

MITCHELL COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 24
EFFECTIVE _____
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING HUNTING, FISHING & TRAPPING

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA:

Purpose: It is the purpose and intent of the Board of Supervisors to enact regulations which place reasonable restrictions on hunting, fishing and trapping in Mitchell County, Iowa.

SHORT TITLE & DEFINITIONS

24.1.01 Short Title. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited and referred to as the "Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Ordinance" to the same effect as if full title was stated.

24.1.02 Regulation of Hunting, Fishing and Trapping defined. This ordinance by reference hereby incorporates Iowa Code 481A.1 for definitions.

All references to "456A" refer to Iowa Code Chapter 456A and this ordinance hereby adopts by reference said Chapter.

All references to "481A" refer to Iowa Code Chapter 481A and this ordinance hereby adopts by reference said Chapter.

All references to "482" refer to Iowa Code Chapter 482 and this ordinance hereby adopts by reference said Chapter.

All references to "481B" refer to Iowa Code Chapter 481B and this ordinance hereby adopts by reference said Chapter.

All references to "805" refer to Iowa Code Chapter 805 and this ordinance hereby adopts by reference said Chapter.

24.1.03 Game management area. The commission may establish a game management area upon any public lands or waters, or with the consent of the owner upon any private lands or waters, when necessary to maintain a biological balance as provided in section 481A.39 or to provide for public hunting, fishing, or trapping in conformity with sound wildlife management; and when a game management area is established, the commission shall with the consent of the owner, if any, have the right to post and prohibit, and to regulate or limit the lands or waters against trespassing, hunting, fishing, or trapping, and any violation of the regulations is unlawful.

24.1.04 Hunting on game refuges. It shall be unlawful to hunt, pursue, kill, trap or take any wild animal, bird, or game on any state game refuge so established at any time of the year, and no one shall carry firearms thereon, providing, however, that predatory birds and animals may be killed or

trapped under the authority and direction of the director.

The commission may specify the distance from a state game refuge where shooting is prohibited, and shall have notice of same posted at such distance in conspicuous places around the refuge, provided, however, this prohibition shall not apply to owners or tenants hunting on their own land outside of a state game refuge. The commission may prohibit shooting at any reasonable distance from a state game refuge deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the refuge is established.

24.1.05 Birds as targets. A person shall not keep or use any live pigeon or other bird as a target, to be shot at for amusement or as a test of skill in marksmanship, or shoot at a bird kept or used for such purpose, or be a party to such shooting, or lease any building, room, field, or premises, or knowingly permit the use thereof, for the purpose of such shooting. This section does not prevent any person from shooting at live pigeons, sparrows, and starlings when used in the training of hunting dogs.

24.1.06 Field and retriever meets--permit required. All officially sanctioned field meets or trials and retriever meets or trials where the skill of dogs is demonstrated in pointing, retrieving, trailing, or chasing any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal shall require a field trial permit. Except as otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful to kill any wildlife in such events. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 481A.21 it shall be lawful to hold field meets or trials and retriever meets or trials where dogs are permitted to work in exhibition or contest whereby the skill of dogs is demonstrated by retrieving dead or wounded game birds which have been propagated by licensed game breeders within the state or secured from lawful sources outside the state and lawfully brought into the state. All such birds must be released on the day of trials on premises where the trials are held.

Such birds released may be shot by official guns after having secured a permit as herein provided.

Such permits may be issued by the director of the department upon proper application and the payment of a fee of two dollars for each trial held. A representative of the department shall attend all such trials and enforce the laws and regulations governing same.

The person or persons designated by the committee in charge to do the shooting for such trials shall be known as the official guns, and no other person shall be permitted to kill or attempt to kill any of the birds released for such trials.

Before any birds are released under this section, they must each have attached a tag provided by the department and attached by a representative of the department at a cost of not more than ten cents for each tag. All tags are to remain attached to birds until prepared for consumption.

It is unlawful for any person to hold, conduct, or to participate in a field or retriever trial before the permit required by this section has been secured or for any person to possess or remove from the trial grounds any birds which have not been tagged as herein required.

