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TITLE 26 FISHERIES AND GAME

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Seasons, Bag Limits and Methods for Taking Amphibians and Reptiles

SEC. 26-66-13. SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND METHODS FOR TAKING AMPHIBIANS

(a) There shall be no open season for taking Jefferson Salamanders, (*Ambystoma jeffersoianum*), Blue-spotted Salamanders, (*Ambystoma laterale*), Tremblay's Salamanders, (*Ambystoma tremblayi*), Silvery Salamanders, (*Ambystoma platineum*), Eastern Spadefoot Toads, (*Scaphiopus h. holbrookii*) and Northern Leopard Frogs, (*Rana pipiens*), in any developmental stage.

(b) The open season for taking adult Spotted Salamanders, *Ambystoma maculatum*, and adult Marbled Salamanders, *Ambystoma opacum*, shall be from May 1 through August 31. During the open season, adult Spotted Salamanders and Marbled Salamanders shall only be taken by hand or hand-held implement. No person shall take any adult Spotted Salamanders or Marbled Salamanders by seine net. The daily and season bag limit shall not exceed three (3) of each species. There shall be no open season for taking eggs or juveniles of these species. For purposes of this section, "seine net" means a net with sinkers on one edge and floats on the other that hangs vertically in the water and encloses aquatic wildlife when its ends are pulled together or are drawn ashore.

(c) There shall be no closed season and no daily or season bag limits on taking adult Red-spotted Newts, *Notophthalmus v. viridescens*. Adult Red-spotted Newts shall only be taken by hand or hand-held implement. No person shall take any adult Red-spotted Newt by seine net as defined in subsection (b) of this section, minnow trap, or by aid of a motorboat. There shall be no open season for taking eggs or juveniles of these species.

SEC. 26-66-14. SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND METHODS FOR TAKING REPTILES

(a) There shall be no open season for taking Bog Turtles, (*Clemmys muhlenbergii*), Wood Turtles, (*Clemmys ensculpta*), Diamondback Terrapins, (*Malaclemys terrapin*) and Eastern Box Turtles, (*Terrapene c. carolina*), in any developmental stage.

(b) The open season for taking Black Rat Snakes, *Elaphe o. obsoleta*, shall be from May 1 through August 31. During the open season, Black Rat Snakes shall only be taken by hand or hand-held implement. The daily and season bag limit shall not exceed one (1). However, there shall be no open season for taking eggs of this species.

(c) Repealed