§ 11-0325. Control of dangerous diseases.

1. Whenever it is jointly determined by the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Health or the Department of Agriculture and Markets, and certification is made to the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation by the Commissioner of Health or the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, that a disease, which endangers the health and welfare of fish or wildlife populations, or of domestic livestock or of the human population, exists in any area of the state, or is in imminent danger of being introduced into the state, the department shall adopt any measures or regulations with respect to the taking, transportation, sale, offering for sale or possession of native fish or feral animals it may deem necessary in the public interest to prevent the introduction or spread of such disease. The department may undertake such fish or wildlife control measures it may deem necessary to eliminate, reduce or confine the disease.

2. Whenever it is determined by the Department of Environmental Conservation that an epizootic disease which endangers the health and welfare of native fish or feral animal populations only, exists in any area of the state, or is in imminent danger of developing or being introduced into the state, the department may adopt any measures or regulations with respect to the taking, transportation, sale, offering for sale or possession of native fish or feral animals deemed necessary in the public interest to prevent the development, spread or introduction of such disease.