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To Whom It May Concern:

Due to ecological, economic, and human health and safety concerns related to potential impacts of nonnative animals in Alabama, an amendment to Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Regulation 220-2-.26 was signed on August 7, 2020, that prohibits any person, firm, association, or corporation from possessing, selling, offering for sale, importing, bringing, releasing, or causing to be brought or imported into the State of Alabama the following:

- Any species of venomous reptile which has never naturally existed in the wild in Alabama, including but not limited to venomous snakes of the families Viperidae, Atractaspididae, Elapidae, Hydrophiidae, and Colubridae, except for hognose snakes (Genus Heterodon)
- Any species of bird, mammal, reptile, or amphibian listed as injurious wildlife under the Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42) from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- Any species of Tegu (Genus Salvator)

Beginning October 15, 2020, persons currently holding the above listed species of wildlife without a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources permit will be given 90 days to notify the WFF Division and apply for a permit, lawfully export, or voluntarily surrender the animals to the appropriate Division personnel without prosecution. Permit applications and instructions will be available at www.outdooralabama.com/restricted-possession-permit.

For questions regarding the application and instructions contact:

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Sincerely,

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