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This instruction implements Air Force Policy Directive 32-70, *Environmental Quality*, and establishes policies for the control for hunting, trapping, and fishing on Scott AFB. This instruction applies to the 375th Air Mobility Wing and all tenant units on Scott AFB. This instruction applies to the 932d Airlift Wing (AFRES) and the 126th Air Refueling Wing (ANG). Ensure all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Management System (AFRIMS) Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af61a/afirms/> **afirms/**. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Forms 847 from the field through the appropriate functional's chain of command.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This document has been substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. Major changes include: Updates organizational names and office symbols. Archery deer and trapping fees will be collected by the base conservation officer. Fishing rules now extend to Cardinal Lake in addition to Scott Lake. Several sections were updated in reference to season designation, fees, number of allowable hunters, archery deer season requirements, prohibition of firearm for deer and spring turkey hunting, the designated hunting area, tree stands, and trapping procedures.

1. Overview: This instruction provides the guidance for the oversight of the hunting, wildlife, trapping, and fishing programs on Scott AFB.

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

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

1.3. Trapping. The capture or the attempt to capture, by setting or placing a leg hold trap, body gripping trap, cage, live trap or other similar device, permitted by law to capture, hold or kill game or furbearing mammals.

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

2. Responsibilities:

2.1. Individual fishers or hunters:

2.1.1. Will report all game violations set forth in this regulation and Illinois state laws to security forces personnel.

2.1.2. Are responsible for strict compliance with this instruction and Illinois state laws.

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

2.3. Outdoor recreation section of the 375th Force Support Squadron (FSS) is responsible for taking permit applications, conducting the drawings, collecting fees, and issuing applicable permits for fishing within the confines of Scott AFB.

2.4. The staff judge advocate ensures this instruction is in compliance with DOD, federal, state, and local laws.

2.5. The veterinary treatment facility will advise the 375th Civil Engineer Squadron Pest Management (375 CES/CEOIE) on the disposition of wounded and trapped animals and wildlife.

2.6. The 375th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) will enforce this instruction, as well as the State of Illinois Fish and Game Laws, within the confines of Scott AFB and they will maintain a liaison with state and federal conservation enforcement agencies. The Base Conservation Officer will be appointed, by letter, from the 375th Mission Support Group (MSG) Commander. Archery deer and trapping fees will be collected by the Base Conservation Officer.

3. Removal and Disposition of Injured Wildlife:

3.1. The 375 SFS will, when necessary and in conjunction with the veterinary office, destroy animals that may be injured or diseased.

3.2. The 375 CES/CEOIE will:

3.2.1. Properly dispose of dead animals on base.

3.2.2. Trap diseased or injured small animals.

3.3. The Army Veterinary Clinic (US Army/SGV) will, on a case-by-case basis, determine the extent of involvement needed by the veterinarian's office.

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

5. Fees:

5.1. Will be reviewed annually by the 375th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Office (375 CES/CEAN) and the 375 FSS, with recommended changes forwarded to the 375 MSG Commander as necessary.

5.2. Will be collected for hunting, fishing, and trapping activities and submitted to the 375th Force Support Squadron Non-Appropriated Funds Accounting Office (375 FSS/FSRN). Fees are collected into the 57R5095 accounting classification and upon approval, are disbursed back to the installation in the 57X5095 appropriation.

6. Boating. Boating on Scott Lake is allowed provided the following guidelines are followed:

6.1. Only non-motorized 375 FSS boats are permitted.

6.2. Boats will be launched in designated areas only.

6.3. Boats will not be used to carry more people than there are available seats, i.e., canoes - two people; pedal boats - two seats, two people; four seats, four people.

6.4. Boisterous play is not allowed.

6.5. A Coast Guard-approved life preserver will be available for each boat occupant. All occupants must wear a life preserver at all times. Children 12 years and younger must be accompanied by someone 16 years or older.

6.6. Fishing is prohibited from boats.

6.7. Glass containers are not allowed on boats.

7. Scott Lake Restrictions:

7.1. Swimming and wading are prohibited. Walking on ice is also prohibited.

7.2. Discharge of firearms, air guns, CO2 powered guns, or bows of any type are prohibited in the Scott Lake Recreation Area.

8. Fishing Take and Limits:

8.1. All largemouth bass must be immediately released.

8.2. Taking of fish by seine, spear, bow and arrow, trotline, or any device other than a fishing pole or hand line is prohibited in the waters on Scott AFB.

