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May 11, 1987

Mr. Julin Wooten
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Dear Mr. Wooten:

We have amended and signed your Cooperative Management Plan for Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

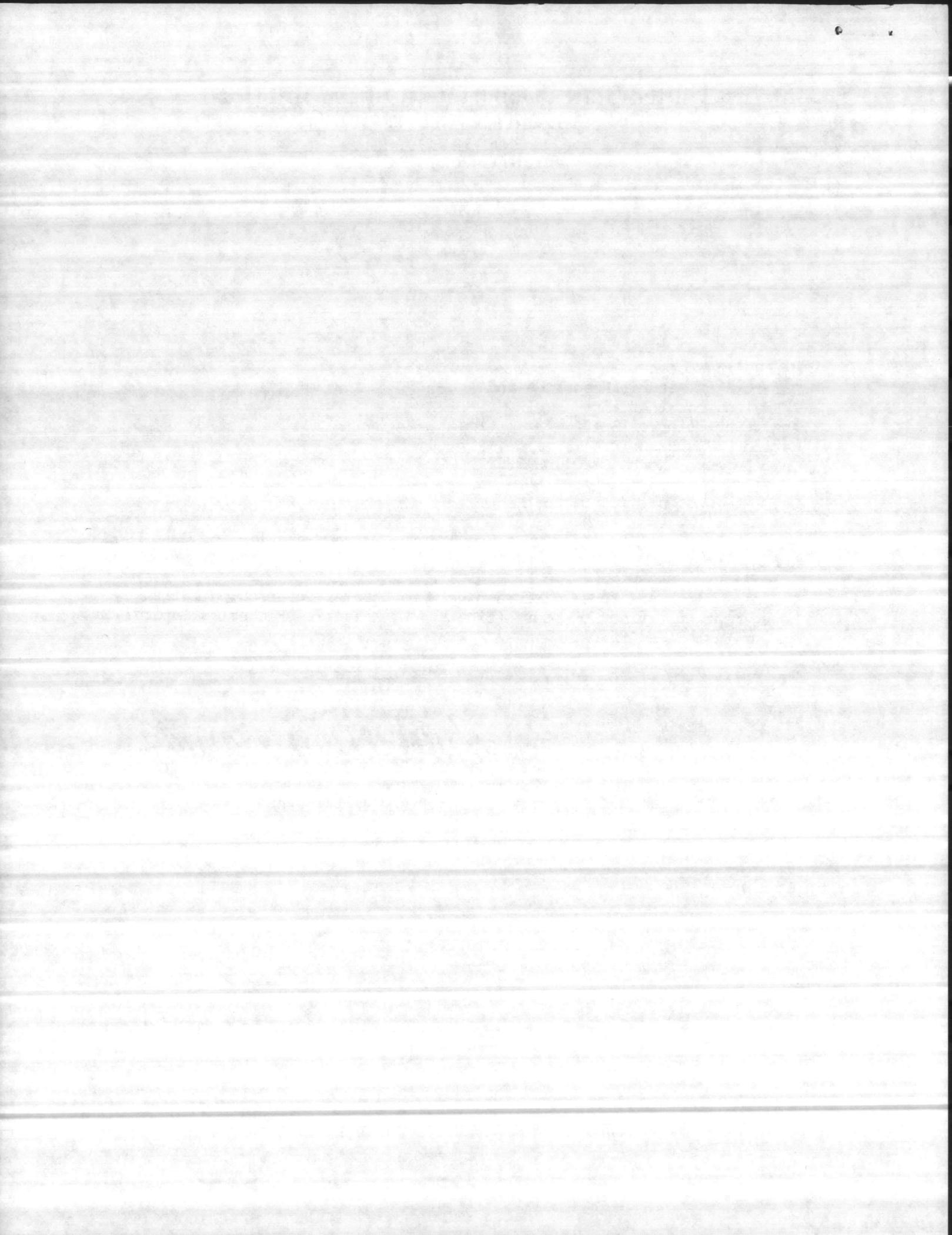
The amendments are those discussed between Charles Peterson, Wildlife Management Supervisor of your office, and Dick Ivarie, Fisheries Supervisor in our Fisheries Office.

