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# Installations HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATION

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**History.** This publication is being updated to reflect appropriate revisions to hunting, fishing, and trapping on Fort Leonard Wood (FLW).

**Summary.** This regulation sets forth the rules and guidelines for hunting, fishing, and trapping within the boundaries of FLW.

Applicability. It applies to all persons hunting, fishing, or trapping on the FLW Military Reservation.

**Proponent and execution authority.** The proponent agency of this regulation is the Directorate of Public Works.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation to this regulation by subordinate commanders are prohibited unless specifically approved by Headquarters, U. S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MSCoE).

**Suggested Improvements.** Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to the Director, DPW (AMIM-LDP), Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473-8944.

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## 1. Purpose

a. This regulation establishes the rules and regulations governing hunting, fishing and trapping within the boundaries of the Fort Leonard Wood (FLW) Military Reservation. Provisions of the Wildlife Code, State of Missouri, are applicable to the installation under 10 U.S.C. Section 2671.

b. Any person, military or civilian, who violates any provisions of law or regulation pertaining to hunting, fishing, and trapping applicable to this installation, will be subject to prosecution in the United States Magistrate Court, United States District Court, or in the case of military personnel, action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

#### 2. Required References

a. Uniform Code of Military Justice. Cited in para. 1 (a).

b. Wildlife Code, State of Missouri. Cited in paras. 1, 4, 6, 6b2, 7, 7a, 8, 8c, 8f, 9, 10e, 12c, A-2c.

c. FLW Reg. 190-11, Registration and Control of Privately Owned Firearms and Other Weapons on FLW, 09 April 2020. Cited in para. 8.

#### 3. General

a. Eligibility - Members of the general public are authorized limited access to FLW for purposes of hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation in compliance with the Sikes Act (16 USC 670a-f) and under terms of the Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP).

b. Primary use of FLW is for military use. Hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation opportunities may become available only after military requirements are met. This is no guarantee that areas will be available for hunting, fishing, or outdoor recreation activity on any given day.

c. The iSportsman-automated system provides hunters with the ability to use either the Internet or a telephone (landline, cell phone, or smartphone) to purchase permits, determine open areas, check in and out, report harvest information and update personal information. iSportsman can be accessed by calling (844) 225-3227 or online at https://ftleonardwood.iSportsman.net/.

#### 4. Permits and Fees

a. Persons hunting, fishing, or trapping on FLW must possess applicable State of Missouri and other required federal permits, tags, and stamps.

b. FLW hunting and fishing permits along with the applicable Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) permit are required on the Reservation. Fishing on the Big Piney River or Roubidoux Creek from the low water crossing on FLW 8 to the installation boundary is accepted from this requirement, only a resident/nonresident MDC fishing permit is required. Permits are valid from 1 March through the last day of February following the year for which they are issued. Permits are issued through the FLW iSportsman website. The fee schedule is shown in Appendix A. The purchase of a permit shall constitute an acknowledgement by the permittee of his/her duty to comply with the provisions of this regulation, and all permits are conditioned upon such compliance.

c. Persons born on or after 1 January 1967, including full-time active duty military personnel, are required to pass a Hunter Safety Education Course before being issued a FLW firearms hunting permit.

d. Permits for the taking of wildlife or fish will only be issued to an individual and may only be used by that individual. No permit may be loaned, predated, falsified, altered, or misrepresented in any manner.

