# **PROPAGATION**

Valid: Oct 1 – Sept 30
Resident – Non-Resident

Alabama Game, Fish and Wildlife Law; Article 8; beginning with 9-11-261

## PRIVILEGE:

 Permit allows person, firm, etc. owning property in state to raise game, game birds or fur bearing animals for the exclusive purpose of stocking private or protected lands under the control of the permit holder.

# RESTRICTIONS:

- All breeding stock must be legally obtained.
- Permit does not authorize the sale or other disposal of animals or birds raised.

# **NOTES:**

- Effective June 25, 2013, no new propagation permits can be issued. See moratorium letter.
- Effective October 1, 2022, annual inspections will be required for all renewals.

# COST:

• \$1.00

# **HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR LICENSE:**

- Visit the **Montgomery Office** (See address below)
- Mail a completed application (download at www.outdooralabama.com/license-information) to:
   Dept. of Conservation, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, Attn: License Sales:
  - o PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130-1456
  - o 64 N Union St., Ste. 567, Montgomery, AL 36104 (overnight/express)

### DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

# WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION



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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ON ALL RECREATIONAL LICENSES BEING ISSUED/RENEWED.

# Propagation Permit- Resident & Non-Resident

Code of Alabama

www.legislature.state.al.us

# Section 9-11-261 PERMITS FOR PROPAGATION OF GAME BIRDS, GAME AND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS FOR PRIVATE PURPOSES

- (a) The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, upon the payment of a fee of \$1.00, may issue an annual permit to any individual, association, partnership, firm or corporation owning property in the State of Alabama permitting such permit holder to engage in the business of raising game birds and game or fur-bearing animals for propagation purposes in the State of Alabama under such rules and methods as may be prescribed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, for the exclusive purpose of stocking private or protected lands under the ownership, supervision or control of the holder of such permit. The holder of such permit shall not be authorized to dispose of any game or fur-bearing animals propagated under the permit authorized by this section.
- (b) Any permittee having game birds or game or fur-bearing animals in his possession at the time of the expiration of the permit so issued and held and who fails or refuses to renew said permit on or before the beginning of the new fiscal year shall immediately make such disposition of such game birds, game or fur-bearing animals as may be provided in regulations issued and promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (c) Any individual, association, partnership, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section or any regulations based thereunder shall forfeit the permit held at the time of the violation and in addition therefor shall be adjudged guilty of such violation and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00.

#### **Regulation 220-2-.04** GAME BIRDS DESIGNATED

Resident Game Birds: Bobwhite Quail, Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey; Migratory Game Birds: Wild Duck, Wild Goose, Brant, Virginia and Clapper Rail, Sora, Coot, Wilson Snipe, Woodcock, Mourning and White-Wing Dove, Gallinule, and Merganser.

#### **Regulation 220-2-.06** GAME ANIMALS DESIGNATED

The following animals are hereby designated as game animals: Bear, Beaver, Coyote, Deer, Opossum, Eastern Cottontail and Swamp Rabbit, Raccoon, Squirrel, Nutria, Fox, Mountain Lion (Cougar), Groundhog, Bobcat, Red Wolf, Feral Swine (Wild Hog or Wild Pig).

# Regulation 220-2-.30 FUR-BEARING ANIMALS DESIGNATED/TRAP SPECIFICATIONS/AND PROHIBITED DEVICES/TAGGING REQUIREMENT

The following shall be named and designated as fur-bearing animals in Alabama: Beaver, Bobcat, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Nutria, Opossum, Otter, Raccoon, Striped Skunk, Coyote, and Feral Swine.

