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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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at 10:00 a.m.

09.18 Conservation Education Permit Required

It is unlawful to possess more than 6 wildlife individuals captured from the wild in Arkansas except for conservation education purposes in compliance with the Conservation Education Permit requirements in Addendum F1.10 and the following restrictions:

- A. Species that may be hand captured from the wild in Arkansas for conservation education purposes are listed Code 09.14(A)(1), excluding cervids.
- B. It is unlawful for any person to remove such wildlife or their offspring from Arkansas except under the terms of a permit that may be issued by the Chief of Wildlife Management to persons who are moving to another state and have presented proof from that state that it is legal to import the wildlife.
- C. Wildlife retained under this regulation may be temporarily transported out of state for conservation education programs or veterinary care in compliance with all state and federal regulations.
- D. The sale, transfer, or intentional breeding of hand-captured native wildlife or their offspring is prohibited except as provided in this regulation.
- E. Native wildlife kept in compliance with this regulation may be transferred to a wildlife rehabilitator permitted by the Commission (Code 09.12) and released back into the wild in the county where they were captured provided such animals were not confined with commercially obtained, captive born wildlife of the same species.
- F. Holders of a Conservation Education Permit may receive animals from holders of a Commission-issued Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit in accordance with Code Addendum F1.05 (B)(5).

EXCEPTION: Individuals conducting educational programs using only avian species in accordance with a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Permit.

PENALTY: Class 3