

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

For wildlife killed accidentally or found dead of natural causes the following apply:

- (1) When a deer is accidentally killed on a road or highway by reason of collision with a motor vehicle, the law enforcement officer who investigates the accident shall, upon request, authorize possession and transport of the carcass of the deer for personal and lawful use, including delivery of the carcass to a second person for his private use or the use by a charitable organization. Commission employees may authorize possession of any deer or turkey found dead of natural causes or as the result of a vehicle collision.
- (2) Black bears shall not be possessed. Species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern under 15A NCAC 10I .0103, .0104, and .0105 may be possessed with written permission. Raptors and nongame migratory birds may be possessed under federal permits.
- (3) For all other wildlife resources possession shall be legal. The sale of any wildlife resources or wildlife parts found dead is prohibited, except licensed trappers and hunters may sell the carcasses or pelt of any 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 or pelt of any fox to a licensed fur dealer if the dead fox was found during an open fox season and the county in which the fox was found allows for the sale of fox carcasses and pelts. All tagging requirements set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0400 apply.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274; 113-291.3; 113-291.4; 113-331; 113-333; 113-337; Eff. January 1, 2013.