# Rules of Department of Conservation

**Division 10—Conservation Commission**

**Chapter 9—Wildlife Code: Confined Wildlife: Privileges, Permits, Standards**

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Title 3—DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION
Division 10—Conservation Commission
Chapter 9—Wildlife Code: Confined Wildlife: Privileges, Permits, Standards


PURPOSE: This rule establishes general provisions for the chapter, to be consistent with the format of other chapters.

Any person holding wildlife in captivity in any manner shall have in his/her possession the prescribed permit or evidence of exemption. Renewal of permits is conditioned on compliance with provisions of the Wildlife Code.


3 CSR 10-9.110 General Prohibition; Applications

PURPOSE: This rule prohibits the pursuit, taking, possession or any use of wildlife except as provided in the Code.

(A) That person has in his/her possession a dated, written statement showing the number or quantity of each species as proof that such animals were obtained from other than waters of the state or from a licensed commercial fisherman, provided that animals from outside the state were legally obtained from a commercial source.

(B) That person is in compliance with all provisions of the Wildlife Code of Missouri pertaining to importation, purchase, or sale of endangered species, and importation of live fish or viable fish eggs of the family Salmonidae.

(C) That the privileges of this section do not apply to taking or possession in, on or from waters of the state, waters stocked by the state, or waters subject to movements of fishes into and from waters of the state, except:

1. Animals defined as live bait and possessed under provisions of this section may be possessed on the waters of the state for use as live bait.

2. Fish cultured by a commercial fish producer that remain in a man-made impoundment following inundation by floodwater from waters of the state as defined in this Code shall be considered the property of the impoundment owner; provided the remaining fish species are the same as were present in the impoundment prior to inundation. Any other fish species in the impoundment shall be considered the property of the state and not available for sale, and shall be returned unharmed immediately to the waters of the state when harvested.

(D) That the privileges of this section apply only to species listed in the Approved Aquatic Species List (including all subspecies, varieties and hybrids of the same), taken for purposes of aquaculture, species frozen or processed for sale as food products, species incapable of surviving in fresh water, species held only in aquaria or other closed containers having water discharged only into approved municipal waste treatment facilities or on-site waste treatment systems that include sand filtration or chlorination, or with written authorization of the director.

1. Fishes.

A. Shovelnose sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus platypus)
B. Paddlefish (Polyodon spathula)
C. Spotted gar (Lepisosteus oculatus)
D. Longnose gar (Lepisosteus osseus)
E. Shortnose gar (Lepisosteus platostomus)
F. Bowfin (Amia calva)
G. Gizzard shad (Dorosoma cepedianum)
H. Threadfin shad (Dorosoma petenense)
I. Rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss)
J. Golden trout (Oncorhynchus aguabonita)
K. Cutthroat trout (Oncorhynchus clarkii)
L. Brown trout (Salmo trutta)
M. Brook trout (Salvelinus fontinalis)
N. Coho salmon (Oncorhynchus kisutch)
O. Northern pike (Esox lucius)
P. Muskellunge (Esox masquinongy)
Q. Goldfish (Carassius auratus)
R. Grass carp (Ctenopharyngodon idella)
S. Common carp (Cyprinus carpio)
T. Golden shiner (Notemigonus crysoleucas)
U. Bluntnose minnow (Pimephales notatus)
V. Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas)
W. Blue Sucker (Cycleptus elongatus)
X. Bighorn buffalo (Ictiobus cyrinellus)
Y. Black bullhead (Ameirus melas)
Z. Yellow bullhead (Ameirus natalis)
AA. Brown bullhead (Ameirus nebulosus)
BB. Blue catfish (Ictalurus furcatus)
CC. Channel catfish (Ictalurus punctatus)
DD. Flathead catfish (Pylodictis olivaris)
EE. Mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis)
FF. White bass (Morone chrysops)
GG. Striped bass (Morone saxatilis)
HH. Green sunfish (Lepomis cyanellus)
II. Pumpkinseed (Lepomis gibbosus)
JJ. Warmouth (Lepomis gulosus)
KK. Orangespotted sunfish (Lepomis humilis)
LL. Bluegill (Lepomis macrochirus)
MM. Longear sunfish (Lepomis megalotis)
NN. Redear sunfish (Lepomis microlophus)
OO. Smallmouth bass (Micropterus dolomieu)
PP. Spotted bass
(Micropterus punctulatus)
QQ. Largemouth bass
(Micropterus salmoides)
RR. White crappie
(Pomoxis annularis)
SS. Black crappie
(Pomoxis nigromaculatus)
TT. Yellow perch
(Perca flavescens)
UU. Sauger
(Stizostedion canadense)
VV. Walleye
(Stizostedion vitreum)
WW. Freshwater drum
(Aplodinotus grunniens)
XX. Bighead carp
(Hypophthalmichthys nobilis)

3. Crustaceans.
   A. Northern crayfish
      (Orconectes virilis)
   B. White river crayfish
      (Procambarus acutus)
   C. Red swamp crayfish
      (Procambarus clarkii)

