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Cherry Point officials advise on waterside regulations

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. (April 21, 2022) — Authorities from MCAS Cherry Point's Conservation Law Enforcement Office (CLEO) remind local residents that although the installation's waterways are open to the public, the beaches are not and mariners that disembark their vessels are subject to federal laws and regulations.

The notice comes after being prompted by a recent incident of local boaters that entered the waterways and beached at the mouth of Slocum Creek and the Neuse River. The persons involved did not possess base access identification cards and were both issued citations for trespassing on federal property.

The advisory is given to raise awareness in the expectation of increased water activity during the warm weather, fishing season, and spring and summer breaks.

The commanding officer of MCAS Cherry Point welcomes local residents to use Slocum and Hancock Creeks, and the waterways remain free and open to the public to use for fishing and other recreational activities. However, patrons are reminded to stay on the water unless they carry proper identification to access the installation.

Local residents should be aware that the commanding officer of MCAS Cherry Point has the authority to restrict access, especially during times of elevated force protection conditions in order to safeguard personnel or national security interests, in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations Title 33, Chapter 2, Part 334, Section 334.430.

Restricted access signs are posted throughout the waterways and a map of federal jurisdiction lines can be found at <https://www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Public-Affairs/Waterside-Boundaries/>

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