24.1.07 Use of mobile radio transmitter prohibited--exceptions.

1. For the purposes of this section:

a. "One-way mobile radio transmitter" means a radio capable of transmitting a signal only but not capable of transmitting a voice signal. The signal may be tracked or located by radio telemetry or located by an audible sound.

b. "Two-way mobile radio transmitter" means a radio capable of transmitting and receiving voice messages including, but not limited to, a citizen band radio or a cellular telephone.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who is hunting shall not use a one-way or two-way mobile radio transmitter to communicate the location or direction of game or fur-bearing animals or to coordinate the movement of other hunters. This subsection does not apply to the hunting of coyotes except during the shotgun deer season as set by the commission under section 481A.38.

3. A licensed falconer may use a one-way mobile radio transmitter to recover a free-flying bird of prey properly banded and covered on the falconry permit.

4. A person hunting with the aid of a dog may use at any time a one-way mobile transmitter designed to track or aid in the recovery of the dog.

24.1.08 Unlawful transportation. No person, except as otherwise provided, shall ship, carry or transport in any one day, game, fish, birds, or animals, except fur-bearing animals in excess of the number legally permitted to be in possession of such a person.

24.1.09 Prohibited acts--restrictions on the taking of wildlife--special licenses. It is unlawful for a person to take, pursue, kill, trap or ensnare, buy, sell, possess, transport, or attempt to so take, pursue, kill, trap or ensnare, buy, sell, possess, or transport any game, protected nongame animals, fur-bearing animals or fur or skin of such animals, mussels, frogs, spawn or fish or any part thereof, except upon the terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions set forth herein, and administrative rules necessary to carry out the purposes set out in section 481A.39, or as provided by the Code.

1. The commission may upon its own motion and after an investigation, alter, limit, or restrict the methods or means employed and the instruments or equipment used in taking wild mammals, birds subject to section 481A.48, fish, reptiles, and amphibians, if the investigation reveals that the action would be desirable or beneficial in promoting the interests of conservation, or the commission may, after an investigation when it is found there is imminent danger of loss of fish through natural causes, authorize the taking of fish by means found advisable to salvage imperiled fish populations.

The commission shall adopt a rule permitting a crossbow to be used only by individuals with disabilities who are physically incapable of using a bow and arrow under the conditions in which a bow and arrow is permitted. The commission shall prepare an application to be used by an individual requesting the status. The application shall require the individual's physician to sign a statement

declaring that the individual is not physically able to use a bow and arrow.

2. If the commission finds that the number of hunters licensed or the type of license issued to take deer or wild turkey should be limited or further regulated the commission shall conduct a drawing to determine which applicants shall receive a license and the type of license. Applications for licenses shall be received during a period established by the commission. At the end of the period a drawing shall be conducted. The commission may establish rules to issue licenses after the established application period. If an applicant receives a deer license which is more restrictive than licenses issued to others for the same period and place, the applicant shall receive a certificate with the license entitling the applicant to priority in the drawing for the less restrictive deer licenses the following year. The certificate must accompany that person's application the following year, or the applicant will not receive this priority. Persons purchasing a deer license for the gun season under this section and under section 483A.1 are not eligible for a gun deer hunting license under section 483A.24, except as authorized by rules of the department. This subsection does not apply to the hunting of wild turkey on a hunting preserve licensed under chapter 484B.

3. The commission shall issue a special turkey hunting license to either the owner or the tenant of a farm unit or a member of the owner's or tenant's immediate family if the person makes a written application to the commission and pays the fee provided for the regular turkey hunting license. The special license is valid only for hunting on the farm unit of the owner or tenant. Only one special license may be issued for a farm unit. The application must contain the consent of the owner if the tenant or tenant's family member applies for the license. A person purchasing a regular turkey hunting license is not eligible to purchase a special license under this subsection. Applications for the special turkey licenses must be received by the commission at least thirty days prior to the opening of the turkey hunting season. The special turkey hunting licensees are subject to all other laws regarding the hunting of turkeys.