- (1) Trap Specifications— It shall be unlawful for any person to set or use a leg hold trap on land that has an inside diameter jaw spread greater than six (6) inches as measured at the widest point perpendicular to the frame and parallel to the trap dog and for those traps without a dog, at the widest point parallel with the pan shank. Leg hold trap having teeth or serrated edges along the inside of one or both jaws are prohibited. All body gripping traps with jaw width exceeding 5 inches as measured from the inside of the main jaw at the trigger assembly to the inside of the opposing jaw across the entrance window, and snares (except powered foot snare with a maximum loop of 5 1/2 inches) are prohibited for use in trapping fur-bearing animals on land. It shall be unlawful for any person to trap in the State of Alabama without identifying each trap with a metal tag bearing the name and address or Conservation Identification Number (CID) of the owner. Instructions for obtaining a CID are available at www.outdooralabama.com.
- (2) Any person trapping fur-bearing animals, except for feral swine, in the State of Alabama must carry a choke stick while running traps. When trapped fur-bearing animals are dispatched with a firearm, only standard .22 caliber rimfire firearms may be used. However, feral swine may be dispatched by any firearm or sharpened blade.
- (3) Tagging Bobcat/Otter Pelts—Persons taking bobcat and otter must have the fur or pelts tagged by representatives of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries within 14 days of taking and before the fur or pelt is sold or otherwise disposed of.
  - (a) However, a licensed fur catcher may sell untagged bobcat and otter to an authorized resident fur dealer and leave a completed signed fur tag report with said dealer. The dealer must then have the bobcat and otter tagged

- by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries within 14 days of purchasing bobcat or otter pelts.
- (b) Legally acquired bobcat and otter pelts or carcasses may be delivered untagged to a resident taxidermist for mounting if the owner leaves a completed, signed fur tag report with said taxidermist. The taxidermist must then have the bobcat and otter tagged by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries within 14 days of taking delivery of said pelts and transmit the completed fur tag report to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries representative at the time the pelt or carcass is tagged.
- (c) Tags may be removed from bobcat and otter pelts when processed by a taxidermist for mounting. However, the removed tag must remain with the mounted specimen when it is returned to its owner and until the mount and pelt are destroyed.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for anyone to ship, transport, or export bobcat and otter pelts from this state unless said bobcat and otter pelts are tagged by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.
- (e) All bobcat and otter pelts shipped or imported into this state must be officially tagged by the state of origin.
- (4) It shall be illegal to set a trap on top of a post or stake elevated above ground level.
- (5) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a furbearer alive beyond the confines of the trap without permit from the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or his designee. Except for feral swine, all furbearers shall be immediately dispatched or released at the trap site. All feral swine must be killed at the site of capture in accordance with rule 220-2-.86.
- (6) It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb a legally set trap or to remove a furbearing animal from a trap without permission of the owner.

#### Regulation 220-2-.156 RELEASE OF CAPTIVE RAISED CERVIDAE

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation licsned under 9-11-30 or 9-11-261, or any buyer or recipient from any other such persons, to knowingly or intentinally release any captive raised member of the family cervidae into the wild except those areas bounded by encoursures which effectively restrict the egress of such animals.



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The mission of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division is to manage, protect, conserve, and enhance the wildlife and aquatic resources of Alabama for the sustainable benefit of the people of Alabama.

CHARLES F. "CHUCK" SYKES DIRECTOR

> FRED R. HARDERS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

June 25, 2013

# MEMORANDUM

TO:

N. Gunter Guy, Jr.

Commissioner

THROUGH:

Chuck Sykes, Director

Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries

FROM:

J. Kevin Dodd, Chief J. Jan

Law Enforcement Section

Gary H. Moody, Chief

Wildlife Section

SUBJECT:

**Propagation Permits** 

The spread of diseases that affect white-tailed deer has been closely correlated to the artificial practices associated with the captive Cervid breeding industry. Confirmed cases of Chronic Wasting Disease and Bovine Tuberculosis in other states have been largely attributed to the movement of animals between deer farms. The potential for similar occurrences in Alabama with impact on livestock, native wildlife resources and possibly human health is cause for concern.

The issuance of propagation permits for white-tailed deer population restoration is unnecessary. In order to more effectively safeguard the public wildlife resources from unnecessary risks, we recommend a moratorium on the issuance of new propagation permits for all Cervids. Nothing in this recommendation is intended to prevent the renewal of existing permits until such time that animals held under those permits are released or die.

This recommendation will be implemented immediately upon your approval.

JKD/GHM/jjc

APPROVED:

N. Gunter Guy, Jr., Comprissioner

Thuck Sykes, Director