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extends the guidance of AFMAN This instruction implements and It prescribes rules and procedures and sets forth policies Environmental Conservation. regarding the protection of fish, wildlife, and related natural resources and the control of hunting and fishing on Wright-Patterson AFB (WPAFB). It applies to all persons entering WPAFB for the purpose of hunting, fishing, using fish and wildlife habitats, or attempting to take fish and wildlife from WPAFB grounds. The hunting and fishing program is conducted in compliance with Ohio State Regulations set forth by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources-Division of Wildlife (ODNR-DOW). This publication does not apply to the Air National Guard or the Air Force Reserve Center (ANG/AFRC) units. This instruction is directive in nature and failure to adhere to the standards set out in this instruction can form the basis for adverse action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). example would be a dereliction of duty offense under Article 92. Send comments and suggestions about this publication for improvements on AF Form 847, Recommendation for Change of Publication, to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR). Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with (IAW) Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, Management of Records, and disposed of IAW Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS) Records Disposition Schedule (RDS).

#### **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This document is completely revised and must be fully reviewed from the previous version, WRIGHTPATTERSONAFBI 32-7064, 27 October 2014.

## 1. Responsibilities.

- 1.1. All persons who hunt, fish and boat on base must be familiar with the contents of this regulation and must have in their possession the proper identification, license, and/or permits prescribed by this regulation.
- 1.2. The 88th Security Forces Squadron is responsible for enforcing this regulation, as well as enforcing the State of Ohio hunting and fishing laws and federal migratory bird regulations. The Chief, Security Forces, designates in writing those persons who are to be Game Wardens to help enforce this regulation and cite violators accordingly.
- 1.3. The Natural Resources Working Group (NRWG) consists of members from 88 FSS, 88 SFS, 88 ABW/JA, 88 SE, 88 CES/CEO, and 88 CEG/CEI. The NRWG meets quarterly to discuss all natural resources related matters, including hunting and fishing related topics.
- 1.4. Base hunting and fishing permits are sold on-line at: https://wpafb.isportsman.net/
- 1.5. The Natural Resources Program Manager (NRPM), in the Installation Management Division, chairs the Natural Resources Working Group. Responsibilities include the submittal of the Fish and Wildlife Budget, ensuring compliance with AFMAN 32-7003, integration of the fishing and hunting programs with other natural resources programs, and implementation of the WPAFB Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan. The NRPM may amend this instruction with written approval of the Installation Management Division Director and Base Civil Engineer. Amendments will be posted at:
  - 1.5.1. WPAFB Installation Management SharePoint Site <a href="https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/21020/WPAFB/CEI/CEIE/Pages/NR.aspx">https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/21020/WPAFB/CEI/CEIE/Pages/NR.aspx</a>, and 1.5.2. WPAFB Natural Resources Facebook Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/WrightPattersonNaturalResources/">https://www.facebook.com/WrightPattersonNaturalResources/</a>
- 1.6. The 88th Civil Engineer Group accomplishes civil engineering functions according to AFMAN 32-7003 within available resources and the established priorities.

#### 2. Eligible Personnel.

- 2.1. DoD personnel and guests may participate in hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreational activities on WPAFB. The following personnel have unescorted recreation privileges:
  - 2.1.1. Active duty military possessing a DoD identification card.
  - 2.1.2. Retired military possessing a DoD retired identification card.
  - 2.1.3. Reserve military possessing a DoD identification card.
  - 2.1.4. DoD civilian employees possessing a DoD civilian identification card.

- 2.1.5. Retired DoD civilian employees possessing a DoD retired civilian identification card.
- 2.1.6. Dependents of active duty, reservists, DoD retirees, and DoD civilians. Dependents over the age of 16 must possess a DoD identification card.
- 2.1.7. Ohio National Guard members possessing a DoD identification card.
- 2.1.8. US Armed Forces veterans who the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has determined to be totally or permanently totally disabled, and who has a personal description and a certification of disability from the Veteran's Administration via a tan colored DD Form 1173 or DD Form 2765 with proper credentials.
- 2.1.9. DoD contract employees possessing a DoD contractor identification card. DoD contractors do not have escort/sponsor privileges, therefore they cannot sponsor guests.
- 2.2. Sponsors of guests are responsible for the actions of the guests. When escorting guests onto WPAFB, sponsors must remain within a reasonable distance to allow uninterrupted communication at all times.
- 2.3. A maximum of one (1) guest per sponsor per day.

