

RCW 46.10.055 Denial, suspension, or revocation of dealer registration or assessment of monetary civil penalty, when.

The director may by order deny, suspend, or revoke the registration of any snowmobile dealer or, in lieu thereof or in addition thereto, may by order assess monetary civil penalties not to exceed five hundred dollars per violation, if the director finds that the order is in the public interest and that the applicant or registrant, or any partner, officer, director, or owner of ten percent of the assets of the firm, or any employee or agent:

- (1) Has failed to comply with the applicable provisions of this chapter or any rules adopted under this chapter; or
- (2) Has failed to pay any monetary civil penalty assessed by the director under this section within ten days after the assessment becomes final. [1982 c 17 § 4.]

Registration Number – PERMANENT/DISPLAY

RCW 46.10.060 Registration number permanent - Certificate of registration, date tags.

The registration number assigned to a snowmobile in this state at the time of its original registration shall remain with that snowmobile until the vehicle is destroyed, abandoned, or permanently removed from this state, or until changed or terminated by the department. The department shall, upon assignment of such registration number, issue and deliver to the owner a certificate of registration, in such form as the department shall prescribe. The certificate of registration shall not be valid unless signed by the person who signed the application for registration.

At the time of the original registration, and at the time of each subsequent renewal thereof, the department shall issue to the registrant a date tag or tags indicating the validity of the current registration and the expiration date thereof, which validating date, tag, or tags shall be affixed to the snowmobile in such manner as the department may prescribe. Notwithstanding the fact that a snowmobile has been assigned a registration number, it shall not be considered as validly registered within the meaning of this section unless a validating date tag and current registration certificate has been issued. [1971 ex.s. c 29 § 6.]

RCW 46.10.070 Affixing and displaying registration number.

The registration number assigned to each snowmobile shall be permanently affixed to and displayed upon each snowmobile in such manner as provided by rules adopted by the department, and shall be maintained in a legible condition; except dealer number plates as provided for in RCW 46.10.050 may be temporarily affixed.

[1973 1st ex.s. c 128 § 2; 1972 ex.s. c 153 § 21; 1971 ex.s. c 29 § 7.]

NOTES: Purpose - 1972 ex.s. c 153: See RCW 79A.35.070.

Snowmobile – ACCOUNT/DISTRIBUTION

RCW 46.10.075 Snowmobile account - Deposits - Appropriations, use.

There is created a snowmobile account within the state treasury. Snowmobile registration fees, monetary civil penalties from snowmobile dealers, and snowmobile fuel tax moneys collected under this chapter and in excess of the amounts fixed for the administration of the registration and fuel tax provisions of this chapter shall be deposited in the snowmobile account and shall be appropriated only to the State Parks and Recreation Commission for the administration and coordination of this chapter.

[1991 sp.s. c 13 § 9; 1985 c 57 § 61; 1982 c 17 § 6; 1979 ex.s. c 182 § 7.]

NOTES: Effective dates - Severability - 1991 sp.s. c 13: See notes following RCW 18.08.240.

Effective date - 1985 c 57: See note following RCW 18.04.105.

RCW 46.10.080 Distribution of snowmobile registration fees, civil penalties, and fuel tax moneys.

The moneys collected by the department as snowmobile registration fees, monetary civil penalties from snowmobile dealers, and fuel tax moneys placed in the snowmobile account shall be distributed in the following manner:

- (1) Actual expenses not to exceed three percent for each year shall be retained by the department to cover expenses incurred in the administration of the registration and fuel tax provisions of this chapter.
- (2) The remainder of such funds each year shall be remitted to the state treasurer to be deposited in the snowmobile account of the general fund and shall be appropriated only to the commission to be expended for snowmobile purposes. Such purposes may include but not necessarily be limited to the administration, acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of snowmobile facilities and development and implementation of snowmobile safety enforcement, and education programs.
- (3) Nothing in this section is intended to discourage any public agency in this state from developing and implementing snowmobile programs. The commission is authorized to make grants to public agencies and to contract with any public or private agency or person for the purpose of developing and implementing snowmobile programs, provided that the programs are not inconsistent with the rules adopted by the commission.

