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CHAPTER Fis 900 RULES FOR LANDS AND WATERS UNDER DEPARTMENT CONTROL

PART Fis 901 AREAS AFFECTED

Fis 901.01 ~~Wildlife Management Areas~~-Department Controlled Lands

(a) The following wildlife management areas and other department controlled lands listed in Table 900.01 ~~, the Wildlife Management Areas Table shall be fish and wildlife management areas (WMAs)- shall be subject to these rules:~~

Table 900.01 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS TABLE

<u>Management Area</u>	<u>Town(s)</u>
Adams Point WMA	Durham
Ammonoosuc Shorebank Access Land	Bethlehem
Androscoggin River WMA	Shelburne
Barden WMA	Richmond
Beaver Brook WMA	New Durham, Alton
Bellamy River WMA East	Dover
Bellamy River WMA West	Dover
Black Brook Station WMA	Sanbornton
Bofinger Conservation Area Land	Dummer
Brentwood State Game Farm WMA	Brentwood
Brown WMA	Pittsburg
Carpenters Marsh WMA	Hancock
Cascade Marsh WMA	Sutton
Cemetery Hill WMA	Sunapee
Chadwick Meadows Marsh WMA	Sutton
Chase Island WMA	Cornish
Church Hill WMA	Ashland
Clarada WMA	Ellsworth
Coheco River WMA	Dover
Coldrain Pond WMA	New Durham
Connecticut Lakes Natural Area	Pittsburg, Clarksville,
Connecticut River Shorebank Access Land	Chesterfield, Colebrook, Lebanon, Walpole
Conner Farm WMA	Exeter
Contoocook River No. Branch Shorebank Access Land	Antrim
Contoocook River Shorebank Access Land	Henniker, Hillsboro
Corey WMA	Deerfield
Cornish WMA	Cornish
Currier WMA	Kingston, East Kingston
Danbury Bog WMA	Danbury

Deer Hill WMA
 Doles Marsh WMA
Dumpling Brook WMA
 Ellis Hatch, Jr. WMA

 Evas Marsh WMA
 Farrar Marsh WMA
 Forest Peters WMA
 Fort Hill WMA
 Gallop Marsh WMA
 Garland Pond WMA
 Glen Lake & Greggs Falls Pisc. River WMA
 Goodrich Marsh WMA
 Goonan Road Shorebank Access Land
 Gordon WMA
 Gray WMA
Great Bay Discovery Center land
 Great Bay NERR WMA

Great Bay WMA
Great Bog WMA
 Great Island WMA
 Hackett Hill WMA
 Hampton Harbor WMA
 Hedgehog Brook WMA
 Henry Laramie WMA
 Herbert L Webster WMA
 Hirst, Brockway Marsh WMA
 Hoit Road Marsh WMA
 Horne Brook WMA
 Hosmer WMA
 Hubbard WMA
 Kearsarge WMA
 Kimball WMA
 Kinson WMA
 Knights Meadow Marsh WMA
 Kona WMA
 Lamontagne WMA
 Lamprey River Shorebank Access Land
 Lebanon WMA
 Leonard WMA
 Little Cohas Marsh
 Long Mountain WMA
 Lower Shaker WMA
 Marks WMA

Brentwood
 Deerfield
Merrimack
 Middleton, Brookfield, New
 Durham
 Hancock
 Hillsboro
 Northwood
 Stratford
 Unity, Lempster
 Ossipee
 Goffstown
 Epping
 Manchester
 Sunapee
 Pittsburg
Greenland, Stratham
 Dover, Durham, ~~Epping~~, Exeter,
 Greenland, Madbury, Newfields,
 Newmarket, Newington, Stratham
 Greenland
Portsmouth
 Walpole
 Tamworth
 Hampton
 Columbia
 Enfield, Grantham
 Canaan
 Boscawen
 Concord, Loudon
 Berlin, Success
 Antrim
 Walpole
 Andover
 Webster
 Marlow
 Webster
 Moultonboro
 Deerfield
 Newmarket
 Lebanon
 Webster
 Londonderry
 Odell
 Enfield
 Alton