We kept a copy of the fully executed original for our files.

Sincerely yours,

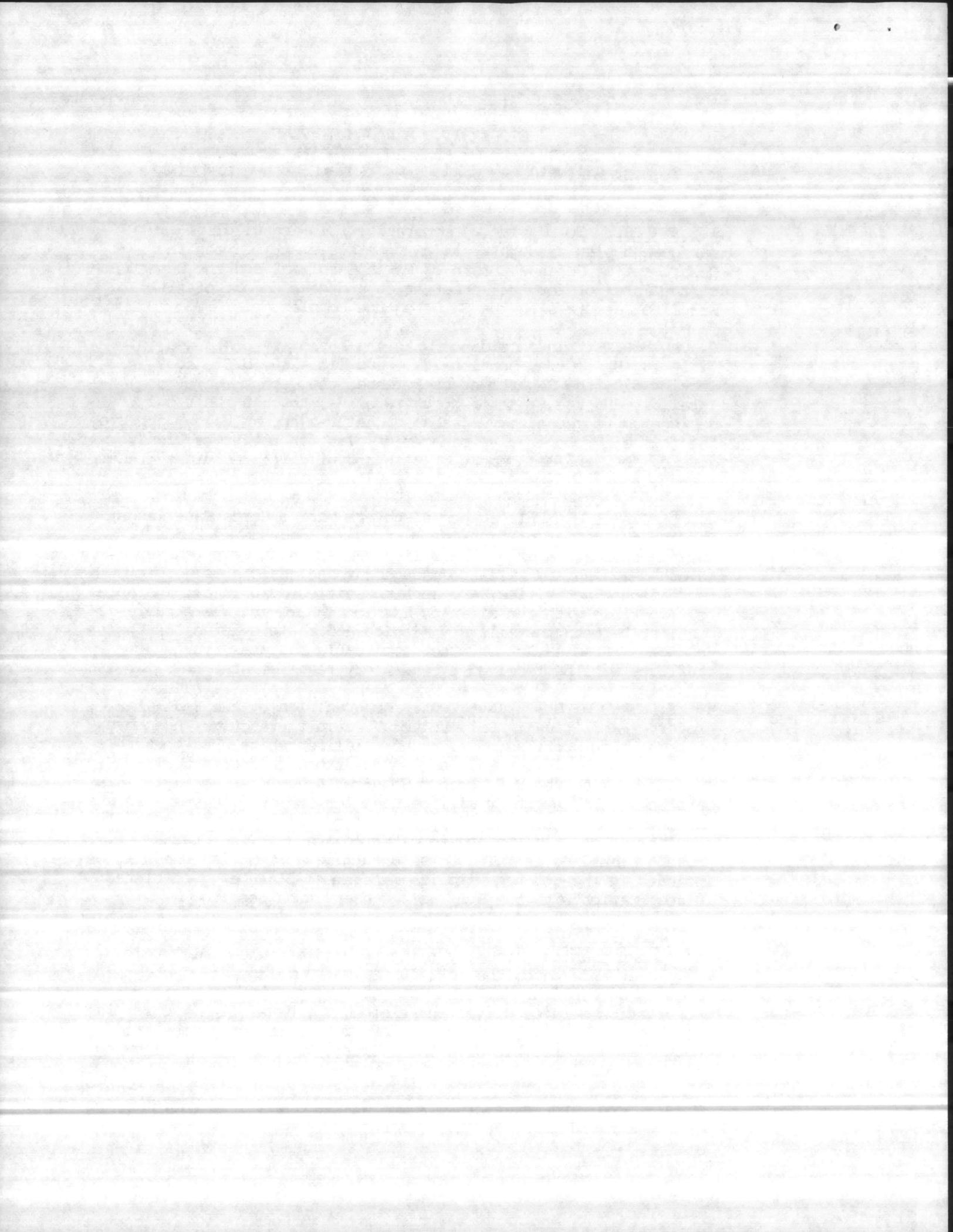
James W. Pulliam, Jr.
Regional Director

Enclosure:



COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN
CONSERVATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES
U.S. MARINE CORPS BASE, CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA

