

SPECIAL PURPOSE SALVAGE PERMIT REGULATIONS

312 IAC 9-10-13.5 Special purpose salvage permit

Authority: IC 14-11-2-1; IC 14-22-2-6

Affected: IC 4-21.5; IC 14-22

Sec. 13.5. (a) This section governs a special purpose salvage permit. A special purpose salvage permit may be issued only to a person who is at least one (1) of the following:

- (1) A licensed wild animal rehabilitator under section 9 of this rule.
- (2) A nature center, a nonprofit organization, or an educational institution.
- (3) An individual employed or sponsored by an educational institution.

(b) A person must:

- (1) apply for a permit under this section on a departmental form; and
- (2) include the purpose for salvaging a wild animal.

Approval may be given to use a salvaged wild animal for food, science, education, or a similar purpose.

(c) A special purpose salvage permit may be issued to salvage a wild animal, which is a mammal, reptile, amphibian, or bird, found dead. The applicant must not have participated in the death of the animal.

(d) A salvaged wild animal must not be used as part of or to promote a commercial venture. A salvaged wild animal may not be used for any purpose other than for the purpose stated on the permit.

(e) A person issued a permit under this section must tag each wild animal, and the tag must remain attached to the wild animal until disposed of in accordance with the permit. A tag shall have the following information:

- (1) The date and county in which the wild animal was salvaged.
- (2) The name of the person who salvaged the wild animal.

(f) A person issued a permit under this section must:

- (1) carry and display a copy of the permit while conducting activities and salvage approved by the permit; and
- (2) obtain permission from the owner of real property or from a public land property manager before salvaging a wild animal.

(g) Within six (6) months after acquisition or by the end of the calendar year, whichever is earlier, the person issued a permit under this section must deposit any animal salvaged at a location approved on the permit. Any unused animal must be delivered to a conservation officer or disposed of as otherwise authorized on the permit.

(h) A permit is also required from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to salvage a migratory bird, their parts, nests, or eggs. If the terms of the federal permit and a permit issued under this section differ, the more restrictive terms govern.

(i) A person issued a permit under this section must file an application by February 1 of each year in order to renew a permit. By February 1 of the year following expiration of a permit, the permit holder must provide the division with a listing of each animal salvaged and the date and location where salvaged. A copy of the records of animals salvaged must be kept on the premises of the permit holder for at least two (2) years after the wild animal is salvaged. Upon the request of a conservation officer, a copy these records must be provided.

(j) The validity of this permit is conditioned upon observance of federal, state, and local laws.

(k) A license may be suspended, denied, or revoked under IC 4-21.5 if the permit holder fails to comply with this article, IC 14-22, or a permit issued under this section.