

WAC 220-420-260 Transfer, selling, or trading raptors under a falconry permit. (1) A falconer or propagator may purchase, sell, or barter, or offer to sell, purchase, or barter captive-bred or hybrid raptors marked with seamless bands to other falconry permittees who are authorized to possess them.

(2) Wild taken raptors may not be purchased, sold, traded, or bartered. Exchanging raptors with other falconers is not considered to be barter or trade.

(3) It is unlawful to transfer a wild caught raptor to out-of-state recipients for one year from the date of capture.

(4) A raptor may be transferred to another permit type if the recipient of the raptor, which could be the same transferring falconer, possesses the necessary permits for the other activity.

(5) A wild-caught falconry raptor may be transferred to another permit type in less than two years with the exception of one year for a sharp-shinned hawk (*Accipiter striatus*), a Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*), a merlin (*Falco columbarius*), or an American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*), if the raptor has been injured, and a veterinarian or permitted wildlife rehabilitator has determined that the raptor can no longer be flown for falconry. Report this transaction within ten days and provide a copy of the certification from the veterinarian or rehabilitator that the raptor is not useable in falconry to the department.

(6) A surviving spouse, executor, administrator, or other legal representative of a deceased falconry or raptor propagation permittee may transfer any raptor held by the permittee to another authorized permittee within ninety days of the death of the falconry permittee. After ninety days, disposition of a raptor held under the permit is at the discretion of the department.

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