

**RULES
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WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

**CHAPTER 1660-01-17
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
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- (1) Definitions
 - (a) Native wildlife is defined as those species which occur naturally in the wild within the geographic boundaries of Tennessee, and whose presence is the result of those species' natural biology, or approved stocking by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission.
 - (b) Non-native wildlife is defined as those species not classified as native.
- (2) Endangered and Threatened Species. The commercial use of any State or Federally endangered species is prohibited. The commercial use of State and Federally threatened species and those species deemed in need of management are permitted only when such species are legally taken for the purpose of sale in the State of origin as provided in T.C.A. § 70-8-109.
- (3) Finished Products and Parts, Other Than Meat, That May Be Bought and Sold
 - (a) Finished products and parts of non-native species legally obtained in the State of origin. No parts of black bear (*Ursus americanus*) taken in Tennessee may be bought or sold. Individuals may obtain legally possessed bear parts from other States, which allow the sale of such parts, through mail order purchases or direct purchases which take place outside the boundaries of Tennessee. Any individual possessing parts of bear provided for in this exception must maintain records of legal purchase. No bear parts, including meat, possessed under this exception may be resold within the boundaries of Tennessee.
 - (b) Finished products and parts of legally taken white-tailed deer and wild turkey except meat and antlers in velvet.
 - (c) Non-edible finished products of commercially raised native species.
 - (d) Finished products of reptiles (native and non-native) that are legally acquired.
 - (e) Finished products and parts of native wildlife as provided by statute.
 - (f) The finished products and parts of legally taken furbearers (native and non-native).
- (4) Meat and Meat Products That May Be Bought and Sold
 - (a) The meat of non-native wildlife (except fish) that are commercially raised. Records must be maintained by buyer showing species, origin of shipment, and processor.

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- (b) The meat of legally obtained non-native fish, reptiles, and mollusks. Species listed below (native or non-native) that were harvested legally by commercial methods outside of the State or raised in a licensed fish farming facility for commercial sale:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Black Crappie	Pomoxis nigromaculatus
White Crappie	Pomoxis annularis
Black X White Crappie	Pomoxis nigromaculatus x P. annularis
Walleye	Sander vitreus
Walleye X Sauger	Sander canadensis x S. vitreus
Striped bass	Morone saxatilis
Hybrid Striped bass	Morone saxatilis x M. chrysops
Salmon and Trout	Oncorhynchus spp.
Salmon and Trout	Salmo spp.
Char and Trout	Salvelinus spp.

- (c) The meat of native wildlife (except fish) as provided by statute or proclamation. The sale of the carcass of groundhog is permitted.
- (d) The meat of native fish and turtle species may be bought or sold as provided by statute or proclamation.
- (e) The meat of legally taken crustaceans (crayfish, lobster, etc.).
- (f) The meat and meat products of legally taken furbearers (native or non-native).
- (5) Live Species That May Be Bought and Sold
- (a) Legally obtained live crustaceans (crayfish, lobster, etc.) for food.
- (b) Legally imported and/or propagated amphibians for purposes other than bait.
- (c) Legally obtained live native and non-native species may be bought and sold as provided by statute, regulation or proclamation.
- (6) Hides of Legally Taken Native Rabbits
- (a) Finished or green hides of native rabbits may be bought or sold.

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