

**481C.2 Duties.**

1. The director of the department of natural resources shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the United States department of agriculture, animal damage control division. The wild animal depredation unit shall serve and act as the liaison to the department for the producers in the state who suffer crop, horticultural product, tree, or nursery damage due to wild animals.

2. The department shall issue depredation permits and deer shooting permits to any landowner who incurs crop, horticultural product, tree, or nursery damage of one thousand dollars or more due to wild animals.

3. The criteria for issuing depredation licenses and permits shall be established in administrative rules. The administrative rules adopted pursuant to [this section](#) shall not require a producer to erect or maintain fencing at a cost exceeding one thousand dollars as a requisite for receiving a depredation license or permit or for participation in a depredation plan.

[97 Acts, ch 180, §3](#); [98 Acts, ch 1203, §4](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1037, §2, 6](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1170, §342](#);  
[2025 Acts, ch 55, §1](#)

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