3. Amphibians.
   A. Tiger salamander larvae
      (Ambystoma tigrinum)

(4) Live fish, their eggs and gametes of the family
Salmonidae (trouts, char, salmon) may be imported to
the state only by the holder of a fish importation permit
and any other appropriate state permit. This importation
permit shall be issued at no charge, for each
shipment, to a person who has applied upon
a special form furnished by the department
which is incorporated into this rule by refer-
ence, if this application is received not less
than fifteen (15) nor more than eighty (80)
days prior to the shipment, and if the ship-
ment is considered not detrimental to the
fisheries resources of the state. This permit
will be issued only if the immediate source of
the importation is certified negative for Viral
Hemorrhagic Septicemia, Infectious Pancrea-
tic Necrosis, Infectious Hematopoietic
Necrosis, Myxobolus cerebralis, or other dis-
eases which may threaten fish stocks within
the state. Certification will only be accepted
from federal, state or industry personnel
approved by the department and only in
accordance with provisions on the permit
application form. Fish, eggs and gametes
imported under this permit are subject to
inspection by authorized agents of the depart-
ment and this inspection may include removal
of reasonable samples of fish or eggs for bio-
logical examination.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV,
Mo. Const. This rule was previously filed as
3 CSR 10-4.10(5), (6) and (10). Original rule
Amended: Filed July 15, 1976, effective Dec.
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
APPLICATION FOR IMPORTATION OF SALMONID FISHES

Date of Application: ________________________________
Expected Date of Salmonid Shipment Arrival: ________________________________
Applicant: ____________________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________
Telephone Number: ___________________ Fax: _____________________________
Species to be Imported: ________________________________________________
Number to be Imported: Fish: _______ Disinfected Eggs: _______ Green Eggs/Milt: _______
(All eggs must be disinfected upon arrival.)
Name of Carrier: ______________________________________________________
Hatchery Destination: _________________________________________________
Source of Fish - Name of Company: ______________________________________
Address of Company: _________________________________________________
Phone Number of Company: _____________________________________________

Provisions: Fish Health Certification papers for sources of fish or eggs must be included with this application. Sources must have been certified annually by American Fisheries Society Bluebook procedures, or by other procedures approved by the department. Certification will only be accepted from federal, state, or industry personnel approved by the department. Diseases of concern are listed on the back of this form. Fish or eggs from sources which are positive or suspect for diseases not found in Missouri will not be allowed for importation. Importation from sources which are positive for diseases already found in Missouri will be denied if their importation may cause additional risk, such as increased virulence, increased drug resistance, or the potential to expand the distribution of diseases. Additional disease certification may be required from sources with a special risk, such as an area with a disease not routinely checked for by health inspections.

Certifier Information: Please provide Name(s), Address(es), Telephone and Fax Number(s), Qualifications (Degrees, Licenses, Accreditations, Certifications, etc.), and Employer(s):

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This application and all required papers and documentation should be mailed to the Fish Pathology Laboratory, Missouri Department of Conservation, 2630 N. Mayfair, Springfield, MO 65803. The application must be received not less than 15, nor more than 80 days prior to the date of shipment. The importation permit issued by the Missouri Department of Conservation must accompany the shipment into Missouri.
Disease Considerations for Salmonid Importation into Missouri
(common acronyms for are bolded)

An importation permit will be issued only if the immediate source of the importation is certified negative for: Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS or VHSV), Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis (IPN or IPNV), Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis (IIHN or IIINV), Whirling Disease, *Myxobolus cerebralis* (WD, SWD, or SW), or other diseases which may threaten fish stocks within Missouri.

Certification for Whirling Disease, *Myxobolus cerebralis* may not be required if only unfertilized eggs and milt (without water) are being imported for research purposes in an indoor laboratory inspected by the Missouri Department of Conservation and if strict handling and disinfection procedures of shipping containers, equipment, and biological specimens are followed. No resultant fish or fish tissue can leave the inspected site except as properly prepared biological samples. Additional clarification will be made available upon request.

**Safe Handling Tips:**

Eggs should always be properly disinfected with an FDA approved disinfectant.

Shipping containers not returned to the source should be sterilized with a 50% chlorine solution or incinerated.
3 CSR 10-9.220 Wildlife Confinement Standards

PURPOSE: This rule establishes standards to be followed by those holding wildlife in captivity to assure the animals are confined in humane and sanitary conditions and in ways that prevent escape.

(1) Cages, pens or other enclosures for confining wild animals shall be well braced, securely fastened to the floor or ground, covered with a top as required and constructed with material of sufficient strength to prevent escape. Animals must be confined at all times in cages, pens or enclosures except in lead or drag races or birds held under a falconry permit. Except for unweaned young, Class II wildlife and bobcat, American badger, coyote, red fox and gray fox may not roam freely anywhere within a residence or inhabited dwelling.

(2) Cages, pens or other enclosures for Class I wildlife shall meet the following standards:

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<td>(A) American Badger</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>(B) Beaver</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>(C) Bobcat</td>
<td>32</td>
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<td>(D) Coyote</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>(E) E. Cotton-tail Rabbit</td>
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<td>(F) Fox Squirrel</td>
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<td>(G) Gray Fox</td>
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<td>(I) Mink</td>
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<td>(J) Muskrat</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>(K) Nine-Banded Armadillo</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>(L) Otter</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>(M) Raccoon</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>(N) Red Fox</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>(O) Virginia</td>
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<td>(P) Weasel</td>
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<td>(Q) White-Tailed Deer</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>125</td>
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<td>(R) Woodchuck</td>
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(3) Cages, pens or other enclosures for confining Class II wildlife shall be constructed to prevent direct physical contact with the public. At a minimum, this may be accomplished by a secondary barrier of wire mesh no smaller than eleven and one-half (11 1/2) gauge with openings of no more than nine (9) square inches, with a minimum distance of three feet (3') between animal cage and public and a minimum height of six feet (6'). Doors shall remain locked at all times with appropriate locks and chains. Enclosures shall be constructed with a den, nest box or connected housing unit that can be closed off and locked with the animal inside, or be a divided cage with a door between the compartments, to allow servicing and cleaning. The enclosure mesh size or spacing of bars shall be sufficient to prevent escape. A barrier system of wet or dry moats or structures, as approved by the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, will meet these requirements. Restraint by tethering only is prohibited for Class II animals.

