwater ponds and lakes open to fishing, as noted in this instruction. This does not include closed bodies of water located on certain golf courses or within sensitive or restricted areas.

c. Fishing. Fishing refers to the harvest or attempted harvest of finfish species for sport or self-consumption.

5. Responsibilities

a. Environmental Program Director. The Regional Environmental Program Director is responsible for managing the fishing program at the installations to which this instruction applies. This authority may be delegated to a properly trained Regional Natural Resources Program Manager.

(1) Natural Resources Managers. Natural Resources Managers, under the direction of the Regional Natural Resources Program Manager, manage fishing and freshwater fish resources at NAS Oceana, NAVPHIBASE Little Creek, and WPNSTA Yorktown. Natural Resources Managers enforce fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and this instruction.

(2) Conservation Officers. Under the direction of the Regional Natural Resources Program Manager, Conservation Officers enforce fish and wildlife laws and regulations and this instruction. Conservation Officers are authorized to conduct creel inspections.

b. Installation Security Officers. Security Officers also enforce fish and wildlife laws, regulations, and this instruction, and review and make recommendations to Installation Commanders on proposals to conduct fishing tournaments and other special events. Security Officers are an after-hours emergency contact point for Natural Resources Managers and Conservation Officers.

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c. Fishermen. Fishermen shall comply with this instruction and applicable fish and wildlife laws and regulations.

6. Authorized Patrons

a. Authorized Patrons. The following persons are authorized to fish at the installations to which this instruction applies:

(1) Active duty military personnel and their dependents are given priority access to all fishing programs, activities, and events.

(2) Retired military personnel and their dependents.

(3) Federal civilian employees of COMNAVREG MIDLANT installations and their dependents.

(4) Reservists and their dependents.

(5) If allowable under existing Force Protection Condition (FPCON) constraints, authorized patrons may be accompanied by two guests. All guests must adhere to applicable fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and this instruction. Sponsors are responsible for their guests and must accompany them at all times.

7. Licenses/Permits

a. Fishing Licenses. Authorized patrons and guests between the ages 16 and 65 must obtain, if they do not already possess, Virginia (state or county) freshwater fishing licenses and station fishing permits. Reference (g) exempts persons who are legally blind. Virginia Saltwater fishing licenses are required for anyone attempting saltwater fishing except when fishing from MWR piers that maintain pier licenses (see enclosure (2)).

(1) Dependents and guests under the age of 12 must be directly supervised by an adult, 18 years of age or older, who holds valid fishing licenses and station permits.

b. Station Permits. Station fishing permits are valid at all installations to which this instruction applies. Annual permits are valid concurrent with the Virginia fishing licenses (1 January - 31 December). A full season permit costs \$8; a one-week permit costs \$4. Saltwater fishing does not require a station permit.

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(1) WPNSTA Yorktown and Cheatham Annex. Fishing permits are available at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), Building 2006 and Cheatham Annex MWR, Building 284.

(2) NAVPHIBASE Little Creek. Fishing permits are available at the Environmental Compliance Department, Building 3165.

(3) NAS Oceana and Dam Neck Annex. Freshwater fishing permits are available at the NAS Oceana Natural Resources Center, Building 78.

(4) Station permits are issued upon assumption of risk, and authorized patrons and guests shall be required to sign a statement acknowledging risk. The statement shall also release the United States of liability, in case of accident or injury, to the extent allowed by law.

(5) Possession of a station fishing permit does not authorize access to an installation, grant permission to use other MWR facilities, or convey or bestow any other rights or privileges.

8. Regulations

a. General

(1) Unless approved under reference (h) consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited during any fishing activity or event to which this instruction applies.

(2) Fish may be taken only within the limits, seasons, and times, and by the methods prescribed by Federal and State regulation.

(3) No more than two treble hooks are permitted on any fishing lure. In catch-and-release waters, barbed hooks are discouraged and treble hooks are prohibited.

