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R1.02 Permitted Captive Wildlife Species List

- A. Permits for breeding, sale, and importation may be issued for the following species in accordance with Codes <u>09.07</u> (Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permit Required) and <u>09.10</u> (Wildlife Importation Permit Required):
 - 1. Red-necked (Bennet's) wallaby (Macropus rufogriseus)
 - 2. African Dwarf Aquatic Frog (Hymenochirus boettgeri)
 - 3. RESERVED
 - 4. Horned Frog, Pacman Frog (Ceratophrys spp.)
 - 5. Moccasins (Agkistrodon spp.)
 - 6. Pygmy Rattlesnakes (Sistrurus spp.)
 - 7. Rattlesnakes (Crotalus spp.)
 - 8. Shield-nosed Cobras (Genus Aspidelaps)
 - 9. Cobras (Genus Naja)
 - 10. King Cobras (Genus Ophiophagus)
 - 11. Tree Cobras (Genus Pseudohaje)
 - 12. Desert Cobras (Genus Walterinnesia)
 - 13. African Bush Vipers (Genera Atheris, Proatheris)
 - 14. Boomslangs (Genus Dispholidus)
 - 15. Eurasian/ American Elapid Snakes (Genera Boulengerina, Bungarus, Calliophis, Dendroaspis, Hemibungarus, Micruroides, Micrurus, Sinomicrurus spp.)
 - 16. Terrestrial Papuaustralian Elapids (Genera *Notechis*, *Oxyuranus*, *Pseudonaja*, *Pseudechis*, *Vermicella spp.*)
 - 17. Sea Snakes (Genera Acalyptophis, Aipysurus, Astrotia, Emydocephalus, Enhydrina, Ephalophis, Hydrelaps, Hydrophis, Kerilia, Kolpophis, Lapemis, Laticauda, Parahydrophis, Pelamis, Praescutata, Thalassophis spp.)
 - 18. Southeast Asian Vipers (Azemiops spp.)
 - 19. Pitvipers (Genera Calloselasma, Gloydius, Protobothrops, Deinagkistrodon, Hypnale, Ovophis, Trimeresurus, Tropidolaemus, Atropoides, Bothriechis spp.)
 - 20. African Vipers (Genus Bitis)
 - 21. Palaearctic Vipers (Genus Vipera)
 - 22. Firebelly Toads (Genus Bombina)
 - 23. African Bullfrogs (Genus Pyxicephalus)
 - 24. Elands (Genus Taurotragus)
 - 25. Nyala (Tragelaphus angasii)
 - 26. Sable antelope (Hippotragus niger)
 - 27. Waterbuck (Kobus ellipsiprymnus)
 - 28. Steenbok (Raphicerus campestris)
 - 29. Red Kangaroo (*Macropus rufus*)
 - 30. Serval (Leptailurus serval)
 - 31. Caracal (Caracal caracal)
 - 32. Patagonian cavy (Dolichotis patagonum)
 - 33. European hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*)
 - 34. Ring-tailed coati (Nasua nasua)
 - 35. Geoffroy's Cat (Leopardus geoffroyi)
 - 36. North American Porcupine (Erethizon dorsatum)
 - 37. Old World Porcupines (Subgenus Hystrix)
 - 38. Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*)
 - 39. Giraffe (Giraffa camelopardalis)

- 40. Hyenas (Family Hyaenidae)
- 41. Tamandua (Genus Tamandua)
- 42. Common degu (Octodon degus)
- 43. Cairo spiny mouse (Acomys cahirinus)
- 44. Capuchin monkeys (Subfamily Cebinae)
- 45. Common marmoset (Callithrix jacchus)
- 46. Alexandrine Parakeet (Psittacula eupatria)
- 47. Rose-ringed (Ring-necked) Parakeet (Psittacula krameri)
- 48. Monk Parakeet (Quaker Parrot) (Myiopsitta monachus)
- 49. Zebra (Equus grevyi, E. quagga, E. zebra)
- 50. Water Buffalo (Bubalus bubalis)
- 51. Addax (Addax nasomaculatus)
- 52. Brindled gnu (Connochaetes taurinus)
- 53. Gaur (Bos gaurus)
- 54. Gerenuk (Litocranius walleri)
- 55. Himalayan tahr goat (Hemitragus jemlahicus)
- 56. Impala (Aepyceros melampus)
- 57. Tamarin monkeys (Genus Saguinus)
- 58. Black-tufted marmoset (*Callithrix penicillata*)
- 59. Geoffroy's or white-headed marmoset (Callithrix geoffroyi)
- 60. Chukar (Alectoris chukar)
- 61. Ring-necked (Common) Pheasant (Phasianus colchicus)
- 62. Arctic Fox (Vulpes lagopus)
- 63. White-necked Raven and Pied Crow (Corvus albicollis, Corvus alba)
- 64. Ostriches (Genus Struthio)
- 65. All native species of wildlife not listed in Addendum R1.01 (listing species for which the permits are not necessary) or R1.03 (listing species for which permits will not be issued).
- 66. Any other unlisted species upon evaluation and determination by the Commission that the species does not pose a significant risk to human health and safety, native fish and wildlife health or populations, or agriculture, and that can be safely confined in a humane manner.