(A) Class II wildlife shall be confined in cages, pens, enclosures or in buildings of sufficient strength with restraints affixed to all windows, doors or other means of entry or exit.

(B) Cages, pens or other enclosures for Class II wildlife shall meet the standards outlined in Appendix A of this rule.

(C) Mobile temporary exhibit and exotic animal auction/sale facilities used to confine Class II wildlife for no more than fourteen (14) days shall meet the following criteria:

1. Facilities shall be designed to prevent direct physical contact by the public and constructed of steel or case hardened aluminum of sufficient size to ensure that each animal or compatible groups of animals can stand erect, turn about freely and lie naturally. The structural strength of the facility shall be sufficient to contain the wildlife and to withstand the normal rigors of transportation. Doors shall be locked, but easily accessible at all times for emergency removal of the wildlife.

2. Facilities shall be designed to provide fresh air, free from injurious drafts and engine exhaust fumes, with adequate protection from the elements, and with emergency removal openings.

3. Venomous reptiles shall only be transported in a strong escape-proof enclosure capable of withstanding a strong impact. Enclosures shall be locked and prominently labeled with the owner’s full name, address, telephone number, list of species being transported, and a sign labeled VENOMOUS.

(4) In addition the following requirements shall be met:

(A) Clean drinking water shall be available in adequate amounts at all times. Semiaquatic animals, such as beaver and muskrat, shall be provided a pool of sufficient water depth for the animal to completely submerge.

(B) A shelter shall be provided for security and protection from inclement weather. Shade or an overhead structure shall be provided in warm seasons.

(C) Captive mammals and birds shall be fed daily with a diet appropriate to the species and the age, size and condition of the animal. Feeding containers shall be kept clean and uneaten food removed within a reasonable time.

(D) Animal wastes shall be removed daily and disposed of properly. If bedding is provided, it shall be cleaned out and replaced every two (2) weeks.

(5) Other wildlife native to Missouri not listed in sections (2) and (3) and in rule 3 CSR 10-9.110, and birds native to the continental United States, shall be confined in facilities that provide adequate space, comparable to requirements listed in sections (2) and (3) for similar size animals, and shall be provided requirements set out in section (4).

(6) Care of captive turtle shall meet requirements set out in section (4). At least ten (10) gallons of water shall be provided for each adult aquatic turtle over four inches (4") in shell length, and three (3) gallons of water shall be provided for each hatchling or turtle under four inches (4") in shell length. At least four (4) square feet of ground space shall be provided for each box turtle over three inches (3") in shell length and one (1) square foot of ground space shall be provided for each hatchling or turtle under three inches (3") in shell length.

(7) Requirements of this rule shall not apply to wildlife under the care of a veterinarian or rehabilitation center, or to animals legally held in circuses, publicly-owned zoos, bona fide research facilities or on fur farms whose sole purposes are to sell pelts or live animals to other fur farms and whose facilities meet generally accepted fur farming industry standards and adhere to provisions of sections (3) and (4) of this rule. Variations from requirements of this rule shall be only as specifically authorized by the director.

APPENDIX A
CAGE, PEN OR OTHER ENCLOSURE STANDARDS FOR CLASS II WILDLIFE

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<th>Species</th>
<th>Enclosure Space (sq.ft.)</th>
<th>Space Per Each Additional Animal</th>
<th>Enclosure Height (feet)</th>
<th>Cage Material</th>
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<td>Black Bear or hybrids</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>50% larger</td>
<td>8 or 10</td>
<td>Not smaller than 9 gauge steel chain link; top required for 8-foot enclosure; 3-foot lean-in on top of fence acceptable for 10-foot enclosure.</td>
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<td>Mountain Lion or hybrids</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>50% larger</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Not smaller than 9 gauge steel chain link for leopards; 11 gauge steel chain link for all other species; top required.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wolf or hybrids</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>50% larger</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>Not smaller than 9 gauge steel chain link; 4-inch concrete floor or non-rust 9 gauge chain link buried 2 feet and angled underground toward enclosure interior; for pens anchored flush with ground, 3-foot interior dig-out panel required at ground surface; top required, except 8-foot fence with 3-foot lean-in acceptable for wolves.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Venomous Snakes</td>
<td>(Perimeter must be 1 ½ times length of longest snake)</td>
<td>25% larger</td>
<td></td>
<td>When on public display outside approved confinement facility, any side of exhibit cage exposed to the public shall have a double glass or escape-proof double mesh barrier designed to prevent contact between venomous reptile and the public.</td>
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3 CSR 10-9.230 Class I Wildlife

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a new category for certain wildlife—wildlife inherently dangerous to humans and the provisions for private ownership of these species.

Class I wildlife shall include bullfrogs and green frogs and birds (including ring-necked pheasants and gray partridge) native to the continental United States, and those species of mammals (except bison and those listed in 3 CSR 10-9.240) and nonvenomous reptiles and amphibians native to Missouri.


3 CSR 10-9.240 Class II Wildlife

PURPOSE: This rule identifies those species that can only be held under provisions of a Class II wildlife breeder permit.

Class II wildlife shall include copperhead snakes, cottonmouth snakes, timber rattlesnakes, pygmy rattlesnakes, massasauga rattlesnakes, mountain lions or mountain lion-hybrids, wolves or wolf-hybrids and black bears or black bear-hybrids.


