# Rules of Department of Conservation

## Division 10—Conservation Commission

### Chapter 10—Wildlife Code: Commercial Permits: Seasons, Methods, Limits

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3 CSR 10-10.705 Commercialization

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit for commercializing in wildlife to possess the prescribed permit and to keep records of their transactions available for inspection.

Wildlife may be bought, sold, offered for sale, exchanged, transported or delivered only under the conditions of the prescribed permit, or as otherwise provided in this chapter. No affidavit, receipt or other document may be issued or used in lieu of the required permit. Any permit issued or obtained by false statement or through fraud, or while permits are revoked or denied by the commission, shall be invalid. Renewal of permits is conditioned on compliance with provisions of this Code.


3 CSR 10-10.707 Fur Dealer’s Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit for buying and selling furs throughout the year.

To buy, sell, possess, process, transport and ship the pelts and carcasses of furbearers from July 1 through June 30 of the current year and an inventory of fur held in storage. Such records shall be submitted by April 20. For each transaction, the seller’s name, address and permit number shall be recorded immediately in a fur record book furnished by the department. All such records and furs shall be made available for inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time.


3 CSR 10-10.710 Resident Fur Buyer’s Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit for residents of the state to buy and sell furs during a restricted period of time.

To buy, sell, possess, process, transport and ship the pelts and carcasses of furbearers throughout the hunting and trapping seasons prescribed for each species of furbearer and for a period of fifteen (15) days following the close of each applicable Missouri season, and to sell, possess, transport and ship furbearers for a period of thirty (30) days following the close of each applicable season. Permits issued to a firm, organization or partnership for individual or itinerant use shall include the names of no more than two (2) resident users. Fee: one hundred dollars ($100).


3 CSR 10-10.715 Fur Dealers and Fur Buyers: Reports, Requirements

PURPOSE: This rule establishes reporting and other requirements to be met by fur dealers and fur buyers.

(1) Each fur buyer and fur dealer shall keep an up-to-date, accurate record of all furbearer pelts purchased, sold, consigned or stored. For each transaction, the seller’s name, address and permit number shall be recorded immediately in a fur record book furnished by the department. All such records and furs shall be made available for inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time.

(2) Each fur buyer and fur dealer shall submit annually a notarized report on forms furnished by the department. All fur dealers’ and fur buyers’ reports shall include all transactions in furbearer pelts for the twelve (12) months preceding April 10 of the current year and an inventory of fur held in storage. Such reports shall be submitted by April 20.

(3) Fur dealers and their employees shall conduct business only at the location in Missouri specified on the permit, with licensed fur buyers or dealers at their business locations and at established fur auction sites. Any person buying, selling, possessing or transporting pelts or carcasses of furbearers shall have the prescribed permit in his/her possession.

(4) Furbearer pelts may be shipped or transported into Missouri without a Missouri fur buyer or fur dealer permit for consignment or sale at an established fur auction site or to the location specified on a Missouri fur dealer or fur buyer permit if the pelts are accompanied by the appropriate permit or other proof of legality in the state of origin.

(5) Issuance of a permit after the first year shall be conditioned on compliance with this rule and receipt by the department of satisfactory reports for the preceding permit period.

(6) Fur buyers and fur dealers may consign pelts or carcasses of furbearers for storage or processing at locations other than that specified on the permit provided the consignee is identified in the fur record book.

FUR REPORT

Missouri Department of Conservation
Instructions

Fur-buying regulations require dealers and buyers to keep current accurate records and to submit a notarized report annually. This record book and affidavit forms are furnished to all dealers and buyers to enable them to comply with the regulations.

Read your Wildlife Code; be sure you are thoroughly familiar with all regulations governing the fur season and trade.

Dealers and buyers are responsible for recording accurately and immediately all purchases made by their employees (See 3CSR 10-7.15).

Follow these instructions:

A. Make all records in triplicate using the carbon sheets supplied. Dealers and buyers will tear out and submit the entire white (original) sheet as their report. An agent of the Department may pick up the pink copy during routine inspections. Dealers and buyers will keep the yellow copy as their record.