## 3. WPAFB Hunting and Fishing Permits.

- 3.1. Persons planning to purchase an annual base hunting permit may be required to attend a mandatory educational/safety briefing, as determined annually by the Natural Resources Working Group. Briefings may be held at the Base Theater, Bldg. 31239 during the months of July and August, or as otherwise determined by the Natural Resources Working Group. Briefing dates will be advertised through social media, mass e-mailings, and in the base newspaper.
- 3.2. Base hunting and fishing permits are available on-line at: https://wpafb.isportsman.net/
- 3.3. WPAFB hunting and fishing permits are non-transferable, and fees are non-refundable.
- 3.4. WPAFB hunting and fishing permits are issued annually and are valid for the specified season for which the permit is issued. All hunting and fishing permits expire 1 year (365 days) from the date of issue.
- 3.5. Available WPAFB Permits are as follows:

- 3.5.1. Annual Fishing Permit \$20.00.
- 3.5.2. 3-day Fishing Permit \$10.00.
- 3.5.3. Base Hunting Permit \$20.00.
- 3.5.4. 100% Disabled Veteran Fishing Permit No Charge.
- 3.5.5. 100% Disabled Veteran Hunting Permit No Charge.

## 4. Trapping Fur-Bearing Game.

4.1. Trapping of animals, including game species, is not allowed unless approved in writing. Permission may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Special limitations apply when granted. Contact the 88 CEG/CEIEA NRPM, 257-4857, for more information.

## 5. General Rules and Safety.

- 5.1. All federal, State of Ohio, and base rules and regulations apply to all persons. When more than one of these statutes addresses a common matter or issue, the more restrictive applies. All hunting within the boundaries of this base and on all Wright-Patterson AFB controlled lands outside the base perimeter fences is governed by State of Ohio hunting laws and federal migratory bird regulations as they pertain to seasons (private land seasons apply), shooting hours, as well as bag and possession limits, unless exceptions are prescribed in this instruction.
- 5.2. All personnel engaging in hunting or fishing, regardless of age, must satisfy State of Ohio licensing requirements.
- 5.3. Persons engaged in hunting and or fishing on WPAFB must have in their possession all Ohio and federal licenses, permits, and stamps as required by those agencies, in addition to the required base permits(s). Electronic copies are permissible.
- 5.4. Displaying a WPAFB Hunting Vehicle Placard on the dashboard or window of a personal vehicle **IS MANDATORY** when hunting on WPAFB property.
- 5.5. Military members on leave status are exempt from the requirement to have a State of Ohio hunting license, but must provide proof of leave status.
- 5.6. Individuals, vehicles, boats, guns, ammunition, credentials, fish, game, and personal property are subject to being checked and/or searched at any time by authorized federal, state, and military law enforcement personnel. Persons must provide identification, licenses, and permits as requested by authorized law enforcement and WPAFB NR's personnel.
- 5.7. Shooting any type of weapon on, from, along, across, or within 100 feet of the centerline of any roadway open to vehicular traffic is strictly prohibited.
- 5.8. Target shooting is not allowed in any of the hunting areas.
- 5.9. All persons age 16 or younger must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
- 5.10. Littering of any type is prohibited.
- 5.11. Searching for or removing historic/cultural artifacts or objects of antiquity is prohibited. The use of metal detectors for any purpose is prohibited except for mission requirements and scientific research purposes approved by the Base Civil Engineer.
- 5.12. The operation of any motor vehicle off of maintained surfaces is prohibited.
- 5.13. Legal sunrise and sunset times are determined annually and published in the ODNR-DOW Hunting & Trapping Regulations.

- 5.14. Wearing of hunter orange requirements are specific to the game species being hunted. Archery deer hunters hunting deer on WPAFB property during the statewide deer gun season **MUST** follow ODNR-DOW hunter orange requirements.
- 5.15. No one may engage in any act that is purposefully designed to disturb other hunters or game being pursued by other hunters.
- 5.16. During Force Protection Conditions **CHARLIE** and **DELTA**, no hunting is permitted.
- 5.17. The following game may be taken during established seasons prescribed by Ohio or federal laws and base seasons, which may be more restrictive: deer, squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, fox, migratory birds (ducks, teal, mourning dove, geese, and woodcock), raccoon, opossum, woodchuck, coyote, and crow.
- 5.18. Refer to annually produced 'Base Hunting Seasons' sheet and annually produced 'WPAFB Hunting Program Rules' sheet for annual updates.

