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Summary: This regulation covers the policies, responsibilities and procedures governing endorsed recreational activities and the protection of fish and wildlife resources at West Point.

Applicability: This regulation applies to the United States Military Academy (USMA), United States Army Garrison West Point (USAG-WP) and tenant agencies and authorized users of USMA lands for recreational activities (hunting/fishing/trapping/boating/etc.).

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CHAPTER I**SECTION I
GENERAL**

1-1. Purpose: To establish policies, define responsibilities, and outline procedures for managing recreational activities and protecting fish and wildlife resources at West Point.

1-2. References: Reference publications are listed in **Appendix A**.

**SECTION II
RESPONSIBILITIES**

1-3. Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR); Business Recreation Division (BRD), Business Operations & Recreation Officer will:

a. Oversee the vetting of applicant eligibility, as well as the approval and reapproval of user accounts through the West Point Fish and Game Website, while providing customer service and guidance to users in coordination with the Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Natural Resources Section (NRS).

b. Manage the sale of special West Point Recreational Area Passes and collect recreational activity fees in coordination with DPW NRS.

c. Distribute maps, promotional materials, and regulatory information to ensure West Point personnel, guests, and visiting troops are informed of recreational regulations.

d. Administer the implementation of hunting / fishing / trapping regulations, and other outdoor recreational activities (e.g., hiking, biking).

e. Operate and maintain the Field Archery Range.

f. Conduct a lottery for opening day hunting slots during the Regular Firearms Big Game Season and assist DPW with Regular Big Game Opening Day Hunt Control.

g. Position boats and docks at MWR-authorized fishing areas, as available.

h. Coordinate New York State (NYS)-required hunter education classes for new hunters.

i. Organize and operate Personally Owned Firearms (POF) ranges in coordination with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS).

1-4. Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Division (EMD), Conservation Branch, Natural Resources Section (NRS) will:

a. Develop, update, and implement the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP).

b. Conduct surveys and studies to establish fish and game harvest quotas, size limits, bag limits, and season lengths using the best available scientific data.

c. Act as the primary liaison for fish and wildlife matters with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and neighboring landowners.

d. Manage the West Point Fish and Game Website, including posting relevant information on hunting / fishing / trapping activities, and other fish, wildlife, and forestry matters. This website shall serve as the primary and definitive source of public information on all fish and wildlife matters. Additionally, NRS may assist other parties, including MWR, DES Conservation Law Enforcement Officers (CLEOs), and Range Control, in troubleshooting web and system issues when necessary.

e. Operate the West Point Big Game Hunt Check Station and manage Hunt Control as required.

- f. Administer and oversee the operational aspects of the trapping program.
- g. Manage the administrative aspects of the General Public hunting program.
- h. Mark the boundaries of On-Post/Cantonment Hunting Areas prior to the archery big-game season.
- i. Update the West Point Hunting Map no more frequently than once every three years. The map will be developed with input from MWR, Range Control, and DES. The most recently updated map published on the West Point Fish and Game Website shall be the definitive map for hunting at West Point. Previous versions of the hunting map or the training map shall not be used for hunting purposes.
- j. Establish hunting area participation quotas and implement restrictions, coordinating criteria with Range Control, DES, and the Safety Officer.
- k. Identify and direct eligible trappers, as outlined in Appendix B (Eligibility Priorities), to address problem or nuisance animals.
- l. Review and approve, in coordination with the West Point Environmental Management Division, the programmatic use of internal combustion engines on lakes and ponds to ensure water quality standards are maintained.

1-5. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), Provost Marshal will:

- a. Serve as the Chief Conservation Law Enforcement Officer, acting as the proponent for law enforcement.
- b. Establish and resource a CLEO section to enforce this regulation, archaeological laws, USMA REG 210-30 (Animal Control), USMA REG 420-03 (Fire Prevention & Protection), as well as New York State (NYS) and federal laws.
- c. Issue citations using DD Form 1408 and/or District Court Violation Notices (DCVN) and coordinate with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for major violations of NYS environmental conservation laws.
- d. CLEOs may suspend the recreational privileges of individuals and issue DCVNs in accordance with Appendix C: Offenses and Administrative Actions, until the DCVN is properly paid or resolved in court. Proof of payment is required to lift the suspension. CLEOs will report all suspensions to the appropriate recreational departments. If a suspended individual is found participating in recreational activities governed by this regulation during their suspension, they may be apprehended for trespassing.
- e. Record violations in the Army Law Enforcement Reporting and Tracking System (ALERTS) and update the user's profile on the West Point Fish and Game Website with details of the violation and any resulting disciplinary action (e.g., hold, ban).
- f. Conduct surveillance in training areas by deploying game cameras in random locations to ensure compliance with NYS, federal, and West Point regulations by all recreationists.
- g. Ensure every CLEO completes 40 hours of On-the-Job Training (OJT), with the first 8 hours conducted in the right seat and the remaining 32 hours in the left seat. Training will include driving through all training areas, On-Post/Cantonment, and Constitution Island, as well as familiarization with CLEO special weapons (shotgun, pepper ball pistol, and bear mace). CLEOs must also complete watercraft and ATV certification before operating these vehicles. CLEOs will be proficient in NYS laws, federal laws, USMA REG 210-30, USMA REG 420-03, and archaeological laws to effectively enforce this regulation and recover wild and domestic animals.

1-6. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) will:

- a. Ensure the range and training area schedule, along with associated road closures impacting availability, is regularly updated on the West Point Fish and Game Website to prevent hunting, fishing, and trapping from interfering with the military mission.

- b. Maintain control over access to all training areas, ranges, and danger zones.
- c. Ensure that hunting, fishing, and trapping activities do not conflict with scheduled training operations.
- d. Oversee the safe operation of ranges and training areas in conjunction with hunting, fishing, and trapping activities.
- e. Notify the DES/Military Police Desk to report any violations of Range Control restrictions.
- f. Support the operation of Personally Owned Firearms (POF) ranges in coordination with MWR.

1-7. Garrison Safety Office:

- a. The Safety Officer will evaluate all safety-related aspects of the hunting, fishing, and trapping programs.
- b. Review all Risk Management Worksheets associated with the regulation.
- c. Assess all plans, requests, and regulations involving events that include firearms and archery implements for hunting.
- d. Review personnel quotas for hunting areas.
- e. Provide safety awareness resources to support the program.
- f. Investigate all hunting-related incidents and accidents, including tree stand accidents.

1-8. The Office of The Garrison Commander (GC) will:

- a. Designate areas approved or disapproved for recreational use.
- b. Serve as the final authority for approving the suspension of individual recreational privileges.

SECTION III - POLICIES

1-9. General Policies

• **This section outlines general policies applicable to all recreational activities at West Point. For activity-specific restrictions, refer to the relevant sections.**

a. Programmatic Policies:

(1) Recreational activities on West Point lands are secondary to the military mission requirements of the United States Military Academy and U.S. Army Garrison at West Point. Participation in recreational activities at West Point is a privilege for eligible individuals. The behavior and actions of participants will be considered when granting access. Those engaging in hunting, fishing, or trapping are encouraged to act as ambassadors to their sport by prioritizing safety, ethics, and public sensitivities regarding the use of firearms and the harvesting of animals

(2) Hunting, fishing, and trapping on West Point lands must comply with all applicable federal and state conservation laws, rules, and regulations, as well as the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP), this regulation, AR 200-1, AR 215-1, and any existing West Point regulations or orders issued by the Garrison Commander. It is the responsibility of all participants to understand and adhere to these regulations.

(3) Under Title 10 U.S. Code, Section 2671, West Point is required to follow New York State regulations for fish and game, including season dates, bag limits, and other restrictions. There is no authority to extend season dates or increase bag limits to make regulations less stringent or accommodate other activities. Locally established game management regulations

may be more restrictive but never less stringent than state or federal regulations. This regulation does not grant rights or privileges that conflict with state or federal law.

(4) Failure to comply with lawful orders, posted signs, or written notices is prohibited. Violations of this regulation may result in apprehension, prosecution, fines, and/or the loss of hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges. Violations of environmental laws may also be subject to state and federal penalties, including additional consequences from external regulatory agencies.

(5) Individuals found responsible for damage to government property, whether through gross negligence or malicious actions, may be held financially liable for the damages and any associated costs.

(6) Any training area may be closed at any time for reasons including, but not limited to, mission-related activities or weather conditions, as determined by Range Control in coordination with DES, DPW, and MWR. Certain areas of the Garrison, such as impact areas and firing ranges, are permanently closed to recreation. Recreationists are strictly prohibited from accessing closed areas, including for parking or as a crossing to adjacent recreational areas.

(7) All individuals participating in hunting, fishing, trapping, or related activities at West Point are responsible for understanding and complying with requirements related to safety, firearms and archery use, check-in and check-out procedures, access, vehicle use, harvest reporting, and other recreational responsibilities.

(8) No person shall discard, bury, or dispose of belongings, trash, waste, or litter on West Point lands. All hunters, anglers, and trappers must carry out everything they bring in. Animal carcasses and butchering waste, including those from animals harvested at West Point, must not be discarded, buried, or disposed of on West Point lands. Field dressing of animals is permitted immediately following harvest but must be conducted out of sight of buildings, roads, and range complexes, and at least 50 feet from a permanent water body. Gut piles may be left in place, but no non-biodegradable materials (e.g., gloves, bags, ground cloths) may be left on site.

(9) Trail cameras must be marked with the owner's name or West Point hunter ID and phone number. Cameras may not be installed using nails or screws, placed in restricted areas, or positioned in a way that invades privacy. Trail cameras may only be placed in hunting areas between September 1st and May 31st. DES CLEOs may seize unauthorized cameras.

(10) Open fires are prohibited while hunting, fishing, or trapping on West Point lands, except in MWR-established fire rings at MWR Recreation Areas, as conditions allow.

(11) Firewood collection is permitted only with a conditional permit issued by DPW NRS staff.

(12) No person shall enter, injure, deface, or disturb culturally sensitive areas on West Point lands. The collection of artifacts (e.g., stone arrowheads, old bottles, coins) or disturbance of any cultural feature is strictly prohibited. The use of metal detectors on West Point lands is prohibited without written authorization from DPW Cultural Resources.

(13) Unauthorized excavation or digging on West Point lands is prohibited, including the removal of natural materials (e.g., rocks, sand). Similarly, unauthorized cutting, digging up, removal, or defacing of trees or live vegetation is prohibited. Minor disturbances for trapping purposes are permitted.

(14) Feeding, illegal baiting, harassing, disturbing, or unauthorized taking of wildlife on West Point lands is strictly prohibited.

(a) Exception: Bird and squirrel feeders are authorized in housing areas if authorized by the housing authority. Additionally, feeders are authorized for wildlife viewing / education at the West Point Schools and FMWR Facilities after coordination with DPW NRS.

(15) Unauthorized stocking of fish or wildlife is prohibited. No individual may stock, move, or release fish (including bait), fish eggs, wildlife, or any other animal species without permission from NRS. Individuals wishing to purchase pheasants and arrange private stocking events must

contact NRS for assistance to ensure compliance with best management practices and state, federal, and local regulations.