B. Keep records up-to-date and in order of transactions. Do not skip lines.

C. Record of Furs Received: Record all the information called for in the various columns as follows:

Column 1. (NAME OF PERSON FROM WHOM FURS WERE RECEIVED) Print plainly.

Column 2. (HUNTER) Put a check mark (X) in this column for all purchases direct from hunters.

Column 3. (TRAPPER) Put a check mark (X) in this column for all purchases direct from trappers.

Column 4. (DEALER-BUYER) Put a check mark (X) in this column for all purchases from other dealers and buyers. The purpose of Columns 2, 3, and 4 to prevent confusing furs sold by persons who actually caught them with those that are being resold and have already been recorded by the first purchaser.

Column 5. (CONSIGNMENT) Put a check mark (X) in this column for all furs received on consignment.

Column 6. (ADDRESS) Give the complete address of the person from whom furs were received.

Column 7. (SELLER'S OR CONSIGNER'S PERMIT NUMBER) Give the correct permit number of the person from whom furs were received.

Column 8. (DATE RECEIVED) Write the date (month, day, year) you received each lot of fur opposite the name, address and permit number.

Column 9. (ORIGIN OF FURS RECEIVED) List the name of the Missouri county or other state in which the fur was caught opposite the other information.

D. In the remainder of the columns, under the proper headings, list the number of each kind of fur received. Following these instructions will mean that all the information on each lot of furs will be on one line across the page. List any other species not included in the book in the space provided and record the amount.

E. Fur Sale Record: This sheet, completed in triplicate, will be used to record all fur sales.

F. Inventory of Fur Held by Another: Record all the information called for in the various columns as follows:

Column 1. (CONSIGNMENT) Put a check mark (X) in this column for all furs consigned to another.

Column 2. (STORAGE) Put a check mark (X) in this column for all furs held in storage.

Column 3. (PROCESSING) Put a check mark (X) in this column for all furs being processed at another location.

Column 4. (DATE OF TRANSFER) Write the date (month, day, year) fur was transferred to another location.

Column 5. (TRANSFERRED TO: NAME) Write the name of the person to whom the fur was transferred.

Column 6. (TRANSFERRED TO: ADDRESS) Write the address or specific location where the fur is being held.

Column 7. (PERMIT NUMBER) Write the proper permit number of the person to whom the fur was transferred.

Column 8. (SPECIES) Record only one species on each line. Use individual lines to record different species.

Column 9. (NUMBER) Record the number of pelts transferred.

Column 10. (DISPOSITION: NUMBER SOLD) Record the number of pelts sold as a result of this transfer.

Column 11. (DISPOSITION: NUMBER RETURNED) Record the number of pelts returned as a result of this transfer.

Column 12. (DISPOSITION: DATE) Write the date (month, day, year) when the pelts were sold or returned.

G. Affidavit: Dealers and buyers are required to fill out the affidavit form provided in the back of this book, listing all the furs being held in inventory at the time of notarization and submit with the annual fur record report.

Early Caught Furs Lose Money!

Complete, accurate reports are essential to the welfare of the fur industry.
## Record of Furs Received

### Missouri Department of Conservation
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Complete all information requested.
Do not skip lines.
Eligible reports will not be accepted.

### Relevant Information
- **Name:**
- **Address:**
- **County:**
- **Buyer or Dealer Permit No.:**

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3 CSR 10-10.717 Transactions in Furs; Reports Required

(Rescinded January 1, 1980)


3 CSR 10-10.720 Commercial Fishing Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a commercial fishing permit for residents of the state and sets fees for commercial fishing gear.

(1) To take and sell commercial fish in accordance with 3 CSR 10-10.725.

Resident fee: $ 25
Nonresident fee: $200

(2) In addition to this permit, each commercial fishing permittee shall tag each net, seine or group of fifty (50) hooks for juglines, trotlines, bank lines, limb lines or throwlines at the following fees:

(A) Each trammel net one hundred (100) yards or less—thirty dollars $30
(B) Each gill net one hundred (100) yards or less—thirty dollars $30
(C) Each seine one hundred (100) yards or less—thirty dollars $30
(D) Each hoop net—five dollars $ 5
(E) Each fifty (50) hooks or fraction thereof—five dollars $ 5

(3) Equipment tags are not transferable and tagged equipment must be personally attended by the permittee to whom the tags were issued, or by another licensed commercial fisherman authorized in writing by the permittee as his/her assistant. The assistant must have on his/her person this written authorization while tending the equipment of another person.