(4) Fishing shall be conducted only by angling with a hook and line or rod and reel, held in hand. A hand-held landing net may also be used to remove legally hooked fish.

(5) Use of live bait fish (minnows, eels, etc.) is discussed in enclosure (2). Use of crickets, grubs, worms, and other non-fish baits is permitted as noted.

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(6) Unless otherwise specified, fishing hours are sunrise to sunset.

(7) Use of trotlines, fish traps, or chemicals in ponds are prohibited except under direction of the Natural Resources Manager.

(8) Boats and canoes are permitted on certain freshwater ponds and lakes as discussed in specific regulations. To prevent introduction or spread of invasive aquatic species, the following precautions should be taken:

(a) Drain water from live wells, bilges, and other containers before leaving the launch area;

(b) Remove plant parts and animals from the boat, trailer, and accessory equipment. Dispose of the removed materials in the garbage at the launch area or at home;

(c) Do not release live bait or aquarium pets into any waters; and

(d) Wash boat and trailer thoroughly at home. Flush water through the motor's cooling system, live wells, and other areas that hold water or dry your boat and equipment for five days in a sunny location before transferring it to a new body of water.

(9) If boat use is permitted at an approved fishing location, boats and canoes may not be stored on ponds or surrounding banks. A life jacket is required for each person fishing from boats. Additionally, persons under the age of 10 years shall wear life jackets while on boats.

(10) Littering on station is prohibited. All refuse shall be placed in designated trash containers. This includes all refuse generated from fishing activities (i.e., monofilament line, hooks, etc.).

(12) Natural Resources Managers or Security Officers may close specific fishing areas at any time. Such announcements will be posted at the respective Security Command Building or Natural Resources Office. Personnel may not use freshwater areas not listed in enclosure (2) of this instruction without specific authorization by the appropriate Natural Resources Manager.

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(13) The Installation Natural Resources Manager, the Installation Security Officer and the Installation Commander must approve fishing tournaments and other special events.

9. Enforcement. Fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and this instruction, are enforced at the installations to which this instruction applies by Conservation Officers and Installation Security Officers by authority of Installation Commanders. Fully-trained, properly-qualified, and duly-certified Conservation Officers have power to apprehend and arrest violators for violations occurring at places over which the Navy may exercise law enforcement jurisdiction. Military and civilian personnel who observe or acquire credible information concerning violations of fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and this instruction, shall report same to Natural Resources Managers, Conservation Officers, or Installation Security Officers at the installation where the violation allegedly occurred.

10. Review Authority. The Regional Natural Resources Program Manager is responsible for review and update of this instruction.



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STATION PERMIT SUSPENSION/REVOCATION

1. Policy. Access to, and fishing at, the installations to which this instruction applies is a privilege granted by the Installation Commander.
2. Authority. The authority of Installation Security Officers, Natural Resources Managers, and Conservation Officers to enforce this instruction includes the power to summarily suspend or revoke fishing privileges, for good cause.
3. Violations. The following is a list, for illustrative purposes only, of common violations and administrative actions that may be taken, independently or in connection with other administrative or judicial remedies, against persons who violate fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and this instruction. Repeat offenders are likely to suffer permanent revocation of fishing privileges.

<u>SUSPENSION</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>
30 Days	Violation of any state statute.
30 Days	Patron does not hold a station fishing permit.
30 Days	Operation of gasoline motor or boat in unauthorized area.
30 Days	Digging for bait in the vicinity of ponds.
60 Days	Fishing with live bait fish in unauthorized area.
30 Days	Unauthorized vehicle parking.
1 Year	Fishing with trotlines, fish traps or chemicals.
60 Days	Violation of station limit, but not state limit.
Reinstatement of Fishing Privileges at discretion of Installation Commanding Officer.	Defacing or destroying government property and littering.
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COMNAVREG MIDLANT FISHING AREAS

1. NAS Oceana/Dam Neck Annex

a. Oceana Pond:

(1) Size/Location. Approximately 9 acres. Located on NAS Oceana, approximately one-half mile southeast of the intersection of Oceana Boulevard and Bells Road. Access restricted to a maintained gravel road bisecting an agricultural field.