(16) No individual may plant vegetation of any kind on West Point lands without permission from the NRS.

(a) Exception: Planting of gardens with non-invasive species is authorized in designated garden plots and containers on the installation.

(17) The disturbance or removal of legally set traps or trapped animals on West Point lands is prohibited.

(18) Ethical behavior, courtesy, and safe hunting practices require hunters to avoid crowding and to remain fully aware of the positions of nearby hunters. Hunters arriving late to the field must yield to those already occupying the site, even if the hunting area capacity is not exceeded or the late-arriving hunter intends to use a pre-placed stand or blind. Unsafe behavior may result in penalties.

(19) Hunters and trappers who encounter training troops while afield must immediately unload their firearms, leave the area, and report the incident to NRS staff or CLEOs, even if they are properly checked into an open hunting area.

(20) Use of drones for or in support recreation is prohibited on West Point.

b. Safety:

(1) All individuals seeking to hunt, trap, or fish at West Point must complete the mandatory West Point Safety & Regulatory Brief, a presentation that explains rules and regulations while highlighting major safety concerns, prior to permit purchase. This presentation will be available on the West Point Fish and Game Website, where viewing it is required to purchase a permit and participate in any hunting, trapping, or fishing activity.

(2) All individuals must understand the hazards of unexploded ordnance (UXO). Suspected UXO must not be touched but left where found, and its location must be immediately reported to Range Control, Military Police, or the Safety Office. Information on UXO safety will be included in the West Point Safety & Regulatory Brief and made available on the West Point Fish and Game Website.

(3) Lost or injured persons or domestic animals, as well as misplaced firearms, must be immediately reported to the Military Police. Vehicle accidents, fires, hazards (e.g., concertina wire), damage to equipment or facilities, and dangerous road conditions should be immediately reported to Range Control, the Military Police, or the West Point Fire Department. Wounded or sick wildlife, particularly those that may pose a risk to people, should be reported as soon as possible to the DPW NRS or Military Police.

(4) Persons observing wildland fires on West Point lands must immediately notify the West Point Fire Department, the Military Police, or Range Control.

(5) It is unlawful to consume alcoholic beverages or other drugs, or to be under their influence, while hunting or trapping, or while operating a motor vehicle or motorboat.

(6) All big game firearm hunters (including their guests and walkers), in accordance with NYS regulations, must wear at least 250 square inches of blaze orange or blaze pink (solid or compliant pattern) that is always visible from the waist up in all directions, OR a compliant blaze orange or pink hat or cap and at least 100 square inches of blaze orange or blaze pink (solid or compliant pattern). Big game archery hunters must comply with this regulation when entering, exiting, or moving within an area and are encouraged to maintain but may remove blaze clothing while stationary.

(7) All other hunters (including their guests and walkers), as well as trappers (and their walkers), must always wear at least 100 square inches of blaze orange or blaze pink (solid or compliant pattern) visible from the waist up in all directions. Waterfowl hunters and spring turkey

hunters must comply with this regulation while entering, exiting, or moving within an area but may remove blaze clothing while stationary.

(8) Tree stands must be constructed and used in a safe, responsible manner. Hunters will properly secure stands to healthy trees and inspect stands before erecting and using them. Removable stands will be securely but temporarily strapped to trees. Hunters must comply with best tree stand safety practices by always using a safety harness, carefully ascending and descending while maintaining three points of contact, and using a haul line instead of climbing into the stand with equipment.

c. Firearms/Archery Use & Operation:

(1) The use of firearms and archery equipment is the sole responsibility of the operator. Weapons, ammunition, and projectiles must be regularly maintained, understood, and practiced with prior to use. Weapons should always be treated as if loaded, kept pointed in a safe direction, with safeties engaged, and triggers avoided until the operator is ready to fire. Before firing, the operator must identify the target and be aware of what lies beyond it.

(2) Firearms, archery equipment, and ammunition permitted for hunting at West Point must comply with New York hunting regulations unless otherwise specified. Local firearm and archery regulations may be more restrictive but never less restrictive than state or federal regulations. This regulation does not grant rights or privileges that conflict with state or federal law.

(3) Hunting is permitted only in established hunting areas and must adhere to the following safe discharge distances from schools, playgrounds, or occupied structures, even if area boundaries are closer: Firearms: 500 feet, Crossbows: 250 feet, Bows: 150 feet.

(4) Projectiles must never pass over any part of a public highway, its shoulder, or drainage ditch, nor over a range road. Hunters must maintain a minimum distance of five (5) feet from all range roads before discharging any weapon. Hunters may discharge at waterfowl over water within 500 feet of a dwelling or public structure, provided the shot is directed away from any building, boat, or person.

(5) Hunters are prohibited from target shooting or sighting-in firearms or archery equipment in hunting areas or anywhere else at West Point, except at designated firing ranges under supervision or during MWR-sponsored events.

(6) All weapons (firearms, archery equipment, etc.) brought into On-Post/Cantonment (the area within the gated boundary east of Route 9W and south of Route 218) must be registered with the DES Provost Marshal Office (PMO), i.e., Military Police, in accordance with USMA Reg 190-3, 1-10.

(7) "Bow Only Areas" permit the use of longbows, compound bows, and recurve bows exclusively. "Waterfowl Only" areas permit shotgun use exclusively. "Hunting Areas" permit the use of all bows, crossbows, shotguns, rifles, and muzzleloader.

(8) Proximity to housing, area size, or other factors may restrict the type of implement allowed in certain hunting areas. These limitations will be noted on the most current edition of the published hunting map and on the West Point Fish and Game Website.

(9) Crossbows are prohibited in "Bow Only Areas," except for disabled hunters possessing a New York State-issued Modified Crossbow Permit.

(10) Firing from a vehicle is prohibited, except for disabled hunters possessing a New York State-issued Non-Ambulatory Hunter Permit. Hunters with this permit may hunt off range roads during an open firearm hunting season from a vehicle with the motor turned off. Hunters must be checked in and parked in a manner that does not block any road, gate, or other vehicle access. If the range road serves as the boundary of a hunting area, the hunter must be signed into the targeted hunting area.

d. Area Check-In/Out

(1) All hunters, anglers, and trappers (including their guests and walkers) active in any hunting, trapping, or fishing area located within a training area must check in and out via the West Point Fish and Game Website. This requirement may be subject to change due to special events (e.g., hunt lotteries) or website technical issues. Anglers fishing outside of training areas (e.g., recreational areas, Lusk Reservoir) are not required to check in and out but are encouraged to do so for safety and harvest reporting purposes.

(2) In the event of technical failure of the West Point Fish and Game Website, hunting, fishing, and trapping activities may be temporarily suspended. If the failure persists, the DPW NRS will establish alternative procedures for safe hunting and fishing access, which will be communicated through the West Point Garrison Public Affairs Office (PAO).

(3) Check-in and check-out are mandatory for all individuals engaged in activities that assist in harvest, such as driving game or calling game. Similarly, check-in and check-out are required for individuals performing non-harvest activities, including scouting or handling stands/blinds. Individuals scouting or handling a stand/blind must check in for the activity they are ultimately preparing for (e.g., hunting, trapping).

(4) Authorized hunting, trapping, and fishing area boundaries are outlined on activity maps available on the West Point Fish and Game website. Only the most up-to-date versions of these maps, as provided on the website, are valid for use. Training maps, outdated activity maps, or any other maps are not permitted for these activities.

(5) Recreationists who wish to move from one area to another must first check out of their current area and then check in to the new area they intend to enter.

(6) Hunters, trappers, and anglers entering areas requiring check-in must occupy the area they checked into within one hour. Similarly, they must check out of areas they exit within one hour. "Blocking," defined as checking into an area without occupying it, is strictly prohibited.

e. Access:

(1) Recreationists must complete any required West Point training, account validation, or qualification as a condition of their access.

(2) All hunters, anglers, and trappers must carry the following while afield: (1) a valid New York State hunting, fishing, or trapping license, if required by New York State regulations; and (2) a valid West Point hunting, fishing, or trapping permit, as required by this regulation.

(3) Hunters are responsible for knowing sunrise and sunset times and adhering to legal shooting hours as defined in the current NYS Hunting and Trapping Guide.

(4) Authorized hunters and anglers may sponsor up to two guests to participate in the same activity. Trappers and General Public hunters are not permitted to sponsor guests. Hunters, trappers, and anglers may be accompanied by one walker, a non-participating companion. A sponsor accompanied by a walker may sponsor no more than one guest. Both guests and walkers must be registered during check-in/check-out and must remain with the primary permit holder at all times. Guest hunters are required to report their harvest.

(5) Licensed junior hunters and trappers (ages 12 to 15) are permitted to pursue game on the reservation but must be accompanied by a sponsor who meets NYS requirements for sponsorship (i.e., over 18 years old with three years of experience) and must remain within arms reach of the sponsor. West Point participates in NYS Special Youth Hunting Seasons. No pheasants will be stocked by the DPW NRS for the NYS Youth Pheasant Hunt.

(6) Hunters seeking access to designated disabled hunting areas or disability-reserved Garrison-owned hunting blinds must meet one of the following criteria: possess a handicapped parking pass, be at least 40% service-disabled, or be over 65 years old. Disabled hunters may

be accompanied by an unarmed assistant, referred to as a walker (see Section 1-10: Guests and Non-hunting Walkers), who must be registered during check-in.

(7) To support cadet development and provide limited hunting opportunities for cadets, the Cadet Hunt Club may reserve hunting areas for approved US Military Academy (USMA) trip sections. Reserved areas will be proportionate to the number of cadets projected to attend the event. Areas may be closed to other hunters if the total number of users, including cadets and advisors, exceeds half of the published capacity of the area. Hunting areas may not be reserved within two days of a game stocking or on Opening Day of NYS Regular Big Game Season. Cadet activities utilizing hunting areas must complete a Risk Management Worksheet and submit it to the US Corps of Cadets (USCC) Safety Office for review.

(8) Range keys, if available, may be obtained at Range Control only during business hours in accordance with the Range Control SOP. Failure to comply with the Range Control SOP may result in penalties and loss of recreational privileges.

(9) Anyone seeking access to training areas for purposes not stated in this regulation must obtain a valid range pass issued by Range Control.

(10) Hunting, trapping, and fishing permits, along with the access they confer, may not be used for unrelated activities (e.g., biking or dog walking) in hunting, trapping, or fishing areas or along roads between these areas that are not otherwise open to recreational activities.

(11) Dogs are permitted for hunting in accordance with NYS hunting regulations for most small game hunting but may not be used to hunt big game or spring turkey. Dogs must remain with the hunter and under the hunter's command at all times while afield. Hunters may train dogs afield but must check in/out as hunting when doing so. Missing or injured dogs must be reported immediately to the Military Police.

f. Vehicles, Road & Gate Use

(1) All vehicles must be parked within or adjacent to the area being accessed. Vehicles must be parked in a manner that allows safe passage and access for other vehicles to roads, trails, gates, boat ramps, docks, dams, and similar facilities. The use of recreational vehicles (e.g., all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), dirt bikes, snowmobiles) is strictly prohibited at West Point.

