

15A NCAC 10B .0127 POSSESSION OF WILDLIFE KILLED ACCIDENTALLY OR FOUND DEAD

(a) Deer killed accidentally on a road by reason of collision with a motor vehicle may be possessed and transported if authorization is obtained from the law enforcement officer who investigates the accident. Possession and transport of the deer carcass for personal and lawful use, including delivery of the carcass to a second person for his or her private use or use by a charitable organization shall be authorized.

(b) Commission employees may authorize possession and transport of deer and turkey killed accidentally or found dead.

(c) The following shall not be possessed or transported if killed accidentally or found dead unless written authorization is obtained from the Commission:

- (1) black bears; and
- (2) elk.

(d) Species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern under 15A NCAC 10I .0103, .0104, and .0105 killed accidentally or found dead may be possessed or transported if an endangered species permit is obtained from the Commission.

(e) Raptors and migratory birds killed accidentally or found dead may be possessed and transported under federal permits obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(f) Other wildlife resources may be possessed and transported legally if killed accidentally or found dead.

(g) The sale of wildlife resources or wildlife parts from an animal killed accidentally or found dead is prohibited, except that licensed trappers and hunters may sell the carcasses, parts, or pelt of any armadillo, beaver, coyote, groundhog, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, weasel, or bobcat to a licensed fur dealer if the dead furbearing animal was found during the open season for that species. Licensed trappers and hunters may also sell the carcasses, parts, or pelt of a fox to a licensed fur dealer if the dead fox was found during an open fox season and the county where the fox was found allows for the sale of fox carcasses, parts, and pelts. The tagging requirements set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0400 apply.

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