[1982 c 17 § 7; 1979 ex.s. c 182 § 8; 1975 1st ex.s. c 181 § 2; 1973 1st ex.s. c 128 § 3; 1972 ex.s. c 153 § 22; 1971 ex.s. c 29 § 8.]

NOTES: Purpose - Including policy statement as to certain state lands 1972 ex.s. c 153: See RCW 79A.35.070.

Operation – REGULATIONS/VIOLATIONS

RCW 46.10.090 Operating violations.

- (1) It is a traffic infraction for any person to operate any snowmobile:
 - (a) At a rate of speed greater than reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions.
 - (b) In a manner so as to endanger the property of another.
 - (c) Without a lighted headlight and taillight between the hours of dusk and dawn, or when otherwise required for the safety of others.
 - (d) Without an adequate braking device which may be operated either by hand or foot.
 - (e) Without an adequate and operating muffling device which shall effectively blend the exhaust and motor noise in such a manner so as to preclude excessive or unusual noise, and, (i) on snowmobiles manufactured on or before January 4, 1973, which shall effectively limit such noise at a level of eighty-six decibels, or below, on the "A" scale at fifty feet, and (ii) on snowmobiles manufactured after January 4, 1973, which shall effectively limit such noise at a level of eighty-two decibels, or below, on the "A" scale at fifty feet, and (iii) on snowmobiles manufactured after January 1, 1975, which shall effectively limit such noise at a level of seventy-eight decibels, or below, as measured on the "A" scale at a distance of fifty feet, under testing procedures as established by the department of ecology; except snowmobiles used in organized racing events in an area designated for that purpose may use a bypass or cutout device. This section shall not affect the power of the department of ecology to adopt noise performance standards for snowmobiles. Noise performance standards adopted or to be adopted by the department of ecology shall be in addition to the standards contained in this section, but the department's standards shall supersede this section to the extent of any inconsistency.
 - (f) Upon the paved portion or upon the shoulder or inside bank or slope of any public roadway or highway, or upon the median of any divided highway, except as provided in RCW 46.10.100 and 46.10.110.
 - (g) In any area or in such a manner so as to expose the underlying soil or vegetation, or to injure, damage, or destroy trees or growing crops.
 - (h) Without a current registration decal affixed thereon, if not exempted under RCW 46.10.030 as now or hereafter amended.
- (2) It is a misdemeanor for any person to operate any snowmobile so as to endanger the person of another or while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit-forming drugs. [1980 c 148 § 1. Prior: 1979 ex.s. c 182 § 10; 1979 ex.s. c 136 § 43; 1975 1st ex.s. c 181 § 5; 1971 ex.s. c 29 § 9.]

NOTES: Rules of court: Bail in criminal traffic offense cases - Mandatory appearance - CrRLJ 3.2.

Effective date - 1980 c 148: "Sections 1 through 7 of this 1980 act

shall take effect January 1, 1981. Section 8 of this 1980 act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing institutions, and shall take effect immediately."

[1980 c 148 § 9.]

Effective date - Severability - 1979 ex.s. c 136: See notes following RCW 46.63.010.

RCW 46.10.100 Crossing public roadways and highways lawful, when.

It shall be lawful to drive or operate a snowmobile across public roadways and highways other than limited access highways when:

The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing; and

The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before entering the public roadway or highway; and

The operator of the snowmobile yields the right of way to motor vehicles using the public roadway or highway; and

The crossing is made at a place which is greater than one hundred feet from any public roadway or highway intersection.

[1971 ex.s. c 29 § 10.]

RCW 46.10.110 Operating upon public road or highway lawful, when.

Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 46.10.100, it shall be lawful to operate a snowmobile upon a public roadway or highway:

Where such roadway or highway is completely covered with snow or ice and has been closed by the responsible governing body to motor vehicle traffic during the winter months; or

When the responsible governing body gives notice that such roadway or highway is open to snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicle use; or

In an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway or highway renders such impassible to travel by automobile; or

When traveling along a designated snowmobile trail.

[1972 ex.s. c 153 § 23; 1971 ex.s. c 29 § 11.]

NOTES:

Purpose - 1972 ex.s. c 153: See RCW 79A.35.070.

Age Restrictions

RCW 46.10.120 Restrictions on age of operators - Qualifications.

No person under twelve years of age shall operate a snowmobile on or across a public roadway or highway in this state, and no person between the ages of twelve and sixteen years of age shall operate a snowmobile on or across a public road or highway in this state unless he has taken a snowmobile safety education course and been certified as qualified to operate a snowmobile by an instructor designated by the commission as qualified to conduct such a course and issue such a certificate, and he has on his person at the time he is operating a snowmobile evidence of such certification: PROVIDED, That persons under sixteen years of age who have not been certified as qualified snowmobile operators may operate a snowmobile under the direct supervision of a qualified snowmobile operator.

[1972 ex.s. c 153 § 24; 1971 ex.s. c 29 § 12.]

NOTES: Purpose - 1972 ex.s. c 153: See RCW 79A.35.070.

Additional Violations – WILDLIFE

RCW 46.10.130 Additional violations - Penalty.

No person shall operate a snowmobile in such a way as to endanger human life. No person shall operate a snowmobile in such a way as to run down or harass deer, elk, or any wildlife, or any domestic animal, nor shall any person carry any loaded weapon upon, nor hunt from, any snowmobile except by permit issued by the director of fish and wildlife under RCW 77.32.237. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

[1994 c 264 § 37; 1989 c 297 § 4; 1979 ex.s. c 182 § 11; 1971 ex.s. c 29 § 13.]

NOTES: Rules of court: Bail in criminal traffic offense cases -

Mandatory appearance - CrRLJ 3.2.

Accident Reports

RCW 46.10.140 Accident reports.

The operator of any snowmobile involved in any accident resulting in injury to or death of any person, or property damage to an apparent extent equal to or greater than the minimum amount established by rule adopted by the Washington state patrol in accordance with chapter 46.52 RCW, or a person acting for the operator, or the owner of the snowmobile having knowledge of the accident, if the operator of the snowmobile is unknown, shall submit such reports as are required under chapter 46.52 RCW, and the provisions of chapter 46.52 RCW applies to the reports when submitted.

[1990 c 250 § 27; 1971 ex.s. c 29 § 14.]

NOTES: Severability - 1990 c 250: See note following RCW

46.16.301.

Snowmobile Fuel Tax – REFUND

RCW 46.10.150 Refund of snowmobile fuel tax to snowmobile account.

From time to time, but at least once each biennium, the director shall request the state treasurer to refund from the motor vehicle fund amounts which have been determined to be a tax on snowmobile fuel, and the treasurer shall refund such amounts determined under RCW 46.10.170, and place them in the snowmobile account in the general fund.

[1994 c 262 § 3; 1979 ex.s. c 182 § 12; 1975 1st ex.s. c 181 § 3; 1973 1st ex.s. c 128 § 4; 1971 ex.s. c 29 § 15.]

RCW 46.10.160 Snowmobile fuel excise tax nonrefundable.

Motor vehicle fuel used and purchased for providing the motive power for snowmobiles shall be considered a nonhighway use of fuel, but persons so purchasing and using motor vehicle fuel shall not be entitled to a refund of the motor vehicle fuel excise tax paid in accordance with the provisions of RCW 82.36.280 as it now exists or is hereafter amended.

[1971 ex.s. c 29 § 16.]

RCW 46.10.170 Amount of snowmobile fuel tax paid as motor vehicle fuel tax. (Effective December 30, 2002, if Referendum Bill No. 51 is approved at the November 2002 general election.)

