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NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE NOTICE 11015

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station Earle

Subj: SALTWATER FISHING PROGRAM

Ref: (a) 16 U.S. Code § 670 et seq.
(b) 32 C.F.R. Part 190
(c) CNICINST 1710.3
(d) NWSEARLEINST 5530.12B
(e) DoD 7000.14-R, Financial Management Regulation, December 2021

Encl: (1) NWS Earle Saltwater Fishing Regulations
(2) Notice of Security Violation

1. Purpose. To promulgate policy, procedures and regulations for recreational saltwater fishing at the Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle Pier Complex located in Leonardo, New Jersey.

2. Cancellation. NWSEARLEINST 11015.IV

3. Background. Reference (a) requires sustainable, multipurpose use of natural resources on naval installations. Such uses may include saltwater fishing and must conform to safety and security requirements. Due to security restrictions, the general public is not authorized to fish on NWS Earle. Reference (b) requires compliance with Federal and State fishing laws and prescribed licenses or registration as required. Fishing from NWS Earle's pier complex is authorized from 1 March to the last day of February in the following calendar year.

4. Policy

a. The following personnel are authorized to fish at the NWS Earle pier complex:

- (1) Active Duty, Reserve and Retired military personnel.
- (2) U.S. Government civilian employees, NWS Earle personnel only.

(3) Federal civilian employees who have retired from NWS Earle. (Must have Retired Civilian Identification card.)

(4) Crew members of visiting ships.

(5) Disabled veterans with a disability designation from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(6) Patrons of Deer Run Lodging and Recreational Vehicle Park.

(7) Spouses of Active Duty military personnel assigned to NWS Earle, who have completed the fishing application and have obtained a fishing badge.

(8) Full-time government contractor employees assigned to NWS Earle as a primary job with restricted area access to the pier

b. Per reference (c), an annual fee will be charged for the privilege of fishing at the NWS Earle pier complex to offset associated Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Program costs. Fee schedules will be published annually by the MWR Director. No fee will be imposed on active duty and active reserve military personnel or crew members of visiting ships.

c. An annual fishing badge will entitle the bearer (excluding disabled veterans below a 100% disability designation) to escort immediate family: spouse; dependents (with or without a dependent ID card); grandchildren under 18; and loco parentis. Immediate family members do not need a separate badge, but do need valid ID to be identity proofed. Each authorized badge holder will be authorized five guests for the season in addition to their family members. However, only one authorized guest will be permitted to fish with their sponsor at a time. Guests will be vetted for installation and special-area access and designated as guests for a one year period. All guests over 18 must pay the annual fee. Guests will only be allowed to fish at the NWS Earle pier complex with their sponsors. This guest policy applies to all badge holders. Disabled veterans below a 100% disability designation may have an immediate family member, 18 years and older, vetted and designated as a sponsored guest for the fishing season.

d. Pets are not authorized on the pier at any time.

5. Procedures. The fishing program is governed by the following procedures along with enclosure (1) and (2).

a. Issuance of Annual Fishing Badge. Applicants must submit for review and approval a completed fishing badge application, which can be picked up at C-29, along with a government issued photo identification, proof of eligibility, and a current New Jersey Saltwater Fishing Permit to the MWR Fishing Program Manager located at NWS Earle Mainside Building C-29. The application must be presented in person during the

hours of 0800-1330 Monday through Friday. Once approved, the application will be submitted in person to the NWS Earle Visitor Control Center (VCC) located in Mainside Building C-68 for special-area access vetting and issuance of a photo fishing badge. The badges will only be issued during the hours of 0830-1500, Monday through Friday at the Mainside VCC. Fishing permits are valid from 1 March of the calendar year to the last day in February in the following calendar year.

Note: Crew members of ships berthed at NWS Earle are only required to have a valid ship identification card for authorization to fish at the pier complex (for the duration of ship's visit).

b. Issuance of Fishing Badge to customers of Deer Run Lodging and RV Park. Customers of Deer Run Lodging and the RV Park will be afforded the privilege of accessing the pier complex and fishing, subject to completion of application, approval by the MWR Fishing Program Manager, and completion of special-area access vetting and the issuance of a time-limited photo fishing badge at the Mainside VCC. Badge cost will be promulgated by the MWR Director.

c. Access

(1) A fishing badge entitles personnel listed in paragraph 4.a.(1) thru 4.a.(8) to access the NWS Earle Waterfront in a vehicle and drive/park on the pier complex. All personnel onboard NWS Earle are subject to the applicable NWS Earle security requirements cited in reference (d). All personnel entering NWS Earle and the pier complex, 18 years and older, will possess a valid state or government issued photo identification.

