

Wildlife Control Operator Rules

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

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Presentation Outline

- **Background**
- **Overview of Proposed Changes**

Background

- **2003 - SB 832**
- **2004 – Seven member Task Force**
- **2006 – Eleven member WCO advisory**
- **2014 – Eleven member WCO advisory**

OAR 635-435-0000

■ Purpose

1. The purpose of this rule is:

- a) Clarify the requirements and restrictions for wildlife control activities, especially in incorporated city limits and associated urban development while promoting sound wildlife management; and



OAR 635-435-0005

Added Definitions for:

- Agent
- Damage
- Department
- Furbearers
- Notification
- Public Nuisance
- Unprotected mammals



OAR 635-435-0010

- Change Title to “Permit Required to Capture, Possess, or Transport Wildlife”

- Permit allows

- Capture
- Possess
- Transport
- Relocate



OAR 635-435-0010 (continued)

- **Humanely euthanize**
- **Allowed to relocate:**
 - **Western Gray Squirrel**
 - **Marten**
 - **Fisher**
 - **Snakes**
 - **Badger, with prior approval**
 - **Beaver, with prior approval**



OAR 635-435-0015

- **Changed title to “Requirements for WCO Permit”**
- **WCO permit issued to an individual or business**
- **Business owner not required to take test**
- **\$60 fee for permit and renewal**

OAR 635-435-0015 (continued)

- Permit valid for two years
- \$25 fee to take WCO test
- All field personnel must pass WCO test
- Not required <18 years
- Continuing education requirements

OAR 635-435-0020

- Permit in possession when conducting wildlife control activities



OAR 635-435-0025

- Changed title to “Disposition of Wildlife”
- Live animal trap check - 48 hrs
- Define who can inspect traps and remove wildlife



OAR 635-435-0025 (continued)

- 24 hrs. after notification:
 - Humanely euthanize
 - Release animal on site
 - Relocate with prior approval
 - Use to lure neonate (72 hrs.)



ORS 635-435-0040

- **Transportation of Wildlife**
 - WCO Permit required to transport all live animals
 - Humane care and safety



ORS 635-435-0050

- Changed title to “Trap Tampering Prohibited”



OAR 635-435-0055

- Requires a signed affidavit of damage prior to any WCO activity



OAR 635-435-0060

- Included “Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact”





Questions?