(2) Range road speed limits are as follows: 20 MPH when not passing troops or other pedestrians, and 10 MPH when passing troops or pedestrians. Weather, traffic, pedestrian activity, road conditions, and other factors may require slower speeds to ensure safety.

(3) Recreationists must access hunting and fishing areas via the most direct route from a public highway. "Road hunting" or scouting from a moving vehicle is strictly prohibited. Firearms transported in or on a motor vehicle must be unloaded in both the chamber and magazine, and crossbows must not be under tension.

(4) Gates must be left in the condition in which they were encountered. Recreationists are permitted to drive only on established, numbered range roads. Off-road driving or the use of vehicles on walking trails is strictly prohibited.

g. Harvest Reporting:

(1) All hunters and trappers, including guests, must report their daily harvest through the West Point Fish and Game Website upon check-out. Additionally, hunters who successfully harvest a bear and/or deer during the Regular Big Game Season are required to comply with mandatory Harvest Check by reporting to the West Point Hunt Check Station with their harvested animal for inspection and recording by DPW NRS staff. Hunters and trappers must adhere to all New York State (NYS) tagging and reporting requirements, as well as West Point-specific reporting requirements for all game harvested. Refer to NYS Hunting regulations for further details.

(2) Hunters, trappers, and anglers are encouraged to report the harvest or catch-and-release of tagged, collared, or otherwise marked fish and wildlife to the DPW NRS. Recreationists encountering such animals should record and report any identifying serial numbers and, if possible, provide a photograph of the catch.

(3) Hunters, trappers, and anglers should report the harvest or incidental catch of endangered, threatened, or domestic animals to the West Point Military Police and DPW NRS. Recreationists are encouraged to report notable events or unusual harvests to DPW NRS staff at any time.

1-10. Guests and Non-Hunting Walkers – All Seasons:

a. Authorized and permitted hunters and anglers may sponsor a guest—a participating companion—through the purchase of a guest pass. A guest pass is issued to the sponsor, not the guest, and may only be used to sponsor one guest at a time afield. A hunter or angler may sponsor up to two guests at one time using multiple guest passes. Guest hunters must remain in the same hunting area as their sponsor, and guest anglers must remain on the same waterbody as their sponsor. Trappers are not permitted to sponsor guest trappers at West Point.

b. West Point permitted hunters and anglers may purchase daily or annual guest passes. Daily guest passes are valid only for the date of purchase, while annual guest passes are valid for one year from the date of purchase and may be used on multiple occasions. Guest passes become invalid if the primary hunting or fishing permit of the sponsor expires. Guest passes are not valid without an active permit and will not be prorated or refunded.

c. A guest is defined as a participating companion—an individual not barred from recreation—who is equipped to participate in the same activity as their sponsor or contributes to the active harvest of fish or game (e.g., calling, driving game). Guests may not sponsor or bring additional guests or walkers of their own.

d. Guests must check in and out with their sponsor, enter the same area as their sponsor, in the same activity area or waterbody, and exit the area with their sponsor. Guests may count against hunting area capacity and must meet all harvest reporting requirements. All other activity rules and regulations apply to guests.

e. Guests are not authorized to hunt on Opening Day of the Regular Big Game Season.

f. Guests may not hunt in On-Post/Cantonment hunting areas, including Area J2 Bow, Area J3 Bow, Area J4 Bow, and Area J5 Bow.

g. Guest hunters and anglers who do not meet the requirements for disabled areas or facilities may not hunt or fish as guests in those areas or use those facilities. Disabled hunters may bring walkers to assist with access and potential harvest retrieval.

h. A walker is defined as a non-participating companion—an unarmed, unpermitted individual who does not contribute to the activity in a way that assists in the active harvest of game (e.g., "pushing" game). West Point permitted hunters, trappers, and anglers may be accompanied by one walker. Walkers do not count against area capacity but must be registered during check-in, enter and exit the area with the permitted hunter or angler, and remain within five (5) meters of the sponsor for the duration of the activity.

i. General Public hunters may check in as guests sponsored by a West Point permitted hunter. Antlerless deer harvested by General Public hunters hunting as guests may count toward an "Earn-a-Buck" requirement if such a requirement is in place. Deer harvested by General Public hunters while checked in as guests will not count against special bag limits for General Public hunters. However, no hunter may exceed any West Point season or annual bag limits.

j. General Public hunters are not eligible to sponsor walkers or guests, except in cases where the hunter has a disability impacting mobility, as indicated by possession of a disability parking pass issued by a local authority. In such cases, a non-hunting walker may accompany the General Public Access hunter.

1-11. West Point Permits and Fees:

a. As authorized by the Sikes Act (16 USC 670 et seq.) and IAW AR 200-1, special West Point hunting, fishing, and trapping permits will be sold to individuals authorized under Eligibility Priorities IAW AR 215-1. A fee schedule will be posted on the West Point Fish and Game Website.

b. Permit fees collected will be deposited into Wildlife Conservation Fund Account. Funds will be used by the DPW NRS exclusively for the protection, conservation, and management of game fish and wildlife (IAW AR 200-1). Permit fees are determined by NRS staff ICW Family & MWR Business Recreation Division (BRD) Chief, in accordance with program need.

c. A recreational (hunting/fishing/trapping) activity fee may also be collected for MWR. Fund for activities such as lotteries. Activity fees are determined by Family and MWR BRD Chief ICW DPW NRS in accordance with program need.

d. The acceptance of any West Point Hunting Permit, Fishing Permit, Trapping Permit, or Guest Pass shall constitute an acknowledgment by the permittee of his/her duty to comply with this regulation, and all permits are conditioned upon such acceptance.

e. Forest products, to include firewood, are considered Army real property and may only be collected for personal use with a Natural Resources issued-permit. Permit fees apply.

f. All hunters, trappers, and anglers enrolled in the West Point Fish and Game Website must always have all contact and vehicle information up to date.

g. Recreationists must have valid West Point permits on their person while afield and vehicle passes or permit numbers displayed in their parked vehicles.

1-12. Federal and State Licensing and Permits:

a. The privileges granted by the special hunting, fishing, or trapping permit do not exempt permit holders from the licensing requirements outlined in the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act (16 USC 718 et seq.), the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State, or any other applicable state or federal laws. All state and federal reporting requirements remain the sole responsibility of the hunter.

1-13. Season and Bag Limits:

a. Harvest regulations will align with those prescribed by New York State Environmental Conservation Law and/or federal law, except where more stringent measures are implemented by the Natural Resources Section in response to fluctuations in fish and game populations. Hunting, trapping, and fishing season dates, bag limits, size limits, and other specific rules and regulations will be published annually in the Hunting Notice, Trapping Notice, and Fishing Notice on the West Point Fish and Game Website. Conservation Law Enforcement Officers will use these annual notices, along with other local, state, and federal regulations, to identify violations. Violators may also face disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and/or federal law and may be subject to penalties, including permanent barring from West Point.

**CHAPTER 2
SMALL GAME HUNTING**

2-1. Eligibility: Eligibility Priorities are listed in **Appendix B**.

2-2. General Small Game Procedures:

a. The West Point NRS stocks pheasants annually at West Point. Information regarding pheasant stocking, including the number of birds stocked, as well as the dates and locations of stocking, will be published in an annual stocking notice on the West Point Fish and Game Website.

b. Pheasant-stocked fields are areas of high hunter demand. Hunters arriving late should yield to those already afield. Hunters who have reached their bag limit are encouraged to exit the field to allow other hunters the opportunity to pursue stocked birds. Big game hunters are advised to avoid pheasant hunting areas during the month of October to maximize opportunities for pheasant hunters to pursue stocked birds.

2-3. Waterfowl:

a. Waterfowl hunters may establish their own blinds, ensuring they maintain a safe distance from other blinds. Live vegetation may not be cut for the construction of blinds. Blinds may only be established within designated hunting area boundaries and must be removed at the end of the waterfowl season. Blinds left in place after April 1st may be removed by DES CLEOs.

b. Waterfowl hunters using boats must have U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) for each person on board. Hunting from a vessel under power is prohibited. All vessels must be operated in accordance with NYS DEC and West Point boating regulations. Hunters using watercraft must also comply with NYS and West Point Aquatic Invasive Species regulations.

c. Waterfowl hunters may only possess non-toxic (non-lead) shot while afield.

c. Waterfowl hunters may not possess a shotgun capable of firing more than three rounds.

d. West Point has specially designated waterfowl hunting areas. Other than fishing and trapping, only waterfowl hunting is permitted in these areas. Upland small game and big game hunting are not authorized when checked into these areas. However, waterfowl may be taken in any hunting area where shotgun use is allowed.

e. Waterfowl hunting is permitted in the Hudson River and is considered off-post hunting.

f. Waterfowl hunters must adhere to all NYS shooting regulations.

2-4. Spring Turkey:

a. Spring turkey hunters must cease hunting by 1200 hours unless hunting in Areas J2 Bow, J3 Bow, J4 Bow, or J5 Bow (see below) and must check out no later than 1300 hours.

b. Spring turkey bow hunting is permitted in On-Post/Cantonment areas J2 Bow, J3 Bow, J4 Bow, and J5 Bow. Hunters utilizing these on-post turkey hunting areas must stop hunting by 0900 hours and check out no later than 1000 hours.

c. Hunters should avoid wearing colors associated with turkeys, such as red, white, and blue. While at rest, hunters may be fully camouflaged. However, hunters must wear at least 100 square inches of blaze orange or blaze pink (solid or compliant pattern) visible from the waist up in all directions when not at rest. It is also highly recommended to mark a nearby tree with blaze orange to signal your presence to other hunters.

2-5. Furbearer Hunting:

a. Night furbearer hunting is permitted. Night furbearer hunters must follow the same check-in and check-out procedures as all other hunters. Normal hunting hours do not apply. Hunters who hunt past midnight may be automatically checked out by the West Point Fish and Game Website and may be required to check in to the area again.

b. Spotlights, night vision, thermal imaging, and laser devices are permitted for furbearer hunting if allowed by state and local regulations. These devices may be attached to the firearm. All state laws governing the use of spotlights and similar equipment must be followed.

c. For regulations regarding allowable furbearer hunting weapons and the use of bait and calls, refer to the NYSDEC Furbearer Hunting Regulations.

CHAPTER 3 BIG GAME HUNTING

3-1. Eligibility: Eligibility is listed in **Appendix B**.

