

**481A.13 Search warrants.**

1. Any court having jurisdiction of the offense, upon receiving proof of probable cause for believing that any fish, mussels, clams, frogs, birds, furs, or animals caught, taken, killed, had in possession, under control, or shipped, contrary to the Code, or hidden or concealed in any place, shall issue a search warrant and cause a search to be made in any place therefor.

2. The property so seized under warrant shall be safely kept under the direction of the court so long as necessary for the purpose of being used as evidence in any trial. If a trial results in a conviction, the property seized shall be confiscated by the director or the director's officers. If the trial does not result in a conviction, the property shall be returned to the person pursuant to [section 481A.13A](#) unless the property is fish or wildlife that is illegal to possess, including fish or wildlife that was taken, possessed, or transported unlawfully.

[SS15, §2539; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §1716; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §109.13]

[88 Acts, ch 1216, §4](#)

C93, §481A.13

[2018 Acts, ch 1150, §3](#); [2019 Acts, ch 24, §70](#)

Referred to in [§481A.11](#), [481A.12](#), [481A.13A](#)

Search warrant proceedings, [chapters 808](#) and 809