#### 6. Firearms and Ammunition.

- 6.1. Rifles, handguns and ammunition for either are prohibited at WPAFB.
- 6.2. Shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns are the only type of firearm allowed at WPAFB. Specific regulations concerning allowable shot sizes and non-toxic shot can be found in Sections 7, 9 and 10.
- 6.3. Upon entering WPAFB property, firearms must be unloaded and properly cased and transported. Firearms are only allowed to be transported to the hunting area. Once hunting is complete, hunters must immediately transport firearms back off base property.

#### 7. Small Game Hunting.

- 7.1. Small game hunting seasons are determined on an annual basis in conjunction with the season dates and bag limits set forth by ODNR-DOW. Refer to annually produced 'Base Hunting Seasons' sheet for what species can be hunted in what areas on base property.
- 7.2. Small game hunting hours vary by hunting area. Refer to annually produced 'Base Hunting Seasons' sheet and annually produced 'WPAFB Hunting Program Rules' sheet.

## 8. Deer Hunting.

- 8.1. All deer hunters are required to have a state of Ohio deer permit, state of Ohio hunting license, and a base hunting permit. Military on leave are exempt from the state hunting license requirement, but must be in possession of a base hunting permit. In addition, military personnel on leave must have a state deer tag and be in possession of approved leave papers.
- 8.2. Portable tree stands and ground blinds may be used during the season; however, the construction or use of permanent stands or the attachment of permanent climbing aids on trees is prohibited. All tree stands and ground blinds must be clearly marked with the owner's name, organization, and phone number in a permanent non-fading manner. No tree stand/ground blind may be erected within 75 yards of another tree stand/ground blind. Limit of 1 tree stand OR ground blind per licensed hunter. Tree stands and ground blinds may be put

- up 30 days prior to the start of the season, but must be removed within 15 days after the end of hunting season. A base hunting permit is required prior to placing tree stands/ground blinds. Tree stands and ground blinds that are left in the hunting areas are considered unsecured property and should only be left in hunting areas at the hunters' own risk. The theft of these aids will not be investigated.
- 8.3. Trail cameras and feeders are permitted to be placed within the hunting areas outside of the hunting seasons as long as owner information is permanently marked on the item. Trail cameras are not permitted to be placed facing the flight line or in a way that may indicate photos are being taken of flight line activities. Placing trail cameras and/or feeders in hunting areas prior to hunting season does not guarantee a hunting spot and does not constitute stand placement priority in regards to the distance requirement **in para 8.2**, above.
- 8.4. All archery deer hunters participating in archery deer hunting within the hunting areas located inside the Area A perimeter fence are required to sign in/out at the kiosk located along Mitchell Drive at Bldg. 4048 in addition to signing in via the iSportsman on-line platform. All archery deer hunters participating in archery deer hunting within the Area B hunting areas are required to sign in/out at the kiosk located at the Gate 22B hunting area. (See annually updated Hunting Area Map) in addition to signing in via the iSportsman on-line platform.
- 8.5. All deer harvested on WPAFB must be reported to the base Natural Resources Program by calling (937) 257-4857 or (937) 257-8555 or emailing the Natural Resources Program staff within 24 hours. Deer shot, but not recovered must be reported as well.
- 8.6. Deer gun hunting MAY be permitted within the Licensed Shooting Preserve area as management actions dictate. Deer gun hunting IS NOT permitted every year. Refer to annually produced 'Base Hunting Seasons' sheet and annually produced 'WPAFB Hunting Program Rules' sheet for annual updates.
- 8.7. Driving, pushing, or attempting to move deer is prohibited in all areas of WPAFB regardless of the hunting method.
- 8.8. Archery deer hunting is restricted during certain hours within the boundaries of the posted Licensed Shooting Preserve in order to avoid conflicts with small game hunters and to allow multi-use of the area. Hours are established annually by the Natural Resources Working Group. Refer to annually produced 'Base Hunting Seasons' sheet and annually produced 'WPAFB Hunting Program Rules' sheet for annual updates.
- 8.9. Special, controlled hunts may be held for areas on WPAFB where hunting is not traditionally allowed for the purpose of controlling animal populations and/or conducting handicapped hunter access. Full coordination will be performed prior to conducting any such activities.
- 8.10. Archery deer hunters may be required to annually pass a qualification test in order to prove proficiency, as management actions dictate and as determined annually by the Natural Resources Working Group.

