

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)
AND
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS)
ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL (ADC)

ANIMAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL

ARTICLE 1

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish procedures for planning, scheduling and conducting animal damage control activities, exclusive of routine vertebrate pest control operations, on United States military installations within the United States and its territories. Animal damage control for the purpose of this document is defined as the use of methods designed to suppress or bring under control damage caused by animals deemed injurious to agriculture, natural resources, property, or human health and safety as well as those animal species that are reservoirs for zoonotic diseases. These procedures will be coordinated with the appropriate State and other Federal agencies having management responsibilities for the animal species to be controlled, except where specific animal damage control authority has been delegated to APHIS/ADC or DoD.

The Department of Defense conducts animal damage control programs, as necessary, to prevent interference with mission objectives, prevent damage to real property and minimize adverse affects on personnel morale, health and safety. USDA/APHIS has particular expertise in the area of animal damage management. Through this MOU, both parties will be able to best utilize the technical and professional resources available in a cooperative manner.

ARTICLE 2

Authority exists under the Animal Damage Control Act of March 2, 1931, as amended (7 USC 426-426c) and The Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1988 (P.L. 100-202) for USDA/APHIS/ADC to cooperate with States, local jurisdictions, individuals, and public and private agencies, organizations and institutions in the control of animal damage and the protection of human health and safety.

ARTICLE 3

DoD agrees to:

- a. Designate in writing a representative within the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Environment) with authority to act on behalf of DoD and immediately advise APHIS/ADC of any designee change.

- b. Contact APHIS/ADC regarding animal damage control needs on specific installations, when APHIS/ADC expertise is required.
- c. Contact the appropriate agency with specific animal damage control authority. The DoD, APHIS/ADC and, if appropriate, the respective wildlife management agency will jointly review all biological, environmental and health/safety concerns prior to conducting animal damage control operations.
- d. Designate an installation Point-of-Contact (POC) during each animal damage control operation. The POC will obtain installation access and coordinate security and logistical support for APHIS/ADC personnel conducting animal damage control procedures.
- e. Include animal damage control requirements in the Installation Pest Management and Natural Resources Management Plans.
- f. Cooperate with APHIS/ADC to expedite decisions involving animal damage control operations conducted on DoD controlled properties for the protection of resources located on or off the installations.
- g. Participate where appropriate with APHIS/ADC in annual reviews of installation-specific animal damage control work plans.

ARTICLE 4

USDA/APHIS agrees to:

- a. Designate in writing a representative within the Office of the Deputy Administrator for USDA/APHIS with authority to act on behalf of APHIS/ADC and immediately advise DoD of any designee change.
- b. Review and evaluate requests for animal damage control.
- c. Develop and prepare a description of planned animal damage control work for each specific military installation where such work is scheduled. The description of planned animal damage control work will be coordinated with appropriate State wildlife management agencies prior to submitting for approval to the appropriate military installation official and will be compatible with the Installation Cooperative Plan for Fish and Wildlife Management developed under the Sikes Act and Installation Pest Management and Natural Resources Management Plans. If changes to the description of planned animal damage control work become necessary, they will be coordinated and approved in the same manner as the original plan.

- d. Designate a specific representative with authority to act on behalf of the appropriate APHIS/ADC State program during each animal damage control operation.
- e. Conduct animal damage control procedures where appropriate funding is available or provided.
- f. Provide overall coordination and management of all APHIS/ADC animal damage control activities, including arranging interagency meetings as needed.
- g. Develop and provide upon request a report of animal damage control activities conducted under this agreement.
- h. Provide DoD upon request with current information on animal damage control methods and materials.

ARTICLE 5

All animal damage control activities will be conducted in accordance with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations, and DoD directives and policies.

ARTICLE 6

This MOU defines in general terms the basis on which DoD and APHIS/ADC cooperate, and does not constitute a financial obligation or serve as a basis for expenditures. Requests for technical, operational, or research activities will be conducted under separate agreements.

ARTICLE 7


Classified material will be treated in accordance with applicable Federal laws, regulations and/or military Service directives.

ARTICLE 8

This MOU shall become effective upon the date of final signature and shall continue indefinitely. This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. It may be terminated by either party upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

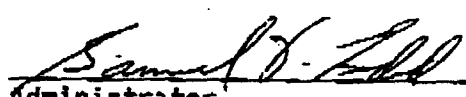
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