

DRAFT OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

DIVISION 002

DISPOSAL OF WILDLIFE AND EQUIPMENT SEIZED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED

635-002-0005

Disposal of Edible Wildlife

(1) Except as provided in OAR 635-043-0200, carcasses of edible wildlife, except black bear, shall be disposed of in the following manner:

~~(1)~~ (a) Donated to public and charitable institutions such as welfare organizations, churches, and others provided the receiving agency pays all storage and handling charges and does not sell the meat.

~~(2)~~ (b) Donated to persons determined to be eligible because of low income or medical reasons, provided the eligible person requests and accepts the carcass as delivered, consumes the meat at his/her place of residence, and does not offer it for sale.

~~(3)~~ (c) Donated to wildlife rehabilitators licensed by the Department provided those rehabilitators use the meat to feed sick, injured or orphaned wildlife and do not sell the meat.

~~(4)~~ (d) Donated to rendering plants, pet food manufacturers or disposed of as specified by personnel of the Department.

Stat. 183.545, 183.550, 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162

Stats. Implemented: ORS 183 .545, 183.550, 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162

DIVISION 043

MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS AND RECORDS

635-043-0200

Roadkill Salvage Permit

A Roadkill Salvage Permit allows a person to recover, possess, transport, and use the carcass of a deer or elk killed as a result of an accidental collision with a vehicle for the purpose of salvaging the meat for human consumption.

1 **(1) The person taking possession of the carcass at the site of the collision must acquire a Roadkill**  
2 **Salvage Permit within 24 hours of taking the carcass into possession.**

3 **(2) A Roadkill Salvage Permit requires the person taking possession of a carcass to complete an**  
4 **on-line application that provides the Department with:**

5 **(a) Name, address of physical residence, and phone number;**

6 **(b) Date and time the carcass was removed from the site of the collision;**

7 **(c) Location, including road name and mile marker or valid coordinate, where the carcass was**  
8 **collected;**

9 **(d) A statement identifying the driver of the vehicle that collided with the deer or elk, if**  
10 **known;**

11 **(e) Species and sex of the carcass being salvaged; and**

12 **(f) An acknowledgement that the carcass is being salvaged at the permit holder's own risk and**  
13 **the State of Oregon is not liable for any loss or damage arising out of the recovery,**  
14 **possession, use, transport or consumption of the deer or elk salvaged pursuant to the**  
15 **Roadkill Salvage Permit.**

16 **(3) Within five (5) business days of taking possession of the carcass, the entire head of the deer or**  
17 **elk, including the antlers of antlered animals, must be delivered and surrendered to the**  
18 **Department at a District Office or alternative location determined by the Department.**

19 **(4) A Roadkill Salvage Permit may not be issued for the recovery, possession, transport or use of**  
20 **any deer or elk that was rendered crippled or helpless as a result of a vehicle collision and then**  
21 **killed pursuant to ORS 498.016, unless the person seeking the Roadkill Salvage Permit**  
22 **accidentally rendered the deer or elk crippled or helpless is the driver of the motor vehicle**  
23 **involved in the collision.**

24 **(a) Any person that kills a crippled or helpless deer or elk pursuant to ORS 498.016 must**  
25 **immediately report the killing to a person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws.**

26 **(5) Salvage of white-tailed deer is prohibited west of the crest of the Cascade Mountains except**  
27 **within Douglas County.**

28 **(6) The entire carcass, including entrails, of any salvaged deer or elk must be completely removed**  
29 **from the road and road right of way.**

30 **(7) No portion of any deer or elk salvaged pursuant to this rule may be sold, bartered, or**  
31 **exchanged.**

32 **(8) Pursuant to this rule, when any part of a deer or elk salvaged is transferred to the possession**  
33 **of another person, a written record describing the animal or part being transferred indicating the**

1 **name and address of the person who obtained the Roadkill Salvage Permit for the animal and the**  
2 **number or confirmation number of the Roadkill Salvage Permit shall accompany such transfer**  
3 **and shall remain with such animal or part so long as the same is preserved.**

4 **(9) This rule does not authorize the salvage of deer and elk from the reservation lands of any**  
5 **sovereign tribe.**

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7 **Stat. Auth.: SB 372 (2017), ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 498.019, 498.022 & 498.042**

8 **Stats. Implemented: SB 372 (2017), ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 498.019, 498.022 & 498.042**

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10 **DIVISION 065**  
11 **GAME MAMMAL**  
12 **GENERAL SEASONS AND REGULATIONS**

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14 **635-065-0765**

15 **Tagging, Possession, Transportation and Evidence of Sex**

16 Note: To make clear the changes being proposed at this (October 2018) meeting, the text in this rule  
17 incorporates changes adopted by the Commission in September 2018 that will become effective January  
18 1, 2019.

