



Protect Louisiana's Native Wildlife



Support proposed amendments to LAC 76:XV.101 to conserve native reptiles and amphibians

Louisiana's wildlife is at risk from commercial exploitation and the release and relocation of reptiles and amphibians. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is [proposing stronger protections](#) for native reptiles and amphibians. We need to tell decision-makers that the people of Louisiana and other wildlife enthusiasts overwhelmingly support these important protections.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ✉ Email your comments in support of these regulations to:
Keri Lejeune, LDWF State Herpetologist, at klejeune@wlf.la.gov.
- ✉ Begin with who you are and why you care about this: are you a Louisiana resident, hunter, or animal keeper? A wildlife enthusiast, conservationist, or scientist? Your expertise matters!
- ✉ Pick 1-3 points below that you strongly support and in your own words, tell them why they are important.
- ✉ **ACT NOW: comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. CST, Tuesday, March 5, 2024.**

THE PROTECTIONS WOULD

- ✔ Strengthen protections for rare species
- ✔ Protect native populations from disease and other risks by prohibiting unauthorized release or relocation of captive or wild animals
- ✔ Strengthen and streamline rules on keeping potentially dangerous animals, like very large constrictors or venomous snakes
- ✔ Protect native populations by improving licensing and reporting requirements for commercial amphibian and reptile dealers and collectors
- ✔ Protect native turtles from overharvesting
- ✔ Minimize negative impacts on individual animals or populations from scientific research
- ✔ Prohibit wildlife-killing contests that target amphibians and reptiles
- ✔ Ensure that captive animals are held in environments that promote their well-being
- ✔ Prohibit new acquisition of certain exotic species that can decimate native wildlife when they escape

THE PROTECTIONS WOULD NOT

- ✘ Obstruct scientific research, zoo collections, wildlife rehabilitation, or conservation programs
- ✘ Prevent captive breeding of exotic turtles
- ✘ Force responsible pet owners to give up their pets
- ✘ Prevent landowners from killing nuisance animals

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