

Endangered, Threatened, & Special Concern Species Rule Proposal for 2027-2028

ESA1. Endangered, Threatened, & Special Concern Species – Species Parts and Transfer

*15A NCAC 10I .0102 PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED, THREATENED, AND SPECIAL
CONCERN SPECIES*

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE

Specify that Endangered Species Permits are required for species parts (e.g., tail clip, bodily fluids, etc.) and specify that additional permits or authorizations are required for transfer of animals or their parts.

JUSTIFICATION

The agency issues Endangered Species Permits for research that sometimes only requires a part of an animal. Current Rule language could be interpreted to allow unrestricted movement of species parts between individuals. The proposed change closes this loophole and allows for additional oversight and control of these animals and prevents transfer and movement to entities that are not permitted.