(2) Parking. Parking permitted in designated cul-de-sac area between inner and outer gates.

(3) Facilities. Picnic facilities available. No open fires without permission of Natural Resources Manager. A boat launch is available. An interpretive nature trail loops the lake.

(4) License/Permit. In addition to the Virginia license and station permit, a parking permit will be issued with the station fishing permit and must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard in plain view.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Catch and release encouraged.

(a) Largemouth Bass. Possession authorized from 16 June to 28 February only. Between 9 to 11 inches total length: two per day per person during season. Greater than 15 inches total length: one per day per person during season. For all other sizes, possession is prohibited.

(b) Catfish. Daily limit of three per person with a 10-inch minimum size.

(c) Panfish and Other Species. Virginia limits apply.

(6) Boats. Hand-propelled or electric motor boats and canoes are permitted. Gasoline motors are prohibited.

(7) Bait. No live bait fish.

(8) Special Regulations. Daytime use only unless approved by Natural Resources Manager. No other restrictions unless previously stated.

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b. Lake Tecumseh:

(1) Size/Location. Located on Dam Neck Annex, south of Dam Neck Road and west of Regulus Avenue.

(2) Parking. Limited parking is available off Dove Street.

(3) Facilities. Bank-fishing only. A fishing pier is located at the end of Dove Street.

(4) License/Permit. In addition to the Virginia license and station permit, a parking permit will be issued with the station fishing permit and must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard in plain view.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Virginia limits apply for all species.

(6) Boats. None permitted.

(7) Bait. Must adhere to state regulations.

(8) Special Regulations. The Navy does not own Lake Tecumseh, only portions of the land around it. Therefore, the Navy does not authorize fishing from boats launched from Navy property. Anglers encouraged to catch and remove all carp, shad, and other rough fish.

c. Saltwater Fishing - Dam Neck Fishing Beach:

(1) Location. Located on Atlantic Ocean across the dune from Seamist RV Park off Regulus Avenue.

(2) Parking. Limited parking is available after hours and on weekends in the Naval Marine Intelligence Center parking lot.

(3) Facilities. None. Trash cans are located at the walkovers.

(4) License/Permit. Virginia Saltwater fishing license.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Virginia or Federal regulations apply.

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(6) Boats. Boats are not permitted to be launched or retrieved on any recreational beaches.

(7) Bait. Virginia or Federal regulations apply.

(8) Special Regulations. Fishing may occur on the beach 24 hours a day. During dusk and evening hours, fishermen are required to have a light or lantern at their fishing location.

2. NAVPHIBASE Little Creek

a. Lake Bradford and Chubb Lake:

(1) Size/Location. Approximately 134 acres. Located on NAVPHIBASE Little Creek, off D Street.

(2) Parking. Seal Park, off D Street.

(3) Facilities. Boat ramp and picnic facilities are available.

(4) License/Permit. Virginia license and station permit.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Catch and release encouraged.

(a) Largemouth Bass. Possession authorized from 16 June to 28 February only. Between 9 to 11 inches total length: two per day, per person, during season. Greater than 15 inches total length: one per day, per person, during season. For all other sizes, possession is prohibited.

(b) Walleye. Daily limit of two per person.

(c) Pan fish and other Species. Virginia limits apply.

(6) Boats. Boats with gasoline engines (10-hp limit) or electric motors are allowed. "No wake" limitations are in effect over the entire lake.

(7) Bait. Must adhere to Virginia regulations.

(8) Special Regulations. The eastern shoreline of Lake Bradford is privately owned. Anglers encouraged to catch and remove all carp, shad, and other rough fish.

