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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 1994.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

Section NR 10.02 (9) (intro.) is not properly drafted as introductory material since it does not end in a colon and lead into the subsequent paragraphs. [s. 1.03 (8), Manual.] It is suggested that pars. (a) and (b) be combined with sub. (9) (intro.) as follows: “(9) Timber rattlesnake, except that a timber rattlesnake may be killed . . . life. Each person who . . . it.”

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. The department has proposed including the timber rattlesnake as either a protected wild animal or a threatened species. It would be helpful to readers if the differences between these categories were explained in the rule’s analysis.

b. In the Note after s. NR 10.02 (9), “possessing” should replace “possession.”