



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION POLICY

4103 – Nuisance Wildlife Control (Revised: 09/12/2013)

Supersedes:

No. 4103 – Control of Wildlife Causing Nuisance, Depredation or Damage Problems, dated January 1, 1977.

Issue/Purpose:

All wild animals found in this state, whether resident or migratory and whether native or introduced, are the property of the people of the state. The purpose of this policy is to determine the proper control of wildlife causing nuisance, depredation, or damage.

Definitions:

“Permit” shall have the meaning defined in The Wildlife Conservation Order, Chapter V, Section 5.50.

Policy:

The control of live wild animals causing nuisance, depredation, or damage shall be accomplished with the welfare of the animal uppermost in mind, as well as the appropriate legal provisions, safety considerations, and public interest. The Natural Resources Commission supports the Department of Natural Resource’s programs for depredation, damage, and nuisance control and the issuance of any applicable permits.

The Natural Resources Commission recognizes that Department personnel must occasionally control nuisance or depredating animals due to the nature of their work. The Natural Resources Commission supports the Department’s efforts to protect the property and safety of the citizens of this state by controlling wild animals.

All diseased wild animals, whether living or dead, shall be referred to the Department’s Wildlife Disease Laboratory, 4125 Beaumont Road, in Lansing.

Related Reference:

The Wildlife Conservation Order (WCO) – <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/laws/orders/wildlife-conservation-order>

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994 (1994 NREPA 451) – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-Act-451-of-1994>

4103 – Nuisance Wildlife Control is hereby approved.

J.R. Richardson, Chair

Effective Date