



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION POLICY

2103 – Execution of Authorities Shared with the Director (Revised: 09/12/2013)

Supersedes:

No. 2103 – Bird Banding, dated January 1, 1977.

Issue/Purpose:

All wild animals found in this state, whether resident or migratory and whether native or introduced, are the property of the people of the state. The purpose of this policy is to determine the proper banding of game birds and protected birds.

Definitions:

“Game” shall have the meanings defined in Part 401 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994 (1994 PA 451) or in the Wildlife Conservation Order (WCO).

Policy:

Michigan’s wild animals – including game, protected, and unprotected animals – are the property of the people of the state and should not be possessed by individuals, unless under the proper state or federal authority.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources bands are to be used only on non-migratory game birds (pheasants, grouse, quail, Hungarian partridge, turkeys, etc.).

State bands may be furnished upon request to private individuals who mark wild-trapped or pen-reared non-migratory game birds (to be released on lands other than shooting preserves) for experimental purposes or as a public service.

Banding of birds at field trials is to be discouraged except for special investigations. In these cases, banding must be done by Wildlife Division staff.

An organization or individual wishing to band migratory birds shall first obtain a Federal Bird Marking and Salvage Permit. Once the federal permit has been obtained, the organization or individual shall also obtain a Scientific Collector’s Permit from the Department. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service bands shall be used only on migratory game and non-game birds.

Related Reference:

The Wildlife Conservation Order (WCO) – http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10366_37141-120756--,00.html

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-Act-451-of-1994>

2103 – Bird Banding is hereby approved.

J.R. Richardson, Chair

Effective Date