Mascoma River WMA	Canaan
McDaniels Marsh WMA	Springfield, Grafton
Merrimack River Shorebank Access Land	Concord, Litchfield
Merrymeeting Marsh WMA	Alton, New Durham
Milford Fish Hatchery Lands	Milford
Morrill Pond WMA	Canterbury
Mount Kelsey WMA	Millsfield, Ervings Location
Muchyedo Banks WMA	Canterbury
Muise Mountain WMA	Odell
New Hampton Fish Hatchery Lands	New Hampton
Owl Brook Hunter Education Center Lands	Holderness
Palazzi Island WMA	Campton
Pemigewasset River WMA	Campton, Thornton
Perkins Pond WMA	Weare
Peterson WMA	Dublin
Piscassic River WMA	Epping, Exeter, Newfields
Piscataquog WMA	Lyndeborough, Mont Vernon
Pleasant Lake Land	Deerfield
Powder Mill Fish Hatchery Lands	New Durham
Powder Mill Pond WMA	Greenfield
Powwow Pond Land	Kingston
Powwow River WMA	Kingston
Reeds WMA	Orford
<u>Robert Durant WMA</u>	<u>Jefferson</u>
Ryan WMA	Dublin
Saco River Shorebank Access Land	Bartlett
Saltmarsh WMA	Hampton, Seabrook, Hampton Falls
Sandy Point Discovery Center Land	Greenland, Stratham
Sargent WMA	Newton
Sewall's Falls Multi-Use Recreation Area Land	Concord
Soucook River Shorebank Access	Concord
Souhegan River WMA	Greenville
Stonehouse Pond WMA	Barrington
Spaulding WMA	Charlestown
Stonehouse Pond WMA	Barrington
Thornton WMA	Thornton
Turtle-town Pond WMA	Concord
Twin Mountain Fish Hatchery Lands	Carroll
<u>Union Meadows WMA</u>	<u>Whitefield</u>
<u>Upper Ammonoosuc Rover WMA</u>	<u>Stark</u>
Warren Fish Hatchery Lands	Warren
Webster Lake WMA	Franklin
Wendall Marsh WMA	Sunapee
White Pond Shorebank Access Land	Wilmot
Wilcox Point WMA	Durham

Wilder WMA
Winnicut River Shorebank Access Land
Woodman Marsh WMA

Lyme
~~Stratham~~ Greenland
Northwood

PART Fis 902 RULES APPLICABLE TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS USE OF DEPARTMENT CONTROLLED LANDS

Fis 902.01 Definitions.

(a) “Off highway recreational vehicle” means “off highway recreational vehicle” as defined in RSA 215-A:1 VI.

(b) “Snowmobile” means “snowmobile” as defined in RSA 215-C:1 XV.

(c) “Vehicle” means any automobile, truck or motorcycle.

Fis 902.02 Standards Applicable to All Areas.

(a) ~~Except as otherwise specified in Fis 902 or 903, WMAs listed in Table 900.01, the Wildlife Management Areas Table, shall be subject to the following:~~ Subject to the specific restrictions set forth in Fis 903.01 to 903.07, public use of all lands listed in Table 900.01 shall be subject to the following general standards and restrictions:

(1) ~~WMAs shall be open to the public for the purpose of engaging in fish and wildlife dependant activities such as~~ The lands and waters shall be open to the public year round for the purpose of hunting, trapping, fishing, birding, and wildlife observation;

(2) The taking of wildlife shall be permitted on all such lands during the open seasons in accordance with the statutes and rules under Title 18 except as provided in Fis 903;

(3) ~~Watercraft may be left overnight only between April 1 and November 15 and shall be permanently identified by a current NH boat registration number or the owner's name and address;~~

(4) ~~All watercraft left after November 15 shall be subject to removal and disposal by the fish and game department;~~

(3) Watercraft may be left overnight on lands listed in Table 900.1, provided that:

a. The watercraft may be present only between April 1 and November 15; and

b. The watercraft shall be permanently identified by a current NH boat registration number or the owner's name and address affixed to the craft.

(4) All watercraft present on such lands after November 15 shall be subject to removal and disposal without further notice by the fish and game department.

(5) No watercraft may be left overnight in any area that is a public boat access area as defined in RSA 233-A:1, IV, and controlled under Fis 1600 rules.

