



# Renewal Application for Temporary Exemption for the Possession of Native Turtles in Excess of Possession Limits

## INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

The purpose of this permit is for the possession of native turtles in excess of the limits for scientific, zoological, and conservation purposes. South Carolina Code of Laws Section 50-15-70 requires those who *exceed possession limits* established under Section 50-15-70(B) to register the number and species of turtles in the person's possession with SCDNR within ninety days in order to receive a *temporary exemption to the possession limits*. Acquiring additional turtles listed in Section 50-15-70 is prohibited until such time as the number of turtles in the person's possession is below the established limits.

\*\*\*\*\* Return completed application to: **SCDNR Wildlife Permitting, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202**

or via email at [herps@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:herps@dnr.sc.gov) or fax at 803-734-3691 For questions/information email [herps@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:herps@dnr.sc.gov) or call 803-734-3887

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Represented (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Physical location where turtles will be held (if different from address above): \_\_\_\_\_

### Native Species to be reported include:

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| (1) Florida cooter ( <i>Pseudemys floridana</i> )*         | (9) River cooter ( <i>Pseudemys concinna</i> )*          |
| (2) Chicken turtle ( <i>Deirochelys reticularia</i> )*     | (10) Eastern painted turtle ( <i>Chrysemys picta</i> )*  |
| (3) Spiny softshell turtle ( <i>Apalone spinifera</i> )*   | (11) Florida softshell turtle ( <i>Apalone ferox</i> )*  |
| (4) Eastern mud turtle ( <i>Kinosternon subrubrum</i> )*   | (12) Striped mud turtle ( <i>Kinosternon baurii</i> )*   |
| (5) Common musk turtle ( <i>Sternotherus odoratus</i> )*   | (13) Yellow-bellied slider ( <i>Trachemys scripta</i> )* |
| (6) Common snapping turtle ( <i>Chelydra serpentina</i> )* | (14) Eastern box turtle ( <i>Terrapene carolina</i> )*   |
| (7) Diamondback terrapin ( <i>Malaclemys terrapin</i> )*   | (15) Spotted turtle ( <i>Clemmys guttata</i> )           |
| (8) Bog turtle ( <i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i> )           | (16) Gopher tortoise ( <i>Gopherus polyphemus</i> )      |

*It is unlawful for a person to sell, barter, trade, ship, or remove from this State, or attempt to sell, barter, trade, ship, or remove from this State any **\*bolded** native species of turtles, including parts, products, eggs, offspring, and derivatives thereof. All other species may only be possessed with a Department issued permit.*

South Carolina regulations Section 123-151.1 and 123-151.4 requires all captive spotted turtles and eastern box turtles, when captive groups exceed possession limits, be permanently marked via shell notching\*\* with a Department-supplied identification number (**DNR will supply notching codes based on information in this application**).

Turtles will be notched as required by:  Applicant  Licensed Veterinarian  SCDNR

If applicant will not be marking individuals, please list who will be responsible for permanently marking individuals below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Represented (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ **SCDNR requires photo verification of shell notching prior to application renewal.**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Under penalty of perjury and recognizing that I am subject to the criminal and civil penalties imposed by Title 12, of the South Carolina Code of Laws, I declare that I have examined this Affidavit and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete.**

Signature of Affiant: \_\_\_\_\_

SWORN to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, year of \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public for \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary (L.S.) \_\_\_\_\_

Notary (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_



# Renewal Application for Temporary Exemption for the Possession of Native Turtles in Excess of Possession Limits\* Species List

\*Legal Possession Limits are listed below for each species, no more than 10 turtles in aggregate for species with limits

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|--|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| <p>(1) <b>Florida cooter (<i>Pseudemys floridana</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=5</p>         | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(2) <b>Chicken turtle (<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=5</p>     | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(3) <b>Spiny softshell turtle (<i>Apalone spinifera</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=5</p>   | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(4) <b>Eastern mud turtle (<i>Kinosternon subrubrum</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=5</p>   | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(5) <b>Common musk turtle (<i>Sternotherus odoratus</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=5</p>   | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(6) <b>Common snapping turtle (<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=5</p> | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(7) <b>Diamondback terrapin (<i>Malaclemys terrapin</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=2</p>   | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(8) Bog turtle (<i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i>)<br/>Possession limit=0</p>                 | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(9) <b>River cooter (<i>Pseudemys concinna</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=5</p>            | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(10) <b>Eastern painted turtle (<i>Chrysemys picta</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=5</p>    | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(11) <b>Florida softshell turtle (<i>Apalone ferox</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=5</p>    | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(12) <b>Striped mud turtle (<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=5</p>     | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(13) <b>Yellow-bellied slider (<i>Trachemys scripta</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=5</p>   | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(14) <b>Eastern box turtle (<i>Terrapene carolina</i>)</b><br/>Possession limit=2</p>     | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(15) Spotted turtle (<i>Clemmys guttata</i>)<br/>Possession limit=0</p>                   | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |
| <p>(16) Gopher tortoise (<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>)<br/>Possession limit=0</p>              | Males _____ | Females _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles _____ | Total _____ |

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By signing, applicant affirms that the information contained on this application and inventory sheet to be true and accurate and understands that to finalize this application, SCDNR may require verification of the turtles in your possession. Upon completion and approval, SCDNR will contact applicant to issue individual notching codes based on information provided in this application. Applicant understands that SCDNR may require photo verification of shell notching prior to final application approval.