290.763 Wild ginseng.

Sec. 13. (1) A person may only collect wild ginseng if, and to the extent, authorized by the director of the department of natural resources.

(2) If the collection of wild ginseng is authorized, a collector shall do all of the following:

(a) Obtain a permit from the department of natural resources.
(b) Collect only wild ginseng in its natural habitat during the season of August 15 through December 31.
(c) Collect only mature wild ginseng plants with ripe berries and not less than 3-leaf stems, or prongs.
(d) Replant on the collection site all seeds from collected wild ginseng plants.
(e) Obtain written authorization from a land manager, landowner, authorized agent, or other person entitled to the ginseng if collecting wild ginseng from property other than the collector's property.

(3) A person possessing collected wild ginseng shall maintain accurate records of all of the following:

(a) Green weight.
(b) Dry weight.
(c) County where collected.
(d) Date collected.

(4) A person shall not sell collected wild ginseng unless licensed as a dealer.

(5) A person shall not sell collected wild ginseng without providing a record of sale to a purchaser containing all of the following information:

(a) Collector's name and address.
(b) Dealer license number.
(c) Ginseng certificate number.
(d) Green weight.
(e) Dry weight.
(f) County where collected.
(g) Year collected.
(h) Date of sale.

(5) A person selling wild ginseng shall attest in an affidavit that the wild ginseng sold was collected in this state in accordance with this act. The affidavit shall be in the form prescribed by the director.


Compiler's note: The second subsection (5), beginning with the words “A person selling wild ginseng,” evidently should be numbered (6).