California Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

FUR DEALER AND FUR AGENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

This document is designed to provide essential information about fur dealers and fur agents. It **does not** provide complete coverage of all fur dealer and fur agent laws and regulations.

Although this document contains excerpts from the Fish and Game Code, it is the licensees responsibility to know and obey **all** laws and regulations in effect while engaging in a fur dealer and/or fur agent activities. Changes to either code may occur at any time during the year.

Any discrepancies between this document and the codes(s) from which it was prepared will be enforced and adjudicated according to the official code(s) in effect on the date the activity takes place.

Fish and Game Code Excerpts

§4030. License Requirements for Fur Dealer

Every person engaging in, carrying on, or conducting wholly or in part the business of buying, selling, trading or dealing in raw furs of fur-bearing mammals or nongame mammals is a fur dealer and shall procure a fur dealer license. No fur dealer license shall be required of a licensed trapper selling raw furs which he has lawfully taken, or a domesticated game breeder selling raw furs of animals which he has raised.

§4031. License Fee

A revocable fur dealer license shall be issued to any person upon payment of a base fee of seventy dollars ($70), as adjusted under Section 713.

§4032. License Requirements for Fur Agent

Any person who is employed by a licensed fur dealer to engage in the business of buying, selling, trading, or dealing in raw furs only on behalf of the fur dealer and not on his own behalf is a fur agent and shall procure a fur agent license.

§4033. Fur Agent Revocable License

A revocable fur agent license shall be issued to any person who is employed by a licensed fur dealer upon payment of a base fee of thirty-five ($35), as adjusted under Section 713.

§4034. Authority and Term of Fur Dealer License

A fur dealer license authorizes the person to whom it is issued to buy, sell, barter, exchange, or possess raw furs or parts thereof of fur-bearing mammals and nongame mammals for term of one year from July 1st, or if issued after the beginning of such term, for the remainder thereof.

§4035. Display of Licenses

A fur dealer or fur agent license shall be shown upon request to any person authorized to enforce the provisions of this code.

§4036. Raw Fur Purchase Restrictions

It shall be unlawful for any fur dealer to purchase the raw fur of any fur-bearing mammal or nongame mammal from any person who does not hold a valid trapping license, fur dealer license, or fur agent license.

§4037. Raw Fur Transfer Record Requirements

Every fur dealer licensed pursuant to this article shall maintain a true and legible record of any transfer of raw furs to show:

(a) The license number, name and address of the seller.

(b) The signature, name and license number, if applicable, of the buyer.

(c) The number and species of raw furs transferred, by county of take.

(d) The price paid or terms of exchange.

(e) The date of transfer.

(f) Such other information as the department may require.

§4038. Records - Available for Inspection at All Times

The record of sale, exchange, barter, or gift shall be available for inspection at any time by the department.

§4040. Annual Report by Dealers of Fur Transfers

Each licensed fur dealer shall submit an annual report to the department of the sale, exchange, barter, or gift of raw furs, on forms furnished by the department. No license shall be renewed until such a report is received.

§4041. Confidentiality of Receipts, Records, and Reports

The receipts, records, and reports required by this article and the information contained therein, shall be confidential, and the records shall not be public records. Any information which is published shall be published in such a manner as to preserve confidentiality of the persons involved.

§4042. Regulation of Raw Fur Business by Commission

The commission may regulate the business of buying, selling, trading, or dealing in raw furs, or parts thereof, of all fur-bearing mammals under a fur dealer license.

§4043. License Revocation

Any license issued under this chapter may be revoked by the commission at one of the commission's regularly scheduled meetings, upon the licensee's conviction of a violation of this article.

Title 14, California Code of Regulations

§696. Fur Dealer and Fur Agent Licenses.

(a) Fur Dealer License. Every person engaging in, carrying on, or conducting, wholly or in part, the business of buying, selling, trading or dealing in raw furs of furbearing mammals or nongame mammals shall first procure a fur dealer license.

Each licensed fur dealer shall submit, not later than July 1, to the department at 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814, an annual report on forms provided by the department.

(b) Fur Agent License. Any person employed by a licensed fur dealer to engage in the business of buying, selling, trading or dealing in raw furs only on behalf of the fur dealer, and not on his own behalf, shall first procure a fur agent license, providing that the fur dealer employing that person has submitted the annual report required in (a) above. Such licenses shall be valid for a term of one year from July 1, or if issued after the beginning of such term, for the remainder thereof.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any fur dealer or fur agent to purchase the raw fur of any furbearing mammal or nongame mammal from any person who does not hold a valid trapping, license, fur dealer license, or fur agent license.