#### 5. Use and Entry

a. Those portions of the FLW Military Reservation available for hunting, fishing, and trapping are listed on the FLW iSportsman website. Current FLW Hunting and Fishing Maps are available through the iSportsman website and at the Outdoor Adventure Center. All persons going into the field must be thoroughly familiar with the boundaries and limitations shown on this map.

b. Areas not needed for training and open to hunting, fishing, and trapping will be determined by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS). Entry into areas not opened is prohibited for all recreational activity.

c. Because training schedules may change on a daily basis, information concerning areas that are open or closed must be confirmed at the FLW iSportsman website prior to check-in.

d. Persons must check in and out of open areas using the FLW iSportsman website. Check-in and check-out procedures must be completed on the same day access is desired. Persons may check-in to two areas as long as the areas are adjacent and open at the same time. Recreational users must display their iSportsman Permit Number in a place easily viewable through their vehicle windshield. Upon completion of their activity, the user must check-out using the FLW iSportsman website and record all species and numbers of harvested fish or wildlife when prompted by the check-out procedures.

e. Persons who have checked-in for that day using FLW iSportsman, may park at a Remote Access Control Point to enter/exit the installation on foot, but must provide appropriate identification and permits upon request of Law Enforcement

f. Special registration procedures for quota controlled hunts and any other special hunts will be announced publicly well in advance of the activity. Information on procedures and rules is available at the Outdoor Adventure Center.

g. The destruction, cutting, digging, or removal of any vegetation is prohibited, except for cutting small branches ( $\leq$  3") for placement of portable tree stands and harvesting edible wild greens, mushrooms, berries, or other wild fruits for personal consumption.

h. All caves on FLW are closed to public access including hunting, fishing, or other recreational activities.

#### 6. Fishing

Fishing rules for all waters on or adjacent to FLW are specified in the Missouri Wildlife Code with the following exceptions:

a. The Big Piney River is open to fishing and frogging at all times without the requirement of using the iSportsman website to check in and out. Roubidoux Creek from the low water crossing on FLW 8 to the installation boundary is also open for fishing and frogging at all times and does not require checking in or out. Access to these areas includes up to 50 feet adjacent to the shoreline. All other stretches of Roubidoux Creek (HWY 17 Bridge to FLW 8), require checking in and out.

b. All FLW impoundments require checking in and out using the FLW iSportsman website. Unless otherwise restricted, regulations are as follows:

(1) Fishing methods, other than the use of pole and line with lure or bait, are prohibited. A person may use no more than three (3) poles at any time and they must be attended at all times.

(2) Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken from all waters within the installation's boundary during the statewide season only by hand, hand net, gig, snagging, snaring, grabbing, or pole and line. The daily limit for frogs is eight (8).

(3) Netting or trapping of live bait is prohibited in impounded waters.

(4) The daily fishing limits are as follows:

(a) Black bass is four (4). Black bass include smallmouth, largemouth, spotted bass, and all hybrids. Black bass more than twelve inches (12") but less than fifteen inches (15") total length must be returned to the water immediately after being caught.

(b) Channel catfish is four (4) of any size.

(c) Crappie is thirty (30) of any size.

(d) Fish, other than black bass, channel catfish, and crappie, is twenty (20) of any size in the aggregate.

(5) Fishers must remain within 50 feet of the shoreline, or on designated access trails, roads, or parking areas associated with impoundments. Any person recreating at any impoundment open for fishing or recreation must leave the area immediately upon the request of Range Operations or Law Enforcement.

(6) Vehicle use is restricted to graveled and paved roads and parking areas.

(7) Boats are allowed. No gasoline-powered motors may be used.

(8) Fishing is prohibited where designated by signs.

c. TA 250 Lake. Entry to this impoundment is permitted only when training is not being conducted. Information concerning when the lake is opened/closed will be posted at the site.

d. Littlewood Pond. Fishing is restricted to persons fifteen (15) years of age or younger. Any one person may use not more than one (1) pole and line at one time. The daily limit for black bass is one (1), channel catfish one (1), and all other fish in the aggregate five (5) of any size.

#### 7. Hunting

Hunting rules are as specified in the Missouri Wildlife Code with the following exceptions:

a. Special hunts may be conducted as authorized in coordination with Missouri Department of Conservation. Public announcement will be made.

b. The FLW Conservation Council sets quotas on permits for Spring Turkey, Fall Turkey, and Firearms Deer Seasons annually.

c. Archery-only Hunting Areas.