#### 9. Waterfowl Hunting.

- 9.1. Waterfowl hunting is allowed in accordance with ODNR-DOW season dates. Refer to annually produced 'Base Hunting Seasons' sheet for permitted hunting areas and season dates.
- 9.2. Portable, non-permanent hunting blinds are permissible along the Mad River, as long as all materials are removed at the end of the hunting season.

## 10. Predator Hunting.

10.1. Predator hunting is allowed in accordance with ODNR-DOW season dates. Refer to annually produced 'Base Hunting Seasons' sheet for permitted hunting areas and season dates.

## 11. Fishing.

- 11.1. All federal, State of Ohio, and base rules and regulations apply. When more than one of these statutes addresses a common matter or issue, the more restrictive applies.
- 11.2. A base fishing permit is required for all persons 12 years of age and older to take fish from Gravel, Twin and Bass Lakes. A State of Ohio fishing license (16 years of age and older) and base fishing permit (12 years of age and older) are required to take fish, frogs and turtles from non-landlocked waters on base (Hebble Creek, Trout Creek, Mad River). A state license is not required of a military member on leave status. Persons 16 years of age and older must possess both a base fishing permit and state of Ohio fishing license to take frogs or turtles from Gravel Lake, Twin Lake and Bass Lake. Base fishing permits are availableon-line at: https://wpafb.isportsman.net/.
- 11.3. A new state license and/or base permit is required 1 year from the date of original purchase.
- 11.4. The state license and/or base permit must be in possession at all times while fishing and must be shown to any person upon request.
- 11.5. A base fishing permit is not required of US Armed Forces veterans as described in para 2.1.8 while fishing land-locked base waters.
- 11.6. Fish caught by unlicensed fishermen (children under 12) will be included in the limit of the accompanying licensed fishermen.
- 11.7. Daily Catch or Possession Limits: Limits on non-landlocked waters are according to State of Ohio fishing laws (Publication 5084). Limits on landlocked waters are catch and release only.
- 11.8. The minimum size limit on bass taken from base lakes is 15 inches. Bass smaller than 15 inches must be returned to the lake.
- 11.9. Except for temporary individual lake closures, there are no hours or seasons for the use of the landlocked lakes.

- 11.10. **Line Limits:** Anglers may not use more than two fishing lines whether fastened to a pole, a rod and reel, or hand held. Not more than three hooks may be used on each line. Each angler must maintain constant control over the fishing rods at all times. Trotlines, set or bank lines, and float lines are not allowed except in the Mad River, where their use is according to State of Ohio regulations.
- 11.11. **Turtles and Frogs:** Taking of turtles and frogs is according to State of Ohio laws.
- 11.12. **Archery Fishing:** Bows of any weight pull may be used for archery fishing. Appropriate state license and/or base permit are required. Archers may take frogs, turtles and forage fish. Crossbows, spear guns of any type, and CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder operated guns are not allowed.
- 11.13. Snagging of fish is prohibited.
- 11.14. **Minnow Traps and Seines:** Such devices may be used in streams and the Mad River according to Ohio laws. Their use requires an Ohio fishing license. They may not be used in landlocked waters on base.
- 11.15. All persons under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a licensed adult while fishing.
- 11.16. Ice fishing is not allowed.
- 11.17. Swimming, diving and/or wading is prohibited in all Base Lakes.

#### 12. Boating.

- 12.1. Boating is allowed on base lakes with restrictions pertaining to certain water bodies.
- 12.2. Boating is permitted in accordance to ODNR-Division of State Parks & Watercraft requirements.