3-2. General Big Game Procedures:

a. Regulated deer hunting is a critical land management tool that enables West Point to maintain high-quality training areas. While deer hunting is conducted as a recreational activity, sustainable land and ecological management priorities will take precedence. DPW NRS staff will use the best available data on herd quality and size, as well as ecological indicators such as forest regeneration rates, browse density, impacts on sensitive habitats, and human dimensions, to establish management goals and regulations designed to achieve those goals.

b. Big game hunting on West Point lands will comply with the Environmental Conservation Laws of New York, applicable federal laws, and West Point regulations. When referring to NYSDEC Big Game Hunting Regulations, West Point is located in Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 3P, while Constitution Island is located in WMU 3N.

c. Hunters who harvest deer or bear at West Point during the Regular Big Game Season must comply with mandatory Harvest Check. Hunters are required to report to the West Point Hunt Check Station with their harvested animal for inspection and recording by NRS staff. Additionally, hunters must report their harvest using the West Point Fish and Game Website upon check-out. Reporting via the website is mandatory for all hunting harvests in any season. Harvest Check is voluntary for deer or bear harvested during the Early Archery and Late seasons, but all harvests must still be reported via the website at check-out.

d. Hunters must comply with all NYS tagging and reporting requirements in addition to West Point-specific reporting requirements for all deer and bear harvested. Refer to New York State Hunting Regulations for further details.

e. To fully implement the big game hunting program, Range Control may restrict non-hunter access to the reservation during the hunting season.

f. Temporary, pre-made, portable tree stands are permitted, provided they are located within the boundaries of an established hunting area. Hunters must always use a safety harness while in the stand. Tree stands and their accessories must not damage supporting trees when installed. Permanent tree stands are prohibited. Screw-in or nail-in spikes, footholds, and other structures are also prohibited. Tree stands must be marked with the owner's name and contact number. Stands may not be installed before September 1st and must be removed by April 1st each year. Tree stands found in violation of this regulation may be confiscated by DES CLEOs and destroyed or otherwise legally disposed of. Lawfully deployed tree stands are considered personal property and may not be used without the express consent of the owner. Hunters are reminded that the placement of a stand does not confer priority use of the site. Late-arriving hunters should yield to those already afield, regardless of proximity to an owned stand.

3-3. Archery Hunting:

a. During the Early and Late Archery Seasons, hunters are responsible for checking in, checking out, and reporting their harvest on the West Point Fish and Game Website. Harvest

Check is voluntary during these seasons. Hunters wishing to have their harvest checked must coordinate with the DPW NRS.

b. During the Regular Firearms Big Game Season, archers must follow the same check-in/check-out and mandatory Harvest Check procedures as firearms big game hunters and report their harvest on the West Point Fish and Game Website during check-out.

c. Hunting is prohibited in hunting areas G2 Bow, J1 Bow, J2 Bow, J3 Bow, J4 Bow, and J5 Bow on days coinciding with home football games.

d. Licensed junior hunters and trappers (ages 12 to 15) are permitted to pursue game on the reservation but must be accompanied by a sponsor who meets NYS requirements for sponsorship (i.e., over 18 years old with three years of experience) and must remain within arms reach of the sponsor.

e. Archery hunters may not carry a firearm while hunting deer during the Early or Late Archery Seasons.

f. Crossbows may be used in accordance with NYS regulations. Crossbows are regulated similarly to muzzleloaders and may not be used in "Bow Only" hunting areas, except by disabled hunters possessing a NYS-issued Modified Crossbow Permit. Crossbow use in On-Post/Cantonment areas requires the same qualification standards designated for bow hunting in those areas.

g. Big game archery hunters are encouraged to avoid hunting in pheasant stocking fields during the month of October to provide pheasant hunters with maximum opportunities to pursue stocked birds. Refer to the West Point Hunting and Fishing Website for maps and schedules of pheasant stocking.

3-4. Regular Firearms Big Game Season:

a. During the Regular Firearms Big Game Season, all hunters (including their guests and walkers) must check in and check out of hunting areas in accordance with established access procedures.

b. Big Game Hunters must comply with mandatory Harvest Check during the Regular Season. Hunters who harvest an animal are required to report to the West Point Hunt Check Station with their harvested animal for inspection and recording by DPW NRS staff. Additionally, hunters must report their harvest using the West Point Fish and Game Website upon check-out.

c. Junior big game hunters, as defined by the NYSDEC, are permitted to hunt big game on the reservation during the Regular Firearms Season. Junior hunters must comply with all NYS regulations. A qualified sponsoring hunter—one who meets all NYS youth hunter sponsor requirements—must accompany junior hunters afield. Junior hunters must remain within twenty (20) meters of their sponsor at all times.

d. During the Regular Firearms Big Game Season, hunting areas will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, except for lottery assignments on opening morning.

3-5. General Public Deer Management Permit (DMP) Program:

a. In compliance with the SIKES Act, General Public hunters may pursue deer, coyotes (during legal deer hunting hours), and bears, within limits posted annually by the DPW NRS on the West Point Fish and Game Website.

b. The NRS Wildlife Biologist may impose special restrictions on General Public hunters. These restrictions and procedures will be posted on the West Point Fish and Game Website. General Public hunters who have reached their deer management bag limits and can no longer harvest deer may not check in to hunt other species or access hunting areas, except to assist a disabled, junior, or senior hunter. In such cases, the assisting hunter must be unarmed and remain within five (5) meters of the hunter they are assisting.

- c. The NRS Wildlife Biologist may limit the number of General Public passes issued.
- d. General Public hunters may not hunt on the first day of the Regular Firearms Big Game Season. Additionally, they may not check in to hunt during the first seven days of the season until 0700 hours. During this time, check-in must be completed in person at Hunt Control.
- e. General Public hunters may not sponsor or bring afield any guest hunters or walkers. Exceptions may be made for disabled, junior, or senior hunters who wish to bring a non-hunting walker for safety and assistance with game recovery.
- f. General Public hunters must comply with mandatory Harvest Check. Hunters who harvest an animal are required to report to the West Point Hunt Check Station with their harvested animal for inspection and recording by NRS staff. Additionally, hunters must report their harvest using the West Point Fish and Game Website upon check-out.
- g. General Public hunters must adhere to all other regulations and policies applicable to hunting in New York State and at West Point.
- h. Administrative aspects of General Public hunting will be managed by DPW Natural Resources Section (NRS) staff. Failure to comply with any West Point regulation or General Public-specific regulations may result in the immediate revocation of hunting privileges at the discretion of NRS staff or DES CLEOs.

3-6. Lottery:

- a. The Family and MWR BRD Chief will conduct a hunting area selection lottery for the opening morning of the Regular Firearms Big Game Season. Eligibility for the lottery will be prioritized as follows:
 - **Priority I:** Active-duty military personnel and their family members.
 - **Priority II:** Retired military personnel, drilling Reserve and Guard personnel, West Point civilian personnel, and their family members.
- b. If slots remain available after the lottery, West Point hunters may select a slot on a first-come, first-served basis at Hunt Control during business hours prior to opening day.
- c. Hunting slots reserved for opening morning will be held until 0900 hours on opening morning. After 0900, any unclaimed slots will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- d. Group Chip. A group of hunters may choose to enter the lottery as a group. The group will receive a single chip and may sign out an area as a unit, provided the area has sufficient open capacity. If a chip is drawn during the Priority I round of selections, all members of the group must be Priority I hunters. A chip drawn during the Priority II round may include a mixed-priority group.

3-7. Muzzleloader Season:

- a. Muzzleloader use is permitted only in hunting areas designated as "All Implements" and is prohibited in areas listed as "Shotgun Only" and "Bow Only."
- b. Muzzleloader hunters must check in and check out using the West Point Fish and Game Website.
- c. Muzzleloader hunters participating in the Late Season must report their harvest upon check-out and comply with all NYS reporting requirements.

CHAPTER 4 FISHING

- 4-1. Eligibility:** Eligibility Priorities are listed in **Appendix C**.

4-2. Authorized Fishing Areas:

a. Fishing is permitted in all West Point waters, with differing access rules depending on the location.

b. Recreation Waters: Waters located within designated recreation areas or the cantonment, such as Bull Pond, the Cragston Lakes, Crow's Nest Brook, Lake Frederick, Lusk Reservoir, Mine Lake, Round Pond, and Wilkins Pond, may be accessed freely without check-in by permitted personnel who meet installation eligibility requirements and are pursuing fish in accordance with state and local regulations. While not required, anglers are encouraged to check in to recreation areas for safety and to report their harvest upon check-out.

c. Training Area Waters: All other installation waters, including Beaver Pond, Cranberry Pond, Highland Brook, Lake Georgina, Mineral Springs Brook, Popolopen Brook, Popolopen Lake, Queensboro Brook, Stilwell Lake, Trout Brook, Weyants Pond, and other unnamed waters, may be subject to closure due to military training needs. Anglers must check in to these areas via the West Point Fish and Game Website to determine which waters are available.

d. Anglers (including their guests and walkers) must check in and out of fishing areas located in training areas using the West Point Fish and Game Website. Range Control will ensure that gate access aligns with training and recreational needs.

e. Shore fishing is not permitted at Stilwell Lake. Access to the lake is limited to the MWR-maintained boat access.

f. Hudson River: Shore fishing in the Hudson River from West Point is allowed and requires a West Point fishing permit if fishing from the West Point shoreline. Fishing the Hudson River from watercraft is considered off-post fishing and does not require a West Point fishing permit.

g. Long Pond may be fished by Authorized Users and members of the General Public. Anglers must possess both a valid New York State (NYS) fishing license and a West Point Fishing or West Point Long Pond Public Fishing Permit to fish at this location. Check-in will be required.

h. Registered Campers: Campers staying at West Point Family & MWR recreation area facilities, including Round Pond, Lake Frederick, and Bull Pond, may purchase a daily fishing permit from MWR offices. This permit allows fishing only in waters at the facility where they are registered to stay. MWR permits will cost the same as the regular West Point Daily Pass. All other NYS and West Point fishing rules and regulations apply.

4-3. Fishing Policies:

a. West Point will adhere to New York State's published bag limits, seasons, and size restrictions, except where additional restrictions—such as reduced bag or size limits or mandatory catch-and-release—are necessary to improve the local fishery. Any such restrictions will be published annually on the West Point Fish and Game Website and/or communicated through appropriate signage.

b. Anglers aged 16 years and older must possess both a current NYS Fishing License and a West Point Fishing Permit to fish in any installation ponds, lakes, or streams. Persons assisting anglers under 16 years old with tasks such as casting or baiting are not required to hold either a NYS or West Point permit. If an angler aged 16 years or older is fishing as a guest of a West Point-permitted angler using a Guest Pass in lieu of their own West Point Fishing Permit, all Guest Pass conditions must be met.

c. Catch-and-release practices for bass and other sportfish will be encouraged to prevent over-exploitation of these resources. All grass carp, which are stocked for invasive weed control, must be released immediately at the point of capture.

d. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by a responsible person aged 16 years or older while fishing in West Point waters.

- e. Anglers are prohibited from actively fishing for species that are out of season unless allowed under NYS law. Any out-of-season fish caught must be released immediately, unharmed, at the point of capture.
- f. Anglers are prohibited from releasing live bait into any West Point waters.
- g. Anglers must comply with Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) regulations and policies as outlined in **Appendix E**.
- h. Ice fishing is authorized in select areas as identified on the West Point Fish and Game website. Anglers must use their own discretion to judge the safety of ice thickness.
- i. Permanent ice fishing shanties are not permitted at any time. Ice fishing shanties and other structures must be taken down and removed by the end of each day. Unoccupied shanties left on West Point waters will be confiscated by DES CLEOs.
- j. Motorized vehicles and open fires are prohibited on any West Point waters while ice fishing.
- k. Anglers must remove and properly dispose of all trash, fishing lines, and bait containers. All items brought onto West Point by anglers must be removed upon departure.

4-4. Stocking and Habitat Management:

- a. The DPW NRS will coordinate and implement all fish stocking and habitat management projects as outlined in the West Point INRMP. Any West Point activities or organizations wishing to conduct habitat management projects must obtain prior approval from the NRS.

