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### F.W.S. STOCKS FISH, BUILDS WILDLIFE HABITAT ON QUANTICO MARINE BASE

Plenty of good hunting and fishing are in store for the Marines at Quantico, Va., the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service said today, disclosing a fish-stocking and wildlife habitat improvement project started two months ago on the Quantico Marine Base.

The project is being conducted in cooperation with the Marines' 300-member sportsmen's club, to increase the base's recreational facilities. Club funds are being used to construct three farm ponds, in which large-mouth bass and bluegills will be stocked, and for the purchase of fertilizer and plant seeds, to be used in improving habitat for quail and wild turkey.

Two small streams on the base have been surveyed by a Service fishery biologist. Twenty-five hundred legal-size trout, shipped from Service hatcheries in Leetown, W. Va., and Wytheville, Va., were stocked in one of the streams during March. Fishing tackle was issued to all enlisted men, and on the first day of fishing, 200 trout were caught.

Angling fever has hit the Quantico Marines. Volunteer crews have cut trails into the streams to facilitate the stocking work, and low-hanging limbs have been removed from trees over the trout stream to permit better fly-casting. The Service plans to stock the base waters with 5,000 fish each year.

In improving wildlife habitat, the Service laid out sample areas with food patches of soy beans and vegetative cover strips. The plantings were made in forest clearings, to increase carrying capacity for quail and wild turkey. Additional planting stock was given to the sportsmen's club for further improvement work.

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