3 CSR 10-9.350 Class I Wildlife Breeder Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit for wildlife breeders.

To exercise the privileges of a Class I wildlife breeder. Fee: fifty dollars ($50).


3 CSR 10-9.351 Class II Wildlife Breeder Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a new permit for holders of wildlife classified as inherently dangerous to humans.

To exercise the privileges of a Class II wildlife breeder. Fee: one hundred fifty dollars ($150).


3 CSR 10-9.353 Privileges of Class I and Class II Wildlife Breeders

PURPOSE: This rule establishes privileges and requirements for wildlife breeders.

(1) Class I and Class II wildlife as defined in 3 CSR 10-9.230 and 3 CSR 10-9.240, may be exhibited, propagated, reared or held in captivity by the holder of the appropriate Class I or Class II wildlife breeder permit at a specific location indicated on the permit.

(2) A permit may be granted after satisfactory evidence by the applicant that the stock will be secured from a legal source other than the wild stock of this state and as provided in section (3) of this rule; that the applicant will confine the wildlife in humane and sanitary facilities that meet standards specified in 3 CSR 10-9.220; and that the applicant will prevent other wildlife of the state from becoming a part of the enterprise.

(3) Any cervid entering a Class I wildlife breeder operation that has ever been held in a state or province having a documented chronic wasting disease case shall be required to come from a herd comprised of animals that have been certified, through a United States Department of Agriculture approved or state-sponsored program, to be chronic wasting disease free for a minimum of three (3) years. Proof of such certification and all permits issued by the state veterinarian’s office allowing cervids to enter Missouri must be kept by the permittee and are subject to inspection by an agent of the department at any reasonable time.

(4) The wildlife may be used, sold, given away, transported or shipped; provided, that state- and federally-designated endangered species may not be sold without the written approval of the director; that skunks may not be imported, bought, sold, transported, given away or otherwise disposed of; that live raccoons, foxes and coyotes may not be imported; and that wildlife may be sold or given away only to the holder of the appropriate permit, where required, except as provided in section (8) of this rule.

(5) Cities, towns and counties may establish ordinances further restricting or prohibiting ownership of Class II wildlife, with approval of the department. In instances where prohibitions apply, no permit will be issued by the department.

(6) No Class I or Class II wildlife breeder permit is required for wildlife legally held by circuses, publicly-owned zoos or bona fide research facilities; however, those wildlife may not be held for personal use. Physical contact between humans and Class I and Class II wildlife in circuses must be restricted to the handlers, performers or other circus employees.

(7) Any sale, shipment or gift of wildlife by a Class I or Class II wildlife breeder shall be accompanied by a written statement giving his/her permit number and showing the number of each species and the name and address of the recipient. No wildlife of any kind may be liberated unless specific permission has been granted on written application to the conservation agent in the district where the release is to be made.

(8) Wildlife, except skunks, foxes, coyotes and raccoons may be shipped, transported or consigned to a wildlife breeder by nonresidents without a Missouri wildlife breeder permit, but that wildlife shall be accompanied by appropriate permit or other proof of legality in the state of origin. Persons purchasing wildlife at consignment sales shall obtain a wildlife hobby or appropriate wildlife breeder permit prior to the purchase; except nonresidents may possess and transport purchased wildlife without permit for forty-eight (48) hours following close of the sale.

(9) Notification of the date and place of any public sale of consigned wildlife shall be provided the conservation agent of the county in which the sale will be held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the sale.

(10) The holder of a Class I or Class II wildlife breeder permit may exhibit wildlife at locations other than those listed on the permit.

(11) None of these privileges shall extend to permitting the act of hunting for such stock except that big game mammals may be shot.
for purposes of herd management by the permit holder or his/her agents, but only by written authorization of the director.

(12) No state permit shall be required of individuals holding migratory waterfowl under valid federal authorization.

(13) No state permit shall be required for the propagation, sale or display of birds of prey by persons holding a valid federal permit; provided, that these birds may be used to take or attempt to take wildlife only by persons holding a valid falconry permit.

(14) The holder of a Class II wildlife breeder permit shall report escaped animals immediately to an agent of the department.

(15) The holder of a Class I wildlife breeder permit may sell legally-acquired dressed or processed quail, pheasants, partridges and game bird eggs at retail and to commercial establishments under provisions of 3 CSR 10-10.743, provided all sales are accompanied by a valid invoice and the required records are maintained by the wildlife breeder.

(16) Animal health standards and movement activities shall comply with all state and federal regulations.


3 CSR 10-9.359 Class I and Class II Wildlife Breeder: Records Required

PURPOSE: This rule requires each wildlife breeder to submit a report of his/her activities.

Each Class I and Class II wildlife breeder shall maintain a current record of all transactions showing the place of origin and the numbers and species of wildlife which were possessed, propagated, bought, sold, transported, shipped, given away or used. These records shall be on forms provided by the department and shall be subject to inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time.

WILDLIFE BREEDER RECORD

Rule 3CSR10-9.359 — Each Class I and Class II wildlife breeder shall maintain a current record of all transactions showing the place of origin and the number and species of wildlife which were possessed, propagated, bought, sold, transported, shipped or used by him. Such records shall be on forms provided by the department and shall be subject to inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time.

Any sale or gift of wildlife must be accompanied by a written statement in compliance with 3CSR10-9.353 (2) of the Missouri Wildlife Code.

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3 CSR 10-9.415 Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit

PURPOSE: This rule is being established to provide specific authority for qualified individuals or entities to hold wildlife for rehabilitation.

