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Special Commission Permits

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission is authorized to issue special permits to nonprofit wildlife conservation organizations. The Commission may issue up to ten "Special Permits" each year for turkey, deer, elk, and waterfowl at their discretion. Nonprofit wildlife conservation organizations may apply for these permits. To qualify as a "wildlife conservation organization" an applicant must hold status as a nonprofit organization pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3), be incorporated under the laws of this state or any other state, or hold a charter status under an incorporated parent organization. Their primary purpose should be to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife resources or provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, trapping, or other related activities.

These permits may be auctioned or sold to individuals; however, ALL NET PROCEEDS MUST BE USED FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN KENTUCKY.

To apply for these special permits, an organization must submit a fully completed application form to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission. All sections on the application must be completed. If not applicable, please insert N/A. In the event all information and required documentation is not received, the application will not be considered.

In awarding a permit, the Fish and Wildlife Commission shall select permit recipients based on: (a) Content and quality of submitted application materials; (b) Past compliance; (c) Ability to generate matching funds; and (d) The proposed conservation project's potential for enhanced fish and wildlife, habitats, or fish and wildlife-related recreation in Kentucky.

A successful applicant must agree to use all net proceeds for wildlife conservation projects in Kentucky that are approved by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission. In addition, the successful applicant must agree to underwrite all promotional costs associated with the sale and transfer of the special permit, to sell and transfer the permit as described in the proposal, and to provide the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources with the name and address of the individual to whom the special permit is transferred. Successful applicants must also submit, by May 1 of the following year, a report that includes: 1) a financial statement containing total funds raised, overhead costs or expenses related to the sale of the permit, and net profit; 2) a summary of the conservation project and expenditures related to the conservation project; and 3) a synopsis of the impact the conservation project had on fish and wildlife, habitats, or fish and wildlife-related recreation. Successful applicants that apply for subsequent special commission permits may provide this report when submitting the application.

Proposals must be postmarked no later than **May 1st**. Please send all proposals, along with required documentation and previous year reports, to the address on this letterhead and write "Attention: Commission Permit Proposal" on the envelope.

If you have any questions regarding these permits, please contact David Wicker, at (502) 564-3400, Ext. 4578 or Nancy McIver, at (502) 564-3400, Ext. 4555.

Thank you for your interest in this program and for your continued efforts on behalf of Kentucky's wildlife.