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This Policy Replaces

None

Staff, Organizations Directly Affected:

General Public
 Director
 Permit & Authorization Service Bureau
 Conservation Officer Service

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Ministry

1. To reduce the number of privately owned prohibited species individuals in the province.
2. To minimize the risk that prohibited species individuals pose to the public's health and safety, and to property, wildlife, and wildlife habitat, by
 - a. restricting the number of prohibited species individuals in British Columbia;
 - b. establishing criteria for the possession, shipping, transportation, breeding, and public display of prohibited species individuals; and
 - c. requiring permit holders to submit reports to the Permit and Authorization Service Bureau to ensure compliance with the terms of their permit.
3. To issue permits to possess, ship, transport, or breed prohibited species individuals only to persons who meet the criteria described in the Controlled Alien Species Procedure.
4. To generally issue possession permits for the life of prohibited species individuals that reside permanently in BC.
5. To prohibit public display of prohibited species individuals except by those organizations who meet the criteria described in the Controlled Alien Species Procedure, with the intent of reducing the attractiveness of owning a prohibited species individual as a pet.
6. To work collaboratively with the Union of BC Municipalities to promote compliance with municipal bylaws regarding CAS.

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7. To work collaboratively with the BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in their role of enforcing the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* and the Criminal Code as they relate to CAS.
8. To work collaboratively with the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums when a zoo that is permitted to possess prohibited species individuals loses its accreditation.
9. To work collaboratively with the Canadian Council on Animal Care’s Animal Care Committee when an educational or research institution that is permitted to possess prohibited species individuals loses its Certificate of GAP - Good Animal Practice®.
10. That the Incident Management Team should manage non-compliance related to prohibited species individuals and be guided by the Ministry of Environment’s Compliance and Enforcement Policy and Procedure.

Definitions:

“**controlled alien species**” (CAS) – means controlled alien species as defined in the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996 c.488.

“**Incident Management Team**” – means the team comprised of representatives from the Conservation Officer Service, with support from the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch when needed.

“**prohibited species individual**” – means prohibited species individual as defined in the Controlled Alien Species Regulation (BC Reg. 94/2009).

Reasons for Policy:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent approach for permitting possession, shipping, transportation, breeding, and public display of prohibited species individuals and to describe relationships with other interested organizations.

Procedure Manual Cross-Reference:
 Ministry Procedure Manual, Volume 4, Section 7
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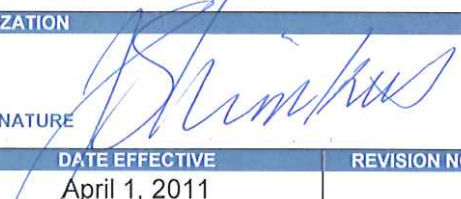
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Other Cross-References:

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Subsection:

- 02.02 Use of *Permit and Licence Issuance Manual* Guidelines for Issuing Permits under the *Wildlife Act*

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