From time to time, but at least once each four years, the department shall determine the amount of moneys paid to it as motor vehicle fuel tax that is tax on snowmobile fuel. Such determination shall use one hundred thirty-five gallons as the average yearly fuel usage per snowmobile, the number of registered snowmobiles during the calendar year under determination, and the fuel tax rate in effect January 1, 2001.

[2002 c 202 § 311; 1994 c 262 § 4; 1993 c 54 § 7; 1990 c 42 § 117; 1979 ex.s. c 182 § 13; 1971 ex.s. c 29 § 17.]

NOTES: Referral to electorate - 2002 c 202 §§ 101 and 201-705:

See note following RCW 44.40.001.

Contingent effective date - 2002 c 202 §§ 101-312, 403-514, and 602 705: See note following RCW 44.40.001.

Severability - Part headings not law - 2002 c 202:

See notes following RCW 44.40.001.

Purpose - Headings - Severability - Effective dates - Application

Implementation - 1990 c 42: See notes following RCW 82.36.025.

Snowmobile Regulation – POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

RCW 46.10.180 Regulation by political subdivisions, state agencies.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this chapter, any city, county, or other political subdivision of this state, or any state agency, may regulate the operation of snowmobiles on public lands, waters, and other properties under its jurisdiction, and on streets or highways within its boundaries by adopting regulations or ordinances of its governing body, provided such regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter; and provided further that no such city, county, or other political subdivision of

this state, nor any state agency, may adopt a regulation or ordinance which imposes a special fee for the use of public lands or waters by snowmobiles, or for the use of any access thereto which is owned by or under the jurisdiction of either the United States, this state, or any such city, county, or other political subdivision.

[1971 ex.s. c 29 § 18.]

RCW 46.10.185 Local authorities may provide for safety and convenience.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the local governing body may provide for the safety and convenience of snowmobiles and snowmobile operators. Such provisions may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the clearing of areas for parking automobiles, the construction and maintenance of rest areas, and the designation and development of given areas for snowmobile use.

[1972 ex.s. c 153 § 25.]

NOTES:

Purpose - 1972 ex.s. c 153: See RCW 79A.35.070.

Penalty – Liability – Enforcement

RCW 46.10.190 Violations as traffic infractions - Exceptions - Civil liability.

- (1) Except as provided in RCW 46.10.090(2), 46.10.055, and 46.10.130, any violation of the provisions of this chapter is a traffic infraction: PROVIDED, That the penalty for failing to display a valid registration decal under RCW 46.10.090 as now or hereafter amended shall be a fine of forty dollars and such fine shall be remitted to the general fund of the governmental unit, which personnel issued the citation, for expenditure solely for snowmobile law enforcement.

- (2) In addition to the penalties provided in RCW 46.10.090 and subsection (1) of this section, the operator and/or the owner of any snowmobile used with the permission of the owner shall be liable for three times the amount of any damage to trees, shrubs, growing crops, or other property injured as the result of travel by such snowmobile over the property involved.

[1982 c 17 § 8; 1980 c 148 § 2. Prior: 1979 ex.s. c 182 § 14; 1979

ex.s. c 136 § 44; 1975 1st ex.s. c 181 § 6; 1971 ex.s. c 29 § 19.]

NOTES: Rules of court: Monetary penalty schedule - IRLJ 6.2.

Effective date - 1980 c 148: See note following RCW 46.10.090.

Effective date - Severability - 1979 ex.s. c 136: See notes following RCW 46.63.010.

RCW 46.10.200 Enforcement.

The provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by all persons having the authority to enforce any of the laws of this state, including, without limitation, officers of the state patrol, county sheriffs and their deputies, all municipal law enforcement officers within their respective jurisdictions, fish and wildlife officers, state park rangers, and those employees of the department of natural resources designated by the commissioner of public lands under RCW 43.30.310, as having police powers to enforce the laws of this state.

[2001 c 253 § 4; 1980 c 78 § 131; 1971 ex.s. c 29 § 20.]