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b. Lake Varian and Bigelow Hall Lake:

(1) Size/Location. Located on NAVPHIBASE Little Creek. Small ponds located at end of D Street near Rifle Range and at the intersection of 10th and 11th Streets, respectively.

(2) Parking. For Lake Varian, use parking area for Lake Bradford. For Bigelow Hall Lake use barracks parking.

(3) Facilities. None.

(4) License/Permit. Virginia license and station permit.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Catch and release encouraged.

(a) Largemouth Bass. Possession authorized from 16 June to 28 February only. Between 9 to 11 inches total length: two per day per person during season. Greater than 15 inches total length: one per day per person during season. For all other sizes, possession is prohibited.

(b) Catfish. Daily limit of three per person with a 10-inch minimum size limit.

(c) Panfish and other Species. Virginia limits apply.

(6) Boats. None permitted.

(7) Bait. No live bait fish.

(8) Special regulations. None.

c. Saltwater Fishing Areas:

(1) Location. Fishing is only allowed on the beaches of the all hands beach.

(2) Parking. Parking available at end of Hewitt Drive.

(3) Facilities. Bathhouse available on site.

(4) License/Permit. Virginia Saltwater Fishing License.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Virginia or Federal regulations apply.

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(6) Boats. Boats are not allowed to be launched or retrieved at any time from the beach.

(7) Bait. Virginia or Federal regulations apply.

(8) Special Regulations. Fishing is permitted from after Labor Day until Memorial Day from sunrise to sunset.

3. WPNSTA Yorktown/Cheatham Annex

a. Jones Pond:

(1) Size/Location. 63 acres on WPNSTA Yorktown, Cheatham Annex.

(2) Parking. Designated parking lot only.

(3) Facilities. Floating pier and picnic area.

(4) License/Permit. Virginia license and station permit.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Catch and release encouraged.

(a) Striped Bass. One fish per day, minimum 20 inches.

(b) All Other Species. Virginia limits apply.

(6) Boats. To prevent introduction of invasive or exotic species, all boats used on this lake must be rented from MWR.

(7) Bait. To prevent introduction of invasive or exotic species, any live bait fish must be purchased from MWR.

(8) Special Regulations. No bank fishing permitted.

b. Cheatham Pond:

(1) Size/Location. 108 acres on WPNSTA Yorktown, Cheatham Annex.

(2) Parking. Designated parking at boat landing area.

(3) Facilities. Boat pier.

(4) License/Permit. Virginia license and station permit.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Catch and release encouraged.

(a) Striped Bass. One fish per day, minimum 20 inches.

(b) All Other Species. Virginia limits apply.

(6) Boats. To prevent introduction of invasive or exotic species, all boats used on this lake must be rented from MWR.

(7) Bait. To prevent introduction of invasive or exotic species, any live bait fish must be purchased from MWR.

(8) Special Regulations. No bank fishing permitted.

c. Penniman Lake:

(1) Size/Location. 48 acres on WPNSTA Yorktown, Cheatham Annex.

(2) Parking. Designated parking lot at boat landing, behind Galley.

(3) Facilities. Picnic facilities located on lake.

(4) License/Permit. Virginia license and station permit.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Catch and release only.

(6) Boats. To prevent introduction of invasive or exotic species, all boats used on this lake must be rented from MWR.

(7) Bait. To prevent introduction of invasive or exotic species, any live bait fish must be purchased from MWR.

(8) Special Regulations. Bank fishing permitted from two designated areas.

d. Feurer Youth Pond:

(1) Size/Location. 2 acres on WPNSTA Yorktown, Cheatham Annex.

(2) Parking. Designated parking lot only.

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(3) Facilities. Fishing pier, restrooms, and picnic area available.

(4) License/Permit. None required.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Catch and release only.

(6) Boats. None permitted.

(7) Bait. To prevent introduction of invasive or exotic species, any live bait fish must be purchased from MWR.