4-5. Reporting:

- a. Reporting catch is not mandatory; however, anglers are encouraged to voluntarily report all catches by checking into areas and reporting their catch upon check-out via the West Point Fish and Game Website. Additionally, anglers are encouraged to report to the Natural Resources Section (NRS) any catches of hybrid muskellunge, grass carp, or walleye, as well as any unusual conditions or signs of disease in the fishery or habitats. NRS may monitor fishery take through creel surveys and angler interviews.

4-6. Bass Tournaments:

- a. All competitors must use aerated live wells to keep bass alive for the duration of the tournament.
- b. Records of tournament participants and their catch, including fish lengths by species, must be maintained and reported to the NRS.
- c. During the tournament, the West Point minimum length and possession limit will be waived, and the NYS minimum legal bass length and possession limit may be applied.
- d. Anglers may keep one trophy bass (minimum length of 20 inches) per tournament. All other bass must be released after weighing in, preferably at the location of capture. Any out-of-season fish must be released immediately, unharmed, at the point of capture.
- e. All anglers participating in tournaments must possess valid NYS fishing licenses and West Point fishing permits or guest passes.
- f. No more than three one-day tournaments may be held on any individual body of water within a single year.
- g. Anglers must comply with Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) regulations and policies as outlined in **Appendix E**.

CHAPTER 5 TRAPPING

5-1. Eligibility: Eligibility priorities are listed in **Appendix B**.

5-2. Trapping Policy: Trapping is a vital tool for wildlife management and is permitted on the reservation primarily to address the removal or control of problem and nuisance animals, and secondarily as a recreational activity.

5-3. General Trapping Procedures:

a. Trapping on West Point lands must comply with the Environmental Conservation Laws of New York, applicable federal laws, and West Point regulations. For information on seasons, bag limits, and other details, refer to the West Point Trapping Notice and NYSDEC Trapping Regulations.

b. According to NYSDEC Trapping Regulations, West Point is located in WMU 3P.

c. Individuals wishing to trap on the reservation must apply to the DPW NRS for West Point trapping validation and a permit for the license year's trapping season. Eligible individuals must visit the NRS Office to receive their validation, purchase their trapping permit, be assigned a specific trapping area for the season, and obtain a trapping map.

d. West Point trappers must carry both a West Point Trapping Permit and a NYS Trapping License while afield.

e. Trappers must check in and check out of trapping areas (which align with hunting areas) using the West Point Fish and Game Website as they enter and exit. Trapping regions encompass multiple trapping areas, and trappers must plan their access to ensure that every set trap is checked within 24 hours, as required by regulation. Trappers moving between trapping areas within a region must check out of the exited area and check into the entered area.

f. NRS will assign trappers to one of several trapping regions for the duration of the annual trapping season, based on trapper selection and availability. Authorized trapping regions will be listed on the trapper's permit, along with the authorized harvest for each area, sign-out procedures, season restrictions, and reporting requirements. If a trapper wishes to switch regions, they may return to NRS to exchange their assignment for an unreserved region.

g. Trappers must use good judgment and sensitivity when setting traps to minimize the likelihood of encounters with domestic animals, non-target species, or humans. Trappers using questionable sets, even if legal, may be removed from the trapping program.

h. All traps must be labeled and checked in accordance with NYS Conservation Laws. Unmarked traps, unattended traps, or dangerous/questionable traps may be confiscated by DES CLEOs or NYS Environmental Conservation Officers.

i. Harvest of river otter, bobcat, and fisher must be authorized in advance by NRS. All incidental takes must be reported to NRS immediately.

j. Legally trapped furbearers must be dispatched immediately after capture. Only .22 rimfire caliber firearms may be carried by trappers for dispatching animals.

k. Non-target animals, such as stray or feral domestic animals or protected wildlife species, must be released immediately at the capture site. Severely injured non-target wildlife must be dispatched on-site.

l. Domestic animals injured or killed by trapping must be immediately delivered to a licensed veterinarian for identification or treatment. Such incidents must be reported to NRS and CLEOs without delay.

m. Authority to trap nuisance animals such as woodchucks, raccoons, skunks, and opossums in On-Post/Cantonment areas may be granted by NRS to non-licensed personnel using live capture box traps, in coordination with CLEOs and other necessary stakeholders.

n. All harvested animals, including unintentionally harvested animals, must be reported to NRS as stipulated on the trapping permit.

o. All traps and trapping methods (implements, sets, seasons, limits, etc.) must comply with current NYS trapping regulations.

p. If fewer than five (5) eligible trappers (see Appendix C) apply for a West Point trapping permit, DPW NRS is authorized to solicit up to five additional trappers who do not meet eligibility requirements to address problem or nuisance animals. Selection will be made on a first-come, first-served basis at the NRS Office starting at 0830 on October 1. Selected individuals will be issued a West Point trapping permit. All other restrictions and guidance in this chapter will apply to these individuals.

q. Trappers permitted at West Point may not sponsor guests. However, one non-trapping walker may accompany a trapper while afield. Walkers must be checked in and remain with the trapper for the duration of their time afield. All policies concerning walkers apply.

CHAPTER 6 OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

SECTION I BOATING

6-1. Eligibility:

a. Active-duty military personnel and their family members assigned to or stationed at West Point have priority and may reserve permits up to 72 hours in advance. Permits for other eligible categories, including retirees and Department of Defense (DOD) civilians, will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

6-2. General Boating Procedures and Policies:

a. All boaters and vessels must comply with applicable New York State, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), and local regulations regarding safety, operator licensing, vessel condition, and operation.

b. Registered powerboat owners are the sole authorized users of their vessels. Guest boat permits are not allowed, and guests are prohibited from operating vessels.

c. Sharing passes is strictly prohibited. Only passholders are authorized to utilize their passes.

d. The power boating program will operate from April 1 through October 30, between 0800 and 2000 hours. Powered watercraft are not permitted on West Point waters outside of these dates unless the operator has written permission and a range pass from Range Control. This restriction does not apply to DES and DPW personnel accessing West Point waters for mission or safety purposes.

e. Permits are required for powerboats with engines of 10 horsepower or more. Permits will be issued at the Round Pond Registration Office, and individuals may hold only one permit at a time. Personal watercraft (e.g., Jet Skis or similar) are not permitted on West Point waters. All West Point waters are designated as "No-Wake Zones."

f. Powerboats equipped with both a 10+ horsepower motor and a low-power electric motor will be regulated as electric-powered boats if the gas motor is disabled (e.g., the gas tank is removed from the boat) while afloat.

- g. Powerboat permits must be returned at the end of the day. A drop box is available at the front door of the Round Pond Camp Office for after-hours returns.
- h. Any keys signed out for boat ramp access must be returned by the end of the day, and the gate must remain locked at all times.
- i. Blocking any boat ramp or entrance gate is strictly prohibited.
- j. All personnel wishing to use powered watercraft on Popolopen Lake and Stilwell Lake must have a registration card on file at the Round Pond Camp Office. The registration card must include the following information: owner's name, address, work and home phone numbers, boat make, color, serial number, motor make/horsepower, motor serial number, and a copy of the current registration.
- k. All boats must be properly registered.
- l. All boats must carry the necessary safety equipment aboard in accordance with current USCG rules. Operators are responsible for complying with federal and state boating laws.
- m. All boats on West Point waters must have U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) for each person aboard.
- n. The term "boat" refers to any vessel capable of being used or operated for transportation or recreation in or on the water, including but not limited to gas-powered boats, electric-powered boats, and non-powered boats such as canoes and kayaks.
- o. Trailered boats may only be launched at designated boat launch sites. Carry-in boats may be launched at the owner's discretion, but access precautions to prevent training conflicts must be observed. Boat launch areas are designated for the launching of watercraft only; other activities such as swimming, wading, and picnicking are prohibited.
- p. Boaters must comply with Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) regulations and policies as outlined in **Appendix E**.
- q. Boaters must control and immediately report any fuel spills to West Point Emergency Services via the West Point Military Police Desk. Boaters found negligent will be billed for cleanup costs associated with spills.
- r. Boaters must adhere to a strict take-in/take-out policy, ensuring no trash or refuse is left at any boat launch site

6-3. Authorized boating Areas, Types of Propulsion Authorized and Capacity Limits:

- a. Powerboats required to support cadet training may be permitted at the discretion of the Camp Commander.
- b. The DPW NRS in coordination with the DPW Environmental Division, DPW Safety Office, and DPTMS Range Control, may authorize appropriate West Point, federal, and state organizations to use internal combustion engines on all lakes and ponds for activities such as water quality monitoring, weed control, habitat management, and fisheries investigations.
- c. Lusk Reservoir is limited to two non-powered boats on the water at any given time. Allowable watercraft and floatable equipment on Lusk Reservoir are restricted to the following: kayaks, canoes, paddleboats, rowboats, and rafts that have continuous (holeless) hulls, seats, and gunwales.

Types of Propulsion Authorized

Area	Powerboats /w Under 10 hp	Powerboats /w 10 or more hp	Electric Power Boats	Non-Power Boats*
Beaver Pond	---	---	X	X
Brooks Hollow	---	---	X	X
Bull Pond	---	---	X	X
Cragston Lakes	---	---	X	X
Cranberry Pond	---	---	X	X
Lake Frederick	---	---	X	X
Lake Georgina	---	---	X	X
Long Pond	---	---	X	X
Lusk Reservoir	---	---	---	X
Mine Lake	---	---	X	X
Popolopen Lake	X	X	X	X
Round Pond	---	---	X	X
Stilwell Lake	X	X	X	X
Weyants Pond	---	---	X	X
Wilkins Pond	---	---	X	X

***Non-power boats include any watercraft not powered by gasoline or electric motors. (X denotes propulsion allowed in waterbody while – denotes propulsion prohibited)**

SECTION II CAMPING & HIKING

6-4. Camping Procedures and Policies:

- a. Camping is permitted only in designated MWR recreation areas.
- b. Primitive camping outside of established MWR recreation areas is strictly prohibited on West Point.

6-5. Hiking

a. The Long Path, a multi-state recreational hiking trail, crosses West Point and is open to the public. The trail is managed by the New York / New Jersey Trail Conference in coordination with Range Control. The section of the Long Path that runs through West Point, specifically in Training Areas C and P, is closed to all hikers from May through mid-August during the military training season to prevent conflicts with training, as well as during the fall hunting season to prevent conflicts with hunting.

b. Other recreational trails located within West Point recreational areas and on Post / Cantonment may be accessed without additional requirements.

c. Activities within any West Point Training Areas that are not expressly approved by this document - such as hiking, biking, and dog walking - are prohibited without specific written approval from USAG West Point Range Control.

d. Where hiking trails intersect with hunting areas, such as On-Post/Cantonment hiking trails in Areas J2, J3, J4, and J5, as well as the Long Path in Areas C and P, the use of the trail by hikers does not preclude the use of the hunting area for hunting activities.

e. Pets must always remain on a leash unless specifically authorized for approved hunting activities or in designated off leash area.