(6) ~~(5)~~ Decoys for the purpose of waterfowl hunting shall not be left unattended and shall be deployed so that the user maintains contact with ~~in~~ unaided eyesight;

(7) ~~(6)~~ No person shall consume or possess any open container of liquor or alcoholic beverage as defined by RSA 175:1 while hunting on WMAs;

(8) ~~(7)~~ No person shall construct ~~structures~~ a permanent structure on such lands, including but not limited to a permanent tree stands, observation or hunting and blinds, rope swings, or diving platforms;

(9) ~~(8)~~ Portable or temporary tree stands ~~and or observation or hunting blinds~~ shall be erected only between August 1 and January 31 on such lands;

(10) ~~(9)~~ All tree stands ~~and or-observation or hunting blinds~~ left after January 31 on such lands shall be subject to removal and disposal without further notice by the fish and game department;

~~(10) No person shall discharge a firearm on land or waters of a WMA except while hunting or trapping;~~

(11) Except in accordance with Fis 904, no person shall discharge a firearm on such lands except while lawfully engaged in hunting or trapping activities;

(12) ~~(11)~~ Paint ball and airsoft activities shall not be allowed on such lands;

(13) The use of OHRVs and snowmobiles is prohibited on such lands, except:

a. On frozen state-owned public waters as defined in RSA 271:20,

b. On trails approved by the executive director and approved by the department of resources and economic development.

(14) ~~(12)~~ The maximum speed limit for ~~off~~-OHRVs and snowmobiles on all land and waters shall be 45 miles per hour;

~~(13) OHRVs and snowmobiles may be operated on frozen water bodies without a special use permit as described in Fis 902.03; and~~

~~(14) No person shall attach, affix or mount any commercial or private advertisement to a department kiosk, gate or any area of a WMA;~~

(15) Except when specifically permitted by the executive director or his designee, no person shall attach, affix or mount any commercial or private numerals, notice or advertisement of any description to a department kiosk, gate, tree, or any other part of such lands; and

~~(15) No person except a law enforcement officer or department personnel shall block or obstruct the ingress or egress access to a WMA.~~

(16) No person shall block or obstruct the pedestrian or vehicular ingress or egress access to any such land, other than:

a. A law enforcement officer; or

b. Department personnel, or their agents or contractors, while acting in performance of their duties of management, construction, or repair of such lands or public waters, or any improvements to such properties.

(b) In the absence of a special use permit obtained in accordance with Fis 902.03, no person shall:

(1) Stay on a department property overnight;

(2) Conduct an organized activity on the property involving 15 or more persons;

(3) Remove any naturally occurring material or vegetation from the site;

(4) Alter the existing condition of the site by adding or altering any structure or changing the flow of stormwater drainage; or

(5) Conduct or cause to be conducted any investigation, including the use of metal detection equipment, that could discover, yield, or alter a known or previously unrecorded historic resource, even if in receipt of a permit for such investigation issued in accordance with RSA 227-C:7.

Fis 902.03 Special Use Permits.

~~(a) Other activities shall be allowed only with written permission of the director in the form of a special use permit issued by the executive director, or his designee.~~

(a) Unless expressly allowed under Fis 902.02, no use of department controlled land or waters shall begin prior to issuance of a special use permit by the executive director, or his designee.

~~(b) A special use permit shall be required for the following on WMAs:~~

~~(1) Recreational activities such as but not limited to:~~

~~a. The operation of OHRVs;~~

~~b. The operation of a snowmobile, except on authorized snowmobile trails and frozen bodies of water on the WMA;~~

~~c. Construction or maintenance of trails for any purpose, including snowmobile trails;~~

~~d. Field trials as specified in Fis 814;~~

~~e. Camping;~~

~~f. Campfires; and~~

~~g. Organized horseback riding events;~~

~~(2) Non-recreational activities such as but not limited to:~~

~~a. Removal or disturbance of natural resources including archeological digs, mineral digs, or prospecting;~~

~~b. Agricultural activities;~~

~~c. Activities that involve or have potential for erosion or impacts on water quality; and~~

~~d. Altering or removing vegetation, including the removal of dead and down material;~~

(b) A special use permit shall be required for the following on all lands and waters under department control, including public boat access areas under RSA 233-A:1, IV:

(1) Recreational activities including but not limited to:

a. Construction or maintenance of trails for any purpose, including OHRV and snowmobile trails;

b. Field trials as specified in Fis 814;