(8) Special Regulations. Youth only, 15 years of age and younger. Bank and pier fishing only.

e. Roosevelt Pond:

(1) Size/Location. 21 acres on WPNSTA Yorktown.

(2) Parking. Designated parking area at boat landing.

(3) Facilities. Pier and shoreline boardwalk.

(4) License/Permit. Virginia license and station permit.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Virginia limits apply for all species.

(6) Boats. To prevent introduction of invasive or exotic species, all boats used on this lake must be rented from MWR.

(7) Bait. No live bait fish.

(8) Special Regulations. Bank fishing permitted from two locations. Pond closed to fishing during explosive loading operations at ordnance pier.

f. WPNSTA Yorktown Ponds 10, 11, and 12:

(1) Size/Location. Pond 10 (4.5 acres), Pond 11 (23 acres), and Pond 12 (15 acres) on WPNSTA Yorktown.

(2) Parking. Designated parking adjacent to boat pier.

(3) Facilities. Floating pier.

(4) License/Permit. Virginia license and station permit.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Virginia limits apply for all species.

(6) Boats. To prevent introduction of invasive or exotic species, all boats used on this lake must be rented from MWR.

(7) Bait. No live bait fish.

(8) Special Regulations. Must possess a valid WPNSTA Yorktown Restricted Area ID. Must check in at MWR Outdoor Recreation/Rental Equipment office and receive a daily fishing pass before entering Restricted Area. The fishing pass shall be prominently displayed in the front window of vehicle. Ponds 11 and 12 may at times be closed due to Explosive Ordnance Detachment (EOD) operations.

g. Saltwater Fishing: Only authorized saltwater fishing is from the Cheatham Annex Pier.

(1) Location. Cheatham Annex Pier at the end of Sanda Avenue.

(2) Parking. Limited parking available at the pier.

(3) Facilities. None.

(4) Licenses/Permits. A current Virginia Saltwater License is required. A pier pass is required and available for purchase from MWR, Building 284. Military fee is \$10 per year, civilian fee is \$20 per year.

(5) Size/Possession Limits. Virginia and Federal regulations apply.

(6) Boats. None authorized.

(7) Bait. Virginia and Federal regulations apply.

(8) Special Regulations. Times: 1600-0600 Monday - Friday; 24 hours a day Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.

4. NAVSTA Norfolk

a. Naval Station Fishing Pier:

(1) Location. Located next to Salt Marsh Park, next to the Q Area ballfields off Admiral Massey Hughes Drive.

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- (2) Parking. Adequate parking is available at pier.
- (3) Facilities. Port-a-toilet available.
- (4) License/Permit. None required.
- (5) Size/Possession Limits. Virginia and Federal regulations apply.
- (6) Boats. Boats may not be launched or retrieved at this location.
- (7) Bait. Virginia and Federal regulations apply.
- (8) Special Regulations. Times: 24 hours a day; 7 days a week.

b. Other areas:

- (1) Size/Location. Fishing is authorized from the following locations:
 - (a) The bulkhead extending eastward from the Deperming Station tower along the waters edge parallel to Admiral Massey Hughes Drive to the first picnic gazebo at Salt Marsh Park.
 - (b) From the westward end of Salt Marsh park to Iowa Point just west of the Sailing Center.
 - (c) Along the sea wall from the eastern side of the Bousch Creek culvert to the Mason Creek bridge.
 - (d) From the Mason Creek outfall on the sea wall (Building SP-263) along the sea wall not further than 10th Avenue.
 - (e) In the waters of Mason Creek.
 - (f) For Willoughby Bay Housing residents only: along the sand beach to the fence at the dredge spoil deposit site.

- (2) Parking. Limited at all areas.
- (3) Facilities. None.
- (4) License/Permit. Virginia Saltwater Fishing License.

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(5) Size/Possession Limits. Virginia and Federal regulations apply.

(6) Boats. None allowed.

(7) Bait. Virginia and Federal regulations apply.

(8) Special Regulations. None.