(4) Any person who holds the prescribed sport fishing permit or who is exempted from sport fishing permit requirements in 3 CSR 10-5.205 may accompany and assist a licensed commercial fisherman; provided, that a licensed commercial fisherman must be present in each boat.

3 CSR 10-10.722 Resident Shovelnose Sturgeon Commercial Harvest Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a special permit required in addition to the Commercial Fishing Permit for residents of the state to harvest shovelnose sturgeon from the Missouri River.

Required in addition to the Commercial Fishing Permit to take shovelnose sturgeon from the Missouri and Mississippi rivers in accordance with 3 CSR 10-10.725. This permit is available only to residents of the state. Fee: Five hundred dollars ($500).


3 CSR 10-10.723 Nonresident Commercial Fishing Permit

(Rescinded January 1, 1991)


3 CSR 10-10.724 Nonresident Mississippi River Shovelnose Sturgeon Commercial Harvest Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a special permit required in addition to the Commercial Fishing Permit for nonresidents of the state to harvest shovelnose sturgeon from the Mississippi River.

Required in addition to the Commercial Fishing Permit to take shovelnose sturgeon from the Mississippi River in accordance with 3 CSR 10-10.725. This permit is available only to nonresidents of the state. Fee: Five hundred dollars ($500).


3 CSR 10-10.725 Commercial Fishing: Seasons, Methods

PURPOSE: This rule provides for commercial fishing in certain streams and establishes restrictions on the use of commercial fishing gear.

(1) Commercial fish, and live bait for personal use, may be taken in any numbers by the holder of a commercial fishing permit from commercial waters with seines, gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets with or without wings, trotlines, throwlines, limb lines, bank lines or jug or block lines and any number of hooks, except:

(A) On the Missouri River upstream from U.S. Highway 169 where hooks may not be used.

(B) On the Mississippi River downstream from U.S. Highway 169 to Carl R. Noren Access and downstream from Chamois Access to its confluence with the Mississippi River, where shovelnose sturgeon twenty-four inches (24") to thirty inches (30") in length (measured from tip of snout to fork of tail) may be taken only from November 1 through May 15 and only by the holder of a Missouri River Shovelnose Sturgeon Commercial Harvest Permit. (Endangered species as listed in 3 CSR 10-4.111(3), including lake sturgeon and pallid sturgeon, may not be taken or possessed, and must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.)

(C) On portions of the Mississippi River defined as commercial waters where shovelnose sturgeon twenty-four inches (24") to thirty-two inches (32") in length (measured from tip of snout to fork of tail) may be taken only from October 15 through May 15 and only by holders of a Resident Shovelnose Sturgeon Commercial Harvest Permit or Nonresident Missouri River Shovelnose Sturgeon Commercial Harvest Permit.

(2) Trammel nets and gill nets must be attended at all times by the permittee’s immediate presence on the waters where nets are set. Hoop nets may be left set and unattended for not more than forty-eight (48) hours. All other commercial fishing equipment may
be left set and unattended for not more than twenty-four (24) hours.

(3) On the Missouri River upstream from U.S. Highway 169 and downstream from Carl R. Noren Access to Chamois Access or banks thereof, game fish (including channel, blue and flathead catfish, paddlefish and shovelnose sturgeon) may not be possessed or transported while fishing by commercial methods or while possessing commercial fishing gear and shall be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

(4) From May 16 through October 31 on the Missouri River downstream from U.S. Highway 169 to Carl R. Noren Access and downstream from Chamois Access to its confluence with the Mississippi River or banks thereof, game fish (including channel, blue and flathead catfish, paddlefish and shovelnose sturgeon) may not be possessed or transported while fishing by commercial methods or while possessing commercial fishing gear and shall be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

(5) From November 1 through May 15 on the Missouri River downstream from U.S. Highway 169 to Carl R. Noren Access and downstream from Chamois Access to its confluence with the Mississippi River or banks thereof, the following may not be possessed or transported while fishing by commercial methods or while possessing commercial fishing gear and shall be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught:

(A) Game fish (including channel, blue and flathead catfish and paddlefish).
(B) Shovelnose sturgeon less than twenty-four inches (24") or more than thirty inches (30") in length (measured from tip of snout to fork of tail).

