

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

34.02 Qualifications For Certain Aquatic Turtle Permits

The following conditions shall be met to qualify for and maintain an Aquatic Turtle Farmer/Dealer Permit or Alligator Snapping Turtle Breeder/Dealer Permit:

- A. An Aquatic Turtle Farmer/Dealer Permit is required if turtles are held in captivity (e.g. in ponds, impoundments, tanks, etc.) for any length of time.
- B. A site plan must be provided with the permit application, including legal and physical descriptions of all facilities, and a sketch map showing the location and approximate size of all facilities (ponds, impoundments, tanks, etc.) used to hold or propagate aquatic turtles.
- C. All sites shall be inspected and approved by Commission personnel prior to issuance of a permit.
- D. All facilities (ponds, impoundments, tanks, etc.) used to hold or propagate aquatic turtles shall be fenced and maintained in such a manner as to prevent the egress of captive turtles and ingress of wild stock (see Addendum [J1.02](#) for Approved Species for Commercial Culture of Aquatic Turtles).
- E. Facilities shall be subject to random inspection by Commission personnel.

PENALTY: Class 3