(1) A permit to take, possess, transport and hold in captivity for rehabilitation, sick or injured wildlife of Missouri origin. Wildlife may not be propagated, sold, exhibited, given away, held more than one hundred twenty (120) days, released or otherwise disposed of except as authorized by an agent of the department. This permit may be issued only to individuals or organizations qualified to rehabilitate wildlife through graduation from a school of veterinary medicine or other substantive training and experience in wildlife rehabilitation.

(2) Species authorized to be held are limited to those specified on the permit. Any traps, nets or other devices used to take sick or injured wildlife under this permit shall be attended daily, or be constantly attended if so stated on the permit, and labeled with the permit holder’s full name and address. The names and addresses of persons assisting under the direct supervision of the holder of the permit shall be submitted to the local conservation agent in writing before assistance can be rendered. This permit does not relieve the holder of full compliance with other provisions of the Code or other state and federal requirements. The wildlife rehabilitation permit is not valid until signed.

(3) Animals held for rehabilitation must remain at the location specified on the permit or a veterinarian’s premises except as otherwise authorized in writing by the director. The permit holder will confine the wildlife for public safety in a humane and sanitary condition acceptable to the Department of Conservation.

(4) Each permit holder shall maintain a current record, on forms furnished by the department, of each animal received, rehabilitated, destroyed or released. These records shall be available for inspection by an authorized agent of the commission at any reasonable time.

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   C = Still in captivity

* Required by Rule 3CSR10-9.615 of the Wildlife Code of Missouri; subject to inspection by an authorized agent of the Commission at any reasonable time.

Missouri Department of Conservation
PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit to possess certain forms of wildlife for personal use but not for sale.

(1) A wildlife hobby permit authorizes the holder to purchase, possess and propagate not more than fifty (50) ring-necked pheasants and bobwhite quail, in the aggregate, for personal use only and not for sale; and to hold in captivity not more than one (1) game mammal purchased from a Missouri wildlife breeder permit holder, except that Class II wildlife, hoofed mammals and skunks may not be held under this permit. Game mammals may be held in captivity but may not be propagated or sold. This permit shall be obtained prior to receipt of wildlife. The permittee must furnish proof that game mammals and birds were legally obtained. Wildlife must be confined in humane and sanitary facilities that meet standards specified in 3 CSR 10-9.220. Wildlife may be disposed of only in accordance with instructions of an agent of the department but may not be released, sold or given away. The permittee is subject to all provisions of section 578.023, RSMo.

(2) Banded birds possessed under this permit may be temporarily released and recaptured when training dogs. Any device used to recapture birds in accordance with this provision must be labeled with the user’s full name, address and wildlife hobby permit number and be attended daily. Fee: ten dollars ($10).


PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit under which wildlife may be taken for scientific purposes.

(1) A permit to collect, possess, mount or preserve wildlife for scientific purposes only may be granted to an authorized representative of a university, college, school, incorporated city, state or federal agency, publicly-owned zoo, or wildlife or research organization; provided, that the collection shall be the property of the sponsor named in the permit and shall be used exclusively for scientific, educational or museum purposes. The collected specimens shall be donated to a museum or educational institution or disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the director. Wildlife held under a wildlife collector’s permit may be propagated but shall not be sold or exhibited commercially.

(2) Wildlife collector’s permits may be issued to professionally qualified individuals for specific projects where the potential results are of sufficient public value and interest to justify special collections of wildlife.

(3) Species and numbers of each to be collected and collecting methods are limited to those specified on the permit. Advance notification shall be given the conservation agent or regional supervisor in the county or area as to where and when the collecting will be done. The permit holder’s name, address and wildlife collector’s permit number shall be on all trapping and netting devices. The traps, nets or other devices used under this permit shall be attended at least daily, or be constantly attended if so stated on the permit. The names and addresses of persons collecting under the direct supervision of the holder of the permit shall accompany the application for the permit. This permit does not relieve the holder of full compliance with other provisions of the Code or other state and federal requirements. The wildlife collector’s permit is not valid until signed.


PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit for residents of the state to engage in falconry.

To take, and possess alive, birds of prey and to use birds of prey to take other wildlife. Fee: sixty dollars ($60). This permits shall remain valid for three (3) years from date of issuance.


PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for hunting with birds of prey.

(1) Birds of prey may be taken, transported, possessed or used to take wildlife only by holders of a falconry permit, to be issued only to residents qualified by passing with a score of at least eighty percent (80%) a written examination meeting federal standards and whose facilities and equipment meet requirements specified in this rule. The barter, sale, purchase, importation or exportation of raptors without a permit is prohibited.

(2) Only designated types and numbers of birds of prey may be possessed and all these birds shall bear a numbered, nonreusable marker provided by the department. Birds held under a falconry permit may be used, without further permit, to pursue and take wildlife within the following seasons and bag limits:

...
(A) Cottontail and swamp rabbits may be taken from October 1 to March 31. Daily limit: six (6) rabbits including no more than two (2) swamp rabbits; possession limit: twelve (12) rabbits including no more than four (4) swamp rabbits.

(B) Squirrels may be taken from the Saturday before Memorial Day to February 1. Daily limit: two (2) squirrels; possession limit: four (4) squirrels.

(C) Quail may be taken from October 1 to January 15. Daily limit: three (3) quail; possession limit: six (6) quail.

(D) Doves may be taken from September 1 to December 16 from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset. Daily limit: three (3) doves; possession limit: six (6) doves, except that any waterfowl taken by falconers must be included within these limits.