24.1.10 Importing fish and game--permits. It shall be unlawful except as otherwise provided for any person, firm or corporation, to bring into the state of Iowa for the purpose of propagating or introducing, or to place or introduce into any of the inland or boundary waters of the state, any fish or spawn thereof that are not native to such waters, or introduce or stock any bird or animal unless application is first made in writing to the commission for a permit therefor and such permit granted. Such permit shall be granted only after the commission has made such investigation or inspection of the fish, birds or animals as it may deem necessary to determine whether or not such fish, birds or animals are free from disease and whether or not such introduction will be beneficial or detrimental to the native wildlife and the people of the state, and may or may not approve such planting, releasing or introduction according to its findings. Nothing in the above shall prohibit licensed game breeders from securing native or exotic birds or animals from outside the state and bringing them into the state and they shall not be required to have a permit as provided above when such birds or animals are not released to the wild but are held on the game breeder's premises as breeding stock.

24.1.11 Restrictions on game birds and animals. No person, except as otherwise provided by law, shall willfully disturb, pursue, shoot, kill, take or attempt to take or have in possession any of the following game birds or animals except within the open season established by the commission: Gray

or fox squirrel, bobwhite quail, cottontail or jack rabbit, duck, snipe, pheasant, goose, woodcock, partridge, coot, rail, ruffed grouse, wild turkey, pigeons, or deer. The seasons, bag limits, possession limits and locality shall be established by the department or commission under the authority of sections 456A.24, 481A.38, and 481A.39.

24.1.12 Selling birds. No part of the plumage, skin or body of any bird protected by this chapter shall be sold or had in possession for sale, irrespective of whether said bird was captured or killed within or without the state, except as otherwise provided.

24.1.13 Exhibiting catch to officer. A person who has in possession any game bird or game animal, fish or fur or part thereof shall upon request of the director or any officer appointed by the department exhibit it to the director or officer, and a refusal to do so is a violation of the Code.

24.1.14 Chasing from dens. It is unlawful to have in possession while hunting or to use while hunting any ferret or any device or any substance to be used for chasing animals from their dens.

24.1.15 Shooting rifle, shotgun, pistol, or revolver over water or highway.

1. A person shall not shoot any rifle on or over any of the public waters or public highways of the state or any railroad right-of-way.

2. A person shall not shoot a shotgun with a slug load, pistol, or revolver on or over a public roadway as defined in section 321.1, subsection 65.

3. This section does not apply to any peace officers or military personnel in the performance of their official duties.

24.1.16 Selling game. Except as otherwise provided, a person shall not buy or sell, dead or alive, a bird or animal or any part of one which is protected by this chapter, but this section does not apply to fur-bearing animals, and the skins, plumage, and antlers of legally taken game. This section does not prohibit the purchase of jackrabbits from sources outside this state. A person shall not purchase, sell, barter, or offer to purchase, sell, or barter for millinery or ornamental use the feathers of migratory game birds; and a person shall not purchase, sell, barter, or offer to purchase, sell, or barter mounted specimens of migratory game birds.

Section 1.12 and this section do not apply to a game species, fur-bearing animal species, or variety of fish protected under this chapter which is sold by a nonprofit corporation as a part of a meal. The number of game of a game species or fur-bearing animal species, or a variety of fish protected by this chapter which are donated by a person to a nonprofit corporation plus any additional game of the same species or same variety of fish in the person's possession must not exceed the person's legal possession limit.

24.1.17 Training dogs.

1. A person having a valid hunting license may train a bird dog on any game birds and a

person having a valid fur harvester license may train a coonhound, foxhound, or trailing dog on any fur-bearing animals at any time of the year including during the closed season on such birds or animals. However, the animals when pursued to a tree or den shall not be further chased or removed in any manner from the tree or den. A person having a hunting license may train a dog on coyote or groundhog.

Only a pistol, revolver, or other gun shooting blank cartridges shall be used while training dogs during closed season except as provided in subsection 2 of this section.

2. Any pen-raised game bird may be used and may be shot in the training of bird dogs. Before any bird is released or used in the training of dogs, the bird shall have attached a band procured from the commission. The commission may charge a fee for such bands but the fee shall not exceed ten cents for each band.

3. A call back pen or live trap may be used for the purpose of retrieving banded birds when released in the wild for training purposes. Any bird not so banded when taken in a call back pen or trap shall be immediately returned unbanded to the wild. All call back pens or live traps when in use shall have attached a metal tag plainly labeled with the owner's name and address. Conservation officers shall have authority to confiscate such traps when found in use and not properly labeled.

4. The commission shall have the power to adopt rules prohibiting the training of any hunting dog on any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal in the wild at any time when it has been determined that such training might have an adverse effect on the populations of these species.

