



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT State law protects endangered and threatened species. No person may take or possess such species without a permit. Endangered species are those whose continued existence as components of the State's wild flora or fauna are determined to be in jeopardy. Threatened species are those likely within the foreseeable future to become endangered.

The Non-game and Natural Heritage Program (NNHP) of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's mission is to maintain and enhance Vermont's rich and varied natural heritage for present and future generations. It is responsible for managing and promoting non-game wildlife (animals that are not fished or hunted) as well as plants and natural areas.

NNHP administers the permit program for the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources. Permits may be granted for pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, or disturbing wildlife, and for uprooting, transplanting, cutting, injuring or killing wild plants only for scientific purposes, enhancement of the propagation of a species, economic hardship, zoological exhibition, educational purposes, and special purposes consistent with the purposes of the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).

INFORMATION REQUIRED Method and equipment to be used, probable impact of the proposed action that may require a site inventory, plan for conservation or mitigation of species impact, and final disposition of the species collected.

WEB ADDRESS http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/wildlife_nongame.cfm

FEES Fees are to be charged to a person applying to take a threatened or endangered species are as follows:

- (A) To take for scientific purposes, to enhance the propagation or survival of the species, or for educational purposes or special purposes consistent with the federal Endangered Species Act, \$50.00
- (B) To take for a zoological exhibition or to lessen an economic hardship, \$250.00

There have been payments specified as a condition of some permits for management and monitoring costs.

APPLICATION TIME FRAME Depends on project and species involved. If a site visit is needed when a species is in flower, for example, a fall application might need a summer site visit.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY

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AUTHORITY

10 VSA Chapter 123

APPLICABLE RULES

Vermont Endangered and Threatened Species List

APPEAL PROCESS

Variance permitted. 10 VSA § 5408. In cases where a petitioner is denied, the petitioner may request in writing to the Secretary that a hearing be held regarding the proposed activity. The Secretary will conduct a hearing within 30 days of receipt of the request, and provide the petitioner, the Endangered Species Committee, including the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, and other affected parties 20 days notice prior to holding the hearing. No more than 20 working days following the close of the hearing, the Secretary shall inform the petitioner of the decision.

OTHER PERMITS

Federal - For federally listed species, ESA of 1973 applies (Public Law 93-205). For migratory birds, Migratory Bird Treaty.

State - [Act 250](#), wetlands rules, stormwater general permits.