(E) Ducks, mergansers and coots may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as follows: in the North Zone, September 8 through September 23 and September 26 through October 22; in the Middle Zone, September 8 through September 23 and October 3 through January 1; and, in the South Zone, September 8 through September 23 and October 22 through January 20. Daily limit: three (3) birds singly or in the aggregate, including doves; possession limit: six (6) birds singly or in the aggregate, including doves.

(F) Pheasants of either sex and gray partridge may be taken in the areas and during the periods and within the bag and possession limits listed in 3 CSR 10-7.430.

(G) Other wildlife may be taken only within the specified seasons and bag limits, except that non migratory game species may be taken outside of the specified falconry seasons with a daily limit of one (1) perator per day.

(3) Nonresidents with valid Missouri hunting permits may use birds of prey properly licensed in other states to take wildlife during the open season; provided, that these properly licensed falcons, without further permit, may be entered and used by nonresidents to take wildlife in any regional or national falconry field trial authorized by letter from the director.

(4) Applicants for permits shall submit an application with information including the number of raptors possessed and the species, age, sex, date of acquisition and source of each. Falconry permits are issued by classes based on experience as follows:

(A) Apprentice Class—Permittees shall be at least fourteen (14) years old and shall have a sponsor holding a general or master falconry permit. A sponsor shall have no more than three (3) apprentices at any one (1) time. An apprentice may possess only one (1) American kestrel (Falco sparverius) or one (1) red-tailed hawk (Buteo jamaicensis) and may obtain not more than one (1) replacement raptor during any twelve (12)-month period.

(B) General Class—Permittees shall be at least eighteen (18) years old and shall have at least two (2) years’ experience in falconry at the apprentice level. A general falconer may not possess more than two (2) raptors of the family Accipitridae, or of the family Falconidae, or the great horned owl (Bubo virginianus) of the family Strigidae, but not to include any eagle, red-shouldered hawk (Buteo lineatus) or any threatened or endangered species. A general falconer shall not obtain more than two (2) raptors for replacements during any twelve (12)-month period.

(C) Master Class—Permittees shall have at least five (5) years’ experience in falconry at the general class level and shall not possess more than three (3) raptors of the family Accipitridae, or of the family Falconidae, or the great horned owl (Bubo virginianus) of the family Strigidae; but not to include the red-shouldered hawk (Buteo lineatus), any golden eagle (Aquila chrysaetos) except by written federal authorization, nor more than one (1) threatened species, nor any endangered species. A master falconer shall not obtain more than two (2) raptors taken from the wild for replacements during any twelve (12)-month period.

(5) Applicants’ facilities for raptors shall be inspected and certified to meet the following standards. Applicants may utilize only one (1) facility (mews or weathering area) provided it meets all requirements for protection described in this section.

(A) Indoor facilities (mews) shall be large enough to allow easy access for caring for the raptors. Raptors shall be tethered or separated by partitions and each be provided balance suitable for weighing the raptors held with written authorization of the director, except northern harriers (marsh hawks), sharp-shinned hawks, red-shouldered hawks, Swainson’s hawks, peregrine falcons, bald eagles, Mississippi kites, barn owls, short-eared owls and long-eared owls, may be taken only by a general or master falconer from May 1 to May 7 and from June 1 to June 30, and no more than two (2) eyasses, one (1) of which may be a Cooper’s hawk, may be taken by a falconer during this period.

(C) First year (passage) birds may be taken from September 1 to January 21; provided that permittees may retrap only their marked raptor at any time.

(D) Only American kestrels and great horned owls may be taken when over one (1)-year old, except that raptors other than those listed in subsection (7)(B) of this rule, when taken under a depredation or special purpose federal permit may be used by general and master falconer.

(E) Nonresidents who have valid falconry permits issued by their state of residence, with written authorization of the director, may take from the wild and, when banded, possess and transport raptors under conditions and at those places and times as the director may specify; providing, that this person shall possess a valid Missouri nonresident hunting permit. (Note: Persons transporting raptors so taken into another state also must secure permission for the transfer from the other state.)

(8) Special Provisions.
(A) Persons lawfully possessing raptors prior to December 31, 1976, in excess of the number permitted under this rule, or who fail to meet the requirements of this rule, may retain but not replace these raptors, which shall be identified by permanent markers.

(B) No raptor shall be released to the wild without written authorization from the Department of Conservation. Markers shall be removed from these birds and surrendered to the department.

(C) Feathers from captive birds may be retained and exchanged by permittees only for impounding purposes.

(D) Permittees may trade or transfer raptors with other permittees only with a photocopy of Federal Form 3-186A (Migratory Bird Acquisition/Disposition Report) submitted to the department within five (5) working days of the transfer and no money or other consideration may be involved, except that permittees may purchase, sell or barter only captive-bred raptors marked with a seamless, numbered band, and that resident permittees may transfer raptors to other resident permittees for temporary holding provided a letter stating the names and addresses of both permittees and the raptor marker number is furnished to and in the possession of the permittee holding the raptor. The permittee temporarily holding these raptors may exercise them.

(E) A permittee shall report by July 31 each year a listing of all raptors possessed on June 30, by species, marker number, sex, age and the date and source of acquisition. The same information shall be reported for raptors possessed or acquired since the previous report but no longer possessed, with the source and date acquired and the date and reason for termination of possession.

(F) Raptors that are bred in captivity and utilized for falconry shall not be treated as threatened or endangered species for purposes of this rule.

