

B. Identification Number.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Display of *Commercial Identification Number on Vessels and Vehicles.*

(a) The licensee's *commercial* identification number shall be plain vertical block characters of not less than [4] 3 inches in height and shall contrast with the color of the background.

(b) All numbers shall be distinctly visible and legible.

[(3)] (c) Display on Vessels.

(i) The licensee's *commercial* identification number shall be painted or firmly attached to both sides of the vessel.

(ii) The number shall be positioned on or above the hull, forward, but not on or near the bow, and in such a manner as to be clearly visible to passing boats.

[(4)] (d) Display on Vehicle.

(i) The licensee's *commercial* identification number shall be painted or firmly attached to the vehicle.

(ii) The number shall be positioned on the front part of the body on the driver's side.

[C. Replacement License. If a license is defaced, lost, or destroyed, the licensee shall apply for a replacement license within 7 days. The licensee shall submit an affidavit with the application certifying whether the license was defaced, lost, or destroyed. Upon receipt of this information and a \$5 service fee, the Department shall issue a replacement license.]

MARK J. BELTON
Secretary of Natural Resources

Subtitle 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

08.02.01 General

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §4-212, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-159-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to adopt new Regulation .15 under **COMAR 08.02.01 General**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to adopt a new regulation for scientific collection permits. Natural Resources Article, §4-212, Annotated Code of Maryland, was amended during the 2016 legislative session to clarify and make the section more consistent with the scientific collection section in the wildlife title of the Natural Resources Article. Some permits are issued jointly to permittees, and having the statutes more aligned and consistent makes the process easier for both the Department and the permittee.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

I. Summary of Economic Impact. The proposed action has an economic impact on the Department and on scientific collection permit applicants.

II. Types of Economic Impact.

	Revenue (R+/R-)	
	Expenditure (E+/E-)	Magnitude

- A. On issuing agency:
 - Permit fee (R-) \$585 per year
- B. On other State agencies: NONE

C. On local governments: NONE

	Benefit Cost (-)	(+) Magnitude
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D. On regulated industries or trade groups:

Permit fee (+) \$15 per applicant

E. On other industries or trade groups: NONE

F. Direct and indirect effects on public: NONE

III. Assumptions. (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

A. The Department received an average of \$2,125 per year from scientific collection application fees over the last 5 years. Reducing the application fee to be the same as Wildlife will reduce revenue by approximately \$585 per year.

D. The scientific collection permit application fee was reduced from \$25 to \$10 to be the same as Wildlife; therefore, saving each permit applicant \$15.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Scientific Collection Permit Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Service B-2, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or email to fisheriespubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-260-8310. Comments will be accepted through July 25, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.15 Scientific Collection Permits.

A. *In accordance with Natural Resources Article, §4-212, Annotated Code of Maryland, a person shall obtain a scientific collection permit prior to collecting fish, fish eggs, shellfish, or aquatic invertebrates from the wild for scientific or educational purposes.*

B. *Application.*

(1) *A person shall apply for a scientific collection permit on a form provided by the Department.*

(2) *A person shall apply at least 45 days prior to when the activity is requested to begin.*

C. *The fee for a scientific collection permit is \$10 and shall be submitted with the application.*

D. *A permittee shall:*

(1) *Comply with all of the terms and conditions described on the permit; and*

(2) *Report to the Department as specified by their permit.*

E. *Denial or Revocation of a Scientific Collection Permit.*

(1) *In addition to any other penalty, failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit may result in the revocation of the current permit or the denial of a subsequent permit.*

(2) *Prior to denying an application for a permit or revoking a current permit, the Department shall give the permittee notice of its intended action and an opportunity to appear at a hearing conducted in accordance with the contested case procedures set forth in State*

Government Article, Title 10, Subtitle 2, Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 08.01.04.

MARK J. BELTON
Secretary of Natural Resources

Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE

08.03.08 Threatened and Endangered Species

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§10-2A-03 and 10-2A-05, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-160-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .03 under **COMAR 08.03.08 Threatened and Endangered Species**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to reduce the fee for an Endangered Species Permit in accordance with the Governor’s announcement on May 12, 2016, regarding the latest round of fee cuts or eliminations. The fee for this permit will be reduced to \$10. The Endangered Species Permit is required to take, transport, possess, sell, offer for sale, export or import any listed endangered or threatened species or wildlife species in need of conservation listed by the Department of Natural Resources.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Glenn Therres, Associate Director, Wildlife and Heritage Service, Department of Natural Resources, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8572, or email to glenn.therres@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-260-8596. Comments will be accepted through July 25, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.03 Permits.

A. Permits to take, transport, possess, sell, offer for sale, export or import any listed species may be obtained from the Director only after written application on a form provided by the Administration, and upon payment of a fee of [\$25] \$10.

B. — F. (text unchanged)

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Secretary of Natural Resources

Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE

08.03.09 Wildlife Possession

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §10-907, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-162-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulations .07 and .14 under **COMAR 08.03.09 Wildlife Possession**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to reduce the fee for two types of falconry permits in accordance with the Governor’s announcement on May 12, 2016, regarding the latest round of fee cuts or eliminations. The fee for these permits will be reduced to \$10 for residents. The Falconry Permit, including the first time application fee, is required to possess and hunt with birds of prey. The Peregrine Falcon Permit is required for a licensed falconer to take a passage peregrine falcon during the fall trapping season.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

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.07 Falconry.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Permit and Application Requirements.

(1) — (5) (text unchanged)

(6) The application shall be accompanied by a [\$25] \$10 fee. In addition, an annual fee of [\$25] \$10 shall be due with each annual report, if the falconer desires to renew a permit.

(7) (text unchanged)

C. — K. (text unchanged)

.14 Take of Passage Peregrine Falcon.

A. — C. (text unchanged)

D. Permit Application and Issuance.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) The application fee for a Maryland resident falconer is [\$25] \$10. The application fee for a nonresident falconer is \$50. An application fee is nonrefundable.

(3) — (4) (text unchanged)

E. — H. (text unchanged)

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