NOTES: Effective date - Intent, construction - Savings - Severability

- 1980 c 78: See notes following RCW 77.04.010.

Administration of Act

RCW 46.10.210 Administration.

With the exception of the registration and licensing provisions, this chapter shall be administered by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. The department shall consult with the commission prior to adopting rules to carry out its duties under this chapter. After consultation with the committee, the commission shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to carry out its duties under this chapter. Nothing in this chapter is intended to discourage experimental or pilot programs which could enhance snowmobile safety or recreational snowmobiling.

[1979 ex.s. c 182 § 15; 1973 1st ex.s. c 128 § 5.]

Snowmobile Advisory Committee

RCW 46.10.220 Snowmobile advisory committee.

- (1) There is created in the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission a snowmobile advisory committee to advise the commission regarding the administration of this chapter.
- (2) The purpose of the committee is to assist and advise the commission in the planned development of snowmobile facilities and programs.
- (3) The committee shall consist of:
 - (a) Six interested snowmobilers, appointed by the commission; each such member shall be a resident of one of the six geographical areas throughout this state where snowmobile activity occurs, as defined by the commission;
 - (b) Three representatives of the nonsnowmobiling public, appointed by the commission; and
 - (c) One representative of the department of natural resources, one representative of the department of fish and wildlife, and one representative of the Washington state association of counties; each of whom shall be appointed by the director of such department or association.
- (4) Terms of the members appointed under subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section shall commence on October 1st of the year of appointment and shall be for three years or until a successor is appointed, except in the case of appointments to fill vacancies which shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term: PROVIDED, That the first such members shall be appointed for terms as follows: Three members shall be appointed for one year, three members shall be appointed for two years, and three members shall be appointed for three years.
- (5) Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Expenditures under this subsection shall be from the snowmobile account created by RCW 46.10.075.
- (6) The committee may meet at times and places fixed by the committee. The committee shall meet not less than twice each year and additionally as required by the committee chairman or by majority vote of the committee. One of the meetings shall be coincident with a meeting of the commission at which the committee shall provide a report to the commission. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen under procedures adopted by the committee from those members appointed under subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section.
- (7) The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission shall serve as recording secretary to the committee. A representative of the Department of Licensing shall serve as an ex officio member of the committee and shall be notified of all meetings of the committee. The recording secretary and the ex officio member shall be nonvoting members.
- (8) The committee shall adopt procedures to govern its proceedings. [1994 c 264 § 38; 1989 c 175 § 110; 1988 c 36 § 26; 1987 c 330 § 1201. Prior: 1986 c 270 § 9; 1986 c 16 § 3; 1983 c 139 § 1; 1979 ex.s. c 182 § 2.]

NOTES: Effective date - 1989 c 175: See note following RCW

34.05.010. Construction - Application of rules - Severability - 1987 c

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Severability

RCW 46.10.900 Severability - 1971 ex.s. c 29.

If any provision of this chapter, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

[1971 ex.s. c 29 § 21.]

RCW 46.10.910 Short title.

This chapter may be known and cited as the "Snowmobile act".

[1971 ex.s. c 29 § 22.]

