



4107 – Disposition of Wild Animals Collected for Scientific and Management Purposes **(Revised: 09/12/2013)**

Supersedes:

No. 4107 – Disposition of Fish, Birds, and Mammals Collected for Scientific and Management Purposes, issued June 10, 1982.

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 disposition of wild animals collected for scientific and management purposes.

Definitions:

“Animals of special concern” shall have the meaning defined in the Wildlife Conservation Order section 5.74a.

“Game,” “parts,” “protected animal,” and “take” shall have the meanings defined in Part 401 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994 (1994 PA 451) or in the Wildlife Conservation Order (WCO).

Policy:

The Natural Resources Commission is supportive of scientific research conducted under the proper state or federal authority.

The Department of Natural Resources issues the Cultural or Scientific Collector’s Permit for Fish, Reptiles, Amphibians, Crustaceans, or Mollusks and the Scientific Collector’s Permit for Wild Mammals or Wild Birds.

The Natural Resources Commission recognizes that despite efforts to minimize losses during collection activities, some specimens are killed during routine sampling, some are harvested for scientific purposes, and some die when captured. The disposition of collected animals 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 conditions of collection and disposal prescribed under the Department’s permits.

The collection of any migratory bird shall be done in accordance with proper state or federal authority.

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

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Related Reference:

The Wildlife Conservation Order (WCO) – http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10366_37141-120756--,00.html

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

The Michigan Penal Code, Act 328 of 1931 (1931 PA 328) – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-750-57>

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4107 – Disposition of Wild Animals Collected for Scientific and Management Purposes is hereby approved.

J.R. Richardson, Chair

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