* * * Retrieval, Disposal, and Use of Wild Animals * * * 1 2 Sec. 13. 10 V.S.A. chapter 113, subchapter 7 is added to read: 3 Subchapter 7. Retrieval, Disposal, and Use of Wild Animals 4 § 4921. DEFINITIONS 5 As used in this subchapter, "covered wild animal" means an animal that is a 6 big game animal, game quadruped, game bird, or fur-bearing animal. 7 § 4922. RETRIEVAL AND DISPOSAL OF COVERED WILD ANIMALS 8 A person shall not intentionally or knowingly kill a covered wild animal 9 and intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly (1) fail to make a reasonable effort to 10 retrieve the covered wild animal. 11 § 4923. WASTE OF COVERED WILD ANIMAL 12 (a) A person shall not intentionally take a covered wild animal subject to a season and intentionally or knowingly leave the wounded or dead covered wild 13 14 animal in the field or forest. 15 (b) A person who retrieves a lawfully taken covered wild animal, or a 16 person to whom the lawfully taken covered wild animal is transferred, shall 17 retain the animal in the person's possession until it is: processed; used as food; 18 used for its fur, hide, or feathers; used for taxidermy; or lawfully disposed of.(2) 19 (c) This section shall not apply to a person taking a coyote or a crow. 20 § 4924. EXCEPTIONS 1 The requirements of this subchapter shall not apply: 2 (1) when the failure to retrieve and dispose, the failure to salvage, or the 3 failure to retain a covered wild animal is beyond the control of the person due 4 to: 5 (A) theft of the covered wild animal by another person; 6 (B) unanticipated weather conditions or other acts of God that 7 prevents salvage, retrieval, or retention;

- 8 (C) unavoidable loss in the field to a wild animal; or
- 9 (D) lack of legal access to property where a wounded or dead
- 10 covered wild animal is located;
- 11 (2) when defending a person;
- 12 (3) when the covered wild animal is sick or diseased;
- 13 (4) to a law enforcement officer, or State or municipal(3) employee acting within the
- course of his or her employment; or
- 15 (5) when following generally accepted hunting, trapping, or fishing
- practices for retrieval of a covered wild animal, including requirements or
- practices under this part or rules adopted under this part.
- 18 § 4925. DISPOSAL
- 1 A person shall not place, leave, dump, or abandon the carcass or parts of a
- 2 covered wild animal:
- 3 (1) along or upon a public right-of-way or highway;
- 4 (2) upon a private property, without permission of the owner or the
- 5 owner's agent, except when following generally accepted hunting, trapping,
- 6 and fishing practices; or
- 7 (3) <u>Unresolved:</u> [public property where hunting is prohibited] (4) <u>or the subdivision is</u>
- 8 <u>deleted.</u>

- 1. Suggest removal as it seems redundant. (Suggested language- "intentionally or knowingly")
- 2. Grammatical correction. Added the word "of."
- 3. Suggest adding municipal employees as many town road crews deal with regular beaver issues.
- 4. Language of unresolved section adjusted to reflect the language in Chair Sheldon's current bill.

^{*}Parenthetical numbers within text explained. I don't believe any of these are substantive changes.