

A close-up photograph of a white owl's face, focusing on its large, yellow, almond-shaped eyes with black pupils. The owl's feathers are white and soft-looking. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

# **Wildlife Rehabilitation Rules**

**Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission**

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**Portland, Oregon**

# Presentation Outline

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## Background and Review Process

## Overview of Proposed Changes

- **New Division**
- **Better Define Intent and Updated Information**
- **Provide Regulatory Species Guidance**



# Background for Rule Revision

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- **Major revision of Wildlife Rehabilitation Rules (Sections 200 -310) in 2012**
- **23 member Wildlife Holding Advisory Group reviewing all of Division 044**
- **Sent to 2012 wildlife rehabilitator advisory group for comment and all rehabilitators as part of public review**

# **Wildlife Rehabilitation**

**NEW DIVISION**

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**Wildlife Holding, Propagation and Protected  
Species – Permanent Holding**

**Division 044**

**Wildlife Rehabilitation – Treatment, Rehabilitation,  
and Release**

**Proposed New Division 062**

# Definition of Terms

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**635-062- 0005**

- **Direct Supervision** as the term relates to the permittee and those working or volunteering under their permit
- ***Added American Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals: 2013 Edition***

# Permit Requirements & Conditions

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## 635-062-0010

- Permittee has legal record in good standing over previous 5 years
- All rehabilitators require 12 credits of continuing education
- Veterinary medical treatment and holding (by a vet) > 48 hours requires Department approval
- Indirect/Electronic Public Display of wildlife

# Continuing Education (CE)

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- **Previous rules required CE if the permittee had not been actively rehabilitating any wildlife for 180 days**
- **Current proposal for CE requires at least 12-hours during the two year permit period for renewal of permit (clarifies intent of previous rule)**
- **In 2011-12, Advisory Group drafted list of CE process and requirements which will be finalized and sent out with permit renewal materials**

# Federal Rehabilitation Permit

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**635-062-0015**

- **Clarify the requirement of a federal permit for receiving and holding federally protected species**
- **Federal permit required prior to new application or renewal of state permit**



# Restricted Species

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635-062-0020

- **Species-specific direction**
  - Marine mammals
  - Coyotes
  - Cougar kittens



# Restricted Species with Conditions

635-062-0025

- Orphaned wildlife
- Black bear cubs
- Ungulate fawns or calves
- Raccoons
- Wolf pups
- Bobcat
- Other mammals



# Restricted Species with Conditions

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**635-062-0025**

- **Exhibit 1 (appended)**
  - **Bear cub rehabilitation facility requirements**
  - **Fawn/calf facility requirements**



# Department Notification

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**635-062-0030**

- **Eagles and T & E species held under federal authority require federal approval to euthanize**



# Wildlife Importation

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**635-062-0035**

- **Only Migratory Avian Species**



# Disposition of Wildlife

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**635-062-0040**

**Deer fawns and other ungulate species**

- **Birth to September 30**



# Record Keeping and Reporting

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**635-062-0055**

**Records kept for 3 years**



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**Questions?**