

6256.0500 TAKING TURTLES.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** This part applies to individuals possessing a recreational turtle license and an angling license or acting under Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.605, subdivision 2c, paragraph (a), clause (4). The following turtle species may be taken: western painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta*) and snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*). A person possessing turtles or turtle eggs under this part must also comply with other state and federal laws that regulate these activities.

Subp. 2. [Repealed, L 2023 c 60 art 4 s 112]

Subp. 2a. [Repealed, L 2023 c 60 art 4 s 112]

Subp. 2b. [Repealed, L 2023 c 60 art 4 s 112]

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 28 SR 629]

Subp. 4. [Repealed, L 2023 c 60 art 4 s 112]

Subp. 5. [Repealed, L 2023 c 60 art 4 s 112]

Subp. 6. [Repealed, L 2023 c 60 art 4 s 112]

Subp. 7. [Repealed, L 2023 c 60 art 4 s 112]

Subp. 8. [Repealed, L 2023 c 60 art 4 s 112]

Subp. 9. **Size limits.** Individuals are restricted to taking and possessing sizes of turtles as specified in items A and B. The turtle size is determined by measuring the top shell length (carapace, not including the curvature) from above the neck to above the tail.

A. Snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) must be greater than 12 inches in shell length.

B. Western painted turtles (*Chrysemys picta*) must be between four and 5-1/2 inches, inclusive, in shell length.

Subp. 10. **Turtle nests and eggs.**

A. A person may not collect turtle eggs from natural nests, except under a permit issued by the commissioner.

B. A person must have an aquatic farm license with a turtle endorsement or a private fish hatchery license with a turtle endorsement to possess or sell turtle eggs, as allowed by federal law, or to keep turtles for propagation.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.605*

History: *18 SR 83; 23 SR 348; 28 SR 629; 28 SR 1127; 32 SR 1039; 48 SR 1143*

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