

**Enrolled
Senate Bill 372**

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL; Senator STEINER HAYWARD, Representatives BARRETO, ESQUIVEL, HEARD, POST (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to wildlife salvage permits.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of the wildlife laws.

SECTION 2. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules for the issuance of wildlife salvage permits to persons desiring to recover, possess, use or transport, for the purpose of salvaging game meat for human consumption, deer or elk that have been accidentally killed as a result of a vehicle collision. The rules shall prescribe:

(a) The form and method for applying for and receiving a wildlife salvage permit; and

(b) Terms and conditions for the recovery, possession, use and transport of deer or elk pursuant to a wildlife salvage permit.

(2) A person who recovers, possesses, uses or transports deer or elk pursuant to a wildlife salvage permit shall promptly surrender the antlers of the deer or elk to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

(3) A wildlife salvage permit may not be issued for the recovery, possession, use or transport of crippled or helpless deer or elk killed pursuant to ORS 498.016, unless the person seeking the wildlife salvage permit accidentally rendered the deer or elk crippled or helpless as the driver of a motor vehicle involved in a collision with the deer or elk.

(4) The State of Oregon is not liable for any loss or damage arising out of the recovery, possession, use, transport or consumption of deer or elk pursuant to a wildlife salvage permit.

SECTION 3. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall first make wildlife salvage permits available for issuance no later than January 1, 2019.

(2) The department shall prepare and submit a report on the implementation of wildlife salvage permit rules adopted under section 2 of this 2017 Act, that may include recommendations on legislation, to the committees related to the environment and natural resources during the 2023 regular session of the Legislative Assembly. This report shall be made in the manner provided by ORS 192.245.

SECTION 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2017 Act are repealed on January 1, 2024.

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