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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

34.12 Take And Possession Of Aquatic Turtles For Personal Consumption Restricted

It is unlawful to take or attempt to take aquatic turtles with recreational fishing tackle or by hand.

EXCEPTION: A holder of a valid Sportfishing License may, for personal consumption, take and possess up to 6 of any combination of live or depressed Common Snapping Turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) and Spiny Softshell turtles (*Apalone spinifera*). All other species must be released.