1. PURPOSE. To provide a cooperative fish and wildlife management plan through a tripartite agreement between the Department of Defense, State of North Carolina, and the Department of the Interior for the conservation and development of fish and wildlife resources on the Camp Lejeune complex.
2. AUTHORITY. In accordance with the authority contained in Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 2671, and Title 16, U.S. Code, Section 670, the Department of Defense, the Department of Interior, and the State of North Carolina, through their duly designated representatives whose signatures appear below, approve the following cooperative management plan for the protection, development, and management of fish and wildlife resources at Camp Lejeune.
3. LIMITATIONS. This agreement covers Marine Corps Base lands for the management of fish, game, nongame, endangered and threatened species only. The military mission at Camp Lejeune supersedes fish and wildlife management and associated recreational activities, and such activities must in all instances be compatible with the military mission. However, where there is conflict between the military mission and the provisions of the Endangered Species Act or other applicable statutes, such conflicts will be resolved by statutory requirements.
4. FISH AND WILDLIFE INVENTORY. As specified by the Real Property Facilities Manual, Volume V, a multi-resource inventory of vegetative profiles of fish and wildlife habitat has been completed. The inventory was conducted through contractual procedures with the U.S. Forest Service, Asheville, North Carolina. The inventory will be used for the next 10 years in the management of vegetative communities for producing sustained populations of wildlife and forest products. A list of the present plant and animal species occurring at Camp Lejeune will be included in the updated wildlife management plan being completed in cooperation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.
5. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN. The long-range wildlife management plan is currently being updated and when completed will be in effect for the next 10 years. Development of the plan is being accomplished with assistance through the U.S. Soil Conservation Service Office in Raleigh, North Carolina. This plan will provide long-range guidance for implementation of the program that will be compatible with the military mission. The following will be specifically addressed:
 - a. Long-range plan of work for fish and wildlife habitat development and maintenance.



b. Integration of fish and wildlife management practices with forestry, outdoor recreation, and other natural resources management work.

c. Development and preservation of wetland habitats where feasible, for waterfowl, other wildlife, and water quality.

d. Protection and management of existing fish and wildlife species.

e. Protection and preservation of endangered and threatened species and their respective habitats.

f. Improvement and enhancement of natural beauty associated with fish and wildlife management programs.

g. Additional recreational benefits for both installation personnel and the general public.

The plan will be attached to this agreement upon completion and approval.