(2) Access to the pier complex for fishing will be regulated by vehicle count with a maximum of 50 vehicles authorized on the pier complex at any given time. Access will be on a "first come – first served" basis. No exceptions are authorized and those turned away will not be entitled to any "front of the line" privileges for future consideration.

(3) Acceptance of a NWS Earle Saltwater Fishing Badge constitutes consent to inspection at any time by NWS Earle Security for purposes of safety, security, and/or compliance with the statutes and regulations referenced in this instruction. Reference (d) regulates access to the installation.

d. Guests. Per paragraph 4c, authorizations notwithstanding, guests as defined herein are authorized to access the NWS Earle Waterfront and the pier complex while accompanied by their sponsor.

6. Restrictions. Access to NWS Earle will be contingent on the Force Protection Condition (FPCON) posture of the installation. Fishing will only be authorized under FPCON BRAVO or lower, unless waived by the Commanding Officer. Fishing on pier 3

& 4 is permitted only if no ships or railcars on that pier. Specific fishing and vehicle access restrictions are cited in enclosures (1) and (2).

7. Responsibilities

a. Executive Officer: Will review and approve any exceptions to the instruction as appropriate to installation policy.

b. Security Officer

(1) Conduct vetting of all applicants per reference (d).

(2) Review and forward reports of fishing violations to the Executive Officer via the Chain of Command and MWR Director utilizing enclosure (2).

(3) Oversee the issuance of annual fishing badges to approved personnel and enforce access control per reference (d).

c. Port Operations Officer

(1) Ensure life safety equipment (e.g., life rings) are posted throughout the pier complex. The equipment will be maintained in satisfactory condition and inventoried daily.

(2) Ensure waterfront conditions are routinely monitored and, in the event of unsafe fishing conditions (e.g., lightning, high wind/waves, etc.), close the pier complex to nonessential personnel.

d. Safety Officer

(1) Monitor compliance with fishing program safety regulations through regular coordination with the Fishing Program Manager and Security Department. Review accident/incident reports in connection with the program.

(2) Investigate all accidents/incidents at the pier complex in connection with the fishing program and provide appropriate corrective action recommendations to the Chain of Command.

(3) Review this instruction annually to affirm completeness and conformance with Operational Risk Management. Recommend changes as appropriate.

e. MWR Director

(1) Oversee management of the fishing program.

(2) Promulgate the annual fee and authorized fishing areas not later than 1 March annually.

f. MWR Fishing Program Manager

(1) Issue a copy of the Fishing Program Instruction to each fisherman.

(2) Review and approve fishing badge applications.

(3) Ensure all funds are collected and processed per MWR cash handling procedures and references (c) and (e).

(4) Maintain a spreadsheet of fishing badges issued by category.

g. Environmental Manager

(1) Maintain liaison with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) wildlife biologists, U.S. Fish and Wildlife personnel, and conservation officers.

(2) Provide policy guidance and recommendations to the command for the management of fish and wildlife resources.

h. Fishermen

(1) Obtain Federal and/or State saltwater fishing licenses or registration required by regulations.

(2) Abide by all Federal and State regulations, as well as the procedures and regulations of this notice.

8. Enforcement

a. The NWS Earle Security Department can be contacted at (732) 866-2290. Security personnel are located in Building R-37 on Pier 3 or in Mainside Security (Building C-34).

b. The privilege to fish at NWS Earle may be revoked at any time for violation of procedures or regulations prescribed herein. Specific violations which will result in immediate termination of privileges and expulsion from NWS Earle include:

(1) Smoking or an open flame beyond designated smoking areas.

(2) The introduction of portable heaters or propane tank to the pier complex.

(3) Public intoxication or possession of alcohol.

(4) No fisherman will have more than three rods in use at one time and will position the rods no more than 6 feet apart.

(5) Failure to use designated safety equipment. Saltwater fishing incidents involving personal injury or property damage, especially those with potential to result in claims for or against the Government, will be investigated and adjudicated per reference (d). Initial reports of personal injury or property damage will be made by the most expeditious means available to Security at (732) 866-2290.

(6) Attempting to access and/ or fishing in restricted areas.

(7) Accessing or attempting to access facilities other than those provided by the fishing program. The fishing program provides portable bathrooms for fisherman use.

9. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of September 2019.

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NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE SALTWATER FISHING REGULATIONS

The following regulations pertain to all authorized patrons and guests, herein collectively referred to as "fishermen," regardless if guests are actually fishing. Violation of any regulation may be grounds for immediate termination of fishing privileges and expulsion from NWS Earle.

