

482.11 Turtles.

1. A person shall not take, possess, or sell turtles from the waters of the state without an appropriate license.
 - a.* A valid sport fishing license entitles a person to take and possess a maximum of one hundred pounds of live turtles or fifty pounds of dressed turtles. The sale of live or dressed turtles is not permitted with a sport fishing license.
 - b.* A commercial turtle license is required to take and possess more than one hundred pounds of live or fifty pounds of dressed turtles. The holder of a commercial turtle license may sell live or dressed turtles.
 - c.* A commercial fishing license or a designated operator's license entitles fishers to operate any licensed commercial fishing gear for taking, possessing, or selling turtles.
 - d.* An individual possessing a valid commercial turtle license may have the assistance of one unlicensed individual in the commercial taking of turtles.
2. It is unlawful to take, possess, or sell any species of turtles except those designated by the commission by rule.
3. The method of taking turtles shall only be by hand, turtle hook, turtle trap, licensed commercial fishing gear, or other means designated by commission rules. Sport fishers may also use hook-and-line in catching turtles.
4. Any unattended fishing gear used to take turtles on a sport fishing license shall have affixed a metal tag provided by the owner bearing the owner's name and address.

86 Acts, ch 1141, § 11

C87, § 109B.11

89 Acts, ch 192, §3

C93, § 482.11

Footnotes

For applicable scheduled fines, see §805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph n