

15A NCAC 10H .1004 PURCHASE AND SALE OF WILDLIFE

- (a) Except as provided in this Rule, it shall be unlawful for any taxidermist to purchase or sell wildlife.
- (b) Wildlife resources that have been lawfully killed and that may be lawfully bought, sold, and possessed may be purchased and sold by a taxidermist without any restriction other than the records required by Rule .1003 of this Section.
- (c) Lawfully acquired specimens of fur-bearing animals, bobcats, opossum, and raccoon taken by hunting, may be purchased for taxidermy purposes and sold as mounted specimens. A Fur-Dealer License, as specified in G.S. 113-273, shall be required to purchase furs for resale.
- (d) No game or game fish that has been mounted, other than bobcats, opossum, and raccoon taken by hunting, may be purchased or sold, except that a mounted specimen of game or game fish, for which a taxidermist has acquired a possessory lien by reason of labor or materials furnished in the mounting thereof, may be sold in satisfaction of the lien as provided by Article 1 of 44A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. Upon the sale of a mounted specimen authorized by this Paragraph, the taxidermist shall prepare a receipt showing the name and address of the purchaser. The receipt shall be provided to the purchaser as evidence of the transaction and right to possess the specimen, and a copy shall be retained by the taxidermist for his or her records in accordance with Rule .1003 of this Section.
- (e) Nothing in this Rule shall prevent a taxidermist from obtaining parts of lawfully acquired game by gift, trade, or purchase from any other taxidermist or person, provided that a record is maintained of all such exchanges that identifies the article and includes the name and address of the taxidermist or person from whom the article was obtained. No part of any black bear shall be bought or sold under this Paragraph. Parts of game acquired under this Paragraph shall be used only for taxidermy purposes and shall not be resold.
- (f) The mounted specimens of commercially-raised game fish or pen-raised game birds may be sold under authority of the taxidermy license, provided that records are maintained by the taxidermist showing the source of all commercially-raised game fish or pen-raised game birds that are to be mounted, including the name, address, and propagation license number of the supplier. Upon sale of a mounted specimen of a commercially-raised game fish or pen-raised game bird, the taxidermist shall prepare a receipt for the purchaser's records, as evidence of the transaction and right to possess the specimen. A copy of the receipt shall be maintained as a part of the taxidermist's records.

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