**SECTION III
OFF ROAD & RECREATIONAL VEHICLE USE**

6-6. All-terrain vehicle (ATV):

- a. Recreational use of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) is strictly prohibited on West Point.

6-7. Recreational off-highway vehicle (ROV):

- a. Recreational use of Recreational Off-highway Vehicles (ROVs) are strictly prohibited in West Point training areas.

6-8. Off-highway motorcycle (OHM):

- a. Recreational use of Off-Highway Motorcycles (OHMs) are strictly prohibited in West Point training areas. This includes OHMs that have been modified for public highway use.

6-9. Snowmobiles:

- a. Recreational use of Snowmobiles is prohibited on West Point.

**SECTION IV
BIKING & ELECTRIC BICYCLES**

6-10. Biking Procedures and Policies:

- a. Biking is permitted On-post / cantonment and within all designated recreational areas.
- b. Biking is prohibited in West Point training areas unless written permission is obtained from Range Control.
- c. An electric bicycle may be ridden in places where bicycles are allowed, including but not limited to, streets, highways, roads, bicycle lanes, and bicycle or multi-use paths.
- d. No person under the age of sixteen (16) may operate a Class 3 Electric Bicycle. A person under the age of sixteen (16) may ride as a passenger on a Class 3 Electric Bicycle that is designed to accommodate passengers.
- e. All Class 3 Electric Bicycles must be equipped with a speedometer that displays the speed the bicycle is traveling in miles per hour.

**SECTION V
SWIMMING**

6-11. Swimming Procedures and Policies:

- a. The only authorized public swimming areas are the beaches at Round Pond, Bull Pond, Long Pond, and Lake Frederick. Authorized cadets and military personnel may swim at the beaches at Lake Popolopen as part of Cadet Summer Training.
- f. Pets are not permitted to swim at Popolopen Lake, Round Pond, Bull Pond, Lake Frederick, Long Pond or Stilwell Lake. Additionally, pets are not allowed in any beach area, with the exception of service animals. Pets must always remain on a leash unless specifically authorized for approved hunting activities or in designated off leash area.

**SECTION VI
HORSEBACK RIDING**

6-12. Horseback Riding Procedures and Policies

a. Horseback riding on West Point is limited to authorized cadets and personnel. Authorized individuals must check in, check out, and obtain permission from MWR prior to riding.

b. Horseback riding is permitted on Range Road (RR) 8 at Morgan Farm, starting at Gate 13 and ending at Gate 14, when authorized by a sign located at Gate 13. Riders must remain on RR 8 at all times and are not permitted to stray from the designated route. All other horseback riding in training areas is strictly prohibited.

**CHAPTER 7
ENFORCEMENT**

**SECTION I
PROCEDURES**

7-1. Warnings/Citations:

a. CLEOs will address violations of this regulation, archaeological laws and regulations, USMA REG 210-30 (Animal Control), USMA REG 420-03 (Fire Prevention & Protection), as well as New York State and federal laws. Violators may be issued warnings or citations using DA Form 1408 or DCVN (United States District Court Violations Notice), as appropriate.

b. CLEOs, in coordination with the NYSDEC, will investigate major violations of Federal Fish and Wildlife Laws and NYS Environmental Conservation Law.

**SECTION II
SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATIONS**

a. When a monetary DCVN (United States District Court Violations Notice) is issued for a violation, the violator will be immediately suspended until proof of payment is submitted to the CLEOs. If a mandatory court DCVN is issued, the violator will be immediately suspended until the court adjudication is complete and a decision regarding suspension or revocation of privileges is made by the Provost Marshal Office and the Garrison Commander.

b. If the violator is a cadet, active-duty military personnel, or civilian employee stationed at West Point, the notification of violation, suspension, or revocation—if not issued directly to the violator—may be forwarded to the violator’s respective organization or activity.

**SECTION III
APPEALS**

a. Any individual cited for a violation of this regulation that results in the loss of privileges may appeal the decision, provided the appeal is submitted in writing to the Garrison Commander (GC) within ten working days of the notice. However, individuals cited for a New York State (NYS) or Federal violation that results in the loss of privileges may NOT appeal the decision with the GC.

GLOSSARY

All-terrain vehicle (ATV): Any motor vehicle designed for travel over unimproved terrain that is 50 inches or less in width, weighs 1,000 pounds or less, has three or more low-pressure tires, a seat designed to be straddled by the operator, and a handlebar-type steering control.

Aquatic invasive species (AIS): a species that is nonnative to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. The harm must significantly outweigh the benefits.

Artifact (Historical Artifact): any human-made, portable object older than 50 years.

Artificial lures/bait: artificial imitations of natural bait, man-made flies, spinners, spoons, plugs, jigs and other lures, including those that may contain some natural substances such as deer hair and feathers.

Authorized fishing area: all waters within the West Point boundary.

Bag limit: the maximum number of single species or combination (aggregate) of species permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season in any one specified geographic area for which a daily bag limit is prescribed.

Big game: White-tailed deer and black bear.

Black bass: largemouth and smallmouth bass.

Blind: anything that provides shelter, cover, or place of concealment for a person(s) for the use in hunting.

Boat: any vessel capable of being used or operated as a means of transportation or recreation in or on the water including but not limited to gas powerboats, personal watercraft (i.e. Jet Ski) electric powerboats, and non-powerboats such as canoes and kayaks.

Bow: includes long (stick), compound, or recurve bow.

Catch-and-release: catching and immediately releasing the caught fish without harm. Measuring, weighing, and photographing of the fish are permitted if the fish is not removed from the water for an extended period or handled in a manner that could cause it harm. Fish may not be placed in a bucket, tub, live well on a string or any other holding device. Catch and release angling during the closed season or for endangered or threatened fish species, unless allowed by NYS or local regulation, is prohibited.

Check-in/Check-out: Check-in/Check-out occurs when a recreationalist reserves or administratively departs via the West Point Fish and Game Website. One hour of travel time is allowed between occupation of an area and check-in/check-out.

Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO): environmental law enforcement personnel for USAG West Point. CLEO jurisdiction extends beyond fish and game laws, however due to their protection of fish and game resources CLEO's are unofficially AKA Game Wardens.

Crossbow: consists of either compound or recurve bow limbs mounted on a stock possessing a trigger which holds the string and limbs under tension until released firing the arrow or bolt. Optical sights are allowed on crossbows.

Culturally sensitive areas: area which contains or may contain archaeological sites.

Disabled hunter: Regarding access to reserved hunting blinds or dedicated hunting disabled hunting areas: a person who possesses a valid handicapped parking pass issued by an authorized authority.

Dispatch: to kill with quick efficiency.

Dud Zones/UXO: areas designated for impact and/or detonation of ordnance, or the area within an operational range used to contain fired, dropped, or launched military munitions. Entry to Dud or Impact Areas for recreational purposes is generally prohibited.

Earn-a-buck: program which allows valid General Public hunters to take a legal antlered deer after the take of antlerless deer (with appropriate tags) as authorized by NRS staff.

Electric Bicycle: A bicycle which is no more than thirty-six inches wide and has an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts, equipped with operable pedals, meeting the equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles adopted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 C.F.R. Part 1512.1 et seq. and meeting the requirements of one of the following three classes:

Class 1 electric bicycle shall mean an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

Class 2 electric bicycle shall mean an electric bicycle having an electric motor that may be used exclusively to propel such bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when such bicycle reaches a speed of twenty miles per hour.

Class 3 electric bicycle shall mean an electric bicycle having an electric motor that may be used exclusively to propel such bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when such bicycle reaches a speed of twenty-five miles per hour.

Firearm: all guns, including handguns, rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, BB and pellet guns.

Fires: any outdoor fire or outdoor smoke producing process from which air contaminants are emitted directly into the outdoor atmosphere. *Open fires* include burning in barrels or modified barrels.

Firewood: all dead and on the ground wood of any species, cut or not cut, split or not split, regardless of length which is in a form and size appropriate for use as a fuel.

Fishing: the taking, killing, netting, capturing or withdrawal of fish by any means. This includes every attempt to take fish, plus assisting another person in taking or attempting to take fish.

Furbearer: Coyote, red and gray fox, bobcat, raccoon, skunk, mink, weasel and opossum.

Game Warden: See Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO).

Gunwale: the upper edge or rim of boat's side, where hull and deck meet, providing greater stability, strength, and safety of the watercraft. Present in powerboats, rowboats, paddleboats, canoes, kayaks, and true rafts but absent in boards and pool rafts

Harvest Check: reporting of successful big game (deer and/or bear) hunters to the West Point Hunt Check Station with their harvest so that it may be checked and recorded by Natural Resources Section staff (NRS). During the Regular Big Game Season, Harvest Check is mandatory for all successful big game hunters. During the Early Archery and Late Seasons, Harvest Check is voluntary.

Hull: the main body of a watercraft or vessel including its bottom, sides and deck but excluding the motor and other interior or exterior components.

Hunting: to pursue, shoot, kill or capture (other than trap) wildlife and includes all lesser acts that disturb or worry wildlife, whether they result in take. Hunting also includes all acts to assist another person in taking wildlife. Accompanying individuals not assisting in the taking of wildlife (i.e. observers) will be considered walkers, not hunters. Recreationists preparing to hunt – i.e. scouting or hanging a stand shall check-in as hunting.

Internal combustion engine: an engine in which the burning of fuel generates movement.

Launch: the act of placing a watercraft into a waterbody for any purpose or activity. This includes transporting a watercraft by trailer or other device, carrying it by hand toward the waterbody, or entering a queue in preparation for launching.

Muzzleloader: a firearm loaded through the muzzle, shooting a single projectile, and having a minimum bore of .44 inch. Muzzleloader and black powder breechloaders generally are regulated the same. For instance, breech loading black powder firearms may be used during the 'Muzzleloader' or 'Late' NYS Big Game Season.

Natural bait: all baits which entice or might be ingested or swallowed by fish including, but not limited to, fish (dead or alive), fish eggs, worms, shellfish, crustaceans, amphibians (frogs and toads), insects (including all stages of development such as larvae, pupae, etc.), pork rinds, liver, meat, corn or other vegetable matter, tapioca, candy, cheese, bread and putty or dough-like scented baits.

Non-toxic shot: any shot type that does not cause sickness and death when ingested by migratory birds as outlined by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

No Wake Zone: A designated area where vessels must be operated at a speed no greater than that which is necessary to maintain steerage and headway. The vessel should not produce a wake at this speed.

Off-Highway Motorcycle (OHM): Any motor vehicle designed for travel over unimproved terrain on no more than two tires that has a seat designed to be straddled by the operator, and handlebar-type steering control.

Off-Post/Reservation hunting areas: hunting areas outside of the On-Post/Cantonment area (see below). Off-post or Reservation hunting areas include all hunting areas west of Route 9W and Route 218 as well as hunting areas G2 Bow, J1 Bow.

On-Post/Cantonment hunting areas: hunting areas within gated On-Post/Cantonment boundaries include hunting areas J2 Bow, J3 Bow, J4 Bow, and J5 Bow.