(G) Except as provided in section (2), the permittee shall leave any accidentally killed animal where it lies, except that the raptor may feed upon the animal prior to leaving the site of the kill.


3 CSR 10-9.565 Licensed Hunting Preserve: Privileges

PURPOSE: This rule sets out the privileges and requirements for licensed hunting areas.

(1) Licensed hunting preserves are subject to inspection by an agent of the department at any reasonable time. Animal health standards and movement activities shall comply with all state and federal regulations. Any person holding a licensed hunting preserve permit may release on his/her licensed hunting preserve legally acquired pheasants, exotic partridges, quail and ungulates (hoofed animals) for shooting throughout the year, under the following conditions:

(A) Game Bird Hunting Preserve.
   1. The hunting preserve shall be a single body of land not less than one hundred sixty (160) acres nor more than six hundred forty (640) acres in size. Hunting preserves shall be posted with signs specified by the department. Hunting preserve permits will not be issued for areas—
      A. Within five (5) miles of any area where there is an ongoing department game bird release program or where the most recent release of department game birds has been made less than five (5) years prior to receipt of the application.
      B. In any location where those activities are considered by the department as likely to further jeopardize any species currently designated by Missouri or federal regulations as threatened or endangered wildlife.
   2. The permittee shall attach to the leg of each game bird taken on the preserve a leg band furnished by the department, for which the permittee shall pay ten dollars ($10) per one hundred (100) bands.
   3. Any person taking or hunting game birds on a licensed hunting preserve shall have in his/her possession a valid hunting permit or licensed hunting preserve hunting permit, except that persons fifteen (15) years of age or younger, when accompanied by a properly licensed adult hunter, and residents sixty-five (65) years of age and older, may hunt without permit.
   4. Game birds taken on a licensed hunting preserve may be possessed and transported only when bearing the prescribed leg band. Game birds may be taken in any numbers on such areas.
   5. The permittee must release during the shooting season at least one (1) game bird per...
acre of hunting preserve, with at least one-half (1/2) of the birds to be bobwhite quail, if quail are to be hunted outside the statewide season. All birds shall be from a source approved by the department.

(B) Big Game Hunting Preserve

1. The hunting preserve for ungulates shall be a single body of land not less than three hundred twenty (320) acres and no more than three thousand two hundred (3,200) acres in size, fenced so as to enclose and contain all released game and exclude all hoofed wildlife of the state from becoming a part of the enterprise and posted with signs specified by the department. Fence height shall meet standards specified in 3 CSR 10-9.220.

2. Any cervid entering a big game hunting preserve operation that has ever been held in a state or province having a documented chronic wasting disease case shall be required to come from a herd comprised of animals that have been certified, through a United States Department of Agriculture approved or state-sponsored program, to be chronic wasting disease free for a minimum of three (3) years. Proof of such certification and all permits issued by the state veterinarian’s office allowing cervids to enter Missouri must be kept by the permittee and are subject to inspection by an agent of the department at any reasonable time.

3. The permittee may exercise privileges provided in 3 CSR 10-9.353 for species held under the big game hunting preserve permit. Any breeding enclosure(s) contained within the big game hunting preserve shall meet standards specified in 3 CSR 10-9.220.

4. Any person taking or hunting ungulates on a big game hunting preserve shall have in his/her possession a valid licensed hunting preserve hunting permit. The permittee shall attach to the leg of each ungulate taken on the preserve a locking leg seal furnished by the department, for which the permittee shall pay ten dollars ($10) per one hundred (100) seals. Any packaged or processed meat shall be labeled with the licensed hunting preserve permit number.


3 CSR 10-9.566 Licensed Hunting Preserve: Records Required

PURPOSE: This rule requires that licensed hunting preserves maintain records on the premises that would include information on species, purchase, sale, propagation, health certification, applicable permits and harvest, on a form furnished by the Department of Conservation.

Licensed hunting preserve permittees shall keep a current record, by date, of the number of each species held, acquired, propagated, sold, released, the number of each species taken on the preserve and the full name, address, and permit number (if applicable) of each buyer, seller, shooter and/or taker on forms provided by the department. These records and applicable state and federal animal health records and permits for each animal shall be maintained on the premises of the licensed hunting preserve and shall be subject to inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time.


3 CSR 10-9.575 Hound Running Area: Privileges, Requirements

PURPOSE: This rule sets out the privileges and requirements for hound running areas.

(1) A permit may be granted after satisfactory evidence by the applicant that his/her stock is from a legal source and that the foxes and coyotes will be confined in humane and sanitary facilities that meet standards specified in 3 CSR 10-9.220. All stock acquired must be from legal sources within the state.

(2) A hound running area shall be a single body of land as specified on the permit, fenced to enclose and contain all released foxes and coyotes and to exclude all others, and posted with signs provided by the department. A minimum of one (1) dog-proof escape area (culvert, brush pile, fenced refuge or other suitable structure) shall be provided per each twenty-five (25) acres, and be available for use by foxes and coyotes any time dogs are present on the area. Escape areas shall not be located immediately adjacent to each other.

(3) The holder of a Hound Running Area Operator’s Permit may obtain foxes and coyotes from a holder of a valid trapping permit as prescribed in 3 CSR 10-8.515(7). Permittees may also purchase foxes and coyotes from a holder of a Class I Wildlife Breeder Permit. These foxes and coyotes may only be released into the permittee’s running area and must be individually marked with ear tags provided by the department for which the permittee shall pay fifty cents (50¢) per tag. These animals may not be sold, given away, released to the wild or exported, except with written authorization of the director.

(4) Foxes and coyotes in a hound running area may be chased with dogs, but not with the intent to capture or kill.