6. INTERAGENCY COOPERATION.

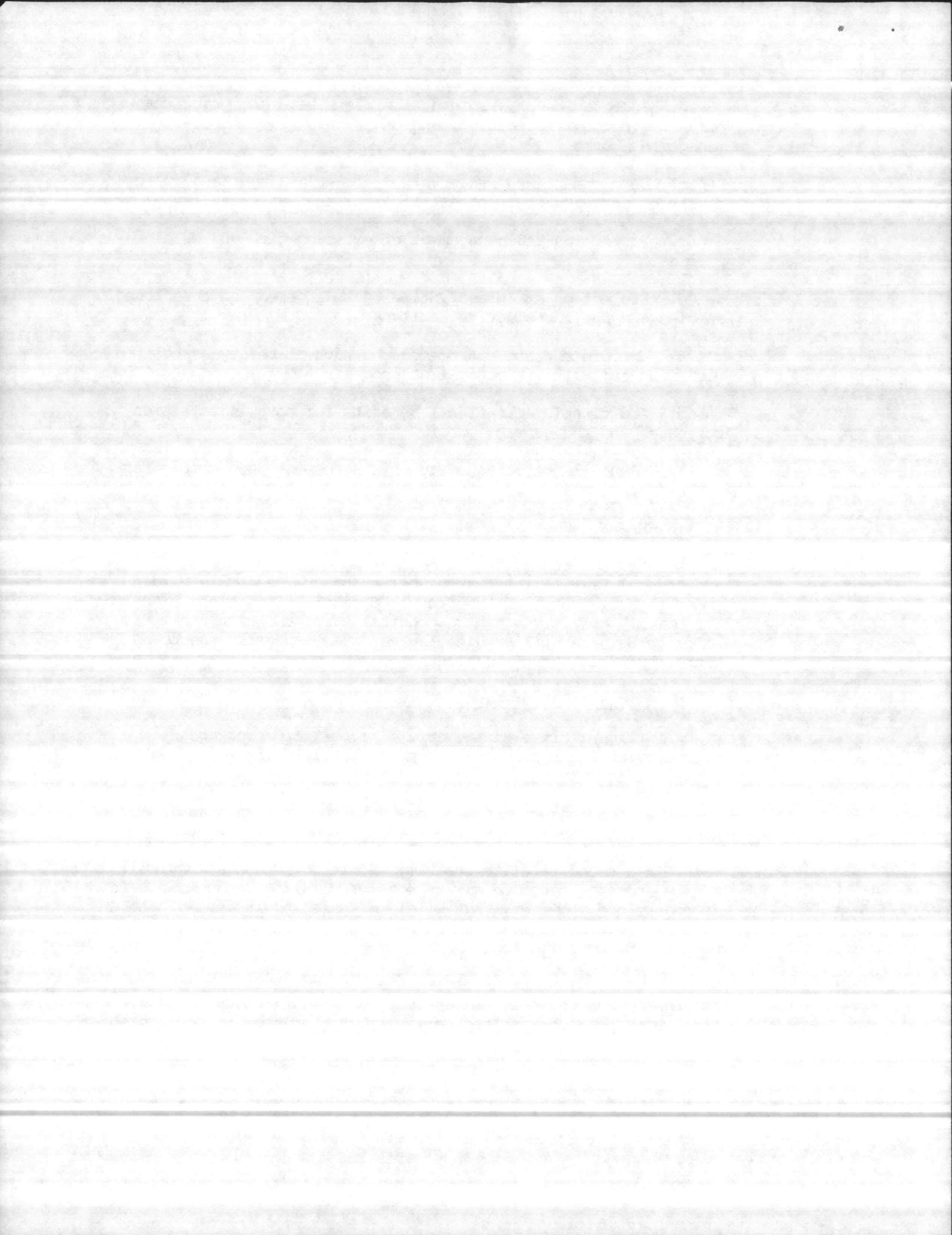
a. Law Enforcement: The enforcement of Base, State, and Federal Laws is the responsibility of the Base Game Warden under the cognizance of the Provost Marshal. Consistent with its primary objectives and responsibilities, the Fish and Wildlife Service will provide law enforcement assistance on a nonreimbursable basis when requested.

b. Technical Assistance:

(1) Wildlife Management. The participating agencies will provide technical assistance for the wildlife management program, with the understanding that the Fish and Wildlife Service may provide assistance only when the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission cannot accommodate the requested assistance. Subject to availability of funds and personnel, visits to Camp Lejeune will be made by personnel as requested or as necessary to maintain a sound wildlife program. Visiting personnel may provide advice and assistance on all aspects of wildlife management. It is understood, however, that wildlife assistance provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service shall be on a cost-reimbursable basis, except for the following:

(a) Activities required of the Service by the Endangered Species Act, in particular Section 7 consultations, or reviews associated with the National Environmental Policy Act and other Federal laws; and

(b) The coordination of assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, for the purpose of reducing animal damage control problems. The State ADC Director is located in Raleigh, North Carolina, and may be reached at (919)856-4132.



(2) Fish Management. The participating agencies will provide technical assistance on the fishery management program, with the understanding that the Fish and Wildlife Service may provide assistance only if the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission cannot accommodate the requested assistance. Subject to availability of funds and personnel, visits to Camp Lejeune will be made by personnel as requested or as necessary to maintain a sound fishery management program. Visiting personnel may provide advice and assistance in all phases of the program, to include inventory, renovation, stocking, weed control, and the manipulation of aquatic habitat as required. It is understood, however, that fisheries assistance and fish provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service shall be on a cost-reimbursable basis.