(1) Designated Archery-only Areas are ARCH1, ARCH2, ARCH3, ARCH4, ARCH6, ARCH8, ARCH9, ARCH35, and ARCH37.

(2) Only archery methods may be used within these designated areas.

(3) There is a minimum no hunting buffer of 600 feet around housing areas in ARCH3, ARCH4, and ARCH6 and a 300-foot no hunting buffer around troop training areas in ARCH35 and ARCH37. The boundaries around these areas are marked as described in 7.d below.

(4) In all other Archery-only Areas, hunters will maintain a 300-foot unmarked buffer adjacent to buildings and roads. Discharge of a bow so that an arrow enters this "No-Hunting" zone is prohibited.

(5) Access to Archery-only Areas for hunters other than residents of immediate housing areas must be through public/commons areas or outside perimeters. Residents may access directly from assigned quarters after checking in on the FLW iSportsman website.

d. The "No Hunting" (Firearm) boundary and the "Archery-only" boundary adjacent to the designated housing areas and troop training areas are marked with paint and signs. Trees are marked with two bands of paint with a single vertical bar connecting the bands. The bands completely encircle the tree; the vertical bar is on the hunting area side of the boundary. The "No Hunting" (Firearm) boundary is marked in orange paint and the "Archery-only" boundary is marked with yellow paint. This mark is about five (5) feet from the ground on trees 75 to 150 feet apart.

e. Only temporary tree stands may be used between 1 September and 31 January on FLW. Unattended stands and blinds must be labeled with the full name and address or Conservation I.D. number of the owner and be removed before 1 February. Temporary tree stands used outside of this time period must be removed on a daily basis. Permanent stands, nails, screw-in steps or any materials that would damage trees are prohibited.

f. Feral hogs may only be taken incidentally on FLW while hunting for deer or turkey following all legal seasons, restrictions, and methods. Specifically, baiting, trapping, and the use of dogs to pursue feral hogs is not authorized on FLW.

g. Harvested animals may be field dressed in the location where the game was harvested or may be removed completely from the area. Discretion should be used when transporting, dressing game, and disposing of carcasses. Government utilities (water, power, etc.) equipment, structures, facilities, buildings, roads, parking lots, or concrete pads may not be utilized for cleaning fish or dressing game. Game carcasses may be left in the hunting area where taken but must be at least 300 feet from any facility, building, road, trail, or other public area. Animal carcasses must not be disposed of in any area that may result in the contamination of storm water or groundwater such as waterways, drainages, ditches, creeks, rivers, gullies, or sinkholes. Government dumpsters, trash receptacles, and hoppers must not be utilized for the disposal of game carcasses.

h. Due to health concerns, wildlife habituation, and the spread of disease in deer and other wildlife species, feeding/baiting to attract animals to a specific area is not authorized. Baiting while trapping or conducting government studies, is allowed. Baiting/feeding is defined as placing any feed material to attract wild animals, including meat, fruits, grains, vegetables, liquids, salt, minerals, etc. Food may not be placed, exposed, or scattered so as to constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement.

#### 8. Authorized Weapons and Registration

Authorized weapons are as indicated in the Missouri Wildlife Code with the following restrictions:

a. Shotguns of .410 bore through 10 gauge are authorized firearms in all areas announced open for hunting.

b. Rimfire rifles .22 caliber or less, are authorized in all areas announced open for hunting.

c. Muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading shotguns, and muzzleloading pistols are authorized during firearms or alternative weapons seasons in all open areas with the exception of archery only areas. Missouri Wildlife Code must be followed on bore, projectile, and other restrictions.

d. Centerfire (high power) rifles, centerfire pistols, and rimfire pistols are at all times prohibited for use in hunting. Their use is authorized at the designated privately owned weapons range, and for supervised shooting programs and special recreational shooting events sponsored by the appropriate installation unit/organization on approved ranges.

e. Starter pistols incapable of firing ball ammunition may be carried and used in training of hunting dogs in areas open for hunting.

f. Crossbows may be used in accordance with Missouri Wildlife Code and are authorized in all areas announced open for hunting, including the firearms deer seasons.