## 12.3. Boating on Bass Lake:

- 12.3.1. Boats, kayaks and canoes are permitted. Boats with gas motors are permitted as long as the motor is in a raised position and the fuel line is disconnected. Electric trolling motors are permitted. All watercraft must be registered/licensed per ODNR-Division of State Parks & Watercraft requirements.
- 12.3.2. No boats are permitted beyond the buoy line. This is a restricted area due to safety zones for the Munitions Storage Area (MSA).
- 12.3.3. The Bass Lake boat ramp is available for watercraft. After launching watercraft into the lake, the tow vehicle and trailer must be moved to the general parking lot.

## 12.4. Boating on Twin Lakes and Gravel Lake:

12.4.1. Non-motorized kayaks and canoes are permitted. No boat ramp is available at either lake, therefore watercraft must be launched by hand. All watercraft must be registered/licensed per ODNR-Division of State Parks & Watercraft requirements.

## 12.5. Boating on Mad River:

12.5.1. Kayaks, canoes and jon boats capable of being launched from shore by hand are permitted. Gas motors are permitted. All watercraft must be registered/licensed per ODNR-Division of State Parks & Watercraft requirements.

- 12.6. No inflatable air mattresses, inner tubes or sailboards are permitted on any base lake.
- 12.7. No watercraft will be operated on base lakes unless the person in charge is 16 years of age or older and meets the education requirements set forth by ODNR- Division of State Parks & Watercraft.
- 12.8. It is not permissible at any time to store, stow or leave any watercraft unattended. This includes along the shoreline or docks.

#### 13. Other Outdoor Recreation/Natural Resources.

- 13.1. **Camp fires:** Fires are prohibited at Gravel and Twin Lakes due to Fire Department response time issues. Small fires (less than 3 feet in diameter) are permitted in a fire pit and within 10 feet of the water's edge at Bass Lake. The fire is to be in a cleared area (at least 10 feet from the nearest tree or shrub). Do not build fires on the roadways, parking areas, dock or ramp. No fires are permitted on the hill or beyond the buoy line at Bass Lake. This area is designated as a clearance area for the ammo storage facility and is restricted. No burning of trash, old lumber or hazardous materials is permitted. Fires must not be left unattended at any time and must be completely extinguished before leaving.
- 13.2. Mushroom hunting, digging/gathering of medicinal roots/plants:
  - 13.2.1. Mushroom hunting/gathering is permitted. No limit on the type/amount allowed.
  - 13.2.2. Digging/gathering of any/all medicinal roots/plants is prohibited.

## 14. Penalties and Suspension Of Privileges.

- 14.1. Any person, whether military or civilian, may be prosecuted for violations of applicable federal and State of Ohio laws and regulations. Any violations committed by military or civilian personnel will be reported to the appropriate unit commander.
- 14.2. In additional to criminal prosecution, the individual's privilege of hunting, fishing or boating on this base **MAY** be suspended for one year from the date of the incident, or indefinitely, depending on the severity of the violation. A second violation **WILL** result in a suspension of hunting/fishing privileges on base for 2 years from the date of the incident or indefinitely depending on the severity of the violation and/or charges. In addition to violations of fish and game regulations, base hunting and fishing privileges may be suspended for any of the following:
  - 14.2.1. Knowingly hunting and/or contracting for the sale of wild game, to include waterfowl found on base when game is out of season and in its natural habitat. Selling, offering to sell, buying, or trading for profit any fish or wildlife species taken from the base:
  - 14.2.2. Carelessly discharging weapons;
  - 14.2.3. Discharging and/or carrying a weapon while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics;
  - 14.2.4. Willfully discharging a firearm in a wanton manner in the presence of any individual:
  - 14.2.5. Operating or being in control of any vessel (i.e. boat) when under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs;

- 14.2.6. Any violation that endangers the lives and/or property of others;
- 14.2.7. Littering, to include throwing or depositing waste, garbage, refuse, junk or debris on or in any land or water under the jurisdiction of WPAFB;
- 14.2.8. Knowingly harvesting, bagging, possessing, or taking species out of season;
- 14.2.9. Knowingly hunting species in areas not open for hunting of that species;
- 14.2.10. Leaving hunting equipment (tree stand/ground blind) up in hunting areas after the 15 day time period;
- 14.2.11. Placing hunting equipment (tree stand/ground blind) closer than 75 yards to another hunting equipment site;
- 14.2.12. Placing hunting equipment in hunting area prior to having a base hunting permit;
- 14.2.13. Having more than one (1) tree stand/ground blind in hunting area;
- 14.2.14. Not displaying base hunting vehicle placard in vehicle;
- 14.2.15. Not reporting deer harvest to Base Natural Resources Program.