24.1.18 Trapping birds or poisoning animals. No person except those acting under the authority of the director shall capture or take or attempt to capture or take, with any trap, snare or net, any game bird, nor shall any person use any poison or any medicated or poisoned food or any other substance for the killing, capturing or taking of any game bird or animal.

24.1.19 Raising game--rulemaking authority. A person shall not raise or sell game or fur-bearing animals of the kinds protected by this chapter, except rock doves and pigeons, without first procuring a game breeder's license as provided by law. The commission may adopt rules which ensure that all game birds, game animals, and fur-bearing animals handled and confined by licensed game breeders are provided with humane care and treatment. A violation of a rule adopted by the commission is a cause for license revocation. This section does not apply to governmental zoos and exhibits.

24.1.20 Licensed game breeders--marketing game--penalty.

1. Except as otherwise provided by law, a licensed game breeder whose original stock is obtained from a lawful source may possess any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal, or any of their parts. Possession and use of the game birds, game animals, or fur-bearing animals obtained from a licensed game breeder are lawful.

2. Fur-bearing animals shall not be acquired for breeding or propagating purposes from any source unless they have been pen-raised for at least two successive generations.

3. A game breeder's license is not a license to possess, breed, propagate, sell, or dispose of any species which is defined as endangered or threatened under state law unless the species is listed on the license. Its possession, breeding, propagation, sale, and disposal are subject to all applicable state and federal statutes.

4. A licensed game breeder shall not acquire protected live game animals, game birds, their eggs, or fur-bearing animals taken from the wild within this state.

5. Game birds or game animals may be sold for food only under the following conditions:

a. The licensed game breeder shall file with the commission a facsimile of a stamp of similar type to that used by the United States department of agriculture in grading meat.

b. Licensed game breeders may sell dressed game birds or game animals to markets for resale providing each game bird or game animal has affixed upon it in a conspicuous and legible manner the imprint of the game breeder's stamp.

c. The stamp shall bear the name and number of the game breeder in letters of at least twelve-point type size.

6. Markets selling stamped game shall:

a. Maintain the stamp on each game bird or game animal until the bird or animal is disposed of or sold.

b. Keep a record showing the total number of game birds or game animals sold together with the name and address of the game breeder from whom purchased and the number of game birds and animals in each purchase.

7. Markets selling stamped game, together with their records, are subject to inspection by an authorized representative of the commission at any reasonable time.

8. Violation of a provision of this section may be cause for license revocation.

24.1.21 Records--reports--inspection.

1. A holder of a game breeder's license shall keep the records and make the reports required by this section on forms provided by the department. The records shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time by the department or its authorized agents.

2. At the time of every sale or conveyance of an animal, animal parts, or products, the licensee shall complete a game breeder's sales receipt on forms provided by the department. The forms shall require the following information:

- a. The name, address, county, and license number assigned to the breeder.
- b. The name and address of the purchaser.
- c. The number, species, sex, and age of the animals or birds conveyed.

3. Licensees shall maintain business records for all species in an annual report record book. The records shall include the following information:

- a. For each animal acquired other than by birth on the licensee's game farm, the sex and species, the date of acquisition, the number acquired, and the name and address of the source from which acquired.
- b. For each animal born on the licensee's game farm, the sex, species, date of birth, and number of any band, tag, or tattoo subsequently attached to the animal.
- c. For each animal sold or disposed of other than by death the same information required by the game breeder's sales receipt.
- d. For each animal which dies, disappears, or is destroyed on the licensee's game farm, the sex, species, date of death, and the number of any band, tag, or tattoo attached to the animal.

The licensee's copies of the required sales receipts shall be kept with the record book and are considered a part of it.

Records required by this section shall be entered in the annual report record book within forty-eight hours of the event.

4. Each licensee shall file an annual report with the commission on or before January 31. The report shall detail the game breeder's operations during the preceding license year. The original report shall be forwarded to the department and a copy shall be retained in the breeder's file for a period of three years from the date of expiration of the breeder's last license issued. Failure to keep or submit the required records and report are grounds for a refusal to renew a license for the succeeding year.

5. An on-site inspection of facilities shall be conducted by an officer of the commission prior to the initial issuance of a game breeder's license. The facilities may be reinspected by an officer of the commission at any reasonable time.