(5) Prior to being chased, all newly-acquired foxes and coyotes shall be provided a minimum of seven (7) days to acclimate to the area. Wildlife held under this permit are subject to inspection by an agent of the department and this inspection may include removal of reasonable samples for biological examination.

(6) Any person releasing dogs on a hound running area shall have in his/her possession a valid Missouri hunting permit or a Hound Running Area User Permit, except that Missouri residents fifteen (15) years of age and under and sixty-five (65) years of age and over are exempt from this requirement.
(7) The hound running area operator shall keep an accurate permanent record on forms provided by the department of the supplier’s full name and address and number of each species held, captured, purchased, propagated, released on the area or otherwise disposed of. Ear tag numbers must also be recorded for each animal released into the area. These records are subject to inspection by an agent of the department at any reasonable time.


3 CSR 10-9.605 Wildlife Collector’s Permit
(Moved to 3 CSR 10-9.425)

3 CSR 10-9.610 Bird Banding
(Moved to 3 CSR 10-9.430)

3 CSR 10-9.615 Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit
(Moved to 3 CSR 10-9.415)

3 CSR 10-9.620 Wildlife Hobby Permit
(Moved to 3 CSR 10-9.420)

3 CSR 10-9.625 Field Trial Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit to conduct field trials and sets requirements for conducting these trials.

(1) To conduct a field trial on lands other than those owned or leased by the department, application for a permit must be made to the department by a resident, and post-marked not less than ten (10) days prior to the trial. The application shall specify location of trial headquarters in Missouri, area where the trial will be held, type of wildlife to be chased or pursued, approximate number of hunters, approximate number of dogs and starting and closing dates, extending through a period of not more than ten (10) consecutive days for any single trial permit. Fee: twenty dollars ($20).

(2) Each permit holder shall record the names and addresses of all participants for each trial held, and shall maintain these records for one (1) year following the closing date of the trial. These records shall be subject to inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time.

(3) Future permits shall be conditioned on compliance with this rule. Receipt by the department of unresolved and repeated complaints from area landowners concerning operation of the field trial may result in permit denial.

(4) A field trial permit does not authorize trespass.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, permits will not be valid for hound field trials during or five (5) days prior to the spring turkey or firearms deer hunting seasons except on established field trial areas. Permits for raccoon field trials will be valid during nighttime hours and provide for casting no more than four (4) dogs at one time during or five (5) days prior to the spring turkey hunting season. In field trials under permit, wildlife not prohibited in 3 CSR 10-7.410 may be chased by dogs under control but may be pursued and taken only during the open seasons and only by persons possessing a valid hunting permit, except as provided in section (6) of this rule. The sponsoring organization shall issue identification bearing the field trial permit number to all persons without a valid hunting permit who enter dogs in a trial; provided, that this identification shall not be required for trials held entirely on one (1) contiguous tract of land where an agent of the department is provided with a complete list of the names and addresses of all participants before the trial.

(6) Designated gunners, under the field trial permit, may shoot only quail, pheasants, chukars and mallard ducks legally obtained and marked with a permanent avian leg band prior to release.

(7) The permit holder may purchase quail and pheasants no more than ten (10) days prior to a trial and hold them no longer than ten (10) days after a trial.


3 CSR 10-9.627 Dog Training Area Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a permit to operate a bird dog training area and sets requirements for these operations.

A dog training area permit is required to operate a dog training area, and to purchase, hold, release and shoot on the training area legally acquired pheasants, exotic partridge and quail as an aid to dog training. Dog training areas shall be a single tract of land not more than twenty (20) acres in size and posted with signs, which sign is incorporated into this rule by reference, specified by the department. Shooting privileges shall be limited to the individual permittee and not more than two (2) training assistants, whose names shall be listed on the permit application and specified in the permit. All shooters shall possess the prescribed hunting permit. The permittee shall attach to each game bird killed on the area a leg band obtained from the department at a cost of ten dollars ($10) per one hundred (100) bands, and no game bird shall be transported from the area without the prescribed leg band. Fee: twenty dollars ($20).

3 CSR 10-9.630 Confined Wildlife Permits: How Obtained, Replacements

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

Confined wildlife 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 confined wildlife permit.


3 CSR 10-9.640 Licensed Trout Fishing Area Permit

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a Licensed Trout Fishing Area Permit.

To maintain and operate a licensed trout fishing area, and to stock legally acquired trout. Fee: one hundred dollars ($100).


3 CSR 10-9.645 Licensed Trout Fishing Area Permit: Privileges, Requirements

PURPOSE: This rule delineates the privileges and requirements associated with the Licensed Trout Fishing Area Permit.

(1) A representative of the department shall inspect each proposed licensed trout fishing area to determine that it meets all requirements of this rule before a permit is issued.

(2) Permits will not be issued for water areas where:

(A) The immediate source of the trout to be stocked must be certified as negative for Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia, Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis, Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis, Myxobolus cerebralis or other diseases which may threaten fish stocks within the state. Certification will only be accepted from federal, state or industry personnel approved by the department and only in accordance with provisions of the fish importation permit regulations (see 3 CSR 10-9.110(4)).

(B) The permittee shall keep an accurate record of all trout of each species acquired, propagated, sold, held and released. These records shall be subject to inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time. The permittee shall provide each customer or guest with a receipt indicating the date and number of trout taken. Customers or guests must retain this receipt during transport and storage of the trout.

(4) Customers or guests may fish for and take rainbow trout and brown trout in any numbers within the licensed trout fishing area without additional permits.