

15A NCAC 10B .0405 FUR DEALERS

(a) Any individual wanting to engage in the business of buying or selling fur-bearing animals or other wild animals that may lawfully be sold, as specified in G.S. 113-273(f), shall first obtain a fur dealer license from the Commission.

(b) Application for a fur dealer license shall be made online at www.ncwildlife.org or at the Commission headquarters located at 1751 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606. Information required from the applicant shall include:

- (1) the applicant's name, address, telephone number, date of birth; and
- (2) a list of all employees to be covered under the license.

(c) The fur dealer license shall not be transferable.

(d) Any individual working on behalf of the licensed fur dealer shall have a copy of the fur dealer's current license.

(e) It is unlawful for a fur dealer, or person acting on his or her behalf, to import, buy, or accept delivery of a carcass or pelt of a fur-bearing animal, or other wild animal, from a source located in any other state that has not been affixed with a tag in accordance with the tagging requirements of the state from which the animal was taken, unless documentation of the date and hour of the arrival of such carcass or pelt at the fur dealer's place of business is available for inspection.

(f) Imported carcasses and pelts shall not be resold or removed from a fur dealer's place of business without having been tagged as required by Paragraph (e) of this Rule.

(g) Except as provided by Paragraph (e) of this Rule, it is unlawful for any licensed fur dealer to have in his or her possession the carcass or pelt of any bobcat, otter, or fox which has not been affixed with a fur tag provided by the Commission, unless the fox was taken from a county exempt from fox tagging requirements.

(h) Licensed fur dealers shall maintain records of all acquisitions of carcasses and pelts of beaver, bobcat, coyote, groundhog, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, striped skunk, spotted skunk, weasel, and foxes, on forms supplied by the Commission, for one year following expiration of the license. Records shall contain the following information:

- (1) fur dealer license number;
- (2) date of purchase;
- (3) county of harvest in North Carolina, or state of origin if not in North Carolina;
- (4) seller's name and address;
- (5) manner of harvest and applicable license number; and
- (6) species, quantity, fur grade, unit price and total price for each fur purchased.

(i) Records from all acquisitions of carcasses and pelts, except those which have been acquired from and reported by other fur dealers licensed by the State, shall be submitted to the Commission at 1751 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606-2576 within 15 days following the date of license expiration. In the case of nonresident fur dealers licensed to do business in this State, the records and reports required by this Paragraph apply only to carcasses or pelts of animals acquired from within this State, and no reports are required from nonresident fur dealers who acquire pelts only from other fur dealers licensed in the State.

(j) The records required by Paragraph (h) of this Rule and the inventory of carcasses and pelts on hand shall be made available for inspection by representatives of the Commission upon request or during the fur dealer's business hours.

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