- c. Camping;
 - d. Campfires;
 - e. Organized horseback riding events; and
 - f. Organized OHRV and snowmobile events on or over frozen waterbodies that require ingress and egress over department-controlled land.
- (2) Non- recreational activities including but not limited to:
- a. Removal or disturbance of natural resources including archeological digs, mineral digs, or prospecting;
 - b. Agricultural activities;
 - c. Activities that involve or have potential for erosion or impacts on water quality;
 - d. Altering or removing vegetation, including the removal of dead and down material;
 - e. Wildlife scientific study if such study involves collection of individuals pursuant to a state or federal permit, regardless of the number of persons involved; and
 - f. Installation, use, maintenance, or storage of equipment on the site for any period longer than one day.
- (3) Any activity involving 15 or more people ~~which has the potential to negatively affect wildlife habitat, or inhibits or blocks the use of the property; and~~ acting as a group;
- (4) Commercial activities consistent with the purpose or management of the property except for guiding associated with hunting, trapping and fishing; and
- (5) Operation of an OHRV, to enable individuals with documented permanent mobility disabilities to access hunting, fishing, or trapping opportunities, subject to the following conditions:
- a. Permits shall be strictly limited as to dates and locations of use;
 - b. The locations where the OHRV may be used may be limited to protect animals or plants at the site from damage, or to prevent harm to water quality from erosion or other impacts; and

c. Proof of vehicular insurance shall be required.

~~(e) Applicants for special use permits shall submit an application in writing to the executive director including the following:~~

- ~~(1) The name of the affected WMA and its location;~~
- ~~(2) A description of the proposed activity, with dates, time of day and duration of use;~~
- ~~(3) A detailed map(s) of the property, and local area showing the location of the proposed activity;~~
- ~~(4) A description of the equipment needed for the activity and the extent of its intended use;~~
- ~~(5) A plan or description for any road or trail work necessary for the proposed activity, including culverts and stream crossings;~~
- ~~(6) An estimate of the number of people participating if the request is for an event, or seasonal use levels for a trail; and~~
- ~~(7) The applicant's name, address, phone, fax, e-mail and the name and address of the organization the applicant may represent.~~

(c) Persons seeking a special use permit shall submit a request in writing to the executive director including the following information:

- (1) The name of the affected WMA, public boat access area, or other department-controlled land and its location;
- (2) A description of the proposed activity, with dates, time of day and duration of use;
- (3) A detailed map(s) of the property, and local area showing the location of the proposed activity; which may be obtained from:
 - a. A WMA map located at the department website, www.wildlife.nh.us ;
 - b. A map created from the New Hampshire GRANIT Data Mapper located at the University of New Hampshire website, www.granit.unh.edu;
 - c. A map from the United States Geological Survey showing the area in question; or

d. A map prepared by a professional engineer, or licensed land surveyor.

(4) A description of the equipment needed for the proposed activity and the extent of its intended use;

(5) A plan or description for any road or trail work necessary for the proposed activity, including:

a. Proposed changes to water courses or drainage, such as culverts and stream crossings;

b. Whether any soils or stone will be either cut from the site or added to the site;

c. Whether any structures or signage are proposed to be erected and left at the site, to include trail signs, bridging, seating, or storage areas; and

d. Whether there will be removal of trees or vegetation, other than minor trimming that will not result in the destruction of the tree or other plant.

(6) An estimate of the number of people participating if the request is for an event, or seasonal use levels for a trail; and

(7) The person's name, address, phone, fax, e-mail and the name and address of any organization that the person may represent.

~~(d) The executive director shall deny a special use permit application if the activity poses significant adverse impact on fish, wildlife or their habitat, or property facilities or improvements or interferes with the purpose for which the land was acquired, developed or managed.~~

~~——(e) Significant adverse effects to any of the following shall be grounds for denying a special use permit:~~

~~(1) Federal or state listed endangered or threatened species or species listed in the natural heritage database;~~

~~(2) Species of conservation concern or their habitats as identified by the department;~~

~~(3) Floodplains or wetlands;~~

~~(4) Known historic or cultural resources;~~

~~(5) Ecologically significant areas;~~

~~(6) Areas with unique geologic characteristics;~~

~~(7) Public health or safety;~~

~~(8) Unique or unknown environmental risks;~~

~~(9) Unacceptable cumulative environmental impacts or degradation;~~

~~(10) Property roads, infrastructure or facilities; and~~

~~(11) Other adverse impacts to fish, wildlife or their habitats, or property facilities not covered above.~~

~~—— (i) Special use permits shall be subject to limitations and conditions if required to protect fish, wildlife and habitat resources and insure that permitted activity will not interfere with the purpose for which the land was acquired, developed or managed.~~

(d) The executive director, or his or her designee, shall review the request for completeness. If further information is needed to permit an evaluation of the request it shall be requested in writing within 14 days of receipt of the request.