RCW 46.10.010 Definitions.
 As used in this chapter the words and phrases in this section shall have the designated meanings unless a different meaning is expressly provided or the context otherwise clearly indicated.
 (1) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, association, or corporation.
 (2) "Snowmobile" shall mean any self-propelled vehicle capable of traveling over snow or ice, which utilizes as its means of propulsion an endless belt tread, or cleats, or any combination of these or other similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated, and which is steered wholly or in part by skis or sled type runners, and which is not otherwise registered as, or subject to the motor vehicle excise tax in the state of Washington.
 (3) "Vintage snowmobile" means a snowmobile manufactured at least thirty years ago.
 (4) "All terrain vehicle" shall mean any self-propelled vehicle other than a snowmobile, capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampyland, and other natural terrain, including, but not limited to, four-wheel vehicles, amphibious vehicles, ground effect or air cushion vehicles, and any other means of land transportation deriving motive power from any source other than muscle or wind; except any vehicle designed primarily for travel on, over, or in the water, farm vehicles, or any military or law enforcement vehicles.
 (5) "Owner" shall mean the person, other than a lienholder, having the property in or title to a snowmobile or all terrain vehicle, and entitled to the use or possession thereof.
 (6) "Operator" means each person who operates, or is in physical control of, any snowmobile or all terrain vehicle.
 (7) "Public roadway" shall mean the entire width of the right of way of any road or street designed and ordinarily used for travel or parking of motor vehicles, which is controlled by a public authority other than the Washington State Department of Transportation, and which is open as a matter of right to the general public for ordinary vehicular traffic. "Highways" shall mean the entire width of the right of way of all primary and secondary state highways, including all portions of the interstate highway system.
 (9) "Dealer" means a person, partnership, association, or corporation engaged in the business of selling snowmobiles or all terrain vehicles at wholesale or retail in this state.
 (10) "Department" shall mean the Department of Licensing.
 (11) "Director" shall mean the director of the Department of Licensing.
 (12) "Commission" shall mean the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.
 (13) "Hunt" shall mean any effort to kill, injure, capture, or disturb a wild animal or wild bird.
 (14) "Committee" means the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Snowmobile Advisory Committee.
 [2005 c 235 § 1; 1979 exs. c 182 § 1; 1979 exs. c 158 § 131; 1971 exs. c 29 § 1.] NOTES: Application -- 2005 c 235; "This act applies to registrations due or to become due on October 1, 2005, and thereafter." [2005 c 235 § 4.]

