15A NCAC 10B .0127 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

**15A NCAC 10B .0127 POSSESSION OF WILDLIFE KILLED ACCIDENTALLY OR FOUND DEAD**

(a) For wildlife killed accidentally or found dead of natural causes the following apply:

1. When a deer is killed accidentally on a road or highway by reason of collision with a motor vehicle, the deer may be possessed and transported if authorization is obtained from the law enforcement officer who investigates the accident. Commission employees may authorize possession of any deer or turkey found dead of natural causes or as the result of a vehicle collision.

2. Commission employees may authorize possession and transport of deer and turkey killed accidentally or found dead.

(b) Black bears shall not be possessed. Species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern under 15A NCAC 10I .0103, .0104, and .0105 may be possessed with written permission. Raptors and nongame migratory birds may be possessed under federal permits.

(c) Black bears killed accidentally or found dead shall not be possessed or transported unless a possession permit is obtained from the Commission.

(d) Species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern under 15A NCAC 10I .0103, .0104, and .0105 killed accidentally or found dead may be possessed or transported if an endangered species permit is obtained from the Commission.

(e) Raptors and migratory birds killed accidentally or found dead may be possessed and transported under federal permits obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(f) All other wildlife resources may be possessed and transported legally if killed accidentally or found dead.

3. For all other wildlife resources possession shall be legal. The sale of any wildlife resources or wildlife parts found dead is prohibited, except licensed trappers and hunters may sell the carcasses or pelt of any beaver, coyote, groundhog, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, weasel or bobcat to a licensed fur dealer if the dead furbearing animal was found during the open season for that species. Licensed trappers and hunters may also sell the carcasses, carcasses or pelt of any fox to a licensed fur dealer if the dead fox was found during an open fox season and the county in which the fox was found allows for the sale of fox carcasses and pelts. All tagging requirements set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0400 apply.

(g) The sale of any wildlife resources or wildlife parts from any animal killed accidentally or found dead is prohibited, except that licensed trappers and hunters may sell the carcasses, parts, or pelt of any armadillo, beaver, coyote, groundhog, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, weasel or bobcat to a licensed fur dealer if the dead furbearing animal was found during the open season for that species. Licensed trappers and hunters may also sell the carcasses, parts, or pelt of any fox to a licensed fur dealer if the dead fox was found during an open fox season and
the county where the fox was found allows for the sale of fox carcasses, parts, and pelts. All tagging requirements set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0400 apply.

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