(6) On that part of the St. Francis River which forms the boundary between the states of Arkansas and Missouri, the following may not be possessed or transported while fishing by commercial methods or while possessing commercial fishing gear and shall be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught:

(A) Channel, blue and flathead catfish less than fifteen inches (15") in total length.
(B) Other game fish (including paddlefish and shovelnose sturgeon).

(7) From May 16 through October 14 on the portions of the Mississippi River defined as commercial waters, the following may not be possessed or transported while fishing by commercial methods or while possessing commercial fishing gear and shall be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught:

(A) Channel, blue and flathead catfish less than fifteen inches (15") in total length.
(B) Paddlefish less than twenty-four inches (24") in length (measured from eye to fork of tail).
(C) Shovelnose sturgeon.
(D) Other game fish.

(8) From October 15 through May 15 on the portions of the Mississippi River defined as commercial waters, the following may not be possessed or transported while fishing by commercial methods or while possessing commercial fishing gear and shall be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught:

(A) Channel, blue and flathead catfish less than fifteen inches (15") in total length.
(B) Paddlefish less than twenty-four inches (24") in length (measured from eye to fork of tail).
(C) Shovelnose sturgeon less than twenty-four inches (24") or more than thirty-two inches (32") in length (measured from tip of snout to fork of tail).
(D) Other game fish.

(9) While on waters of the state and adjacent banks, the head and tail must remain attached to all fish, bowfin and shovelnose sturgeon must remain whole and intact, and the ovaries of paddlefish must remain intact and accompany the fish from which they were removed.

(10) Commercial fishing gear may not be used or set within three hundred (300) yards of any spillway, lock, dam or the mouth of any tributary stream or ditch, or in waters existing temporarily through overflow outside the banks of the specified rivers except as provided in section (7) of this rule, and may not be used to take fish underneath or through the ice. Seines, gill nets and trammel nets having a mesh smaller than two inches (2") bar measure, measured when wet, may not be used. Hoop nets, including wings and leads, having a mesh smaller than one and one-half inches (1 1/2") bar measure, measured when wet, may not be used. Hoop net wings and leads must be a single panel and not more than six feet (6') in depth. Hooks attached to trotlines or throwlines shall be staged not less than two feet (2') apart. While in use, all commercial fishing gear shall be labeled with tags furnished by the department and placed as indicated on the tags. Portions of trotlines and jug or block lines, throwlines, bank lines and limb lines must have the commercial tag number under which they are being fished attached to each line. Commercial fishing gear may not be possessed on waters of the state or adjacent banks that are not open to commercial fishing, except during transportation by boat from the nearest access location to commercial fishing waters as determined by the department.

(11) The possession of game fish while in the act of using commercial fishing gear or aboard a boat transporting fish taken by commercial fishing gear is prohibited.

(12) The possession of extracted eggs of any fish species, except as provided in section (8) of this rule, is prohibited while on waters of the state and adjacent banks.


3 CSR 10-10.726 Reciprocal Privileges: Commercial Fishing and Musselbing; Commercial Waters

PURPOSE: This rule establishes license reciprocity for commercial fishermen in certain boundary streams.

(1) Any person possessing a valid commercial fishing license or commercial musseling permit issued by the states of Illinois, Tennessee, Arkansas, Kansas or Nebraska, or who is legally exempted from the license requirement without further permit or license, may fish or mussel as permitted by this Code in commercial waters within the boundary of
Chapter 10—Wildlife Code: Commercial Permits: Seasons, Methods, Limits

Missouri and adjacent to the state where the fisherman or musseler is licensed.

(2) All other Missouri regulations shall apply to commercial fishing and commercial musseling in the Missouri portion of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers.