(e) A special use permit request shall not be further evaluated until sufficient information has been received to enable a finding that the request is complete.

(f) The executive director shall, within 30 days of determining that the request is complete, grant a special use permit request, unless he or she finds that the proposed activity poses a risk of significant adverse impacts to:

(1) Federal or state listed endangered or threatened species or species listed in the natural heritage database;

(2) Species of conservation concern or their habitats as identified by the department;

(3) Any fish, wildlife or their habitat at the location based upon input from department staff or reviews from state or federal agencies with jurisdiction over the location or use;

(4) Floodplains, wetlands, shorelands, or public waters of the United States;

(5) Known historic or cultural resources;

(6) Areas containing significant rare, unique, or ecologically significant plant or animal populations;

(7) Areas with unique geologic characteristics;

(8) Any of the above characteristics based upon cumulative environmental risks or degradation;

(9) Roads, trails, infrastructure or facilities; and

(10) Public health or safety, based upon concerns over traffic, vehicular parking, or the ability of the property to safely accommodate the estimated number of users at the specific location.

(g) Specific limitations and conditions may be placed upon a special use permit if required to:

(1) Protect identified fish, wildlife and habitat resources or environmental features;

(2) Protect infrastructure or facilities present at the site from damage or overuse;

(3) Protect the public health and safety of users and neighboring property owners prior to, during, and after the proposed activity; and

(4) Insure that the permitted activity will not unreasonably interfere with, or be contrary to the purpose for which the land was acquired, developed or managed.

(h) Any person may request the executive director to amend or alter the terms and conditions of a special use permit during the period that the permit is in force.

(i) A request to alter or amend a special use permit shall be granted or denied by the executive director based upon:

(1) Information that was unavailable at the time the original permit request was made;

(2) Whether there has been a change of circumstance caused by factors beyond the control of the permittee, such as unanticipated weather conditions; and

(3) Whether the proposed alteration or amendment of the permit will continue to avoid significant adverse impacts to the site as noted in (f) above.

Fis 902.04 Dogs on Fish and Game Lands.

(a) Dog training, in accordance with RSA 207:12-a, shall be prohibited from March 15 through July 15.

(b) Dogs shall be under the control of their owners or custodians by leash, electronic collar or voice control at all times, except from March 15 through July 15 when all dogs shall be on a leash.

(c) Dogs shall not be allowed in actively managed agricultural fields during the growing season.

(c) Call back pens shall be used only during daylight hours. All pens shall be labeled with the owner's name and address.

PART Fis 903 RULES APPLICABLE TO PARTICULAR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Fis 903.01 Adams Point WMA.

(a) Adams Point in Durham shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (1) No parking shall be permitted on the entrance road; and
- (2) The speed limit within the area shall be 20 mph.

Fis 903.02 Webster WMA.

(a) Webster WMA in Canaan shall be subject to the following deed restrictions:

- (1) Hunting shall only be permitted with bow and arrow, muzzle loader, or shotgun; and
- (2) Shooting within 300 yards of U.S. Highway Route 4 shall not be permitted.

Fis 903.03 Chadwick Meadows Marsh WMA.

(a) Chadwick Meadows Marsh in Sutton shall be subject to the following deed restrictions:

- (1) Deer may be taken by bow and arrow only in accordance with the provisions of Fis 301.03; and
- (2) All other hunting shall be limited to the use of a shot gun with shot not larger than number 4, or bow and arrow.

Fis 903.04 Ellis Hatch, Jr. WMA.

(a) All outboard motors shall be prohibited on Jones Pond in Ellis Hatch, Jr. WMA in Middleton-Brookfield-New Durham.

(b) No boats shall be left overnight.

Fis 903.05 Wilcox Point WMA. Wilcox Point WMA shall be closed to the public from December 1 through April 1.

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Fis 903.06 Piscassic River WMA.

(a) The Piscassic River WMA in Exeter, Newfields shall, in addition to the requirements of Fis 902.01, be subject to the following deed restrictions:

- (1) Horseback riding shall be prohibited; and
- (2) Bicycle riding shall be prohibited.

Fis 903.07 Connecticut Lakes Natural Area (CLNA).