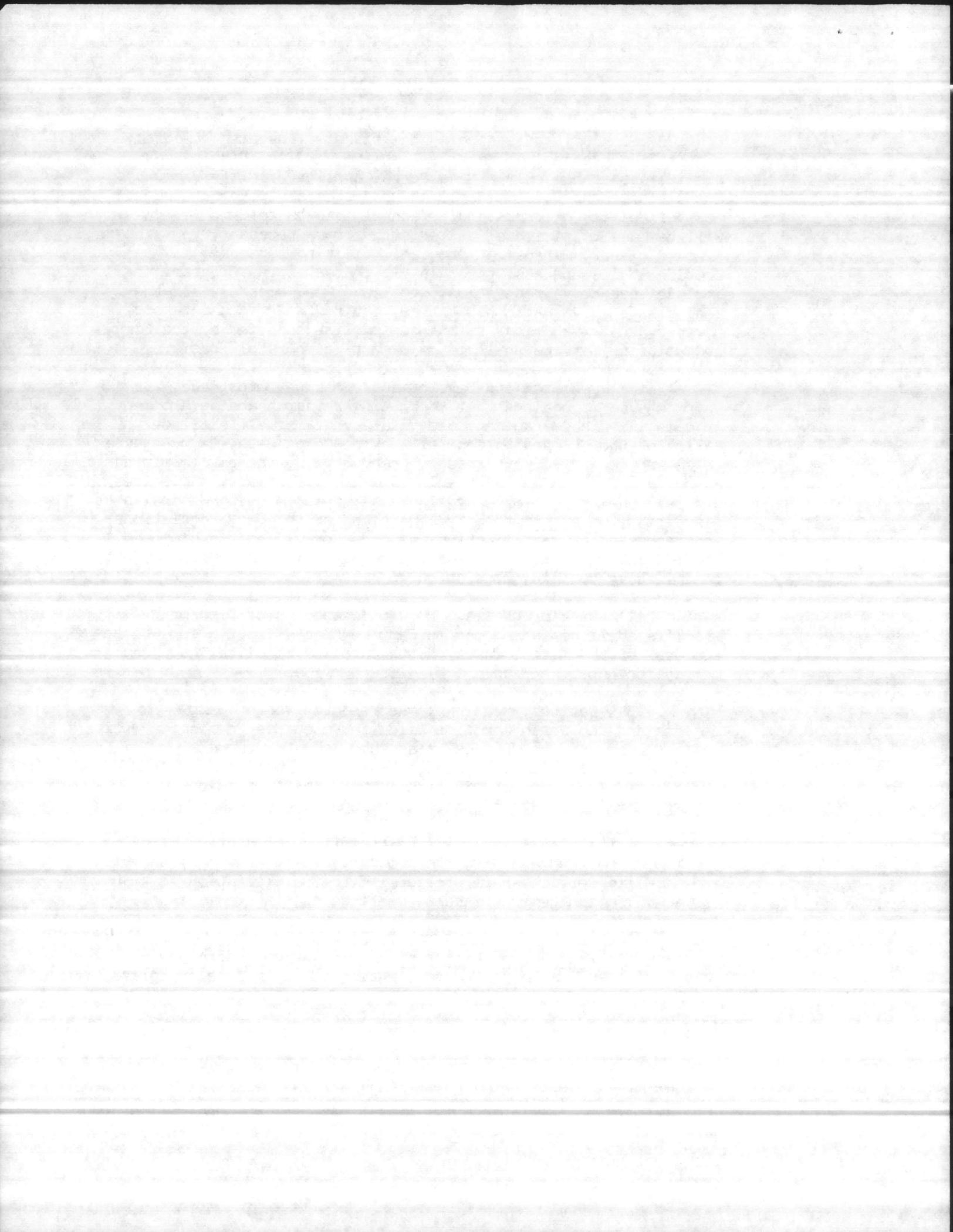
(3) Research and Development. Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune recognizes that continuing research and development in game and fish management are vital programs. It shall be the policy of the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune to encourage and support research conducted by the participating agencies. To this end, suitable land areas, animals, facilities, and personnel may be made available at the Commanding General's discretion, when permitted by Department of the Navy regulations and requested by participating agencies, providing the proposed studies are compatible with and in no way limit accomplishment of the military training mission.

