

## Potential Reptile and Amphibian Regulation Changes Being Considered by CPW

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is considering updating regulations related to reptiles and amphibians. CPW staff are reviewing potential revisions and clarifications to relevant regulations, including potential changes proposed by staff or suggested through stakeholder input. Potential changes being considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Combining applicable herptile regulations into one new chapter**
- **Updating definitions/terminology and clarifications**
  - Defining “Venomous”, “Herping”, and other terms
  - Clarifying regulations and updating terminology related to “Unregulated” species (“Conditional Wildlife”), “Regulated” species, and “Controlled” species
  - Taxonomic review and update of Unregulated (conditional), Regulated and Controlled species, including but not limited to:
    - Updating scientific names of all species
    - Clarifying that possession of Gila monsters is prohibited
    - Prohibiting possession of Mexican beaded lizards
- **Adding definition and regulations for invasive herpetofauna (red-eared sliders and bullfrogs)**
- **Possession Related Potential Changes:**
  - Allowing possession of king, corn, milk, and hog-nosed snakes legally acquired from out-of-state or in-state commercial sellers/producers to be possessed.
    - Reporting requirements for possession of king, corn, milk, and hog-nosed snakes acquired prior to proposed changes taking effect.
  - Prohibiting possession of hog-nosed snakes taken from the wild in Colorado, and requiring a legacy permit for those previously collected. Progeny from legacy individuals not allowed to be sold, bartered, traded, etc..
- **Collection Related Potential Changes:**
  - Wild herptile collection alternatives under consideration:
    - **Alternative 1:** *Continue to allow for limited native herptile collection of some species (no permit required); with modifications suggested below*
    - **Alternative 2:** *Allow limited native herptile collection of some species with mandatory education course, purchase of a permit, and reporting requirements; with modifications suggested below*
    - **Alternative 3:** *Prohibit all native herptile collection*
  - If collection is allowed under Alternative 1 or Alternative 2 above, suggested modifications to existing regulations include:
    - Prohibit collection of ornate box turtles and hog-nosed snakes
    - Restrict native herptile collection to Colorado residents only
    - Prohibit release of collected animals
    - Add snapping turtles and tiger salamanders to regulated/controlled species with limitation on the number collected