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ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION Little Rock, Arkansas

| MINUTE ORDER | No: | 20-028 | SUBJECT: | Captive Wildlife Regulations | | | |
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| DATE PASSED: | | June 18, 2020 | | Approval | | | |
| PAGE 1 | of of | 2 PAGES | LOCATION: | Statewide | | | |
| WHEREAS, | | attached regulations including to: (1) chang the chief of the Wild Division; (2) prohibit turtle species native to Wildlife Importation Pone listing of a reptile Captive Wildlife Species | to amend existing the the approving of life Management I the import for composite the import for composite the import for composite (3) add variables (Corn Snatices List; and (4) and the composite of the state of the composite | sion and its staff have proposed the g requirements for captive wildlife, ficial for alligator display permits from Division to the chief of the Fisheries amercial propagation or sale of aquatic imported under a Commission-issued ous bird and reptile species and delete ke) to Addendum R1.01 – Unrestricted modify Addendum R1.02 – Permitted e species (Boa Constrictor); and | | | |
| WHEREAS, | | avenues to sportsmen a | ne attached regulations have been communicated through a variety of media venues to sportsmen and the general public throughout the state for review and omment for at least the past 30 days; and | | | | |
| WHEREAS, | | after carefully considering the recommendations of the Director and Commission staff, as well as comments received from the public, the Commission has determined that the attached regulations promote sound wildlife conservation and management and are consistent with Amendment 35 of the Arkansas Constitution and that these regulations should now be approved for application statewide. | | | | | |
| Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered this 18th day of June 2020, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached regulations, which shall become effective immediately upon public filing or as soon thereafter as possible. | | | | | | | |
| filing the attach | ed reg | | etary of State, Sta | d to proceed with legally certifying and te Library, and Bureau of Legislative and Addendum. | | | |
| Submitted by: | | Batten | COMMISSION Ken Reeves Chairman | Stan Jones Commissioner | | | |
| Division: | Fishe | eries | Solicera | Ice Verley | | | |
| Approved: | Direc | oxor July | Andrew Park Vice Chairma Joe Morgan Commissione | Commissioner Moranus Anne Marie Doramus | | | |

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FINANCIAL/ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY (Attach additional pages if needed)

DEPARTMENT: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

BUREAU: Wildlife Management

PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT: Matthew Warriner

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SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Captive Wildlife Regulation Amendments

- 1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact? Yes: X No:
- 2. Do you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibitive? Yes: X

 No: If "Yes", please explain: the primary financial impact may be to persons wishing to import for commercial propagation or sale aquatic turtle species native to the state. A Wildlife Importation Permit at a current cost of \$50.00 and a veterinary inspection would be required prior to importation of these species. The number of persons who may want to import these species in the future is not known but is expected to be small.
- 3. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a **federal** rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation. Please indicate if the cost provided is the cost of the program.

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| (Identify) | \$ | Other (Identify) | \$ |
| Total | \$ | Total | \$ |

4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any **party** subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? (Estimated cost includes fees, administrative penalties, reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs associated with compliance.) Identify the **party** subject to the proposed rule, and explain how they are impacted.

Current Fiscal Year: Unknown Next Fiscal Year: Unknown

Amend existing regulations including:

- Change the approving official of alligator display permits from the chief of the Wildlife Management Division to the chief of the Fisheries Division
- Prohibits the import for commercial propagation or sale of aquatic turtle species native into the state unless imported under a Commission-issued Wildlife Importation Permit
- Add approximately 439 species of reptiles to Addendum R1.01 –
 Unrestricted Captive Wildlife Species to exempt these species from
 Wildlife Breeder/Dealer and Wildlife Importation Permit requirements
 and allow breeding, sale and import without these permits.

Party Subject to Rule: Persons proposing to import for commercial propagation or sale aquatic turtle species native to the state and persons proposing to import, breed or sale species being added to the unrestricted captive wildlife species list.

Effect on Party Subject to Rule: Requiring a Wildlife Importation Permit to import for commercial propagation or sale of aquatic turtle species native to the state will necessitate the payment of a \$50.00 fee and obtaining a veterinary inspection prior to importation. Adding species to the unrestricted captive wildlife species list will allow persons to breed, sale and import species without having to have Wildlife Breeder/Dealer and Wildlife Importation Permits.

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the **agency** to implement this rule? Explain the financial benefit to the agency from implementing this rule.

Current Fiscal Year: Unknown Next Fiscal Year: Unknown

Financial Benefit to Agency: None

6. Do alternative means exist for accomplishing the objectives of the rules that might be less burdensome to small business? Yes: No: X

Why were such alternatives not proposed: N/A

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts: Regulations vary greatly among states. Adding the requirement for a Wildlife Importation Permit to import for commercial propagation or sale of aquatic turtle species native would allow for consistent treatment of native wildlife species being imported. The species being proposed for the unrestricted captive wildlife species list, upon staff review, do not appear to be inherently dangerous and pose no significant risk to human health and safety, native fish and wildlife health or populations, agriculture, and can be safely.



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June 29, 2020

Ms. Kayla Sansom, Rules & Regulation Filing Office of the Arkansas Secretary of State 500 Woodlane Drive, Room 26 Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Regulation Adopted on June 18, 2020

Dear Ms. Sansom:

Attached please find Regulations 1.00C, 12.01, 20.19, 34.01, R1.01, and R1.02 approved by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission on June 18, 2020. Also included for each regulation is the required AR Secretary of State Transmittal sheet, applicable Financial Impact Statement, and the signed Minute Order.

Notices for the approved regulations were published as indicated on the AR Secretary of State Transmittal sheet in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

Hard copies of the approved regulations will be in the mail in the next day or so. **Kindly notify April Soman to confirm receipt of both the electronic submission and hard copy.** Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (501) 223-6327 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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JFG/as Enclosures

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