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[Georgia Department of Natural Resources](#)

The Georgia Natural Resources is authorized to regulate the import, transportation, sale, and possession of wild animals and can supplement the list of wild animals.

[Georgia Department of Agriculture](#)

The Georgia Department of Agriculture has the authority to intercept and inspect, while in transit or after arrival at destination, all plants, plant products, or other things or substances likely to carry plant pests being moved in the state or brought into the state.

	Provision Summary	Citation
Invasive Plants	(8.1) 'Plant pest' means any organism which is determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture to be injurious to the agricultural, horticultural, or other interests of the state, including ... insects, bacteria, fungi, viruses, or weeds.	O.C.G.A. § 2-7-2
Invasive Animals	It is unlawful to release wild animal, or import, transport, sell, transfer, or possess wild animal "in such a manner so as to cause its release or escape from captivity."	O.C.G.A. § 27-5-7
	The DNR may issue an emergency administrative order for the purpose of authorizing any appropriate enforcement action including seizing wildlife or wild animals.	O.C.G.A. § 27-1-37
	It shall be unlawful for any person to liberate any wildlife within this state or to liberate domestic fish except into private ponds except under permit from the DNR	O.C.G.A. § 27-2-14
Use of Bait (unrelated to licensing)	Illegal to use live fish for bait in waters designated as trout waters.	O.C.G.A. § 27-4-50
	Illegal to use or possess live blueback herring in all freshwaters of the state with some exceptions, including watersheds of streams that flow directly into the Atlantic Ocean.	Ga. Comp. R & Regs. § 391-4-3-.13