(4) Exotic Species. No exotic species of fish or wildlife shall be introduced on Camp Lejeune without prior written approval of the Marine Corps, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

(5) Periodic Meetings. Representatives of Camp Lejeune and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission will meet as necessary to discuss, plan, update, and schedule management activities to enhance the fish and wildlife program. The Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division, Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities Department, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542, (FTS 676-5003 or commercial (919) 451-2195) will be the office of contact with regard to the fish and wildlife program. When requested, the Fish and Wildlife Service shall provide limited participation in fish and wildlife management planning meetings on a nonreimbursable basis.

(6) Wild Turkey Restoration. It is the continuing policy of the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base to cooperate with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in the wild turkey restoration program in the State. Written requests for live trapping will be approved when excess birds are available relative to the population.

7. HARVESTING FISH AND WILDLIFE. All hunting, fishing, and trapping will be in accordance with Federal and State fish and wildlife laws. The general public will be allowed to participate

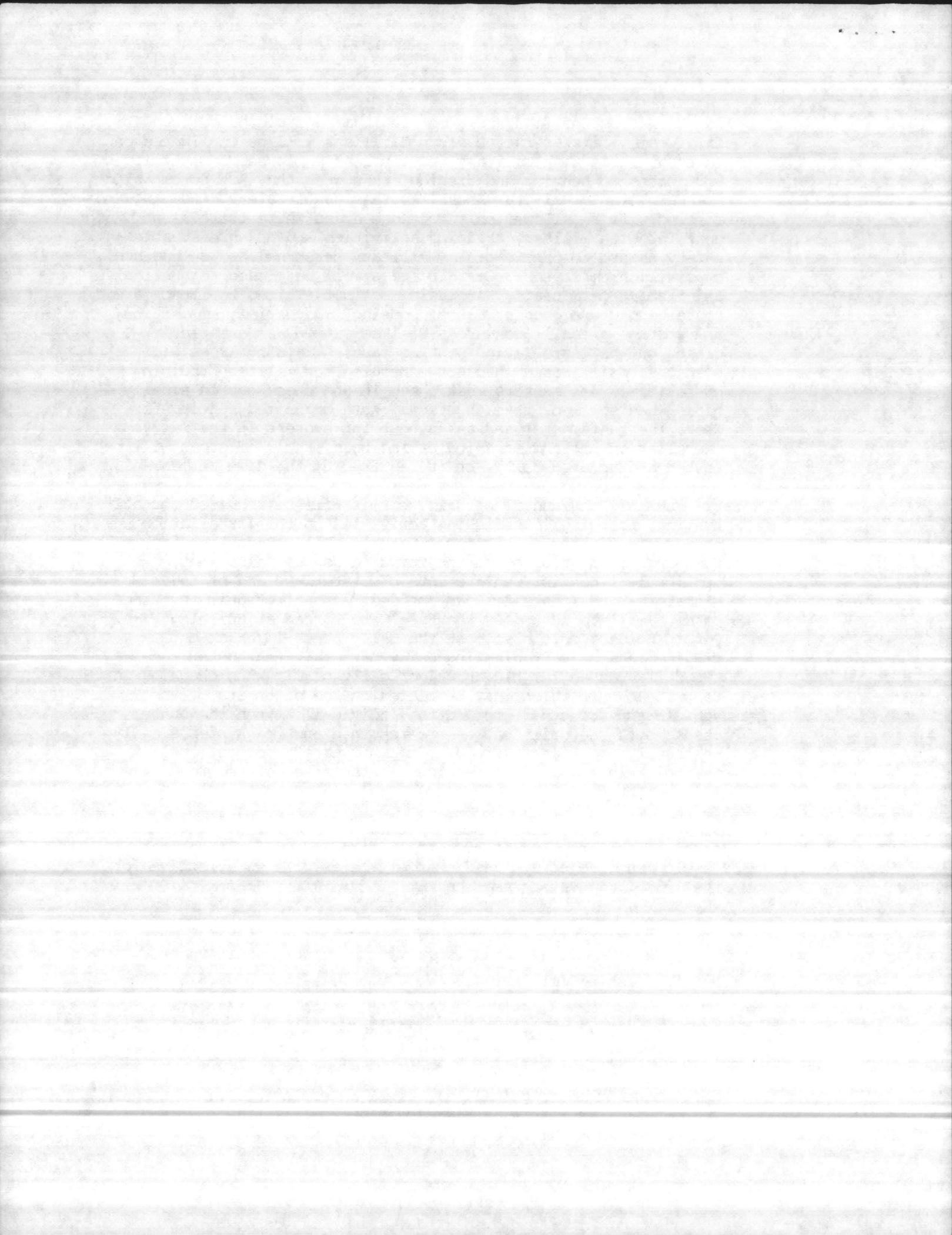


in the harvest of fish and game within manageable quotas, on a first-come, first-served basis. Civilians will be considered on an equal basis with military and civilian employees for permits and access to hunting and fishing areas when they are accompanied by a civilian or military host for reasons of safety. Hunting and fishing will be allowed only on those areas where there is no conflict with military training activities and no unreasonable safety hazard to participants, military personnel and dependents, or civilian employees. Certain areas will be closed to hunting and fishing permanently, including but not limited to impact areas containing unexploded ordnance, housing, industrial, ammunition, and storage areas. Such areas will be marked as permanently closed on the installation hunting maps. Training areas will be open on a daily basis when not scheduled for military training operations. All hunters must check in and check out on a daily basis when still or stalk hunting. When organized hunting for deer, the huntsmaster serves as host for hunters in the party. Installation hunting maps indicating open or closed areas will be posted and updated daily, or as required by the Game Warden.

