

Chapter VI

Hunting with Dogs

6.1 Hunting with dogs, defined.

Sec. 6.1 For the purposes of this chapter, "hunt with dogs" and "hunting with dogs" mean to chase or locate game with dogs during their open seasons.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989; Am. 2, 1990, Eff. Feb 19, 1990.

6.2 Legal game, open seasons, defined.

Sec. 6.2 Unless otherwise prohibited, the following game may be hunted with dogs during their respective open seasons as defined in chapter III: bear, bobcat, raccoon, opossum, mink, fox, coyote, rabbit, hare, squirrel, duck, geese, coot, Florida gallinule, pheasant, quail, Hungarian partridge, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, wild turkey, snipe, woodcock, sora rail, and Virginia rail.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989; Am. 6, 1989, Eff. Sep 1, 1989; Am. 2, 1990, Eff. Feb 19, 1990.

6.3 Hunting with dogs, license requirement.

Sec 6.3 The following persons chasing or locating game with dogs during the open season for that game, except as provided in section 2.1a, shall have a current valid hunting license for the game being chased or located:

(a) Any person possessing a firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow.

(b) The owner, when present, of any dog chasing or locating bear or bobcat.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989; Am. 2, 1990, Eff. Feb 19, 1990; Am. 2, 2009, Eff. Mar 6, 2009, with a sunset provision regarding the use of the crossbow effective Mar 6, 2012; Am. 5, 2009, Eff. Apr 3, 2009; Am. 2, 2010, Eff. Feb 5, 2010; Am. 17, 2010, Eff. Aug 13, 2010.

6.4 Hunting with dogs, unlawful acts.

Sec. 6.4 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt bear with dogs in zone 1 from September 5 through September 14.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt bear with dogs in zones 2 and 3 on the first Friday following September 15, except in the Baldwin north area where it shall be unlawful for any persons to hunt bear with dogs the Friday preceding September 15.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989; Am. 1, 1990, Eff. Jan 15, 1990; Am. 5, 2008, Eff. Apr 11, 2008; Am. 5, 2009, Eff. Apr 3, 2009.

6.5 Dog training, unlawful acts.

Sec. 6.5 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to dog train on bear in zone 1 from September 5 through September 14.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to dog train on bear in zones 2 and 3 from 5 days prior to the first Friday following September 15 through the first Friday following September 15, except in the Baldwin north area where it shall be unlawful for any person to train dogs on bear 12 days prior to the first Friday following September 15 for 5 days thereafter.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989; Am. 1, 1990, Eff. Jan 15, 1990; Am. 5, 2008, Eff. Apr 11, 2008; Am. 5, 2009, Eff. Apr 3, 2009.

6.6 Hunting with dogs, unlawful acts; nonresident owners required to register dogs.

Sec. 6.6 (1) Except as provided in subsection 2.5(2), it shall be unlawful to start dogs on an animal at any time other than the hours open to hunting for that animal.

(2) It shall be unlawful to hunt bear with the aid of more than 6 dogs in a single pack regardless of the ownership of the dogs.

(3) It shall be unlawful for a person, either individually or with other persons, to hunt bear using 2 or more consecutive packs of dogs on the trail of the same bear.

(4) It shall be unlawful for a person to hunt bear with dogs unless each dog is wearing a collar which has affixed a tag bearing the owner's name and address and/or the current year's dog license tag issued for that dog. A nonresident owner of dogs used to hunt bear in Michigan shall register those dogs upon a permit form prescribed by the department. The permit shall list the dogs to be covered by the permit and the owner's name, address, and bear hunting license number. A permit shall not cover more than 10 dogs and shall not be issued unless the owner satisfies the department that each dog is immunized and licensed as provided by law.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to chase bear with dogs in zone 2 during the bow and arrow-only bear season defined in section 3.203(4).

History: Eff. Mar 31, 198; Am. 2, 1990, Eff. Feb 19, 1990; Am. 14, 1993, Eff. Sep 1, 1993; Am. 2, 1994, Eff. Sep 1, 1994.

6.7 to 6.19 Repealed. Am. 2, 1990, Eff. Feb 19, 1990.

Publisher's note: The repealed sections pertained to dog training and field dog trials.