(a) The following public uses of the CLNA, in Pittsburg and Clarksville shall be prohibited:

- (1) Residential, industrial or commercial activities, except for guiding associated with hunting, trapping, fishing, nature tours and associated activities.
- (2) Placing or constructing structures, buildings or improvements, except as authorized pursuant to RSA 212:10-a;
- (3) Grazing of domestic animals or the use of animals to transport people, equipment or supplies;
- (4) Planting or intentional introduction of non-native, genetically modified, transgenic or replicated plants and other organisms;
- (5) Stocking or introducing fish of any species into the waters of the CLNA, except for the stocking of brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) by the department in East Inlet, Scott's Bog, Wright Pond and the Perry Ponds;
- (6) Use of fertilizers, pesticides or biocides;
- (7) Dumping or storage of ash, trash, man-made materials, hazardous substances, or toxic waste;
- (8) Dredging, filling, roadwork, or changes in topography;
- (9) The use of any type of mechanized or motor driven vehicle, except that snowmobiles may be used on designated roads and trails, and wheeled vehicles, other than all OHRVS, may be used on the roads designated as open to wheeled vehicles;
- (10) Camping; and
- (11) Hunting of wildlife by baiting.

PART Fis 904 OWL BROOK HUNTER EDUCATION CENTER

Fis 904.01 Owl Brook Hunter Education Center.

(a) There shall be no hunting in the portion of Owl Brook Hunter Education Center's training area, which includes:

- (1) The administration, classroom building;
- (2) The practice archery range, small-bore, muzzleloader range, and shotgun range;
- (3) The trapper and hunter education demonstration areas;
- (4) The trapper and hunter education interpretive trails;
- (5) The orienteering course; and
- (6) The 14-target woodland archery course.

(b) The remainder of the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center property not listed in (a) above, including the 270-acre section near Mount Prospect, shall be open to the taking of fish and wildlife during the open seasons in accordance with the statutes and rules under Title 18.

(c) Camping by groups, in association with organized activity of the department, utilizing the facility shall be permitted by special use permit in accordance with Fis 902.01(c) and be subject to the following:

- (1) The group shall provide, at their own expense, the necessary toilet facilities at the campsite to accommodate the anticipated number of attendees; and
- (2) The group shall provide, at their own expense, for the removal of all refuse created during the scheduled event to include requiring campers to carry in- carry out refuse or provide a dumpster.

(d) Campfires shall be subject to the following:

- (1) Campfires shall be contained in a pit at least 12 inches deep in an area of gravel at least 4 feet in diameter;
- (2) Water shall be maintained at each fire site in sufficient amount to extinguish the fire;
- (3) No fire shall be left unattended; and
- (4) After all fires are extinguished; the material removed in order to make the fire pit shall be replaced.

(e) No pets shall be in those areas described in (a) above, except those that are there in conjunction with an activity going on.

(f) Bicycles, horses unauthorized motor vehicles, OHRVs and snowmobiles shall be prohibited from using the internal road system and the areas listed in (a) above unless permitted by a special use permit in accordance with Fis 902.03.

(g) Department activities conducted at any of these sites shall have priority over other use of the area.

(h) All activities utilizing the classroom, office building, small-bore range and shotgun range shall be approved by and scheduled with the center's facility manager before they may be conducted.

(i) No person shall remove, destroy or damage any tree, shrub, vine or terrestrial plant or any part thereof on the property.

(j) No person shall remove or deface any natural or man-made material or structures on the property.

(k) No person shall use or possess alcoholic beverages while on the property.

Fis 904.02 Firearms Shooting Ranges.

(a) The small bore, muzzleloader and shotgun ranges shall be for the sole use of sanctioned and supervised shooting activities conducted by the NH fish and game department's hunter education program or other department activities.

(b) Only factory loaded ammunition shall be used on the small-bore and shotgun range;

(c) Only nontoxic ammunition shall be used on the shotgun range.

(d) Shotgun ammunition shall be restricted to pellets no larger in size than number 6.

(e) Only biodegradable targets shall be used on the shotgun range.

(f) No center-fire rifles shall be used on the small-bore range.

(g) Only firearms chambered for rimfire ammunition, center-fire handguns, muzzleloaders and shotguns firing a single projectile shall be permitted.

(h) Fully jacketed, armor piercing, steel core and tracer ammunition shall be prohibited from use on the small-bore range.

(i) Only paper targets or other targets specified by fish and game personnel shall be used on the small-bore range.

Fis 904.03 Practice Archery Range.