#### 14.3. APPEAL PROCEDURES:

14.3.1. Any person cited for a violation of this regulation may write a formal letter to Security Forces Squadron explaining the grounds on which the appeal is based. A recommendation is made by 88 SFS/Chief Game Warden to the base commander within 30 days of receipt to the appeal letter. The base commander will notify the appellant in writing of the decision on the appeal and the reasons thereof. The base commander's decision on the appeal is final. All letters of appeal must be received by 88 SFS within 15 calendar days from the date of notification of suspension. Appeals received after 15 calendar days are considered only if the commander determines that the appellant has included a valid reason for not appealing within the 15 day timeframe.

## 15. Volunteers Assisting With Hunting/Fishing Program.

- 15.1. Anyone observing a person or persons violating this regulation should call the Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk at 257-6516 or 257-6526 to report the violation as soon as possible. Personnel who observe wildlife violations should attempt to record as much information as possible, to include license plate numbers, descriptions of vehicles and hunting vehicle placard numbers.
- 15.2. Volunteer groups conducting trash clean up, Wingman Day activities, Earth Day events, etc. are permitted, pursuant to coordination with the NRPM.
- 15.3. Volunteers are permitted and encouraged to organize and/or participate in events such as: handicapped hunter events, wounded warrior hunts, and kids fishing derbies.

## 16. Conservation and Safety.

16.1. All persons will practice safety, observe posted restricted areas, properly dispose of trash, avoid water pollution and practice those fundamentals of conduct referred to as "good sportsmanship."

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#### GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### References

AFMAN32-7003, Environmental Conservation, 20 Apr 2020

AFMAN33-363, Management of Records, 1 March 2008

#### Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, Recommendation for Change of Publication

DD Form 1173, Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card

DD Form 2765, DoD/Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (TAN)

## Abbreviations and Acronyms

**ABW**—Air Base Wing

**AF**—Air Force

**AFI**—Air Force Instruction

**AFMC**—Air Force Materiel Command

**BASH**—Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard

**CFR**—Code of Federal Regulations

**DoD**—Department of Defense

**ESOH**—Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health

**GIS**—Geographic Information Systems

**HQ AFMC**—Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command

**INRMP**—Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan

**MAJCOM**—Major Command

**NRM**—Natural Resources Management

NRPM—Natural Resources Program Manager

**ODNR**—Ohio Department of Natural Resources

**OPR**—Office of Primary Responsibility

**ORC**—Ohio Revised Code

**TBGC**—Twin Base Golf Course

USFWS—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

WPAFB—Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

88 CEG/CEI—88th Air Base Wing Civil Engineer Group, Installation Management Division

#### **LEGAL DEFINITIONS**

## Figure A2.1. Legal Definitions.

As used in Chapters 1531 and 1533 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code:

**ACCOMPANY** – means to go along with another person while staying within a distance from the person that enables uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communications.

**BAITED AREA** – means any area where shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting, or enticing game animals is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered and such area shall remain a baited area for ten days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

**BAITING** – means the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshelled corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed so as to constitute for such wild turkeys, mourning doves or migratory birds, a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any area where hunters are attempting to take them.

**BAG LIMIT** – means the number, measurement, or weight of any kind of crayfish, aquatic insects, fish, frogs, turtles, wild birds, and wild quadrupeds permitted to be taken.

**CLOSED SEASON** – means that period of time during which the taking of wild animals protected by Chapters 1531 and 1533 of the Ohio Revised Code is prohibited.

**CROSSBOW** – means a device for propelling an arrow by means of traverse limbs and a string, mounted on a stock at least twenty-five inches in length, and having a working safety.

**FURBEARING ANIMALS** – include minks, weasels, raccoons, skunks, opossums, muskrats, fox, beavers, badgers, otters, coyotes, and bobcats.

