

CHAPTER 6212
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LICENSES AND PERMITS

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Subpart 1. **Permit requirements.** Permits for the taking, transportation, disposal, or possession of protected wild animals, whether dead or alive, or their parts, nests, or eggs will be issued as provided by this part. Applications for permits from individuals or institutions must be made in writing and must be submitted as specified. The commissioner will determine whether the applicant meets the criteria for issuance of the permit.

Subp. 2. **Issuance of permits.**

A. Permits may be issued upon written application made by individuals or institutions currently conducting propagation, research, scientific programs, or educational programs in the fields of biology or natural history.

B. Permits may be issued upon written application made by media outlets to enable them to conduct educational programs and to promote outdoor recreation and programs in the fields of biology or natural history.

C. Individuals, media outlets, or institutions must have appropriate and adequate facilities for the care, exhibition, or storage of the specimens sought to be taken, acquired, or possessed.

D. A permit may not be issued unless the commissioner has first determined that the permitted act will not be detrimental to the species or cause harm to natural resources. Conditions for permits may be specified to protect species and enhance knowledge of the species including:

- (1) limits on the number of people authorized by the permit;
- (2) when authorized activities may be conducted, including seasonal, daily, or other time restrictions;
- (3) where authorized activities may be conducted;
- (4) how authorized activities are conducted, including methods that may be used to collect or dispose of data, animals, or other resources;
- (5) limits on the quantity or types of animals or other resources that may be removed or collected; or
- (6) a requirement to deposit with the University of Minnesota at least one voucher specimen for each species collected in a time frame specified in the permit.

E. The following criteria shall be considered when making a decision on issuing conditions for a permit:

- (1) whether the activity will advance knowledge, understanding, interpretation, or management of the species;
- (2) whether the activity will advance retention and recruitment of people involved in outdoor skills;
- (3) whether alternative locations for carrying out the activity are available;
- (4) whether the activity interferes with other public use, research, educational, or management activities;
- (5) whether there are other reasonable alternatives for conducting the activity; or

(6) whether the applicant is qualified to conduct the activities authorized by the permit.

[For text of subps 3 and 4, see M.R.]

Subp. 5. **Offspring.** Offspring of any specimen possessed under a permit will be subject to this part and to all the terms and conditions set forth in the permit.

[For text of subps 6 and 7, see M.R.]

Subp. 8. **Expiration, cancellation, and revocation of collector permits.** All permits issued as provided by this part expire on December 31 of the year of issuance, unless otherwise specified in the permit, and may be renewed.

All permits issued as provided by this part are subject to immediate cancellation by the commissioner upon determination that such cancellation is necessary for the conservation of the natural resources of this state, for the welfare of particular specimens, or is in the public interest.

Violation of any of the provisions of this part or the terms of any permit issued under those parts may result in immediate revocation of the permit, and may subject the permittee to other penalties established by law.

Subp. 9. **Permits for pets.** Permits are not issued for the taking or possession of protected wild animals as pets, except for raptors as provided by chapter 6238.

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