

Adopted Filing – Coversheet

Instructions:

In accordance with Title 3 Chapter 25 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and the “Rule on Rulemaking” adopted by the Office of the Secretary of State, this filing will be considered complete upon filing and acceptance of these forms with the Office of the Secretary of State, and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.

All forms shall be submitted at the Office of the Secretary of State, no later than 3:30 pm on the last scheduled day of the work week.

The data provided in text areas of these forms will be used to generate a notice of rulemaking in the portal of “Proposed Rule Postings” online, and the newspapers of record if the rule is marked for publication. Publication of notices will be charged back to the promulgating agency.

**PLEASE REMOVE ANY COVERSHEET OR FORM NOT
REQUIRED WITH THE CURRENT FILING BEFORE DELIVERY!**

Certification Statement: As the adopting Authority of this rule (see 3 V.S.A. § 801 (b) (11) for a definition), I approve the contents of this filing entitled:

10 App. V.S.A. § 2a. Big game; tagging

_____/s/ Jason Batchelder

(signature)

_____, on 9/3/2026

(date)

Printed Name and Title:

Jason M. Batchelder, Commissioner

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Secretary, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board

RECEIVED BY: _____

- ☐ Coversheet
- ☐ Adopting Page
- ☐ Clean text of the rule (Amended text without annotation)
- ☐ Letter regarding changes to the final proposed

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

10 App. V.S.A. § 2a. Big game; tagging

2. PROPOSED NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

26P 015

3. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board

4. RECORDS EXEMPTION INCLUDED WITHIN RULE:

(DOES THE RULE CONTAIN ANY PROVISION DESIGNATING INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL; LIMITING ITS PUBLIC RELEASE; OR OTHERWISE, EXEMPTING IT FROM INSPECTION AND COPYING?) No

IF YES, CITE THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE EXEMPTION:

PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE REASON FOR THE EXEMPTION:

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY / ENABLING LEGISLATION:

(THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY OR LEGAL CITATION FROM SESSION LAW INDICATING WHO THE ADOPTING ENTITY IS AND THUS WHO THE SIGNATORY SHOULD BE. THIS SHOULD BE A SPECIFIC CITATION NOT A CHAPTER CITATION).

10 V.S.A. § 4082 (a); 10 V.S.A. § 4084 (a) (4) .

6. THE FILING HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THE FILING OF THE FINAL PROPOSED RULE.

7. THE AGENCY HAS NOT INCLUDED WITH THIS FILING A LETTER EXPLAINING IN DETAIL WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE, CITING CHAPTER AND SECTION WHERE APPLICABLE, INCLUDING CHANGES IN ECONOMIC IMPACT.

8. THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES DID NOT OBJECT TO THE FINAL PROPOSAL.

9. PROCEDURAL HISTORY OF ADOPTION:

ICAR Filing: 5/26/2026

Proposal Filed with Office of the Secretary of State: 6/12/2026

Notices Posted Online: 6/17/2026

Notices Published in the Newspapers of Record: 6/25/2026

A Hearing WAS Held.

Hearings Held (*PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS TO PROVIDE THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF ALL HEARINGS, IF THIS FORM IS INSUFFICIENT TO LIST ALL HEARINGS HELD*):

Date: 7/17/2026

Time: 06:00 PM

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Vermont

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Deadline for Public Comment: 7/24/2026

Final Proposal —

Filed with Secretary of State: 07/29/2026

Filed with LCAR: 07/29/2026

Dates of LCAR Review: 08/20/2026, , , ,

Adopted Rule —

Filed with Secretary of State: 09/03/2026

Filed with LCAR: 09/03/2026

10. EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/19/2026

(A RULE MAY TAKE EFFECT 15 DAYS AFTER ADOPTION IS COMPLETE OR AT A LATER TIME PROVIDED IN THE TEXT OF THE RULE SEE 3 V.S.A. §845(d) FOR DETAILS).

Adopting Page

Instructions:

This form must accompany each filing made during the rulemaking process:

Note: To satisfy the requirement for an annotated text, an agency must submit the entire rule in annotated form with proposed and final proposed filings. Filing an annotated paragraph or page of a larger rule is not sufficient. Annotation must clearly show the changes to the rule.

When possible, the agency shall file the annotated text, using the appropriate page or pages from the Code of Vermont Rules as a basis for the annotated version. New rules need not be accompanied by an annotated text.

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2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board

3. TYPE OF FILING (*PLEASE CHOOSE THE TYPE OF FILING FROM THE DROPDOWN MENU BASED ON THE DEFINITIONS PROVIDED BELOW*):

- **AMENDMENT** - Any change to an already existing rule, even if it is a complete rewrite of the rule, it is considered an amendment if the rule is replaced with other text.
- **NEW RULE** - A rule that did not previously exist even under a different name.
- **REPEAL** - The removal of a rule in its entirety, without replacing it with other text.

This filing is **AN AMENDMENT OF AN EXISTING RULE** .

4. LAST ADOPTED (*PLEASE PROVIDE THE SOS LOG#, TITLE AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE LAST ADOPTION FOR THE EXISTING RULE*):

10 App. V.S.A. § 2a. Big game; tagging, Last adopted September 6, 2008, SOS Log #08-036.

10 App. V.S.A. § 2a. Big game; tagging

(a) A person taking big game, as defined by 10 V.S.A. § 4001, pursuant to the seasons provided by law or regulation of the Fish and Wildlife Board, shall immediately tag the big game carcass upon taking with the applicable tag or permit information for that animal, which shall include the person's name and tag or permit number. The tag shall be placed on the big game carcass in a location that is open to view. Such tag shall remain on the big game carcass during possession and transportation and until such time that the animal is processed for consumption.

(b) Landowners taking big game on their property pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4253 shall affix a tag to the big game animal taken on their property with their name and the address where the animal was taken, and the applicable permit number if a permit is required for the taking of that animal.

(c) A person shall not transport parts of a big game animal prior to being processed for consumption unless the parts or container containing them are marked with the name of the person who harvested the big game.

(d) A person may transport into and possess in this state big game legally taken in another state or country provided such person shall retain the tag required to be attached to the carcass by the state or country where taken.