Pursuant to FLW Reg. 190-11, all persons are required to register their firearms and crossbows on FLW prior to bringing them on the installation for hunting or other designated purpose. Firearms and crossbows can be registered by completing FLW Form 1835, Registration of Personal Firearms, and submitted following the instructions at:

https://home.army.mil/wood/index.php/Garrison/DES/weapons-registration.

#### 9. Trapping

Trapping is allowed in accordance with the Missouri Wildlife Code with the following restrictions:

a. Trapping is prohibited in areas not open for recreation as specified in para. 5b.

b. The Big Piney River and all areas specified as open for fishing except Littlewood and Indiana Avenue Ponds are open for trapping by water sets throughout the Missouri trapping season.

c. Bee swarm traps for trapping bees may be set within open hunting areas (checking in and out using iSportsman) between 15 April and 15 July. Traps must be legibly marked with iSportsman number.

#### 10. Safety

a. Firearms will be unloaded when placed or carried in or on a motor vehicle. A round in the chamber or magazine constitutes a "loaded" firearm. Removal of the cap or powder from the pan constitutes "unloaded" for muzzle loading firearms.

b. Carrying a loaded firearm, or other hunting device, within 100 feet of any building, dual highway, or all weather road edge (as depicted on the FLW Hunting and Fishing Map); or discharging any firearm, or other hunting device, so that the projectile enters through this zone, is prohibited.

c. Shooting at overhead utility lines, or any part thereof, or at any wildlife upon or near any part of the line is prohibited.

d. Weapons will not be discharged in any manner, which may cause danger or injury to people or damage to property.

e. During the alternative methods portion of the firearms deer season, all hunters, regardless of the species of game being pursued, shall follow the state hunter-orange requirements. Archers while hunting from an elevated stand and waterfowl hunters are exempted from this requirement.

f. Possession or discharge of a bow or firearm while intoxicated is prohibited.

## 11. Seizure

a. All guns or other equipment of whatever kind, nature, or description used by any persons within this installation in violation of law or regulations pertaining to hunting and fishing may be seized as evidence by military police or appropriate civilian law enforcement officers and held in custody pending the prosecution of any such violator. When final action is taken in each case, the item or items so seized shall be returned to the person from whom seized unless such item or items are otherwise declared illegal.

b. Any person who violates any provisions of law or regulation pertaining to hunting and fishing applicable to this installation shall have his or her FLW hunting and/or fishing permit seized at the time of apprehension. When final action is taken on each case, the hunting and fishing permit so seized shall be returned to the person from whom seized unless otherwise revoked.

## 12. Suspension, Revocation, and Penalties

a. Any person found guilty of a violation of law or regulation pertaining to hunting, fishing and trapping, within this installation, may have his or her permit privileges suspended or revoked by the Installation Commander or designee. Fees will not be returned for permits that are seized, suspended, or revoked in violation of this section.

The following administrative penalties apply for failure to check-in and check-out of FLW Hunting Areas using iSportsman:

- 1st Offense -- written warning.
- 2nd Offense -- suspension of hunting/fishing/trapping privileges for 30 days.
- 3d Offense -- suspension of hunting/fishing/trapping privileges for 1 year.
- Subsequent Offenses --additional 1-year suspension of privileges.
- Hunting/fishing/trapping while under suspension will result in an automatic 3-year suspension and a citation for Federal trespass.

b. The administrative penalties outlined above are independent of citations that may be issued under United States Code or the Revised Statutes of Missouri that may result in violations of the Missouri Wildlife Code, Army, and or FLW Regulation.

c. The Provost Marshal is designated to represent the Installation Commander for the purpose of revoking or reinstating the hunting or fishing permit pursuant to this regulation. This authority may not be further delegated.