1. Authorized Fishing Season. The authorized fishing season is from 1 March of the calendar year to the last day of February the following calendar year.

2. Authorized Fishing Hours

Monday: 1630 to 2359
Tuesday: 1630 to 2359
Wednesday: 1630 to 2359
Thursday: 1630 to 2359
Friday-Sunday: 1630 Friday to 2359 on Sunday
Federal Holidays: 0630 to 2359

3. Restricted Fishing Conditions. Fishing is prohibited outside of the authorized fishing hours and when:

a. Any ordnance operation is conducted at the pier complex as indicated by the flying of a red "BRAVO" flag.

b. Fishing will be secured when the installation is in any FPCON Measure above BRAVO, unless specifically waived by the Commanding Officer.

c. Fishing is prohibited from any NWS Earle water craft.

4. Authorized Fishing Areas. Trestle 1A, Pier Wye, Trestle 3 and Pier 3, Trestle 4 and Pier 4.

Note: Crewmembers are authorized to fish from any visiting ship, subject to ship policy, provided the ship is not encircled with an oil containment boom.

5. Prohibited Fishing Areas

a. Piers 3 & 4 when ships or railcars are on that pier.

b. All ladder ways, pilings and walkways under the piers.

c. All piping running along main deck of Trestle 1A.

d. Between Light posts #8 and #13 on Trestle 1A or where the Baykeeper Oyster Project is marked.

e. Old Trestles 1 and Pier 1, Old Trestle 2, Trestle 2 and Pier 2.

6. Pier Complex Access

a. Vehicles must have a badged fisherman embarked and the sponsor must present his/her fishing badge to gain entry to the pier.

b. Guest vehicles are not allowed on the pier complex in addition to the vehicle occupied by the sponsor.

c. No "recreational vehicles" are allowed on the pier complex.

d. The issued fishing badge will be in the possession of authorized fishermen at all times while on the pier complex.

7. Safety

a. All fishermen ten years of age and younger will wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device and be under the constant supervision of their adult sponsor.

b. All fishermen will wear either a fluorescent or reflective vest from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise to enhance their visibility on the pier.

c. No fires, open flames or portable heaters are permitted.

d. Propane tanks are not authorized.

e. Smoking is prohibited at the NWS Earle pier. A designated smoking area is located at building R32 prior to the pier post gate.

f. Parking is authorized at the Wye and Trestle 1A. These are exceptions to the base traffic safety and parking instruction for the purpose of fishing.

g. Vehicles will be parked facing inshore with the engine off, doors unlocked, and keys in the ignition.

h. All traffic lanes on the pier complex will be kept clear of any and all obstructions (no parked vehicles, chairs, coolers, fishing gear, etc.).

i. The possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

j. Urination on the pier is prohibited – a portable bathroom is provided and located in the vicinity of the Wye.

Note: If caught urinating on or off the pier, fishing privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the year and the violation annotated on enclosure (2).

k. In the event of fire or other emergency, all fishermen will depart the pier complex in an orderly manner and as directed.

8. Fish bag and size limits are in accordance with State of New Jersey fishing regulations and will be strictly enforced by Fish and Wildlife personnel. Any violation of these regulations may result in immediate expulsion from NWS Earle and a permanent loss of fishing privileges.

9. Housekeeping

a. A table for cleaning fish, equipped with running water, is located at the pier Wye behind building S-455. Table clean-up is the responsibility of all users immediately following each use. Fish carcasses or bait will not be left on the pier or placed in a trash can.

Note: Failure to cleanup thoroughly will be reason to revoke fishing privileges for the remainder of the year.

b. All fishermen are responsible for the cleanup of respective fishing areas prior to departing the pier complex. Everything brought to the pier complex (e.g., trash, fishing line, tackle, etc.) will be removed. Trash may be placed in an appropriate recycling or trash receptacle prior to departure.

10. Authority. Command Leadership, including the Security Watch Officer, Security Officer, Port Operations Officer, or Command Duty Officer, may secure fishing on the pier complex at any time.

NOTICE OF SECURITY VIOLATION		BLDG, POST OR LOCATION:	
NATURE OF VIOLATION- NAME OF SUBJECT-COMMAND	DATE	TIME	
DISPOSITION TAKEN BY SECURITY:			
COMMENTS/DETAILS:			
REGULATION REFERENCE		SIGNATURE AND NAME OF SECURITY PERSONNEL ISSUING VIOLATION	