15A NCAC 10B .0118 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

15A NCAC 10B .0118  SALE OF WILDLIFE

(a) The carcasses, parts, or pelts of bobcats, opossums, and raccoon that have been lawfully taken and tagged in accordance with any hunting method, upon compliance with applicable fur tagging requirements set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0402, may be sold to licensed fur dealers. The sale of carcasses or pelts of bobcats, opossums, and raccoon killed accidentally or taken by hunting for control of de predations shall be permitted under the conditions set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0106(e)(4) and 15A NCAC 10B .0127.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in Paragraphs (a), (d), (e), and (f) of this Rule, the sale of lawfully acquired game birds and game animals or their parts is prohibited, except that processed non-edible products other than those made from edible portions may be sold except as otherwise provided in this Rule or by statute, provided that no label or advertisement identifies the product as a game bird, game animal, or part thereof, that the game bird or game animal was lawfully acquired; and the product is not readily identifiable as a game bird or game animal, or part thereof.

(c) The sale of edible portions or products of game birds and game animals is prohibited, except as may be otherwise provided by statute.

(d) The dressed pelt or feathers of deer, elk, fox, pheasant, quail, rabbit, or squirrel (fox and gray) may be bought or sold for the purpose of making fishing flies provided that the source of these animals may be documented as being legally obtained from out of state sources or from lawfully operated commercial breeding facilities. The buying and selling of migratory game birds shall be in accordance with 50 C.F.R. 20.91 which is hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions (https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/granule/CFR-2000-title50-vol1/CFR-2000-title50-vol1-sec20-91).

(e) The Executive Director or his designee may issue Trophy Wildlife Sale permits as authorized in G.S. 113-274 for the sale of lawfully taken and possessed individual dead wildlife specimens or their parts that are mounted, stuffed, or otherwise permanently preserved that may be sold under G.S. 113-291.3. A copy of the permit shall be retained with the specimen.

(f) Raw hides from any lawfully-taken or possessed white-tailed deer may be sold.

History Note:  
Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274; 113-276.2; 113-291.3; 113-337; 50 C.F.R. 20.91; 
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Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 11, 2015; 
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