Registration - REQUIRED
 RCW 46.10.020 Ownership, transport, or operation of snowmobile without registration prohibited.
 (1) Except as provided in this chapter, no person shall own, transport, or operate any snowmobile within this state unless such snowmobile has been registered in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. However, a vintage snowmobile only requires registration if operated within this state.
 (2) A registration number shall be assigned, without payment of a fee, to snowmobiles owned by the state of Washington or its political subdivisions, and the assigned registration number shall be displayed upon each snowmobile in such manner as provided by rules adopted by the department.
 [2005 c 235 § 2; 1982 c 17 § 1; 1979 exs. c 182 § 17 § 1; 1971 exs. c 29 § 2.] NOTES: Application -- 2005 c 235; See note following RCW 46.10.010.
 RCW 46.10.030 Ownership or operation of snowmobile without registration prohibited - Exceptions.
 No registration shall be required under the provisions of this chapter for the following described snowmobiles:
 (1) Snowmobiles owned and operated by the United States, another state, or a political subdivision thereof.
 (2) A snowmobile owned by a resident of another state or Canadian province if that snowmobile is registered in accordance with the laws of the state or province in which its owner resides, but only to the extent that a similar exemption or privilege is granted under the laws of that state or province for snowmobiles registered in this state; PROVIDED, That any snowmobile which is validly registered in another state or province and which is physically located in this state for a period of more than fifteen consecutive days shall be subject to registration under the provisions of this chapter. [1986 c 16 § 1; 1979 exs. c 182 § 4; 1975 1st exs. c 181 § 1; 1971 exs. c 29 § 3.]
Registration - APPLICATION TRANSFER
 RCW 46.10.040 Application for registration - Annual fee - Registration number - Term - Renewal - Transfer - Nonresident permit - Decals.
 (1) Application for registration shall be made to the department in the name and address of each owner of the snowmobile to be registered, and shall be signed by at least one such owner, and shall be accompanied by an annual registration fee to be established by the department, after consultation with the committee and any statewide snowmobile user groups.
 (a) The annual registration fee for snowmobiles newer than thirty years is thirty dollars. The annual registration fee for vintage snowmobiles is twelve dollars. The department shall design, in cooperation with the commission, a distinct registration decal which shall be issued to vintage snowmobiles upon payment of the annual registration fee.
 (b) Upon receipt of the application and the application fee, the snowmobile shall be registered and a registration number assigned, which shall be affixed to the snowmobile in a manner provided in RCW 46.10.070.
 (2) The registration provided in this section shall be valid for a period of one year. At the end of the period of registration, every owner of a snowmobile in this state shall renew his or her registration in the manner the department prescribes, for an additional period of one year upon payment of the annual registration fee as determined by the commission.
 (3) Any person acquiring a snowmobile already registered under the provisions of this chapter must, within ten days of the acquisition or purchase of the snowmobile, make application to the department for transfer of the registration, and the application shall be accompanied by a transfer fee of five dollars.
 (4) A snowmobile owned by a resident of another state or Canadian province where registration is not required by law may be issued a nonresident registration permit valid for not more than sixty days. Application for the permit shall state the name and address of each owner of the snowmobile and shall be signed by at least one owner and shall be accompanied by a registration fee of five dollars. The registration permit shall be carried on the vehicle at all times during its operation in this state.
 (5) The registration fees provided in this section shall be in lieu of any times during its operation in this state, and no city, county, by this state or any political subdivision thereof, and no snowmobiles personal property or excise tax heretofore imposed on snowmobiles by this state or any political subdivision thereof, and no city, county, amended.
 All registrations for snowmobiles must be valid for the current registration period prior to the transfer of any registration, including assignment to a dealer. Upon the sale of a snowmobile by a dealer, the dealer may issue a temporary registration as provided by rules adopted by the department. [1982 c 17 § 3; 1979 exs. c 182 § 6; 1975 1st exs. c 181 § 4.]
Registration - SNOWMOBILE DEALERS
 RCW 46.10.050 Snowmobile dealers' registration - Fee - Dealer number plates, use - Sale or demonstration unlawful without registration.
 (1) Each dealer of snowmobiles in this state shall register with the department in such manner and upon such forms as the department shall prescribe. Upon receipt of a dealer's application for registration and the registration fee provided for in subsection (2) of this section, such dealer shall be registered and a registration number assigned.
 (2) The registration fee for dealers shall be twenty-five dollars per year, and such fee shall cover all of the snowmobiles offered by a dealer for sale and not rented on a regular, commercial basis; PROVIDED, That snowmobiles rented on a regular commercial basis by a dealer shall be registered separately under the provisions of RCW 46.10.020, 46.10.040, 46.10.060, and 46.10.070.
 (3) Upon registration each dealer may purchase, at a cost to be determined by the department, dealer number plates of a size and color to be determined by the department, which shall contain the registration number assigned to that dealer. Each snowmobile operated by a dealer, dealer representative, or prospective customer shall display a dealer number plate for any purpose other than the purposes described in subsection (3) of this section.
 (4) Dealer registration numbers are nontransferable. It is unlawful for any dealer to sell any snowmobile at wholesale or retail, or to rent or demonstrate any snowmobile, within the state, unless registered in accordance with the provisions of this section. [1990 c 250 § 26; 1982 c 17 § 5; 1971 exs. c 29 § 5.] NOTES: Severability - 1990 c 250; See note following RCW 46.16.301 =

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Winter Recreation CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will respect all private and public property and the rights of all winter recreationists to enjoy winter's beauty.
2. I will park considerably without blocking other vehicles or impeding access to trails.
3. I will keep to the right when meeting another winter recreationist and yield to the right-of-way to downhill traffic.
4. I will not disturb wildlife, avoiding all areas posted for their protection and feeding.
5. I will respect designated areas, trail-use signs and established ski tracks.
6. When stopping, I will not block the trail.
7. I will slow down and use caution when approaching or overtaking another.
8. I will not litter, and I will pack out everything I packed in.
9. I realize that my destination and travel speed are determined by my equipment, ability, terrain, weather and traffic on the trail. In case of emergency, I will volunteer assistance.
10. I will not interfere with or harass others, recognizing that people judge all snowmobilers and skiers by my actions.

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