(3) Regulations of the state where the fisherman or musseler is licensed shall apply in the St. Francis River.

(4) Commercial fishermen or commercial musselers not licensed in Missouri may not fish or mussel in the tributaries, bayous, or backwaters of commercial waters; nor may they fish or mussel from or attach any device or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of Missouri. Fishermen or musselers who hold Illinois licenses, when fishing or musseling in waters in which they are not licensed to fish or mussel by Missouri, shall comply with the most restrictive laws and regulations of the two (2) states.

(5) All reciprocal privileges shall be contingent upon a grant of like privileges by the appropriate neighboring state to the duly licensed commercial fishermen and commercial musselers of Missouri; provided, that reciprocal commercial fishing and commercial musseling privileges on the St. Francis River are limited to residents of Missouri.

(6) Any person possessing a valid commercial permit or license to harvest shovelnose sturgeon issued by the states of Illinois or Tennessee may harvest shovelnose sturgeon from the Missouri portion of the Mississippi River without further permit or license, as permitted by this Code.


3 CSR 10-10.727 Record Keeping and Reporting Required: Commercial Fishermen

PURPOSE: This rule requires monthly catch reports by commercial fishermen.
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

PLEASE REPORT EVEN IF YOU DID NOT FISH

CHECK RIVERS FISHED

MISSISSIPPI ☐
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Comments: ________________________________

10 CODE OF STATE REGULATIONS

(1/29/06) ROBIN CARNAHAN
Secretary of State
INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Please return* the report even if you *did not fish* or *have not sold* any fish. Failure to report could result in the loss of your fishing privileges next year.

2. Please record the number of nets, yards of gear, or number of hooks fished each month; not the gear licensed.

3. Please record the total weight (in pounds) of the fishes caught by the type of gear used.

4. Please record the number of days each type of gear was fished during the month.

5. Your comments or questions about fishing or river conditions will help us to manage this fishery. Please use the space provided on the report form or send a letter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

TEAR OFF AND MAIL LOWER PART OF THIS FORM

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POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
FIRST CLASS PERMIT NO. 89, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
FISH & WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER
1110 COLLEGE AVENUE
COLUMBIA, MO. 65201
3 CSR 10-10.730 Resident Wholesale Fish Dealer Permit
(Rescinded August 15, 1978)


3 CSR 10-10.732 Tag and Release Fishing Promotion Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a tag and release fishing promotion permit for individuals tagging fish for promotions, contests or other events on selected impoundments.

(1) To engage in tagging and releasing fish in association with a fishing promotion, contest or other event. Fee: Two hundred fifty dollars ($250).

(2) A tag and release fishing promotion permit authorizes the holder to tag and release one (1) fish into an impoundment of the state, in accordance with the following:
(A) Only one (1) valid permit per impoundment may be possessed by the holder at any one time. No more than two (2) permits shall be valid for the same impoundment at any one time.
(B) Only crappie, black bass and catfish species may be tagged.
(C) Events shall be restricted to Lake of the Ozarks, Stockton Lake, Table Rock Lake and Truman Lake. Tag and release fishing promotion permits may be further restricted for areas within five (5) miles of any portion of an impoundment with an active department fishery research project.
(D) Fish to be tagged shall be obtained from the impoundment specified in the permit in compliance with established seasons, methods and limits.
(E) Fish shall be tagged in the presence of an agent of the department using a technique approved by the department.
(F) Contest rules shall comply with established fishing seasons, methods and limits.
(G) There shall be no fee, registration or other consideration beyond a valid Missouri fishing permit as required by this Code to enter or participate in the event.
(H) Maximum duration of any event shall be thirty (30) days.


3 CSR 10-10.734 Privileges of Fish Dealers
(Rescinded August 15, 1978)


3 CSR 10-10.736 Fish Hatchery Permit
(Rescinded August 15, 1978)


3 CSR 10-10.737 Fish Farming Permit
(Rescinded August 15, 1978)


3 CSR 10-10.738 Privileges and Responsibilities of Fish Hatchery and Fish Farming Permittees
(Rescinded August 15, 1978)


3 CSR 10-10.740 Reports Required
(Rescinded August 15, 1978)


3 CSR 10-10.743 Commercial Establishments

PURPOSE: This rule authorizes retail establishments to buy and sell certain forms of wildlife and wildlife products.

