

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Management Program

1. PURPOSE: To provide information about Fort Drum's Fish and Wildlife Management Program

2. INFORMATION:

a. A comprehensive Fish and Wildlife Management Program exists on Fort Drum. To ensure sound fish and wildlife conservation, an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan has been signed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and Fort Drum.

b. Fort Drum has an active recreational hunting, fishing, and trapping program. Other recreational activities include bird watching, hiking, and berry picking. A fee collection program has been established that requires recreational users to purchase a Recreation Permit for certain activities (hunting, fishing, and trapping). The fees are the same for all participants, regardless of rank or military/civilian status. The funds are used for fish and wildlife management activities on Fort Drum only.

c. The Fish and Wildlife Management Program surveys and/or manages for various species on Fort Drum such as wild turkey, beaver, songbirds, woodcock, white-tailed deer, turtles, and small mammals. There are several fisheries management activities done usually in conjunction with USFWS and NYSDEC.

d. The Fish and Wildlife Management Program works in cooperation with the Forestry Management Program and Wetlands Management Program to promote the creation and/or maintenance of habitat for fish and wildlife. The Fish and Wildlife Program Management also cooperates with universities and other entities to research various issues such as biocontrol of invasive plants (e.g., purple loosestrife and leafy spurge) and habitat characteristics and breeding biology of Henslow's sparrows.

e. The Fish and Wildlife Management Program is administered by the Directorate of Public Works (PW) Environmental Division. The point-of-contact (POC) for this program is the installation's Fish and Wildlife Management Program Manager, (315) 772-9636; DSN 772.

3. CONCLUSION: The Fish and Wildlife Program functions to manage all wildlife species and their habitats on Fort Drum.