8. PERMITS. An annual or daily permit will be required for all hunting, trapping, and fishing activities on the installation except for fishing in navigable waters. All persons hunting, trapping, or fishing on Marine Corps lands must also meet applicable licensing requirements of State laws and of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended. Annual or daily hunting permits will be issued by the Base Game Warden at Building PT-4. Permit holders must also meet the daily check-in/check-out requirements of self clearing daily passes. Each hunter receives two daily passes for his annual or daily permit when checking in to hunt, one of which must be placed on the dashboard of the vehicle and the other kept on the individual. When the hunter checks out, the daily passes are returned and the hunter's daily or annual permit is returned. Game harvested, recreational participation, and other pertinent information is recorded from each hunter.

9. FEES. There will be nominal fees charged for hunting, fishing, and trapping in support of fish and wildlife habitat development projects. Fees charges are as follows effective for the 1987-1988 hunting seasons:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
Hunting-Fishing (military).....	\$15
Hunting-Fishing (civilian employee).....	15
Hunting-Fishing (civilian guest).....	15
Daily Hunting-Fishing (civilian guest).....	5
Fishing (military-civilian employee).....	5
Fishing (civilian guest).....	5
Daily hunting/fishing (military-civilian employee).....	5
Trapping (military-civilian employee).....	25



10. OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (ORRV'S). There will be no restrictions on the use of off-road vehicles for hunting, fishing and trapping with the following exception:

a. Saltwater fishermen may use ORRV's on the beach strand from the waters edge to the seaward side of the sand dunes from Riseley Pier to New River Inlet except during sea turtle nesting season. Onslow Beach is closed to ORRV travel from sunset to sunrise for protection of sea turtles from June - October. The main access road from the North Tower to the South Tower is open for use by fishermen during the nesting season and throughout the year. Riseley Pier and South Tower are the only two egress routes used to gain access to the beach strand. ORRV's are not permitted at any time to be on any portion of Onslow Beach north of Riseley Pier.

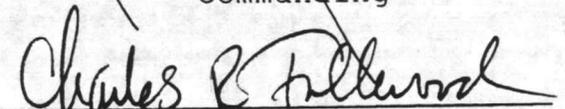
11. ADOPTION. This agreement will become effective upon the date subscribed by the last signature and shall continue in full force for a period of five years or until terminated by written notice to the other parties by any of the parties signing this agreement. This agreement may be amended or revised by agreement between the parties hereto. Action to amend or revise may originate with any one of the participating agencies.

DATE: 10/6/87



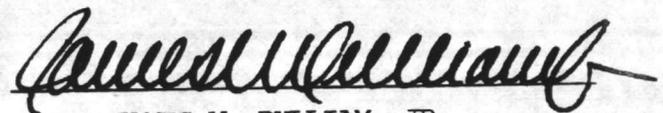
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