Resident commercial establishments, when possession is accompanied by a valid invoice or bill of sale, may buy, possess, transport and sell legally purchased and plainly marked dressed or processed pheasants, exotic partridges, quail, game bird eggs, bear, deer except white-tailed and mule deer, elk, moose, caribou, wild boar, live bait and frogs and fish. Skinned fur bearer carcasses may be sold at retail only.


Op. Atty. Gen. No. 32, Geelie, 5-23-54. The state of Missouri extends its ownership or control of wildlife not only to that found or reduced to possession within this state, but also to that which may be imported hereto, and the Conservation Commission may lawfully require persons engaged in retail merchandising of fish to obtain a permit even though such fish may have been lawfully acquired from sources outside the state of Missouri.

3 CSR 10-10.744 Commercial Deer Processing: Permit, Privileges, Requirements

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit for commercial processors of deer meat and sets requirements for those establishments.

(1) To commercially process and store deer. Fee: twenty-five dollars ($25).

(2) The commercial processor shall post a notice and inform patrons of the provisions of
this rule, and shall keep accurate records of all deer processed and stored. These records shall be retained for twelve (12) months. Future permits shall be conditioned on compliance with this rule. All records and stored deer shall be made available for inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time.

(3) For the purposes of processing specialty deer meats, commercial processors are exempt from provisions of 3 CSR 10-4.137. For purposes of storing specialty deer meats, commercial processors are exempt from provisions of 3 CSR 10-4.137 and 3 CSR 10-4.140(2), but only from September 15 through March 31. These exemptions do not apply to raw, packaged venison.


3 CSR 10-10.767 Taxidermy; Tanning: Permit, Privileges, Requirements

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a taxidermy and tanning permit with specified privileges and requirements.

(1) To engage in the business of wildlife taxidermy or tanning. Fee: thirty dollars ($30).

(2) Wildlife legally possessed may be shipped or delivered to a licensed taxidermist or tanner and may be mounted or preserved by him/her.

(3) Legally taken and possessed furbearers may be purchased by licensed taxidermists or tanners only for mounting or tanning, and only mounted or tanned specimens may be sold.

(4) All licensed taxidermists and tanners shall keep accurate, up-to-date records of the number and species of all wildlife received, the full name and address of the consignor (or seller of furbearers) and the dates of all transactions and disposition of all wildlife on a form approved or provided by the department. These records and wildlife shall be available for inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time. All completed records required by this rule shall be retained for three (3) years. Renewal of a permit shall be conditioned upon compliance with this rule.

(5) Pelts held under this permit after possession season for pelts shall not enter the raw fur market. All wildlife held by a licensed taxidermist or tanner shall be identifiable to the consignor. Unused parts of wildlife may be disposed of or sold by licensed taxidermists or tanners, but not for human consumption. Federal regulations apply to the mounting of migratory birds and endangered species.


3 CSR 10-10.770 Guide’s Permit: Privileges and Requirements

3 CSR 10-10.771 Commercial Permits: How Obtained, Replacements

PURPOSE: This rule establishes procedures for obtaining commercial permits and replacement permits.

Commercial permits and replacements for them may be issued only through the department office in Jefferson City upon receipt of proper application and the required permit fee. A service fee of three dollars ($3) is required for a replacement commercial permit.


3 CSR 10-10.775 Fee Fishing Area Permit (Rescinded August 15, 1978)


3 CSR 10-10.777 Fee Fishing Area: Privileges and Qualifications (Rescinded August 15, 1978)


3 CSR 10-10.780 Commercial Musseling Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a commercial musseling permit and sets fees for residents and nonresidents of the state.

To take, possess and sell mussels, in accordance with 3 CSR 10-10.782.

Resident Fee: $ 150
Nonresident Fee: $1,000


3 CSR 10-10.781 Commercial Musseling Helper Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit for persons assisting commercial musseling permittees.

To assist commercial musseling permittees in the take, possession and sale of mussels, in accordance with 3 CSR 10-10.782.

