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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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J1.02 Approved Species for Commercial Culture of Aquatic Turtles and Alligators.

Turtles:

The aquatic turtle species listed below are native to Arkansas and may be cultured by those who obtain a Commercial Aquatic Turtle Dealer Permit from the Commission (Code 34.00).

Family Chelydridae

Chelydra serpentina (Common snapping turtle)

Family Emydidae

Chrysemys dorsalis (Southern painted turtle)

Graptemys geographica (Common map turtle)

Graptemys ouachitensis (Ouachita map turtle)

Graptemys kohnii (Mississippi map turtle)

Pseudemys concinna (River cooter)

Trachemys scripta (Redeared slider)

Family Kinosternidae

Kinosternon subrubrum (Mississippi mud turtle)

Sternotherus oderatus (Common musk turtle)

Family Trionychidae

Apolone spinifera (Spiny softshell)

Apolone mutica (Midland smooth softshell)

Other Species Covered Under Separate Permits:

The following species are governed by separate code and have their own permit requirements.

Family Alligatoridae

Alligator mississippiensis (American alligator) – Alligator Farmer Permit required (Code 33.00)

Family Chelydridae

Macrolemys temminckii (Alligator snapping turtle) – AST Farmer/Dealer Permit required (Code 34.00)