(a) The practice archery range shall be open from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

(b) The vehicle parking area shall be open for use by the public during normal center operating hours, except when reserved for scheduled activities.

(c) Individuals wishing to use the range when the center is closed may park at the main gate and walk in.

(d) Broadheads shall be used only on targets designated for their use.

Fis 904.04 Woodland Archery Course.

(a) The woodland archery course and its parking area shall be open daily from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

(b) No person shall use broadhead tipped arrows or bolts on the woodland archery course.

(c) Pets, bicycles, horses, and motorized vehicles shall be prohibited on the woodland archery course.

PART Fis 905 MEMORIAL POLICY ON LANDS AND WATERS UNDER DEPARTMENT CONTROL

Fis 905.01 Memorial Policy Definitions.

(a) "Memorial" means any statue, monument, sculpture, bench, tablet, memorial, plaque, or other structure or landscape feature, including a tree, garden or memorial grove, designed to perpetuate in a permanent manner the memory of a person (whether deceased or not), group or event. The term "memorial" also includes the naming of structures or other features, including features within the interior of buildings.

(b) "Commemorate" means the process of remembrance, or showing respect for someone or something by means of a ceremony, or by doing or building something in remembrance of a person or an event.

Fis 905.02 Memorials.

(a) The installation of memorials or other commemorative items on land owned or controlled by the Department, including public boat access areas is prohibited unless:

(1) The form, location, and materials used are approved in advance by the executive director; and

(2) The receipt of the commemorative items are approved by the governor and executive council when required by RSA 4; or the fish and game commission when required by RSA 206:33-a. .

(b) The donation of memorials or other commemorative items shall be submitted for approval to the fish and game commission per RSA 206:33-a, I if the value of the item(s) is less than \$2,500.00.

(c) The donation of memorials or other commemorative items shall be submitted for approval to the governor and executive council per RSA 4:8, I if the value of the item(s) equals or exceeds \$2,500.00.

(d) A special use permit is required for the scattering of human or animal ashes from cremation on land owned or controlled by the department, provided that no bones, teeth, or any other identifiable human remains may be so deposited.

(e) A special use permit is required for any ceremony connected to the installation of a memorial that involves 15 or more persons, or that involves alteration of a department facility or alteration of the landscape of department property.

(f) Memorials installed on department lands without the required authorizations may be removed by the executive director or his designee, and disposed of without notice to any person.

Fis 905.03 Authorization for Memorials.

(a) Permanent commemoration on department land is a high honor, affording a degree of recognition that implies state-wide importance.

(b) No memorial shall be erected in honor of a living person.

(c) No memorial shall be authorized in honor of a person unless at least two years have elapsed since the death of the person to be commemorated.

(d) The executive director shall authorize a memorial when:

(1) There is a compelling justification for the recognition, and

(2) The proposed memorial is consistent with the department's mission of conserving, managing and protecting fish, wildlife, and marine resources and

habitats, informing and educating the public about these resources, and providing the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources.

(e) A person seeking to install a memorial on property owned or controlled by the department shall submit a request in writing to the executive director, providing the following information:

(1) The name of the person making the request, together with address and contact information ,

(2) A description of the proposed memorial, including size, material, and inscription.

(3) A plan showing the memorial's proposed location.

(4) Justification for the memorial, including:

a. How the memorial is consistent with the Department's mission;

b. The association between the land area or facility and the person, group, or event to be commemorated; and

c. How the memorial enhances the public's appreciation of the land, facility or natural resources.

(f) The executive director shall consider the following factors in making the determination whether to authorize the installation of a memorial:

(1) The association of state-wide importance between the land area or facility and the person, group or event to be commemorated;

(2) Whether the location and design of the memorial avoids significant disturbance of natural features of the site;

(3) Whether the memorial will be constructed of materials suitable for, and consistent with the local environment;

(4) Whether the memorial will interfere with open space and existing public use;

(5) Whether the memorial design is aesthetically appropriate to the site; and

(6) Whether ongoing maintenance of the memorial will create an undue burden on the department.

(g) The person requesting the memorial shall be responsible for the cost of procuring and installing the memorial at a date and time set by the executive director.

(h) Donation of a memorial that requires ongoing maintenance shall not be accepted unless accompanied by a financial endowment in an amount determined by the department to be sufficient for the permanent care of the memorial.

APPENDIX

Rule(s)	State Statute (RSA)
Fis 901– Fis 905	RSA 212:19