

6244.0300 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in sections 6244.0100 to 6244.2000 have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Advisor.** "Advisor" means a master class permit holder who has volunteered to provide counsel and to serve as a mentor for novice class permit holders.

Subp. 3. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means a person who applies for a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources wildlife rehabilitation permit pursuant to part 6244.0430.

Subp. 4. **Big game.** "Big game" means deer, moose, elk, bear, antelope, and caribou.

Subp. 5. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner's designated employees or other agents.

Subp. 6. **Continuing education and training.** "Continuing education and training" means instruction, courses of instruction, study guides, or other materials determined by the commissioner to be acceptable for use by wildlife rehabilitation permit holders to satisfy the requirements for renewal of permits upon expiration.

Subp. 7. **Department.** "Department" means the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Subp. 8. **Endangered species or threatened species.** "Endangered species" or "threatened species" means species of animals officially listed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0895, as endangered or threatened.

Subp. 9. **Facilities.** "Facilities" means equipment, housing, or other shelter used in, or necessary for, the rehabilitation of wildlife.

Subp. 10. **Federal permit.** "Federal permit" means a permit for the rehabilitation of migratory birds issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Subp. 11. **In-shelter assistant.** "In-shelter assistant" means a person designated by novice, general, or master permit holders to assist permittees with basic care and feeding of animals undergoing rehabilitation in the facility of the permittee.

Subp. 12. **Nonreleasable wildlife.** "Nonreleasable wildlife" means an animal that cannot be released because of a permanent injury, degenerative physical condition as a result of illness, or habituation to humans that would significantly reduce the chance of the animal surviving in the wild.

Subp. 13. **Outshelter permit.** "Outshelter permit" means a form of wildlife rehabilitation permit issued to an individual affiliated with an institution allowing that person to receive animals for short-term, temporary care only from the named institution with the stipulation that the animals are returned to the institution.

Subp. 14. **Permit.** "Permit" means a wildlife rehabilitation permit issued by the commissioner under parts 6244.0400 to 6244.0450, unless otherwise specified.

Subp. 15. **Permit holder or permittee.** "Permit holder" or "permittee" means a person who possesses a valid novice, general, or master wildlife rehabilitation permit issued by the commissioner under parts 6244.0410 to 6244.0450.

Subp. 16. **Public exhibition.** "Public exhibition" means a display to the general public of wild animals undergoing rehabilitation, either on the permittee's premises or elsewhere.

Subp. 17. **Rehabilitation.** "Rehabilitation" means providing care for orphaned, injured, or sick wild animals.

Subp. 18. **Resident.** "Resident" means:

A. an individual who is a citizen of the United States or a resident alien, and has maintained a legal residence in the state for at least the immediately preceding 60 days;

B. a nonresident under the age of 21 who is the child of a resident;

C. a domestic corporation; or

D. a foreign corporation, authorized to do business in the state, that has conducted a licensed business at a location within the state for at least ten years.

Subp. 19. **Transport.** "Transport" means the act by a permittee of causing or attempting to cause wild animals to be carried or moved other than within the premises of a permittee.

Subp. 20. **Veterinarian.** "Veterinarian" means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine as defined in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 156.

Subp. 21. **Volunteers.** "Volunteers" means persons who are experienced with wildlife rehabilitation and are designated by the commissioner to assist with the process of issuing wildlife rehabilitation permits to individuals.

Subp. 22. **Wild animals.** "Wild animals" means all living creatures, not human, wild by nature, endowed with sensation and power of voluntary motion, and includes mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, crustaceans, and mollusks.

Subp. 23. **Wildlife rehabilitator.** "Wildlife rehabilitator" means a person who has a valid Department of Natural Resources novice, general, or master class wildlife rehabilitation permit issued under parts 6244.0400 to 6244.0440.

Subp. 24. **Wildlife section.** "Wildlife section" means the section of wildlife of the Department of Natural Resources.

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