

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 30

REGULATION GOVERNING FUR DEALERS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated under authority of W.S. §23-1-102, W.S. §23-1-302, W.S. §23-2-304 and W.S. §23-6-207.

Section 2. Regulation and Effective Date. The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission hereby adopts the following regulation governing fur dealers. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes.

Section 4. Application for License. Persons desiring to operate as a fur dealer shall make application on a form provided by the Department and submit the application and proper fee to a game warden in the area where the fur dealer's principal office shall be located. In the case of a nonresident fur dealer, the application and fee shall be submitted to the Department's Headquarters Office, License Sales and Accounting Section.

Section 5. General Operation. A licensed fur dealer may employ persons who buy and sell hides and furs for the fur dealer provided said persons can immediately exhibit proof when requested by a Department law enforcement officer that they are employees of a licensed fur dealer and they also can exhibit a copy of the fur dealer's license.

Section 6. Records and Reports.

(a) Fur dealers shall maintain current, complete, legible and accurate written records on forms provided by the Department of all hides and furs purchased, sold or transferred from within or without the State. The records shall include names and addresses of persons from whom hides and furs were purchased, sold or transferred, including the date of the transaction, tag numbers attached to furs, the furbearing animal trapping license number of the person who trapped the furs of furbearing animals and the fur dealer's license number for furs and/or hides which are purchased from another fur dealer. The records shall include all transactions under the authority of the fur dealer by

employees. The records shall be kept at the fur dealer's place of business. One copy of the records shall be submitted to the game warden in the area where the principal office of the fur dealer is located by January 15 following the calendar year for which the license had been issued. Nonresident fur dealers shall submit a copy of their records to the Department's Headquarters Office, License Sales and Accounting Section by January 15 following the calendar year for which the license had been issued.

(b) Any person issued a license under this regulation shall, during the term of the license and for a period of sixty (60) days after expiration of the fur dealer's license, allow inspection of records, furs and hides during reasonable hours.

Section 7. Revocation of a Fur Dealer's License.

(a) A fur dealer license may be revoked by the Commission for failure to abide by this regulation.

(b) Any revocation of a fur dealer license shall be subject to contested case proceedings in accordance with Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Regulation, Chapter 27, Rules of Practice Governing Contested Cases Before the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, revised as of January 19, 1982, and which does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter.

Section 8. Violation of Commission Regulations. Failure to abide by the provisions of this regulation shall be punishable as provided by Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

Section 9. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation is held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation are severable.

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