6. Any officer of the commission may enter any place where any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal is at the time located, or where it has been kept, or where the carcass of such animal may be, for the purpose of examining it in any way that may be necessary to determine whether it was or is infected with any contagious or infectious disease.

7. For the purpose of this section, infectious and contagious disease includes rabies, hoof-and-mouth disease, leptospirosis, blackhead, or any other communicable disease so designated by the commission.

8. The commission may regulate or prohibit the importation into the state and exportation from the state of any species of game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal, domesticated or not, which in its opinion, for any reason, is determined to be detrimental to the health of animals within or without the state.

9. The commission may quarantine or destroy any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal which is found to be infected with any contagious or infectious disease.

10. A licensed game breeder or other person having control of any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal shall not knowingly offer for sale, sell, or barter such birds or animals which have an infectious or contagious disease, or allow those birds or animals to run at large or come in contact with any other game birds, game animals, or fur-bearing animals.

24.1.22 Seasons and limits. It is unlawful for a person, except as otherwise expressly provided, to take, capture, or kill fish, frogs, or turtles except during the open season established by the commission. It is unlawful during open season to take in any one day an amount in excess of the daily catch limit designated for each variety or each locality, or have in possession any variety of fish, frog, or turtle in excess of the possession limit, or have in possession any frog, fish, or turtle at any time under the minimum length or weight. The open season, possession limit, daily catch limit, and the minimum length or weight for each variety of fish, frog, or turtle shall be established by rule of the department or commission under the authority of sections 456A.24, 481A.38, 481A.39 and 482.1.

24.1.23 Fish designated. The commission may adopt rules designating game fish, commercial fish, and rough fish.

24.1.24 Releasing unlawful catch. Any fish caught that is less than lawful minimum length or weight shall be handled with wet hands and released under water immediately with as little injury as possible.

24.1.25 Hooks. A person shall not at any time take from the waters of the state any fish, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, except with hook, line, and bait, nor shall a person use more than two lines nor more than two hooks on each line in still fishing or trolling, and in fly fishing not more than two flies may be used on one line, and in trolling and bait casting not more than two trolling spoons or artificial bait may be used on one line. A person shall not leave fish line or lines and hooks in the water unattended by being out of visual sight of the lines and hooks. One hook means a single, double, or treble pointed hook, and all hooks attached as a part of an artificial bait or lure shall be counted as one hook.

24.1.26 Trotlines and tagged lines. In the waters of the state open to their use, a person shall not use more than five tagged lines set to take fish such as trotlines or throw lines. Such tagged lines

shall not have in the aggregate more than fifteen hooks. Each separate line when in use shall have attached a tag plainly labeled with the owner's name and address, shall be checked at least once each twenty- four hours, and a person shall not use tagged lines in a stocked lake or within three hundred feet of a dam or spillway or in a stream or portion of stream, which is closed or posted against the use of such tackle. One end of such lines shall be set from the shore and be visible above the shore waterline, but no such line shall be set entirely across a stream or body of water. Any untagged or unlawful lines when found in use shall be confiscated by any officer appointed by the director.

24.1.27 Unlawful means--exception. It is unlawful, except as otherwise provided, to use on or in the waters of the state any grabhook, snaghook, any kind of a net, seine, trap, firearm, dynamite, or other explosives, or poisonous or stupefying substances, lime, ashes, electricity, or hand fishing in the taking or attempting to take any fish, except that gaffhooks or landing nets may be used to assist in landing fish. The commission may permit designated fish to be taken by hand fishing, by snagging, by spearing, by bow and arrow, and with artificial light at the times and at the places as determined by rules of the commission.

24.1.28 Prohibited stocking. A person shall not stock or introduce into the waters of the state a live fish, except for hooked bait, without the permission of the director. This section does not apply to privately owned ponds and lakes.

24.1.29 Frogs--catching--selling. Frogs may be taken by holders of a fishing license only and they may be used for bait or food purposes, but no person shall take more than four dozen frogs in any one day or have in possession at any one time more than eight dozen frogs. Licensed bait dealers authorized by law to sell bait may have in their possession to supply the bait needs of their customers, not more than twenty dozen frogs.

