

As of January 4, 2023

## **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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.**

### 34.07 Aquatic Turtle Transaction And Reporting Requirements

- A. It is unlawful for aquatic turtle harvest permittees to fail to report commercial harvest or lack thereof by the 15th of each month, either electronically or on forms supplied by the Commission. A copy of this form shall be retained by the permittee for a period of 12 months and made available for inspection by any agent of the Commission.
- B. Aquatic turtle harvester, aquatic turtle farmer/dealer, and alligator snapping turtle breeder/dealer permittees must comply with the following:
  - 1. An invoice, bill of sale, or true bill of lading must accompany all turtle sales shipped or transported in intrastate or interstate commerce to the final destination and must contain the following information:
    - i. Name, address, and telephone number of buyer and seller;
    - ii. Permit number of seller; and
    - iii. Number and species of turtles in shipment.
  - 2. Permittees may have turtles transported by their authorized representatives if accompanied with a true bill of lading or bill of sale as described above.
- C. It is unlawful for alligator snapping turtle breeder/dealer permittees to fail to report by the 15th of each month, either electronically or on forms supplied by the Commission, a legibly completed, itemized transaction record of all alligator snapping turtles purchased, sold, bartered, traded, transferred, or lack thereof during the prior month. This transaction record shall include the names, addresses and phone numbers of all persons involved in the sale, purchase, barter, trade, or transfer of alligator snapping turtles.
- D. To be eligible to renew any commercial aquatic turtle permits, permittees must submit reports monthly even if it shows zero take or transactions for the month.

**PENALTY:** Class 2; Second offense shall result in the revocation of the permit.