

**481A.6A Pen-reared pheasants — release by landowners and tenants.**

1. As used in [this section](#), “*pen-reared pheasant*” means a Chinese ring-necked pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus torquatus*) and its subspecies which originates from a captive population and which has been propagated and held by a hatchery. For the purposes of [this section](#) “*pen-reared pheasant*” does not include a Reeves (Syrmaticus reevesii) or Lady Amherst (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*) pheasant, a subspecies of the Chinese ring-necked pheasant classified as a Japanese (*Phasianus versicolor*) or a Black-necked (*P. colchicus colchicus*) pheasant, or a melanistic mutant (black, white, or other color mix) of the Chinese ring-necked pheasant. [This subsection](#) is not applicable to game birds released for officially sanctioned field meets or trials and retriever meets or trials on private land pursuant to [section 481A.22](#), pen-raised game birds used on private land pursuant to [section 481A.56](#), or game birds released on hunting preserves pursuant to [chapter 484B](#).

2. Notwithstanding [section 481A.60](#), an owner or tenant of land may obtain pen-reared pheasants from a hatchery approved by the department, and raise or release the pen-reared pheasants on the owner’s or tenant’s land. A person shall not relocate a pen-reared pheasant to any other land.

3. A person taking a pen-reared pheasant shall comply with all requirements provided in [this chapter](#) and [chapter 483A](#).

2010 Acts, ch 1180, §1; 2012 Acts, ch 1118, §5; 2013 Acts, ch 90, §143

Referred to in [§484B.3](#)