No person shall use any device, net, barrier or fence of any kind which prevents frogs from having free access to and egress from the water.

Transportation out of the state in any manner or for any purposes, of frogs taken in Iowa, is prohibited.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the purchase, sale or possession of frogs or any portion of the carcasses of frogs that have been legally taken and shipped in from without the state.

Nothing herein shall prevent any person from catching frogs on the person's own premises for the person's private use.

24.1.30 Prohibited areas. It shall be unlawful for any person at any time, except as otherwise provided, to take any fish, minnows, frogs, or other aquatic, biological life from any state fish hatchery, nursery or other area under the jurisdiction of the commission operated for fish production purposes.

24.1.31 Open seasons. Except as otherwise provided, a person shall not take, capture, kill, or have in possession a fur-bearing animal or any of its parts at any time except during the open season as

set by the commission except where the killing, trapping, or ensnaring is for the protection of a person or public or private property with the prior permission of a duly appointed representative of the commission. If prior permission is impractical or impossible to obtain and the fur-bearing animal represents a threat to a person, domestic animal, or private property, the fur-bearing animal may be taken without prior permission. All fur-bearing animals and all parts thereof taken as provided in this section shall be disposed of on the site or shall be relinquished to a representative of the commission.

24.1.32 Disturbing dens. A person shall not molest or disturb, in any manner, any den, lodge, or house of a fur-bearing animal or beaver dam except by written permission of an officer appointed by the director.

This section does not prohibit the owner from destroying a den to protect the owner's property.

24.1.33 Shooting or spearing. No person shall kill with shotgun, or spear any beaver, mink, otter, or muskrat, or have in possession any of said animals or the carcasses, skins or parts thereof that have been killed with shotgun or spear.

24.1.34 Traps--disturbing dens--tags for traps. A person shall not use or attempt to use colony traps in taking, capturing, trapping, or killing any game or fur-bearing animals except muskrats as determined by rule of the commission. Box traps capable of capturing more than one game or fur-bearing animal at each setting are prohibited. A valid hunting license is required for box trapping cottontail rabbits and squirrels. All traps and snares used for the taking of fur-bearing animals shall have a metal tag attached plainly labeled with the user's name and address. All traps and snares, except those which are placed entirely under water, shall be checked at least once every twenty-four hours. Officers appointed by the department may confiscate such traps and snares found in use that are not properly labeled or checked.

Except as otherwise provided, a person shall not use chemicals, explosives, smoking devices, mechanical ferrets, wire, tool, instrument, or water to remove fur-bearing animals from their dens. Humane traps, or traps designed to kill instantly, with a jaw spread, as originally manufactured, exceeding eight inches are unlawful to use except when placed entirely under water.

Conibear type traps and snares shall not be set on the right-of-way of a public road within two hundred yards of the entry to a private drive serving a residence without the permission of the occupant.

A snare when set shall not have a loop larger than eight inches in horizontal measurement except for a snare set with at least one-half of the loop under water. A snare set on private land other than roadsides within thirty yards of a pond, lake, creek, drainage ditch, stream, or river shall not have a loop larger than eleven inches in horizontal measurement.

All snares shall have a functional deer lock which will not allow the snare loop to close smaller than two and one-half inches in diameter.

24.1.35 Hunting by artificial light.

1. A person shall not throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light on a highway, or in a field, woodland, or forest for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking or attempting to take or hunt a bird or animal, except raccoons or other fur-bearing animals when treed with the aid of dogs, while having in possession or control, either singly or as one of a group of persons, any firearm, bow, or other implement or device whereby a bird or animal could be killed or taken.

2. This section does not apply to deer being taken by or under the control of a local governmental body within its corporate limits pursuant to an approved special deer population control plan.

24.1.36 License--reciprocity. A license shall be required of each fur dealer and each employee, agent, or representative of a fur dealer except when the employee, agent, or representative is operating solely on the premises of a licensed fur dealer. A fur dealer shall conduct business only at the location specified on the dealer's license, at an established fur auction, at the nonadvertised residence of a licensed fur harvester, or at the place of business specified on the license of any fur dealer. A nonresident licensed fur dealer may purchase location permits to operate at locations other than at the location specified on the fur dealer's license. A resident licensed fur dealer may obtain location permits without fee. Each location permit shall be valid only for the one location specified on the location permit and shall entitle the fur dealer and employee, agent, or representative of the licensed fur dealer to operate at that location. The commission shall, upon application and the payment of the required license fee, if any, furnish the proper license and location permits to the dealer.

