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NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA INSTRUCTION 5500.3L

Subj: FISHING AND SWIMMING POLICY

Ref: (a) Florida State Law, Sections 370 and 375

- (b) NASPNCLAINST 5500.1H
- (c) DoD Directive 4700.4
- (d) OPNAVINST 5090.1C
- (e) Installation National Resources Management Plan

Encl: (1) Naval Air Station Pensacola Authorized Fishing and Swimming Areas

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To publish recreational fishing and swimming policy and shoreline restrictions on Naval Air Station Pensacola (NASP) per references (a) through (e). Enclosure (1) depicts authorized fishing and swimming areas.
- 2. Cancellation. NASPCOLAINST 5500.3K.
- 3. <u>Policy</u>. Recreational fishing and swimming policy for NASP shorelines is defined below. Participating personnel must comply with applicable state and federal fishing regulations. Fishing may be suspended by the Commanding Officer (CO) during increased threat or other changed conditions.
- a. <u>Blue Angel Recreation Park</u>. Fishing is authorized day and night along the shoreline of Perdido Bay except near pavilions two and four. Personnel must follow established, on-site rules and regulations for access.

b. Naval Air Station Pensacola

- (1) Standing, walking, climbing, or fishing on the seawalls, seaplane ramps, or rock piles along the shoreline is hazardous and prohibited. There are no guardrails to prevent falls from the seawalls. The rocks and seaplane ramps are slippery and unstable. Where fishing is authorized, personnel must remain on the shore side of seawalls, seaplane ramps, and rocks.
 - (2) Authorized fishing areas:
 - (a) Ski Beach pier north and west side, sunrise to sunset.
 - (b) Serenity Point pier, day and night.

- (c) Unfenced seawall area abeam Pat Bellinger Road south of Bayou Grand Marina piers, sunrise to sunset.
- (d) Eastern shoreline from northern most boardwalk to the North end of the Port Operations seawall, sunrise to sunset.
 - (e) Seawall area northwest of Port Operations Pier Alfa, day and night.
- (f) South shoreline seawall area from the brick wall west of Port Operations building 26 to the west end of seawall east of Mustin Beach Club pool, excluding the area south building 3860 and the water survival training pier, day and night.
- (g) Barrancas Beach from the west side of the Coast Guard Station at the south end of Slemmer Road to 100 feet east of the Barrancas Beach swimming area, day and night.
- (h) Beach 150 feet west of western most Oak Grove Park cabins to Sherman Cove Marina boat entrance (east end of old bridge), sunrise to sunset.
- (i) Beach 500 feet west of the Fuel Pier to the Trout Point perimeter fence, sunrise to sunset.
- (3) <u>Recreational Swimming</u>. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult at all times while in the water.
- (a) Swimming is authorized in the designated Barrancas Beach swimming area only when lifeguards are on duty.
- (b) Swimming is authorized in the designated roped off area at Ski Beach on Bayou Grande.
 - (4) Dogs permitted in the following beach areas:
 - (a) Beach east of Portside Club.
- (b) Beach from the west side of the Coast Guard Station to 100 feet east of the Barrancas Beach swimming area.
- (c) Beach from the Lighthouse Point Restaurant to the Sherman Cove Marina boat entrance (east end of old bridge).
 - (d) Beach 500 feet west of the Fuel Pier to the Trout Point fence.
 - (e) Ski Beach.

- (5) The following areas are off-limits:
 - (a) Magazine Point north of Millington Avenue.
- (b) Carrier pier, wet slip, and operational waterfront, seawall, levee, pier side ships, and seaward 500 feet.
 - (c) Naval Aviation Schools Command survival training pier.
 - (d) Within 500 feet of the fuel pier at the south end of Fuel Farm Road.
- (e) Any designated restricted areas within the NASP complex unless approved, in writing, by competent authority.
- (d) All perimeter water boundary areas (exclusion zone), within 500 feet of the NASP shoreline. (Exception is operating Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) watercraft in/out of MWR marinas and Ski Beach.)

4. Restrictions

- a. Privately owned vehicles are prohibited on sidewalks, bike trail, and seaplane ramps.
- b. Motorized vehicles, except those owned and operated by NASP Police Department for the purpose of patrolling, are prohibited on all beaches.
- c. Wading or entering the water along the shorelines of NASP, except in authorized swimming area is prohibited.
 - d. Setting of gill nets is prohibited.
- e. Boats, canoes, kayaks, or other watercraft are prohibited within 500 feet from the shoreline and can only be launched from Sherman Cove, Bayou Grande Marina, Ski Beach, and Blue Angel Park.
- f. Dogs must be on leashes at all times. Dog owners are responsible for removing all dog feces from the beach; failure to do so will result in loss of beach privileges. Dog owners will be held responsible for the behavior of their pets. Any aggressive behavior by dogs will not be tolerated. If you cannot control your dogs, do not bring them to the beach.
 - g. Glass containers are prohibited in all fishing and swimming areas.

5. Action

- a. Military personnel (active duty and retired) are required to have a current Armed Forces Identification Card in their possession when fishing. Military personnel may sponsor their dependents as well as guests. Guests must remain in the immediate vicinity of the military sponsor(s).
- b. Civilian employees are required to have a current Government Identification Card in their possession when fishing. Civilians may not sponsor guests other than their immediate family for fishing, and family members must remain in the immediate vicinity of the civilian sponsor(s).
- c. Contractor employees are prohibited from fishing or swimming. Failure to comply will result in employee being barred from NASP.
- d. Personnel are responsible for policing the area where they are fishing and ensuring all fishing gear, bait, unwanted fish, trash, etc., are removed prior to leaving the area.
- e. Individuals failing to comply with this instruction will have fishing and swimming privileges revoked.
- f. The Security Officer or designated representatives will periodically inspect individuals who are fishing to ensure compliance with this directive. A Field Interview Card (OPNAV 5527/21) will be completed on individuals subject to violations and forwarded to member's CO.
- g. Participating personnel must comply with all applicable state and federal fishing regulations. A non-cost saltwater shoreline fishing license is required, unless participant is in possession of a saltwater fishing license or is otherwise exempt.

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