Range: a designated land or water area that is set aside, managed, and used for range activities of the DOD. The term includes firing lines and positions, maneuver areas, firing lanes, test pads, detonation pads, impact areas, electronic scoring sites, buffer zones with restricted access, and exclusionary areas. The term also includes airspace areas designated for military use in accordance with regulations and procedures prescribed by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Reasonable precautions: intentional actions that prevent or minimize the introduction or spread of aquatic invasive species.

Recreation area: areas under MWR jurisdiction where military training is excluded.

Recreational Off-highway Vehicle (ROV): Any motor vehicle designed for travel on four or more non-highway tires and that is less than 80 inches in width, weighs 1,750 pounds or less, has an operating speed greater than 35 mph, has non-straddle seating, and has a steering wheel for steering control.

Restricted areas: areas that are off limits for all recreational activities or actions associated with recreational activities (parking, walking, driving, etc.).

Scouting: to explore an area to obtain information. Includes activities such as blind or tree stand set up or removal. Counts against area use limit.

Shotgun: a limited range firearm with a barrel length of 18 inches or more that uses cartridges that are nonmetallic except for the base. May fire either pellets or slugs.

Size limit: minimum length of fish required for take; measured from nose to end of pinched tail.

Small game: Upland and migratory game birds (including turkey), small game mammals (i.e. gray squirrel, rabbit), excluding those designated furbearers (i.e. fox, raccoon) and certain frogs and turtles.

Snowmobile: Any motor vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice and steered and supported in whole or in part by skis, belts, cleats, runners, or low-pressure tires.

Stock: the liberation of fish or fish eggs, wildlife, or plants into a free-living state.

Take/harvest: to pursue, shoot, hunt, kill, capture, trap, snare or net wildlife and game and all lesser acts that disturb, harass or worry wildlife or to place or use any net or other device commonly used to take wildlife.

Trapping: to take, kill or capture wildlife with traps, deadfalls and other devices commonly used to take wildlife, including the shooting or killing of lawfully trapped animals. It also includes all related activities such as placing, setting, staking or checking traps or assisting another person with these activities.

Tree stand: open or enclosed platforms used by hunters. The platforms are secured to trees in order to elevate the hunter and give him or her a better vantage point. Use of permanent stands, screw-in/nail-in spikes, foothold, or any other accessory that causes damage to a tree are not permitted.

Unexploded ordinance (UXO): military munitions that (A) have been primed, fused, armed, or otherwise prepared for action; (B) have been fired, dropped, launched, projected, or placed in such a manner as to constitute a hazard to operations, installations, personnel, or material; and (C) remain unexploded whether by malfunction, design, or any other cause.

Watercraft/boat: any vessel capable of being used or operated as a means of transportation or recreation in or on the water including but not limited to gas powerboats, personal watercraft (i.e. Jet Ski) electric powerboats, and non-powerboats such as canoes and kayaks.

Waterfowl: migratory game birds to include brant, wild ducks, geese, and swans.

**APPENDIX A
REFERENCES**

1. Title 16, United States Code, Section 670 et seq., Conservation Programs on Military Installations and Title 18, United States Code, Section 1382, Trespassing.
2. Title 16, United States Code Section 718 et seq., Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act.
3. Title 18, United States Code Section 1382, Trespassing.
4. DoD Issuance 1015.10, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Programs (6 May 2011).
5. DoD Issuance 4715.03, Natural Resources Management (9 September 2025).
6. AR 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives (17 January 2019)
7. AR 190-45, Law Enforcement Reporting (27 September 2016).
8. AR 200-1, Environmental Quality Environmental Protection and Enhancement (13 December 2007).
9. AR 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities (24 September 2010).
10. AR 385-10, The Army Safety and Occupational Health Program (24 July 2023)
11. AR 385-63, Range Safety (23 May 2025).
12. Environmental Conservation Law of NYS and Title 6 New York Code of Rules and Regulations.
13. Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan: 2011-2015, at the United States Military Academy.
14. Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).
15. TB MED 575, Recreational Water Facilities (4 March 2015)
16. Title 10, United States Code, Section 2671- Military Reservations: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping.
17. U.S. Army Garrison West Point Policy #39: Micro-mobility (Personal Transportation Devices) Use on West Point.
18. USMA Reg 190-6, Firearms and Dangerous Weapons.
19. USMA Reg 350-11, Range and Training Complex.

**APPENDIX B
ELIGIBILITY PRIORITIES**

1. Eligibility and patronage shall be IAW with AR 215-1 Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities, Chapter 7. See below for contract employee verification.
2. Pending the revision of AR 215-1, IAW with 10 U.S. Code § 1065, the following additional personnel are authorized: Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war, veterans with a Department of Veterans Affairs-documented service-connected disability rating.
3. Guests of personnel holding valid West Point recreational permits. Guests may not fish or hunt without their sponsor.
4. Members of the General Public other than those covered above that apply and obtain a West Point General Public Hunting Permit through the USAG established procedures.
5. Contract Employees working at US Army Garrison West Point may be eligible for the installation hunting, fishing, trapping, and firewood collection programs. Sub-contractors are ineligible. To be eligible, a contract employee must meet the following criteria
 - a. The contract served must have a period of performance that extends at least One Year.
 - b. The contract employee must be working full time and predominantly (80%) present at USAG West Point.
 - c. The contract employee must hold a current West Point-issued identification card.
 - d. The contract employee must submit a Contractor Verification Form to West Point Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate (MWR).
 - e. Contractor accounts will sunset along with the contract Period of Performance (PoP) or within one year of the date of issue, whichever comes first, or with termination of employment with the contractor. Sunsetting accounts will deactivate, and all purchased permits placed on a hold. If eligible (i.e. working under a contract extension or option year), a contract employee may submit an updated, signed Verification Form and have an account re-activated. Contract employees ineligible for renewal will not have accounts re-activated and permit fees paid will not be refunded. Fraudulently submitted forms will be investigated by the Installation Provost Marshal Office (PMO) and may result in criminal prosecution.
6. All persons seeking access to the West Point hunting, fishing, trapping, and firewood programs must maintain a complete account profile with an active safety brief validation on the West Point Hunting and Fishing website. Newly created account profiles with partially or inaccurately completed data will not be considered for approval. Applicants shall review directions when selecting the account customer type. Those unable to meet vetting criteria will either be re-assigned to the correct account type or disqualified. As account data is the primary means of coordinating important safety and programmatic information, active accounts with old data (i.e. emails with '@mail.mil') may be placed on hold pending correction. Accounts will be regularly reviewed for continued eligibility. Accounts will be removed from the system due to inactivity lasting one year or a disqualifying change in status (i.e. a DoD civilian employee leaves West Point for another position or a dependent age out). Active permits on disqualified accounts will not be available for use. West Point will not refund the balance on such permits.

Office Use only – Received By: _____
Date Received: _____

iSportsman Contracting Account Verification Form

Contract Employees working at the U.S. Army Garrison – West Point may be eligible to receive an iSportsman account for the purpose of accessing the installation hunting, fishing, trapping and firewood collection programs. Sub-contractors are ineligible.

To be eligible, a contract employee must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The contract served must have a period of performance that extends at least **One Year**.
- 2) The contract employee must be working **full time** and **predominantly (80%+) present at USAG – West Point**.
- 3) The contract employee must hold a **current, West Point-issued identification card**.
- 4) Submit for verification and original **copy of this form, signed by the Contractor’s project manager or contract signatory** attesting to eligibility.

iSportsman Contractor accounts will sunset along with the contract Period of Performance (PoP) or within one year of the date of issue, whichever comes first, or with termination of employment with contractor. Sunsetting accounts will become inactive, and all purchased permits placed in a hold status. If eligible (i.e. working under a contract extension or option), a contract employee may submit an updated, signed Verification Form and have the account reactivated. Contract employees ineligible for renewal will not have accounts reactivated and permit fees will not be refunded.

Fraudulently submitted forms will be investigated by the installation Provost Marshall and may result in criminal prosecution.

Please complete the form below:

Contract Employee Name: _____
 Contract Company Name: _____
 Contract Number (Block #2 in SF1149): _____
 Contract Responsible Party Name and Title: _____
 Period of Performance (MM/DD/YYYY – MM/DD/YYYY): _____
 Contract Officer Representative Name: _____

I so certify that the contract employee listed above meets the criteria listed; that is, full time employment with a duty station at West Point and on a contract with a POP extending at least one year. I assure that I am in a position of authority on this contract sufficient to vouch for this employee and will alert the USA GWP natural resources section office should this employee leave employment with the company. I understand that a fraudulent verification form will be investigated as a contract violation as well as the criminal act.

Signature and Date: _____

APPENDIX C OFFENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

1. Violations of this regulation, or violations of U.S. Federal Fish and Wildlife Laws and New York State (NYS) Environmental Conservation Laws (ECL), need only be proven by a preponderance of the evidence standard to impose West Point administrative actions. As a result, West Point administrative actions may be taken against individuals whose civil or criminal prosecutions for violations of NYS and Federal Fish and Wildlife Laws resulted in acquittals, provided substantial evidence exists that the violations occurred.

2. Suspensions include all recreational privileges and are enforced within the timeframe of a pass year (October 1 to September 30). If a suspension of privileges occurs at or near the end of the license year and the suspension period extends beyond the license year, the remaining suspension period will carry over into the next license year.

3. The Garrison Commander will determine penalties for violations, taking input from program managers. Penalties may include fines, seizure of harvested fish and game, and/or suspension of recreational privileges. Appeals for suspension reductions must be submitted in writing to the Garrison Commander.

West Point Recreational Activity Offenses & Suspension Penalties			
General Safety Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Failure to report an accident, fuel/chemical spill or incident involving damage to facilities, equipment, or vehicles	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year
Consumption of alcohol/drugs or being under the influence thereof while hunting, trapping, or operating a boat/vehicle	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years	Lifetime Ban
Failure to adhere to required safety practices while erecting or using a tree stand i.e. ascending, descending, etc.	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years
Failure to meet all required US Coast Guard and New York State boater safety regulations	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year
General Firearm Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Failure to adhere to required safety practices while using a firearm, bow, crossbow or ammunition	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Unsafe/illegal discharge of a firearm, crossbow or bow within distance of building, playground, etc.	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years	Lifetime Ban
Unsafe, illegal discharge of a firearm, crossbow or bow over a public highway	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Illegal discharge of a firearm, crossbow or bow in a hunting area e.g. target shooting or sighting-in	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Illegal discharge of a firearm, crossbow, or bow from a vehicle or boat under power	Suspension up to 2 years	Suspension up to 3 years	Lifetime Ban
Use or possession of a firearm, crossbow or bow in a hunting area where the implement is prohibited	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
General Check-In/Check-Out Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Failure to check oneself or one's guest or walker into an area requiring check-in before going afield	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year
General Check-In/Check-Out Offenses (Continued)	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Failure to check out on an area that one has left within one hour of leaving that area	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year