A resident of another state shall pay the fee provided by statute for the nonresident fur dealer's license unless that state has a reciprocity agreement with this state. The reciprocity agreement must provide that each state will charge nonresidents from the other state the same fee for the nonresident fur dealer's license and the fee under the agreement must be less than the statutory fee of this state for nonresidents and higher than the statutory fee of this state for residents.

24.1.37 Reports. Fur dealers shall keep accurate, current records of their transactions. The records shall show the number and kinds of hides and skins which have been purchased, the date of purchase, and the name and address of the seller. Such records shall be open at all reasonable times to inspection by the commission. On or before May 15 of each year, each fur dealer shall file a verified inventory with the commission. The inventory shall include all transactions for the preceding year.

24.1.38 Hunting from aircraft or snowmobiles prohibited. A person, either singly or as one of a group of persons, shall not intentionally kill or wound, attempt to kill or wound, or pursue any animal, fowl, or fish from or with an aircraft in flight or from or with any self-propelled vehicles designed for travel on snow or ice which utilize sled type runners, or skis, or an endless belt tread, or wheel or any combination thereof and which are commonly known as snowmobiles.

24.1.39 Deer hunters' orange apparel. A person shall not hunt deer with firearms unless the person is at the time wearing one or more of the following articles of visible, external apparel: A vest, coat, jacket, sweatshirt, sweater, shirt or coveralls, the color of which shall be solid blaze orange.

24.1.40 Prohibited hunting near buildings, feedlots.

1. A person shall not discharge a firearm or shoot or attempt to shoot a game or fur-bearing animal within two hundred yards of a building inhabited by people or domestic livestock or within two hundred yards of a feedlot unless the owner or tenant has given consent. However, within the corporate limits of a city, a person may take deer with a firearm within fifty yards of a building inhabited by people or domestic livestock, or a feedlot pursuant to an approved special deer population control plan, if the person obtains permission of the owner or tenant of the building or feedlot.

2. As used in this section, "feedlot" means a lot, yard, corral, or other area in which livestock are present and confined, for the purposes of feeding and growth before slaughter. The term does not include areas which are used for the raising of crops or other vegetation and upon which livestock are allowed to graze or feed.

24.1.41 Taxidermy.

1. "Taxidermist" as used in this section means a person engaged in the business of preserving or mounting game, fish, or fur-bearing animals as defined in this chapter.

2. A license is required for the practice of taxidermy. The commission, upon application and payment of the required license fee, shall furnish proper certificates to the applicant. The director may revoke the license for good cause.

3. A licensed taxidermist may possess at any time game, fish, or fur-bearing animals which have been lawfully taken.

4. A taxidermist shall keep accurate records of its transactions showing the numbers and kinds of specimens received for preserving, the date of acquisition, and the name and address of the owner of the specimens.

5. A person shall not put or leave any game, fish, or fur-bearing animal in the custody of another person for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed unless each specimen has a tag attached which is signed by the possessor and states the address of the possessor, the total number and species of the specimens and the date the specimens were killed.

6. All transactions, tags, and specimens left in the custody of the taxidermist by another person shall be open to inspection by a conservation officer at any reasonable hour.

24.1.42 Abandonment of dead or injured wildlife.

1. While taking or attempting to take game or fur-bearing animals, a person shall not abandon an injured game or fur-bearing animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal from the field. A person shall not leave a useable portion of game or a fur-bearing animal in the field.

2. A person violating subsection 1 is subject to a scheduled fine as provided in section 805.8.

3. As used in this section, "useable portion" means the following:

a. For game, that part of an animal which is customarily processed for human consumption.

b. For a fur-bearing animal, the fur or hide of the animal.

4. This section does not apply to pigeons or crows

24.1.43 Licensed aquaculture units--activities allowed. A holder of an aquaculture unit license may:

1. Possess, propagate, buy, sell, deal in, and transport the aquatic organisms produced from breeding stock legally acquired, including minnows.

