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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD (Game Management Office, Pelham Range Hunters)

SUBJECT: FY 23 GMO Policy Update

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to update all hunters on current Game Management policy changes effective for the FY 23 hunting season.
2. The Game Management Office (GMO) hours of operation, priority sign-up and license sales dates and times posted at the GMO and on the GMO website: <http://al.ng.mil/ALABAMA/Resources/Pages/FortMGMO.aspx>.
3. The GMO hours on all scheduled deer gun-hunting days will be 6:00 am to 6:00 pm.
4. The hunter safety class times and dates are as follows:
 - a. Thursday - 6 OCT 2022 @ 6:30 pm
 - b. Tuesday - 11 OCT 2022 @ 6:30 pm
 - c. Tuesday – 8 NOV 2022 @ 6:30 pm
 - d. Tuesday – 15 NOV 2022 @ 6:30 pm
 - e. Thursday – 23 MAR 2023 @ 6:30 pm
5. All hunter safety classes held in building #8427 located in the Armed Forces Reserve Center (AFRC) building on Pelham Range. This building is located directly across the street from the Pelham Range fire station. Hunters should enter through Gate #3, stop at the Guard Station then proceed to the AFRC located on the right .3 miles past the GMO. Parking is available in the AFRC parking lot and across the street in the graveled parking area on the left just past the Pelham Range Fire Station.
6. Continuing this season, the hunter's safety class will be required every two years. Any class taken before March 2020 has expired. Seating will be limited and only the classes above will be held.
7. Hunting and Fishing Fees:
 - a. Deer - \$90

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- b. Turkey - \$50
- c. Upland - \$30
- d. Combination - \$120 (Deer & Turkey only)
- e. Senior (All game) - \$10

8. All hunters will pay license fees thru <https://www.pay.gov>. Everyone hunting on Pelham Range must pay a fee regardless of status.

9. Pelham Range licenses for the 2022-23 hunting season sales only sold online. To obtain a license log on to <https://www.pay.gov>. Hunters must have completed the hunter's safety course to be eligible for a permit at Pelham Range. Any hunter's safety class taken prior to March 2020 has expired. Hunters must provide a receipt of the <https://www.pay.gov> hunting license purchase transaction to the GMO to receive a hunting license. This license must be obtained in hard copy issued by the GMO prior to applying for a permit to hunt. All hunters that purchase a "Senior License" must provide a Driver's License or other form of identification for age verification. Any billing issues with the <https://www.pay.gov> must be handled through the website. The GMO will not refund any license fees. Hunters should be aware that all hunting areas are subject to availability and a license to hunt on Pelham Range does not guarantee a permit to hunt.

10. The GMO has the authority to close, limit, or restrict hunting seasons and bag limits in any hunting area on the reservation for wildlife management or biological reasons.

11. Hunters must harvest one doe before harvesting their second buck or until doe quota is reached.

12. Quota for turkey will be four.

13. The training areas available / open have a predetermined number of acres and will only support for safety reasons a certain number of hunters. Therefore, if the area is open for bow hunting, we will allow 1 hunter per 20 acres. If the area is open for gun hunting, we will allow 1 hunter per 40 acres. Bow hunters may hunt in gun hunting areas. However, bow hunters hunting in gun areas must clear with the GMO at the end of each day as a gun hunter would.

14. The priority for issuing hunting permits is posted at the GMO and on the GMO website:

<https://www.al.ng.mil/ALABAMA/Resources/Pages/FortMGMO.aspx>.

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15. The sign-up days will be adjusted depending on availability, winter holidays and closure of the Training Center.

16. Hunters may not enter Pelham Range before 5:00 am starting 15 October 2022 – 5 March 2023. Parking at the GMO before 5:00 am is prohibited. Hunters will be allowed to exit at 7:00 pm until 31 October 2022. 01 November 2022 – February 2023 hunter's exit time will be at 6:00 pm. Hours for turkey season will be 5:00am until 6:00pm. Hunters entering the range during the afternoon must arrive two and a half (2.5) hours prior to the exit time of the respective season.

17. All suspensions will follow Table 1 of FM-ARNGTC 200-3-1. For the purpose of suspension, two weeks will be considered eight (8) days for bow hunting and four (4) days for gun hunting.

18. Hunters will be suspended from both bow and gun hunting privileges regardless of the weapon used for the offense or the preferred form of hunting.

19. All hunters must complete the information on their harvest record prior to moving the animal. Hunters must choose Fort McClellan on the game check app. Hunters must provide the GMO with the harvest confirmation number prior to receiving another hunting permit. Failure to do so will result in suspension of hunting privileges on Pelham Range.

20. Youth, as defined by FM-ARNGTC 200-3-1, harvest will count towards the sponsoring adult hunter's yearly limit with the exception of deer harvested on the annual youth hunt.

21. Hunters utilizing training area 1B or 1C must check-in and park inside gate 3. Hunters will not be allowed to park along the exterior boundary of 1C.

22. Bow hunters must remain 50 yards from all facilities. Fenced boundaries will be considered part of a facility.

23. Upon requesting an observer on a permit, the hunter must provide the GMO staff with the observer's name and date of birth.

24. The GMO is NOT required to release harvest data or harvest locations to hunters. Harvest data is used to monitor health of game species on Pelham Range and is required for participation in state programs.

25. All hunters are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner when dealing with each other and Fort McClellan staff members. Misconduct while utilizing this program may result in the suspension of all hunting privileges at Pelham Range.

26. Convicted felons are prohibited from entering Pelham Range and

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prohibited from participating in the hunting program.

27. The GMO is planning on moving all license sales and permit issue to an online system for the 2023-24 hunting season.

28. The point of contact for questions or more information is the Game Management Office located on Gate 3 Road, Pelham Range at 256-847-4438.

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1. Deer Hunting Guidance,
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