Resident Fee: $ 50
Nonresident Fee: $150


3 CSR 10-10.782 Commercial Musseling: Seasons, Methods

PURPOSE: This rule provides for commercial musseling in certain streams and establishes restrictions on the use of certain gear.

(1) Mussels may be taken for commercial purposes from sunrise to sunset from April 1 through August 31, only by hand or brail. Brails must be less than twenty feet (20') in length and only three (3) brails per boat may be possessed on waters open to commercial musseling during hours closed to harvest. Commercial musselers may possess mussels only from April 1 through September 15. All endangered species, all species of conservation concern (as defined in 3 CSR 10-9.110) and all washboard mussels (Megalonaiaias nervosa), regardless of size; all three (3) ridge mussels (Amblema plicata) that can pass through a ring with an inside diameter of three inches (3"), all mapleleaf mussels (Quadrula quadrula) that can pass through a ring with an inside diameter of two and three-fourths inches (2 3/4") and all other mussels that can pass through a ring with an inside diameter of two and one-half inches (2 1/2") must be returned unharmed immediately to the bed where taken. Mussels may be taken in any numbers by the holder of a commercial musseling permit from commercial waters. Mussels may not be taken or possessed in Pool 24 of the Mississippi River west of the navigation channel.

(2) Commercial musseling helpers must be accompanied by a commercial musseling permittee and may not take mussels by diving methods.

(3) Mussels may be shipped or transported into Missouri without a Missouri mussel dealer permit for consignment to a Missouri mussel dealer when accompanied by the appropriate permit or other proof of legality in the state of origin.

(4) All mussels possessed under provisions of section (3) of this rule must be of legal size and species open to harvest in Missouri.

(5) Issuance of a permit after the first year shall be conditioned on compliance with this rule and receipt by the department of satisfactory reports for the preceding permit period.


3 CSR 10-10.783 Mussel Dealer’s Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit for conducting wholesale buying and selling of mussels.

To buy, sell, possess, transport and ship freshwater mussels.

Resident fee: $1,000
Nonresident fee: $2,500


3 CSR 10-10.784 Mussel Dealers: Reports, Requirements

PURPOSE: This rule establishes reporting and other requirements to be met by mussel dealers.

(1) Each mussel dealer shall keep an up-to-date, accurate record of all mussels purchased, sold, consigned or stored. Transactions shall be recorded immediately on forms provided by the department. All records shall be made available for inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time, and shall be submitted to the department no later than fifteen (15) days following the last day of each month.

(2) Mussel dealers and their employees shall conduct business only at locations in Missouri specified on the permit, or with other licensed mussel dealers at their business locations in Missouri. Any person buying, selling, possessing or transporting mussels must have the prescribed permit in his/her possession.

(3) Mussels may be shipped or transported into Missouri without a Missouri mussel dealer permit for consignment to a Missouri mussel dealer when accompanied by the appropriate permit or other proof of legality in the state of origin.

(4) All mussels possessed under provisions of this rule must be of legal size and species open to harvest in Missouri.
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
RECORD OF MUSSELS RECEIVED

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Company:  
Address:  
Telephone:  
Mussel Dealer’s Permit No.

Seller:  
Address:  
City:  
State:  
Zip:  
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Seller’s Permit No.:  
Resident State:  

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3 CSR 10-10.787 Reports Required: Commercial Musselers

PURPOSE: This rule establishes reporting requirements for the holders of commercial musseling permits.

All commercial musselers shall submit a monthly report during the mussel season on a form furnished by the department, showing the place of origin and the quantity and species of mussels taken by him/her during the preceding month, or a negative report if none were taken. Renewal of a permit for the following year shall be conditioned on receipt by the department of satisfactory monthly reports by September 15.

Missouri Department of Conservation

Mussel Report Form

Directions: Answer all questions (1-5) completely. Please report even if you did not fish or harvest any mussels while fishing. Failure to report could result in the loss of your fishing privileges next year. Return report no later than the fifteenth day of the following month.


5. Report pounds of mussels harvested live, dead or both, in the appropriate space under the location heading for each mussel species.

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