Failure to be in an area one has checked into within one hour of checking in	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year
Checking in to an area using a West Point Fish & Game Website account that is not your own	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years
General Access Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Obtaining access to hunting, trapping or fishing program or to a feature of one of these programs by fraudulent means	Lifetime Ban		
Hunting, trapping or fishing without proper federal, New York State, and/or West Point documentation e.g license, permit	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Failure to comply with New York State or West Point activity hours i.e. hunting too early or late	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Failure of a junior hunter or trapper to meet specific junior hunter or trapper access requirements	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years
Failure of a junior hunter or trapper sponsor to meet specific sponsoring requirements	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Failure of a guest or walker to meet the specific access requirements e.g. not remaining with sponsor, etc.	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Failure of the sponsor of a guest or walker to meet specific sponsoring requirements e.g. not remaining with guest, etc.	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Failure of a General Public hunter to meet specific access requirements – e.g. unauthorized area use, check-in, etc.	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Improper use of a permit e.g. using a permit to access an area for an unauthorized activity such as dog-walking, etc.	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year
Accessing UXO/Dud Zone areas, firing ranges, training equipment or facilities, vehicles or other off-limits areas	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Accessing West Point for an activity listed in this document while suspended from installation (incl. as guest, walker)	Lifetime Ban		
General Vehicle, Gate, Facility & Road Use Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Parking a vehicle, boat or trailer in a way impeding access and safe passage to roads, gates, ramps and other facilities	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years
Driving a vehicle on range roads over 20 MPH or over 10 MPH when passing pedestrians, troops, other vehicles	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years	Suspension up to 3 years
Trespassing in a vehicle, building, facility or other structure while checked in to hunt, trap or fish	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years
Possessing or transporting a loaded firearm, crossbow or bow in a vehicle.	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years	Lifetime Ban
Off-road driving of vehicles including across fields, landing zones, into woods, down trails, onto ice, etc.	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years	Suspension up to 3 years
Use of an all-terrain vehicle, off-highway vehicle or motorcycle, snowmobile, etc. anywhere at West Point	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Failure to identify a vehicle parked in a training area without a parking pass or hunter ID# otherwise displayed	Written warning	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days
Harvest Reporting Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Failure to report daily hunting or trapping harvest via the West Point Fish and Game Website at check-out	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years
Failure to report to Hunt Control with harvested deer or bear for Regular Big Game Season mandatory Harvest Check	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years
Firewood collection without a permit or in an unauthorized manner – improper area, cutting live or standing wood, etc.	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years

Other Recreationist Responsibilities Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Dumping, littering or discarding of trash or personal items at West Point	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Failure to label or comply with construction and removal requirements for stands, blinds, shanties, traps and tip ups.	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year
Use of a tree stand, blind, or shanty without the permission of the owner	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years
Improperly field dressing, transporting or disposing of a harvested animal or its parts	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years
Shooting at, harming or killing a domestic animal (cat, dog, horse, etc.) including feral or stray animals	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years	Lifetime Ban
Injuring, defacing, disturbing, or removing any artifacts or culturally significant structures	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years	Lifetime Ban
Unauthorized entry into a government building, facility or vehicle or injuring/removing government property	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years	Lifetime Ban
Unauthorized digging or removal of rock or soil or cutting of vegetation (minor cutting for trapping is allowed)	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years
Unauthorized camping i.e. camping outside of designated camping sites at recreation areas	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years	Suspension up to 3 years
Unauthorized use of fires or campfires i.e. fires outside of designated rings in recreation areas	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years
Unauthorized stocking or release of any fish, game, or other animal species	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years
Unauthorized planting or release of any plant species or other type of vegetation	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years
Harassment, pursuit, injury or take of non-game wildlife including disturbance of nests, dens and other structures	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Interference with lawful taking of wildlife i.e. harassment of hunters, trappers, and anglers or interfering with equipment	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years	Lifetime Ban
Failure to complete carcass tagging requirements at harvest and/or to affix tag to carcass prior to transport	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Failure to comply with reasonable request of a law enforcement officer e.g. producing documentation, etc.	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 3 years	Lifetime Ban
General Hunting Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Harvesting game in violation of New York State or West Point bag limits, season dates, and hunting hours	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years
Harvesting hunting game (other than deer or bear) without a New York State hunting license and/or West Point permit	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 Years	Suspension up to 3 Years
General Hunting Offenses (Continued)	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Failure to comply with New York State or West Point requirement to visibly display hunting backtag on back	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year
Feeding or baiting wildlife in violation of New York State hunting regulations incl. use of bait, bait piles, salt licks, etc.	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years	Suspension up to 3 years
Use of or possession of a firearm, crossbow, or bow in a hunting area without both a New York State license	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years	Lifetime Ban
Hunting with any firearms, ammunition or equipment in violation of New York State hunting laws	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Waterfowl Hunting Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt

Use of prohibited lead shot or other toxic shot in the pursuit of waterfowl	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Hunting upland game (non-waterfowl game) in a waterfowl only hunting area	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Upland Bird Hunting Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Use of a dog to hunt turkey during the Spring Turkey Season (dogs may be used during the fall Turkey Season)	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years	Lifetime Ban
Big Game Hunting Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Harvesting a deer or bear without a New York State hunting license and/or West Point permit	Suspension up to 2 years	Lifetime Ban	
Harvesting deer with the improper tag – antlerless vs antlered tag, wrong WMU antlerless tag, wrong season tag, etc.	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 3 years
Harvesting deer in violation of West Point specific deer regulations e.g. bag limits, APR, Earn-A-Buck, etc.	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 3 years
Illegal harvest of a deer or bear e.g. harvest of either in water or harvest of a bear in the company of at least one other bear	Suspension up to 2 years	Suspension up to 3 years	Lifetime Ban
Use of an artificial light to hunt deer or bear	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 3 years	Lifetime Ban
Use of a dog to hunt deer or bear or being accompanied by dog in possession of big game firearm afield	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years	Lifetime Ban
Trapping Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Harvesting trapping game without a New York State trapping license and/or West Point permit	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years	Suspension up to 3 years
Trapping game in violation of New York State or West Point trapping bag limits, length limits and/or season dates	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years
Trapping with any traps, bait or equipment that are in violation of New York State trapping laws	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years	Suspension up to 3 years
Improperly deploying traps in a manner that is in violation of New York State trapping laws	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years	Suspension up to 3 years
Failure to comply with West Point specific trapping permitting procedures and practices	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Failure to check open traps at least once a day or failure to disable traps one will be unable to check the following day	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 3 years
Trapping Offenses (Continued)	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Use of irresponsible or negligent trap sets which have significant potential to harm people or domestic animals	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 3 years
Fishing Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Taking fish without a New York State fishing license and/or West Point permit	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years
Taking fish in violation of New York State or West Point fishing bag limits, length limits and/or season dates	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years
Fishing in a manner in violation of West Point specific water body regulations e.g. catch & release, shore fishing, etc.	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years
Fishing with any equipment in violation of New York State fishing laws	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years

Boating Offenses	1st Violation	2nd Violation	Repeat or /w Contempt
Failure to comply with US Coast Guard, New York State, and/or federal boating regulations	Written warning	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years
Reckless operation of a motorboat including speeding, creating a wake, exceeding capacity, etc.	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 2 years	Lifetime Ban
Failure to comply with New York State boater safety and boating licensing, registration regulations	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year
Failure to comply with specific West Point water body boating regulations	Written warning	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year
Failure to report boating fuel discharges and spills	Suspension up to 30 days	Suspension up to 1 year	Suspension up to 2 years

**APPENDIX D
HUNTING AREAS & REGULATIONS**

See area quotas listed on the West Point Fish and Game Website.

APPENDIX E

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention (AIS)

1. Definitions

a. **Aquatic invasive species (AIS)** are organisms that are not native to our aquatic ecosystems and can threaten New York State's aquatic ecology, economy, and even human health. New York State's legal definition of invasive species is consistent with the federal definition and is "*a species that is nonnative to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. ...the harm must significantly outweigh any benefits*" (ECL § 9-1703).

b. **Watercraft** includes every motorized or non-motorized boat or vehicle capable of being used or operated as a means of transportation or recreation in or on water.

c. **Launch** means to place a watercraft into a waterbody for any purpose and any activity that takes place within fifty feet of the high-water mark of the waterbody for the purpose of placing a watercraft into a waterbody, including moving by trailer or other device or carrying by hand a watercraft toward the waterbody, or entering a queue prior to launching.

d. **Reasonable precautions** mean intentional actions that prevent or minimize the introduction or spread of aquatic invasive species.

2. Waterbodies

a. Applies to all waterbodies specified in Authorized Waterbodies.

3. Policies

a. ECL § 9-1710 requires operators launching watercraft or docks to take "reasonable precautions" to prevent the spread of AIS and requires NYSDEC to promulgate regulations describing demonstrable "reasonable precautions" to take prior to launch.

b. 6 NYCRR §§ 59.4 & 190.24 requires watercraft put in and taken out of waterbodies to be drained, and the watercraft, trailer, and equipment to be free of visible biomatter.

c. IAW with invasive species prevention and treatment best management practices, watercraft operators will practice a Check, Clean, Drain, Dry, Disinfect protocol.

(1) **Check** includes inspecting propellers, trailers, hulls, keels, rudders, lines, trunks, anchor lines, motors, live wells, and bilge for plant matter,

(2) **Clean** includes removing plant material/mud and dispose of away from waterbodies and drainages

(3) **Drain** includes draining boat, ballast tanks, and live well before leaving site

(4) **Dry** includes drying boats, trailers, and all equipment at a minimum of 5-7 days, in warm condition before transporting to a new body of water

(5) **Disinfect** means 1. steaming or exposing surface to 140°F hot water for 30 seconds or; 2. Using of disinfecting agents e.g. 2% bleach, 200 ppm Potassium Chloride (KCl) solution, 100% vinegar, or 1% saltwater solution for minimum of 10 minutes (Note: some solutions may damage/discolor equipment).

4. Tournaments

a. Will comply with policies in addition to the following:

- (1) Tournament officials/administrators will appoint Environmental Officer (EO)
- (2) The EO will be responsible for visually inspecting watercraft and equipment, as outlined, prior to watercraft entering waterbody and after exit from waterbody
- (3) EO will report any invasive species found to Natural Resources Section personnel

5. References

a. Federal

- (1) Executive Order 13112
- (2) Lacey Act
- (3) Plant Protection Act; Title VII, Chapter 104

b. New York State

- (1) ECL § 9-1710
- (2) ECL § 9-1709
- (3) 6 NYCRR § 575
- (4) 6 NYCRR § 59.4 & 190.24
- (5) 6 NYCRR § 180.9

**APPENDIX F
Contact Numbers**

Phone Numbers

DPW Natural Resources Section Office.....	(520) 718-0012
.....	(520) 725-5093
DPW Nature Resources Section Duty Cell.....	(646) 208-9431
DPW Hunt Control Duty Cell.....	(646) 208-9431
MWR Recreation Office (Round Pond, April – November)	(315) 774-9524
MWR Recreation Office (Victor Constant, November – April).....	(315) 774-9525
DES Provost Marshall (PMO)/Military Police Sergeant’s Desk.....	(315) 774-9333
DES Conservation Law Enforcement Duty Cell.....	(845) 667-2815
DES West Point Fire Department.....	(315) 774-9211
Emergency Services.....	911
DPTMS Range Control Fire Desk.....	(315) 774-9304
Garrison Safety Office.....	(845) 925-4880
USCC Safety Office.....	(845) 938-8682

APPENDIX G
Permit Fees

See Permit fee schedule listed on the West Point Fish and Game Website.