

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR ENFORCEMENT OF HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATIONS

BETWEEN ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE,
THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE,

AND THE

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into between Robins Air Force Base (RAFB), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, hereinafter referred to as the Service, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, hereinafter referred to as the Department, for the purpose of ensuring the enforcement of hunting and fishing regulations on RAFB.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Whereas, the 78 Air Base Wing Commander of RAFB has jurisdiction over the natural resources of the installation and is responsible for ensuring the conservation of the fish and wildlife thereon; and

Whereas, the Service is responsible for the welfare of fish and wildlife on property under exclusive federal jurisdiction, and oversees the management and conservation of migratory birds and rare species; and

Whereas, the Department is charged with the conservation and regulation of fish and wildlife in the state of Georgia; and

Whereas, it is the mutual desire of RAFB, the Service, and the Department to work together to ensure the conservation of fish and wildlife on RAFB for the best interest of the people of the state of Georgia and the United States.

Therefore, it is mutually agreed that:

Section 1. Responsibilities of RAFB.

Within the limits of the assigned military mission, and the availability of funds and personnel, RAFB agrees to:

1. Establish hunting and fishing rules for the installation via RAFB Instruction 32-7064 (attachment 1). These rules will be based on those of the Department and the

Service, and may be more restrictive in order to support the mission of RAFB. The development of these rules will be coordinated with the Department and the Service.

2. Issue base hunting and fishing permits, and ensure persons who request permission to hunt or fish have the appropriate licenses required by the Department and the Service.
3. Provide hunter safety training and ensure all hunters born on or after 1 Jan 1961 have completed a Hunter Safety Course.
4. Make applicable State and Federal hunting and fishing guidelines and base hunting and fishing rules available upon request. Ensure that base hunting and fishing rules are provided and explained before anyone receives a base hunting or fishing permit.
5. Sponsor a base hunting area orientation class, and provide hunting area maps to hunters.
6. Maintain a record of wildlife harvested.
7. Control access to property leased by the Government (i.e., Hunting Area 'D;' see attachment 2). Trees along the boundary between the base and the leased property will be marked with spray paint so the property line is identifiable in the field.
8. Promote the conservation of fish and wildlife populations via an integrated natural resources management plan. Copies of this plan will be submitted to the Service and the Department.
9. Enforce rules concerning safety and environmental issues in base fishing areas including personal flotation device requirements, prohibitions on swimming, wading, and trash disposal, and prohibitions on the use of boats with gasoline or other internal combustion motors.
10. Ensure areas where signs are posted forbidding fishing are not fished.

Section II. Responsibilities of the Service.

Consistent with its objectives and responsibilities, the Service agrees within the limitations of funds and personnel to:

1. Investigate Service-enforced statutes, treaties, and regulations as authorized by law.
2. Stop and advise the entry controller (i.e., the gate guard) as to the purpose of the visit prior to entering RAFB. It is not necessary to contact RAFB prior to entering the leased property (i.e., Hunting Area 'D') from the Ocmulgee River.

3. Provide guidance on federal fish and wildlife law enforcement issues to RAFB.

Section III. Responsibilities of the Department.

Consistent with its objectives and responsibilities, the Department agrees within the limitations of funds and personnel to:

1. Within proprietary areas of the installation, enforce State and applicable Federal regulations pertaining to fish and wildlife. Within exclusive areas, enforce applicable Federal regulations pertaining to fish and wildlife.
2. When a violation of base-specific rules is observed, cite the violator for fishing or hunting without permission [pursuant to Georgia Code Annotated, 27-3-1(a)], and notify the 78 SFS (926-2187) and the 78 SPTG/SVRO (Spalding Nature Center; 926-4500) concerning the infraction.
3. Stop and advise the entry controller (i.e., the gate guard) as to the purpose of the visit prior to entering RAFB. It is not necessary to contact RAFB prior to entering the leased property (i.e., Hunting Area 'D') from the Ocmulgee River.
4. Provide guidance on fish and wildlife law enforcement issues to RAFB.

Section IV. Joint Responsibilities of RAFB, the Service, and the Department.

1. Coordinate with all other parties on matters pertaining to the regulation of hunting and fishing on RAFB.
2. Meet at least annually to discuss hunting and fishing issues on RAFB.

This MOU will become effective upon the date subscribed by the last signatory, and shall remain in effect indefinitely unless terminated by any of the parties to this agreement.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

DATE _____ By _____
78 Air Base Wing Commander,
Robins Air Force Base

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DATE _____ By _____
Regional Director, United States
Fish and Wildlife Service

STATE OF GEORGIA

DATE _____ By _____
Director, Georgia Department of
Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources
Division

Attachments:

1. RAFB Instruction 32-7064
2. Map of Hunting Areas
3. Jurisdictional Map