19 **(1) The provisions of this rule do not apply to carcasses or parts thereof from deer or elk**  
20 **salvaged pursuant to a Roadkill Salvage Permit; see OAR 635-043-0200 for deer and elk salvage**  
21 **rules.**

22 ([1]2) When the owner of any game mammal tag kills a game mammal for which a paper tag is  
23 issued, the owner shall immediately validate the tag by writing on the tag, in ink, the date and time of  
24 harvest, and the Wildlife Management Unit where harvest occurred; and attach the tag in plain sight  
25 securely to the game mammal.

26 (a) Paper tags are not valid until signed.

27 (b) It is unlawful to have in possession an unsigned tag and/or reproduction/photocopied tag(s).

28 ([2]3) When the owner of any game mammal tag kills a game mammal for which an electronic tag is  
29 issued the owner shall immediately validate the tag by pressing the validate button on the image of the

1 tag in the Department's Electronic Licensing System mobile application. At the time of validation a  
2 confirmation number will become visible.

3 (a) In addition to validating a tag electronically, the tag owner's name, date of birth, ODFW ID  
4 number, harvest date, and confirmation number must be written in ink on material of the tag owner's  
5 choice, and attached in plain sight securely to the game mammal.

6 ([3]4) The required information, or paper game mammal tag, must be maintained in legible condition  
7 at all times. The tag shall be kept attached to such carcass or remain with any parts thereof so long as the  
8 same are preserved.

9 ([4]5) It is unlawful to possess the meat or carcass of any deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn  
10 sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat without evidence of sex while in the field, forest, or in transit on any of  
11 the highways or premises open to the public in Oregon, except processed or cut and wrapped meat.  
12 Hunters must choose one of two options for providing evidence of sex for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope,  
13 bighorn sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat:

14 (a) Option 1: The animals head or scalp from the eyes to the ears for females, and antlers or horns  
15 for males, or;

16 (b) Option 2: A reproductive organ (a testicle, penis, udder or vulva) attached to a major portion of  
17 meat. For White-tailed Deer and Mule Deer Only Hunts, the tail must be retained for proof of species.

18 (c) Option 1, ((4)(a)), must be used for hunts with antler point restrictions.

19 ([5]6) When any game mammal or part thereof is transferred to the possession of another person a  
20 written record shall accompany such transfer and include:

21 (a) A description of the game mammal or part being transferred;

22 (b) The name, address, and ODFW ID number of the person whose tag or required information if an  
23 electronic tag was originally attached to the carcass;

24 (c) The issued date and time of a paper tag or the confirmation number of an electronic tag; and

25 (d) The date and time of harvest.

26 (e) The written record shall remain with such game mammal or part so long as the same is preserved  
27 or until replaced by a tag or seal of the Department.

1        ([6]7) All game mammals in possession in the field or forest or in transit more than 48 hours after the  
2 close of the open season for such mammal must be tagged with a tag or metal seal by the Department or  
3 by the Oregon State Police.

4        ([7]8) It is unlawful to receive or have in possession any game mammal or part thereof which:

5        (a) Is not properly tagged;

6        (b) Was taken in violation of any wildlife laws or regulations; or

7        (c) Was taken by any person who is or may be exempt from the jurisdiction of such laws or  
8 regulations.

9        ([8]9) No person shall possess any game mammal or part thereof which has been illegally killed,  
10 found or killed for humane reasons, except shed antlers, unless he has notified and received permission  
11 from the Department or personnel of the Oregon State Police prior to transporting.

12        ([9]10) No person shall possess the horns of bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain goat that were not  
13 taken legally during an authorized season. Any horns of bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain goat obtained  
14 by the Department may be made available to scientific and educational institutions and for ceremonial  
15 purposes.

16        ([10]11) Except for the following parts, importation of a cervid carcass or parts of a cervid carcass  
17 from another state or country is prohibited:

18        (a) Meat that is cut and wrapped commercially or privately;

19        (b) Meat that has been boned out;

20        (c) Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;

21        (d) Hides and/or capes with no head attached;

22        (e) Skull plates with antlers attached that have been cleaned of all meat and brain tissue;

23        (f) Antlers with no tissue attached;

24        (g) Upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories);

25        (h) Finished taxidermy heads.

1       ~~[(11)]~~**12** The parts and carcass import ban in subsection (10) does not apply to parts or carcasses  
2 shipped to the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory (Ashland, Oregon) for the purpose of  
3 law enforcement investigations and also does not apply to parts or carcasses of reindeer/caribou.