- 8.3. No person shall use, or have in use, more than two fishing poles or lines.
- 8.4. The use of live minnows including, but not limited to, goldfish and carp, is not permitted.
- 8.5. Daily limit of five catfish. There is no limit on crappie or bluegill.
- 8.6. The stocking or placing of any fish, minnow, aquarium fish, or any other species of fish from any other source into the Scott and Cardinal Creek Lakes is a violation of the rules and regulations of the State of Illinois and is prohibited.
- 8.7. All current State of Illinois Fishing Rules and Regulations are applicable for Silver Creek.
- 8.8. All persons who fish within the confines of Scott AFB must obtain and have on their person, a current valid Scott AFB fishing permit from outdoor recreation.

9. Deer Hunting and Permit Procedures:

- 9.1. Scott AFB will participate each year in the annual State of Illinois Archery Deer Season; season dates and times are determined by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and are published prior to season start. Archery hunting on Scott AFB will adhere to all State of Illinois, archery deer hunting rules and regulations. Firearms' hunting is prohibited at all times. The Scott AFB deer archery season will be closed during each of the State of Illinois Firearm Deer Seasons in accordance with state law.
- 9.2. Scott AFB hunting requests will be reviewed and approved by the Base Conservation Officer to active duty military and their dependents, active reservists, and their dependents assigned to Scott AFB, military retirees and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians assigned to Scott AFB. There will be a \$10.00 fee payable at time of issue to Base Conservation Officer.
- 9.3. Due to the amount of allowable hunting space on Scott AFB, the normal number of approved hunters will not be more than 100. The allowable number of hunting tags is subject to change on a case-by-case basis and will be decided by the 375 CES/CEAN and the Base Conservation Officer. Scott AFB archery tags will be issued by the Base Conservation Officer usually starting around 1 August and through to the end of the season, or until 100 total permits are sold.
 - 9.3.1. At times, the Mid-America Airport Authority allows Scott AFB hunters to hunt Mid-America properties. If this occurs during a particular season, there will be a random drawing from the list of Scott AFB hunters and half of these hunters will be allowed to hunt on the Mid-America property if they so choose. All Scott AFB hunting rules will apply to those hunters allowed to hunt the Mid-America property. If a hunter is drawn for the Mid-America properties and chooses to hunt these properties, he/she will only be allowed to hunt Mid-America properties for the rest of the season and not hunt on the Scott AFB side. This rule will be a season-to-season exception.
- 9.4. All persons participating in the Scott AFB archery deer season must have in their possession the following:
 - 9.4.1. A valid Illinois Hunting License with Habitat Stamp.
 - 9.4.2. A valid Illinois Deer Hunting Tag.

- 9.4.3. A valid Illinois Hunter Safety Course Card (if required by law).
- 9.4.4. Tag to be issued by Base Conservation Officer.
- 9.4.5. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources allows two bucks per season.
- 9.5. Firearm deer and spring turkey hunting on Scott AFB is strictly prohibited.
- 9.6. All deer harvested will be registered through the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IL DNR) either on-line at <http://dnr.state.il.us/admin/deer.htm> or by telephone at 1-866-ILCHECK (452-4325). All State of Illinois deer registration and reporting procedures are and will remain the responsibility of the individual hunter.
- 9.7. The Scott AFB hunting area is the wooded area on the east side of the base. Hunting will not be allowed within 200 feet of Scott Lake, 500 feet of South Drive, 100 feet of the posted firearm range, or within 200 feet of any building within the authorized hunting area.
- 9.8. All hunting will be done from above ground tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands used will be nonpermanent in nature. Nails, screws, or other foreign matter may NEVER be put in trees for any reason. Commercially designed, screw-in steps may be used; remove all tree stand/ground blind material from all hunting areas at the conclusion of the archery deer season.
- 9.9. Each person granted the privilege to hunt on Scott AFB is responsible for reporting all violations of game laws to the Base Conservation Officer, security forces, or state law enforcement agencies.
- 9.10. All Illinois State Laws will apply in accordance with Chapter 61 of the Illinois Code.

10. Trapping:

- 10.1. Trapping on Scott AFB will be authorized for up to 10 people per season. Personnel trapping will adhere to all Illinois State trapping rules and regulations and trapping will be limited to the Scott AFB side of Silver Creek and its waterways. NO trapping will be allowed in the Scott Lake and Cardinal Lake areas. All personnel trapping will be required to register through the Base Conservation Officer.
- 10.2. Trapping requests will be reviewed and approved by the Base Conservation Officer.

11. Adopted Forms:

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

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