

15A NCAC 10H .0809 BANDING AND MARKING

- (a) All peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus*), gyrfalcons (*Falco rusticolus*), Harris's hawks (*Parabuteo unicinctus*), and goshawks removed from the wild or acquired from a falconer or rehabilitator for falconry purposes shall be banded as set forth in 50 CFR 21.82(c)(6)(i).
- (b) Raptors bred in captivity shall be banded as set forth in 50 CFR 21.82(c)(6)(ii).
- (c) Loss or removal of any band shall be reported to the Commission within five days of the loss and shall be replaced as described in 50 CFR 21.82(c)(6)(iii).
- (d) No person shall counterfeit, alter, or deface any band required by this Rule, except that licensees may remove the rear tabs on bands and may smooth any surface imperfections, provided the integrity of the bands and numbering are not affected.
- (e) A raptor removed from the wild shall not be marked with a seamless numbered band.
- (f) A falconer may request and receive a band exemption from the Commission for a raptor with documented health problems or injuries caused by a band, but shall adhere to the restrictions set forth in 50 CFR 21.82(c)(6)(v).

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