

Beginning the next week or so, the outdoor experience for sportsmen and women at West Point will include a new online resource – a new fish and game website, Westpoint.iSportsman.net. The site is now entering its final stages of construction and will replace West Point's old fish and game website, HuntTracker. HuntTracker was created and maintained by USMA's Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis (OEMA) as a service to the hunting community. It was a tremendous resource and effort, which quietly ceased operation in June. We thank them for the time and resources spent toward this program. WestPoint.iSportsman will provide a centralized, easy-to-use, accessible-at-any-time system for users to purchase permits, check the availability of and sign in/out of areas, get important updates on regulations and West Point fish and game news, and let users report harvested game.

While West Point hunters and anglers may have to wait just a little longer before they can buy their first permits on the site as the coordination between the secure payment site and iSportman is being worked out, the West Point iSportsman website itself is already up and running. Anglers and hunters are encouraged to go to the go the website right now and create the accounts they will need to use the site to coordinate their outdoor activities. Starting Sept 1 most of West Point's hunting and fishing programs will be run largely through this site. All new permits will need to be purchased directly through iSportsman and all users wishing to hunt, trap or fish in West Point training areas will need to sign in and sign out through the site as well.

To create an account, simply

- 1) Go Westpoint.iSportsman.net
- 2) Select the Account tab on the blue navigation bar
- 3) Review the Customer Types page to verify which customer type you qualify under.
- 4) Under Account, select New User Registration
- 5) Fill out the online form to create your new user account.

WestPoint.iSportsman's permit purchase function has been tested and soon, West Point hunters, trappers, and anglers will be able to sign on to purchase their West Point permits on the site for the first time.

Available permits will include:

- Annual Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Sportsman (Hunting and Fishing Combined) Permits
- Daily, weekly, and monthly Hunt/Fish permits.
- Daily and annual Guest Passes

Before long, firewood collection permits will be able to be purchased here as well.

All West Point fish and game permits will be purchased through iSportsman.net. Permits purchased in-person before the launch of this online permit purchase system will still be valid for their stated durations. Sportsmen and women already possessing such permits and guest passes will be able to purchase a free Transition Permit or Pass which – when confirmed and activated - will last them until the

expiration of their original permit. After a year, when all pre-iSportsman permits and passes have expired, such transition permits and passes will be phased out.

The upcoming launch of this new website and its system is exciting and more instructions on how to navigate the site – including instructions on how to purchase permits and sign in/sign out of areas - will be posted shortly on the site. As with the start up of any new system, users can expect some minor frustrations in the form of technical difficulties or human error. However, over time we are confident that this system will meet its mission to allow fish and game enthusiasts to safely, sustainably, and responsibly enjoy the natural resources of West Point for many years to come. Questions and assistance with the website may be directed to Christopher Killough, Building 144, (845) 938-2314.