

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

OVERVIEW: Amends [312 IAC 9-5](#), [312 IAC 9-6](#), [312 IAC 9-7](#), [312 IAC 9-8](#), [312 IAC 9-9](#), [312 IAC 9-10](#), and [312 IAC 11](#), which govern definitions, restrictions, standards, licensure and permits applicable to reptiles, amphibians, sport fishing, commercial fishing, and invertebrates to modify and reorder language for improved clarity, simplicity, and continuity. Amends [312 IAC 9-5-4](#) to update scientific names of endangered species of reptiles and amphibians. Amends [312 IAC 9-5-6](#) to clarify requirements for the collection and possession of reptiles and amphibians native to Indiana. Amends [312 IAC 9-5-7](#) to clarify requirements for sale and transport of reptiles and amphibians native to Indiana and to update common and scientific names. Amends [312 IAC 9-5-8](#) to clarify the possession and sale of dangerous reptiles. Amends [312 IAC 9-5-9](#) to remove unnecessary language and update the common and scientific names of reptiles. Amends [312 IAC 9-6-1](#) to also apply the definitions to [312 IAC 9-9](#). Amends [312 IAC 9-6-4](#) to clarify requirements for release of fish that cannot be lawfully possessed. Amends [312 IAC 9-6-6](#) to clarify areas closed to fishing. Amends [312 IAC 9-6-7](#) to clarify terminology used for exotic fish. Amends [312 IAC 9-6-8](#) to clarify the restrictions on the use of live carp and gizzard shad as bait. Amends [312 IAC 9-6-10](#) to clarify species of exempted fish. Adds [312 IAC 9-6-11](#) to provide standards for commercial shipment and processing of fish. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-1](#) to clarify fishing license requirements. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-2](#) to clarify sport fishing methods except on the Ohio River. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-3](#) through [312 IAC 9-7-13](#) to clarify requirements for taking catfish, muskellunge, tiger muskellunge, northern pike, black bass, white bass, hybrid striped bass, striped bass, crappie, redear sunfish, rock bass, walleye, sauger, saugeye, trout, and salmon. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-14](#) to clarify requirements for fish with no bag limit, possession limit, or size limit. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-15](#) to clarify requirements for taking and possessing minnow. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-16](#) to clarify requirements for sport fishing on the Ohio River. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-18](#) and [312 IAC 9-7-2](#) to clarify requirements for taking yellow perch and shovelnose sturgeon. Amends [312 IAC 9-8-2](#) and [312 IAC 9-8-3](#) to clarify the provisions for commercial fishing licenses. Amends [312 IAC 9-9-2](#) to clarify requirements for taking and possessing crayfish. Amends [312 IAC 9-9-3](#) to clarify the possession of mussels and their shells. Amends [312 IAC 9-10-3](#) to clarify the exemptions for aquatic vegetation control permits. Amends [312 IAC 9-10-5](#) through [312 IAC 9-10-8](#) to clarify requirements for taxidermist licenses, scientific purposes licenses, field trial permits, and fish stocking permits. Amends [312 IAC 9-10-9.5](#) to add a provision for allowing holders of a federal special purpose possession permit for migratory birds to qualify for a special purpose educational permit and to add a provision for inspections by conservation officers. Amends [312 IAC 9-10-10](#) to update and clarify provisions governing hunting permits for persons with disabilities. Amends [312 IAC 9-10-12](#) to clarify requirements for fur buyers' license holders and to add a provision for inspections by conservation officers. Amends [312 IAC 9-10-13.5](#), [312 IAC 9-10-14](#), [312 IAC 9-10-16](#), [312 IAC 9-10-17](#), [312 IAC 9-10-19](#), and [312 IAC 9-10-20](#) to clarify requirements for the special purpose salvage permit, the fish hauler's and supplier's permit, the dog training ground permit, the aquaculture permit, the fish tagging or marking permit, and the importation permit for the release of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks, and crustaceans for release. Amends [312 IAC 9-11-2](#) to change the requirement of an examination of an animal by a licensed veterinarian to 45 days after the issuance of a wild animal possession permit. Amends [312 IAC 9-11-6](#) by adding a definition of "Class I wild animal". Amends [312 IAC 9-11-7](#) by adding a definition of "Class II wild animal". Amends [312 IAC 9-11-8](#) by adding definition "Class III wild animal". Makes other technical amendments. Repeals [312 IAC 9-5-2](#), [312 IAC 9-5-3](#), [312 IAC 9-10-2](#), and [312 IAC 9-11-5](#). Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher. Questions and comments may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2200, through <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>, or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Statutory authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-22-2-6](#); [IC 14-22-26-3](#); [IC 14-22-34-17](#).

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