

Division 435
Wildlife Control Operators

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Permit Required to Capture, Possess, or Transport Wildlife

(1) A WCO permit is required for any individual, business owner, or the business owner's designee charging a fee to control **bats**, furbearers, unprotected mammals (excluding moles (*Scapanus spp.*), and western gray squirrels causing damage, creating a public nuisance or posing a public health or safety concern; and for the offsite transportation of any live wildlife;

(a) A WCO permit is not required for the onsite capture and euthanasia of species defined as "predatory animals".

(b) Federal employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service-Wildlife Services and, county or municipality employees, working in their official capacity, are exempt from this requirement.

(c) WCO permittees must comply with all state wildlife laws and regulations, and all activities must be in compliance with conditions specified by these rules, permit **or** [and] authorization from the Department.

(2) A permit allows a WCO to:

(a) Capture, possess, or transport furbearers, predatory animals, western gray squirrels, unprotected mammals and all snakes.

(b) Humanely euthanize wildlife authorized under this permit using methods defined by the "American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Guidelines for Euthanasia of Animals: 2013 Edition" except for the following species of snakes which shall be relocated

- i. Willamette Valley Populations of Western Rattlesnake (*Crotalus oreganus*)
- ii. Sharptail snake (*Contia tenuis*),
- iii. Common Kingsnake (*Lampropeltis getula*)
- iv. California Mountain Kingsnake (*Lampropeltis zonata*)
- v. Western Ground Snake (*Sonora semiannulata*)

(c) Collect and dispose of animals directly related to WCO activities.

~~(3) [All bat spp. are limited to exclusion and eviction from a structure during the months of June through August or they may be captured and immediately released outdoors or taken to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.]~~

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(3) WCO activities for all bat species are as follows:

(a) Exclusion and eviction permitted except during the months of June, July and August unless the permittee receives prior authorization from the Department. For purposes of this rule, “exclusion” and “eviction” are defined as follows:

(1) “Exclusion” means taking actions to prevent an animal from occupying a space or structure

(2) “Eviction” means creating conditions which encourages an animal to move out, and remain out of an area.

(b) Capture of bats from indoor areas not associated with roosting, hibernaculum and nurseries is permitted year round, provided that the bat is immediately released outdoors or taken to a license wildlife rehabilitator.

(4) A permit does not allow a WCO to transport, for the purposes of release, any wildlife captured under terms of the WCO permit except for;

- (a) Western Gray Squirrel, Marten and Fisher
- (b) Reptiles listed in subsection (2),
- (c) Badger and Beaver with prior approval from the Department.

(5) A WCO permit does not authorize the permittee to intentionally capture, possess, or transport:

- (a) Wildlife not authorized under a WCO permit.
- (b) Species protected by other state or federal law.
- (c) Species protected by other state or federal law caught incidentally must be released immediately onsite.

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