

WAC 220-450-160 Wildlife rehabilitation—Possession of dead wildlife and wildlife parts. (1) A primary permittee may receive and possess dead wildlife from the department for the purpose of feeding wildlife in rehabilitation.

(2) Feather possession.

(a) A primary permittee may possess bird feathers for imping.

(b) Primary permittees may receive or exchange feathers of birds from and with other wildlife rehabilitators if the rehabilitators possess and comply with relevant U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Treaty Act permits.

(c) A primary permittee may donate feathers from rehabilitation birds to any person or institution with a valid permit to possess feathers, except feathers from golden eagle or bald eagle.

(d) A primary permittee may leave feathers that are molted or otherwise lost by a bird in wildlife rehabilitation where they fall, store the feathers, or destroy the feathers, except that the rehabilitator must gather primary or secondary flight feathers or rectrices from golden eagle and bald eagle and send these feathers or rectrices to the National Eagle Repository.

(3) A primary permittee whose permit is expired or revoked must donate any wildlife carcasses and parts to a person or institution with a valid permit to possess the wildlife carcasses and parts, or the primary permittee must burn, bury, or otherwise destroy the carcasses or parts.

(4) A violation of this section is punishable under the statute for the species being unlawfully retained, including RCW 77.15.120 for endangered fish or wildlife; RCW 77.15.130 for protected fish or wildlife; RCW 77.15.400 for wild birds; RCW 77.15.410 for big game; or RCW 77.15.430 for wild animals not classified as big game.

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