

WAC 220-420-410 Releasing a falconry raptor to the wild permanently. (1) A species not native to Washington, or a hybrid of any kind, may not be permanently released to the wild intentionally.

(2) If the species a falconer wants to release is native to Washington and is captive-bred, it may not be released to the wild intentionally without permission from the department. The raptor may be hacked to the wild at an appropriate time of year and an appropriate location. If banded, the falconry band must be removed, and the falconer shall report the release.

(3) If the species a falconer wants to release is native to Washington and was taken from the wild, it may be released at an appropriate time of year and an appropriate location. If the raptor is banded with a cable-tie falconry band, the falconer must remove the band before releasing the raptor. The falconer shall report the release.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-420-410, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.210, and C.F.R. Title 50, Part 21, Subpart C, Section 21.29; Migratory Bird Treaty Act. WSR 10-18-012 (Order 10-214), § 232-30-242, filed 8/20/10, effective 9/20/10.]