2. Sell fish for stocking purposes within or outside the state. Fish which are nonindigenous to Iowa shall not be received or sold in the state unless the aquaculture unit has obtained an importation permit from the department. The department shall establish, by rule, requirements governing importation, and shall include a list of approved aquaculture species. Failure to comply with this subsection will result in loss of license and a violator is subject to the scheduled fine provided in section 805.8.

3. Hold, feed, and sell carp, buffalofish, and other fish legally taken by commercial fishers.

4. Harvest aquatic life on land under control of the aquaculture unit with commercial devices without obtaining any permits for the devices.

5. Sell bait, including minnows, frogs, and clams, propagated or raised within the licensed unit without having to obtain a bait dealer's license. However, aquaculture units wishing to take bait from areas other than their licensed units must also obtain a bait dealer's license.

6. Take any gull, tern, or merganser within the bounds of the unit. An owner or operator of the licensed aquaculture unit, however, must first obtain a permit for this activity from the department or the United States fish and wildlife service. Each permittee shall file an annual report with the department which itemizes the birds taken during the period covered by the permit, and dispose of birds taken according to methods established by the department. The department shall not issue a subsequent permit to any person failing to file this report.

24.1.44 Licensed bait dealers--requirements.

1. A person shall not sell minnows, frogs, crayfish, salamanders, and mussels for fish bait without first obtaining a bait dealer's license from the department upon payment of the license fee. A licensee shall comply with all laws pertaining to taking, possessing, and selling of bait handled by the licensee. If convicted of violating a provision of this chapter or a rule adopted pursuant to this chapter, a licensee shall forfeit the licensee's bait dealer license upon demand of the director.

2. When taking bait from lakes and streams, bait dealers shall take only the size of bait which they can use, and shall return all small minnows and frogs to the water immediately.

3. A minnow and bait box and a tank shall be open to inspection by the department at all times. A licensee shall have tanks and bait boxes of sufficient size and with proper aeration to keep the bait alive and prevent substantial loss.

4. A person shall not take or attempt to take minnows for commercial purposes from any waters of the state or shall not transport minnows without first obtaining a bait dealer's license. However, a person taking or transporting minnows for personal use is not required to have a bait dealer's license.

24.1.45 Taking and selling of minnows and other bait--regulations.

1. Except for species listed as threatened or endangered under chapter 481B, a licensed bait dealer may take sufficient bait from lakes and streams of this state that are not closed to the taking of bait, to supply the licensee's customers for hook and line fishing if the licensee is present while the bait is being taken.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person shall not carry, transport, ship, or cause to be carried, transported, or shipped, any minnows for the purpose of sale beyond the boundaries of the state. Minnows which are bred, hatched, propagated, or raised on a licensed aquaculture unit may be transported outside the state.

3. A person shall not transport, use, sell or offer to sell for bait or introduce into any inland waters of this state or into any waters from which the waters of the state may become stocked, any minnows or fish of the carp, quillback, gar, or dogfish species. Fish of the carp, quillback, gar, or dogfish species may be returned to the waters from which they are taken. A person shall not possess live gizzard shad at any lake in this state.

4. Minnow traps not exceeding thirty-six inches in length may be used when the taking of minnows is allowed. Each trap, when in use, shall have a metal tag attached plainly labeled with the owner's name and address.

5. A person shall not use a minnow dip net which exceeds four feet in diameter, a cast net which exceeds ten feet in diameter, or a minnow seine which exceeds twenty feet in length or has a mesh size smaller than one-quarter inch bar measure. Licensed bait dealers may obtain a permit from the department to use minnow seines longer than twenty feet, but not exceeding fifty feet in

length.

6. The department may designate certain lakes and streams, and parts of them, from which minnow populations should be protected for the best management of the lakes or streams. If an investigation of a lake or stream or a portion of a lake or stream by the department indicates that the minnow population should be protected, the lake or stream or a portion of the lake or stream shall be closed to the taking of minnows for a period of time deemed advisable by the department.

VALIDITY

24.2.01 Validity. Should any section, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

PENALTIES

24.3.01 Penalties. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership or any legal entity who violates this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than thirty days in lieu of a fine or in addition to a fine.

ENACTMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This enactment shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption as provided by law.

Passed this Two day of January, 2002.

Chairman, Mitchell County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Lowell Tesch
Lowell Tesch, Mitchell County Auditor