

United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

# WS Directive

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FUR, OTHER ANIMAL PARTS, AND EDIBLE MEAT

1. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the handling and disposal of furs, other animal parts, or edible meat taken during WS operations.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This directive replaces ADC Directive 2.510 dated 4/8/94.

3. POLICY

Furs, other animal parts, or edible meat collected during normal WS control activities may be salvaged, sold, donated, transferred, or otherwise disposed of when authorized by the State Director. The State Director's determination must be in compliance with existing cooperative agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, and all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

Where legal and feasible, attempts should be made to donate edible animals to charitable institutions, public agencies, handicapped or senior citizens, or other needy individuals/groups. WS personnel are not authorized to certify any edible wild meat as disease free.

Feathers, claws, or other animal parts (except eagle parts and parts from other Federal and State listed threatened and endangered species) may be donated or transferred to Native Americans for ceremonial or religious purposes, or to universities, museums, State wildlife agencies, or other reputable organizations for use in scientific and educational purposes. Donating, transferring, or transporting protected species will be coordinated through the State Director and cleared with the State wildlife agency, and in cases involving Federally protected species, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Animals, whole or in part, taken by WS are considered accountable property. The State Director will determine the procedures for salvage, donation, sale, transfer, or disposal of animal parts. Donation of edible meat should be planned prior to collection in order to facilitate proper cleaning and preparation for human consumption.

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**Distribution:**

**Originating Office:**

WS employees or family members, close relatives, or acquaintances may not benefit from any animal(s), whole or in part, taken by WS employees while conducting official duties. This includes, but is not limited to, edible meats, fur, or valuable animal parts. Animal parts commonly used for making scents, baits, lures, and attractants, are excluded.

The transfer of furs, other animals parts, or edible meat must be documented.

#### 4. REFERENCES

WS Directive 2.455, Scents, Baits, and Attractants (x/x/03)  
WS Directive 4.120, Conflict of Interest (x/xx/03)  
USDA Directive 365.1, Employee Responsibility and Conduct  
(January 4, 1990)  
Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive  
Branch, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, Codified in 5 C.F.R.  
Part 2635 (1/1/02 Edition), as amended at 67 FR 61761-61762  
(Oct. 2, 2002).

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