

Description of Specific Edits to Regulatory Language and Department Regulatory Manual

Edits Made to Proposed Regulatory Language

**Note: The proposed regulatory language includes the changes from the first 15-Day notice*

679.1 through 679.5, 679.7, and 679.8

No changes.

679.6

Subsection (a): Added missing word “not” for accuracy and clarity of the requirement for evaluating a rehabilitation animal for its release to the wild.

679.9

Subsection (e): Corrected the lettering of the subsection paragraph to clarify the cited requirement.

Edits Made to the Proposed Chapters 2 and 3, of the Department Native Wildlife Rehabilitation 679 Regulations Manual (Incorporated by Reference)

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All Sections

Enclosure tables have been updated to clarify minimum requirements for certain animal types and correct formatting (i.e., alphabetic and numeric order) or minor errors for consistency and clarity throughout the regulations.

Corrected minor typo and/or grammatical error in subsection text for clarity and accuracy.

Chapter 2

Subsection (a)(2): Clarified the requirement of a visual barrier between enclosures of rehabilitation animals. This change was necessary for clarity as based on public comment.

Subsection (a)(7): Replaced the word “attached” with “affixed” for clarity and consistency with the language used in other code or regulations specific to permanent and temporary structures.

Subsection (b)(2): Revised language in table and added “or require supplemental feeding” to clarify the criteria for limited mobility rehabilitation animals. This change is based public comment.

Subsection (c)(2): Clarified the requirement for the 30-day quarantine period for reptiles and amphibians. This change was necessary to protect animal welfare if an animal is restored to a condition of good health during its quarantine and based on public comment.

Subsection (d): Revised language in table to clarify the requirement and options for water and ultraviolet light for amphibians and reptiles, including the western pond turtle. This change was necessary to protect the welfare of different species of animal and based on public comment.

Subsection (f): Revised language in table and clarified requirement for substrate depth based on floor type, where applicable, and the enrichment and wall requirement for bat enclosures. This change was necessary to protect animal welfare and based on public comment.

Subsection (g): Revised language in table and clarified the enclosure requirement for chipmunks and ground squirrels, and pre-release opossums. This change is based on public comment.

Subsection (i): Revised language in table and clarified options for enclosure wall and floor materials, and perch type, where applicable, for clarity and consistency. This change is based on public comment.

Subsection (j): Revised language in table and clarified the enclosure size requirements and maximum number of animals for turkey vultures, kestrels, kites, and corvids. This change is based on public comment.

Subsection (k): Revised language in table for clarity and consistency. Added “(Excluding Pool-Only Waterbirds)” to the table caption and clarified the enclosure wall and floor requirements and options for perches, where applicable. This change was necessary for consistency and based on public comment.

Subsection (l): Revised language in table and clarified the pool-only water level requirement. Added “(Includes species of diving duck, stiff-tailed duck, merganser, alcid, phalarope, loon, grebe, albatross, fulmar, and petrel)”. This change is based on public comment.

Subsection (m): Revised language in the table and changed the maximum number of animals allowed in pre-release conditioning enclosures, where applicable. This change was necessary for clarity and consistency and based on public comment.

Subsection (p): Revised language in table to clarify the requirement and options for securing enclosures and full spectrum light for venomous snakes. This change is based on public comment.

Subsection (q): Revised language in table and replaced “N/A” with “0” for maximum number of animals and the limited mobility enclosure size requirement to “based on animal condition”. This change was necessary for clarity and consistency throughout these regulations and based on public comment.

Subsection (r)(4): Revised language in table to clarify maximum number of falcons per enclosure. This change was necessary to protect animal welfare and based on public comment.

Chapter 3

Subsection (c)(12): Clarified the option for type of cleaning agents required for amphibian and reptile enclosures. This change is based on public comment.

Subsection (g)(1): Added the language “that may perform euthanasia of any animal” to clarify the training requirement for individuals performing euthanasia under a permit. This change was necessary for consistency throughout these regulations and based on public comment.