#### 13. Administrative Due Process

a. A person whose privileges have been revoked will have the right to appeal or request reconsideration. Such requests along with any supporting documentation must be forwarded through the Provost Marshal to the Office of the Garrison Commander, within seven working days from the date the individual is notified of the revocation action. You may direct in writing any questions you have to the Provost Marshal Office, 13635 South Dakota Avenue, Building 1000, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri 65473-8942.The revocation action will remain in effect pending a final ruling on the request.

b. Appeals will be determined by a hearing officer in an administrative hearing. The hearing officer will be a Field Grade Officer appointed by the Adjutant General (Memorandum, Subject: Announcement of Duty Appointment) as a disinterested officer from a major command other than that of the individual requesting the hearing.

c. Only one of two recommendations may be made in evaluating revocations: Permit may be revoked, or not be revoked. The basis for either recommendation will be fully detailed in the report of the hearing officer.

#### FLW HUNTING AND FISHING PERMIT FEES 1,2

A-1. All persons hunting and/or fishing on FLW must first obtain a Sportsman's permit and any applicable deer and turkey permits (if hunting these species) as listed in the fee schedule below. All permits may be purchased through the FLW iSportsman website after registering and taking the safety brief.

A-2. The Sportsman's permit will only be issued without charge to excepted individuals. Excepted individuals are:

- a. Persons 65 years of age and older.
- b. Persons 15 years of age and younger.
- c. Other individuals and groups outlined in Chapter 5, Section 3 C.S.R.10-5.205 of Missouri Wildlife Code.
- d. DPW Natural Resources will validate excepted individuals and enter the information in iSportsman. Applications for special exceptions must be submitted to DPW Natural Resources at 8112 Nebraska Ave., Bldg. 11400, Room 202.

A-3. FEE SCHEDULE

- a. Sportsman's Permit -- \$15.00
- b. Firearm Turkey Permit<sup>3</sup>, Spring (limited quota)/Fall firearms Season -- \$5.00
- c. Archery Deer and Turkey Permit, Fall Season only -- \$ 5.00
- d. Firearm Deer Permit, Fall Season -- \$5.00

A-5. Additional fees for an outdoor recreational permit may be required and collected via iSportsman. These additional fees, if charged, are not pursuant to authorities provided the Sikes Act and are not governed by or listed in this regulation. Please refer to FLW Regulation 215-3 for additional information.

A-6. Persons who purchased a FLW Firearm Turkey Permit for the Spring Firearms Season are exempt from purchasing a FLW Firearm Turkey Permit in the fall.

A-4. FLW Hunting and Fishing Permit Fees listed in this regulation are collected pursuant to the authorities of the Sikes Act.

#### Appendix B Glossary

## DPTMS

Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization and Security

## FLW

Fort Leonard Wood

## INRMP

Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan

## MDC

Missouri Department of Conservation

## **Summary of Changes**

#### FLW Reg 210-21, HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATION

FLW Reg 210-21, 09 August 2019 has undergone minor revisions.

- Paragraph 4b. Outdoor Recreation permit requirement has been moved to Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation FLW Reg 215-3, June 3, 2020.
- Paragraph 5g. Small branches less than 3" added to exception for placement of portable tree stands.
- Paragraph 5h. Closes caves to all public access.
- Paragraph 7f. Permits take of feral hogs while turkey hunting to align with adjacent government landowner regulations.
- Paragraph 7g. Carcass disposal distance changed from 300 yards to feet and burial recommendation removed.
- Paragraph 7h. Salt and minerals removed from allowed attractants to meet State CWD zone regulations for Pulaski County.
- Paragraph 8g. Crossbows added to mandatory registration to meet DES requirements.
- Paragraph 9c. Bee trapping added to permissible activities.
- Paragraph 12a. "his" pronoun removed from sentence.
- Appendix A-2. DPW Natural Resources will validate excepted individuals and enter information into iSportsman.
- Appendix A-3. Outdoor Recreation permit removed from fee schedule.