

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

INSPECTION OF NON-LICENSED ENTITY POLICY

I. PURPOSE: Address the inspection of non-licensed entities by Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife commissioned personnel.

II. SCOPE: Wild animals or their parts may be possessed by entities that perform services for the public, i.e., taxidermy or processing for consumption. Records must be maintained to document that the animals were legally obtained. This policy addresses steps wildlife officers must take before entering the premises of a non-licensed entity to inspect its records.

III. PROVISIONS: This policy applies to non-licensed entities whose activities are regulated by the Division of Wildlife. These non-licensed entities include, but are not limited to:

- Taxidermist receiving, processing, or having in custody any wild animal or parts thereof.
- Cold storage facility receiving, processing, or having in custody any wild animal or parts thereof.
- Locker plant receiving, processing, or having in custody any wild animal or parts thereof.
- Meat processor receiving, processing, or having in custody any wild animal or parts thereof.

Wildlife officers may conduct inspections for proper records only with the consent of the non-licensed entity involved.

- If consent is not received, an officer shall obtain a search warrant as specified in O.R.C. 1531.13.

IV. PENALTIES: Violation of this policy may result in corrective action as outlined in the Corrective Action Procedure and Work Rules.

V. CONTACT: For questions related to this policy, contact the Executive Administrator, Law Enforcement, ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Approved by:



Chief, Division of Wildlife

Date:

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