

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

J1.02 Approved Species For Commercial Culture Of Aquatic Turtles

Turtles:

The aquatic turtle species listed below are native to Arkansas and may be cultured by those who obtain a Commercial Aquatic Turtle Farmer/Dealer Permit from the Commission (see Code Chapter [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 Chelydridae

Macrolemys temminckii (Alligator snapping turtle) - AST Farmer/Dealer Permit required (see Code Chapter [34.00](#))