**GAME BIRDS** – include ringneck pheasants, bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, pinnated grouse, wild turkey, Hungarian partridge, Chukar partridge, woodcocks, crows, black-breasted plover, golden plover, Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe, greater and lesser yellowlegs, rail, coots, gallinules, duck, geese, mourning doves, and brant.

**GAME QUADRUPEDS** – include cottontail rabbits, chipmunks, flying squirrels, gray squirrels, black squirrels, fox squirrels, red squirrels, groundhogs, whitetail deer, wild boar, and black bears.

**HUNTING** – means pursuing, shooting, killing, following after or on the trail of, lying in wait for, shooting at, or wounding wild birds or wild quadrupeds while employing any device commonly used to kill or wound wild birds or wild quadrupeds whether such acts result in such killing or wounding or not. It includes every attempt to kill or wound and every act of assistance to any other person in killing or wounding or attempting to kill or wound wild birds or wild quadrupeds.

**LONGBOW** *or* **BOW** – means a device for propelling an arrow by means of limbs, and a string which is hand held, hand drawn, and held in a drawn position by hand or a hand held mechanical release. This would include compound and recurve bows.

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS** – are waterfowl, rails, mourning doves, and shorebirds.

**NONGAME BIRDS** – include all other wild birds not included and defined as game birds.

**PLUGGED SHOTGUN** – means a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, that is plugged with a one-piece filler which limits the capacity of the gun to three shells. The filler must be such that it cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.

**PROTECTED SPECIES** – including yellowlegs, plover, snowshoe hares, bears, badgers, bobcat, and nongame birds may not be hunted or taken at anytime; Hungarian partridge may not be taken except from a shooting preserve, dog training area, or field trial.

**TRAPPING** – means securing or attempting to secure possession of a wild bird or wild quadruped by means of setting, placing, drawing, or using any device that is designed to close upon, hold fast, confine, or otherwise capture a wild bird or wild quadruped whether such means result in such capturing or not. It includes every act of assistance to any other person in capturing wild birds or wild quadrupeds by means of such device whether such means result in such capturing or not.

**WILD ANIMALS** – include mollusks, crustaceans, aquatic insects, fish, reptiles, amphibians, wild birds, wild quadrupeds, and all other wild mammals.

**2923.15 ORC** – No person, while under the influence of alcohol or any drug of abuse, shall carry or use any firearm or dangerous ordnance.

**2923.16** and **1547.69 ORC** – No person shall knowingly transport or have a firearm in a motor vehicle, unless it is unloaded, and is carried in one of the following ways:

- (1) In a closed package, box, or case;
- (2) In a compartment which can be reached only by leaving the vehicle;
- (3) In plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made for the purpose;

- (4) If the firearm is at least 24 inches in overall length as measured from the muzzle to the part of the stock furthest from the muzzle, and if the barrel is at least 18 inches in length in plain sight with the action open or the firearm stripped, or, if the firearm is of a type on which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be stripped, in plain sight.
- (5) As used in this section, "unloaded" means, with respect to a firearm employing a percussion cap, flintlock, or other obsolete ignition system, that the firearm is uncapped, or that the priming charge is removed from the pan.

# FISHING LIMITS ON LANDLOCKED WATERS

Figure A3.1. Fishing Limits on Landlocked Waters.

CATCH AND POSSESSION	
SPECIES	<u>LIMITS</u>
Walleye, > 15 inches	0
Trout	0
Bass (Largemouth & Smallmouth), > 15 inches	0
White Bass	0
Catfish (Channel, Blue & Shovelhead)	0
Bullhead (Black & Brown)	0
Mixed Panfish (Bluegill, Rock Bass, Perch, Sunfish & Crappie)	0
Forage Fish (Carp, Gizzard, Shad & Suckers)	0

CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY IN ALL BASE LAKES

# APPROPRIATE CONTACTS FOR NATURAL RESOURCES ON WPAFB

# Figure A4.1. Appropriate Contacts for Natural Resources on WPAFB.

WPAFB Natural Resources Program	937-257-4857 or 257-8555
WPAFB Installation Management Office	937-257-5627
WPAFB Rod & Gun Club	937-257-3935
WPAFB Outdoor Recreation	937-257-9889
WPAFB Security Forces Game Warden	937-257-6516 or 257-6526