4       ~~[(12)]~~**13** Cervid carcasses or parts of cervid carcasses found in Oregon in violation of the parts and  
5 carcass ban in subsection 10 shall be disposed of in a manner as follows:

6       (a) Brain tissue, spinal columns, and whole heads or heads minus the cleaned skull plate and attached  
7 antlers, shall be disposed of either by incineration at temperatures exceeding 800° F or at lined landfills  
8 registered by Oregon Department of Environmental Quality capable of accepting animal carcasses  
9 without environmental contamination; rendering is not an allowed means of disposal.

10       (b) The person(s) who imported parts in violation of the parts and carcass ban in subsection 10 shall  
11 pay for appropriate disposal of cervid carcasses or parts of cervid carcasses.

12  
13 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162

14 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162

15 **DIVISION 200**

16 **SALE, PURCHASE, OR EXCHANGE OF WILDLIFE PARTS**

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18 **635-200-0050**

19 **Deer, Elk, and Antelope (Pronghorn)**

20 **(1) The provisions of this rule do not apply to carcasses or parts thereof from deer or elk salvaged**  
21 **pursuant to OAR 635-043-0200. No portion of deer or elk salvaged pursuant to OAR 635-043-**  
22 **0200 may be purchased, sold, or exchanged.**

23 (2) Any person may purchase, sell, or exchange processed hides, hooves, dewclaws, sinews, or capes of  
24 deer (*Odocoileus hemionus* or *O. virginianus*), elk (*Cervus canadensis*) or antelope (pronghorn)  
25 (*Antilocapra americana*).

26 ~~[(2)]~~ **(3)** Any person may sell or exchange the unprocessed hides, hooves, dewclaws, sinews, or capes of  
27 a deer, elk, or antelope legally taken during an authorized hunting season.

28 ~~[(3)]~~ **(4)** Any person may sell, purchase, or exchange any bone, elk ivory "buglers" or other part of the  
29 skeletal structure of a deer or elk, except the skull.

30 ~~[(4)]~~ **(5)** Any person may sell or exchange lawfully taken antlers which are detached from the skull,  
31 skull is split apart between the antlers or naturally shed antlers to a licensed antler dealer for use only in  
32 manufacturing handcrafted items from parts of these antlers. Handcrafted items do not include complete

1 sets of antlers or whole heads and antlers which are mounted for display or other purposes. Any person  
2 may purchase such lawfully manufactured handcrafted items.

3 ~~{(5)}~~ **(6)** Except as provided in subsection ~~{6}~~ **7**, any person desiring to purchase or exchange  
4 unprocessed deer, elk, and antelope hides, hooves, dewclaws, or sinews must first secure a Hide Dealer  
5 Permit. Clients of a taxidermist do not need this permit when a taxidermist provides the hide for  
6 mounting a client's legally taken antler or horn.

7 (a) Any person desiring to purchase or exchange antlers for use in the manufacture of handcrafted  
8 items must first secure an Antler Dealers Permit. Antlers may not be purchased unless antlers are  
9 detached from the skull, the skull is split apart between antlers, or the antlers are naturally shed;

10 (b) Hide and Antler Dealer Permits may be obtained by applying to the Oregon Department of Fish  
11 and Wildlife.

12 ~~{(6)}~~ **(7)** Any person may purchase the following for their personal use (not resale):

13 (a) Unprocessed deer, elk and antelope hides; and

14 (b) Deer and elk antlers (if detached from the skull, if skull is split apart between the antlers, or if  
15 naturally shed).

16 ~~{(7)}~~ **(8)** Hide Dealer and Antler Dealer Permit shall cost \$33.50 (plus a \$2.00 license agent fee) and  
17 shall expire on December 31 of the year issued.

18 ~~{(8)}~~ **(9)** At the time of purchase or exchange for unprocessed deer and elk hides and antlers, and for  
19 antelope hides, every dealer shall maintain a record. Such record shall:

20 (a) Include the date of the transaction, numbers and kinds of hides or antlers purchased or  
21 exchanged, and the name and address of the person from whom acquired;

22 (b) Be maintained at the business address of the hide dealer or antler dealer for a three-year period.

23 ~~(9)~~ **(10)** Hide and antler dealer records are subject to inspection at any time by any State Police officer or  
24 Department of Fish and Wildlife representative.

25 ~~{(10)}~~ **(11)** Any person may sell, purchase or exchange any bone or other part of the skeletal structure of  
26 pronghorn antelope, except the skull and horn sheaths.

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28 Statutory/Other Authority: SB 247 (2015), ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 498.019, 498.022 &  
29 498.042

30 Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 498.019, 498.022 & 498.042