

15A NCAC 10H .1004 PURCHASE AND SALE OF WILDLIFE

(a) Except as provided in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this Rule, it is unlawful for any taxidermist to purchase or sell any wildlife.

(b) Any species of nongame wildlife which has been lawfully killed and which may be lawfully bought, sold and possessed may be purchased and sold by a taxidermist without any restriction other than the records required by Rule .1003 of this Section.

(c) Lawfully acquired specimens of fur-bearing animals, including bobcats, opossum and raccoon taken by hunting, may be purchased only for taxidermy purposes and may be sold only as mounted specimens. A fur dealer license is required to purchase furs for resale.

(d) No game or inland game fish that has been mounted, other than bobcats, opossum and raccoon taken by hunting, may be purchased or sold, except that a mounted specimen of a game animal, game bird or inland game fish, in which a taxidermist has acquired a possessory lien by reason of labor or materials furnished in the mounting thereof, may be sold in satisfaction of said lien as provided by Article 1 of Chapter 44A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The taxidermy license shall authorize such sale. Upon the sale of a mounted specimen in satisfaction of a lien as authorized by this Paragraph, the taxidermist shall prepare a receipt showing the name and address of the purchaser and keep a copy of such receipt as a part of his records. He shall provide the purchaser with the receipt as evidence of his right to possess the specimen. A condition for renewal of the taxidermy license annually shall be a report submitted with the application for renewal that accurately describes the mounted specimens of game that have been sold by the taxidermist during the previous license year and to whom they were sold.

(e) Nothing in this Section shall prevent a taxidermist from obtaining parts of lawfully acquired game by gift, trade, or purchase from any other taxidermist or person provided that a record is maintained of all such exchanges that identifies the article and includes the name and address of the taxidermist or person from whom the article was obtained; except that no part of any black bear, fox, or wild turkey may be bought or sold under this provision. Parts of game acquired under provisions of this Paragraph may be used only for taxidermy purposes and may not be resold.

(f) The mounted specimens of commercially-raised inland game fish or pen-raised game birds, except wild turkey and grouse, may be sold under authority of the taxidermy license provided that records are maintained by the taxidermist accurately showing the source of all commercially-raised inland game fish or pen-raised game birds that are to be mounted, including the name, address, and propagation license number of the supplier. Upon sale of a mounted specimen of a commercially-raised inland game fish or pen-raised game bird under provision of this Paragraph, the taxidermist shall prepare a receipt showing the name and address of the purchaser and give it to the purchaser to show evidence of his right to possess the specimen. A copy of the receipt shall be maintained as a part of the taxidermist's records.

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