

FISH AND GAME CODE - FGC

DIVISION 5. PROTECTED REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS [5000 - 5062]

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CHAPTER 2. Fully Protected Reptiles and Amphibians [5050- 5050.]

(Heading of Chapter 2 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 605.)

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(a) (1) Except as provided in this section, Section 2081.7, Section 2081.9, or Section 2835, a fully protected reptile or amphibian may not be taken or possessed at any time. No provision of this code or any other law shall be construed to authorize the issuance of a permit or license to take a fully protected reptile or amphibian, and no permit or license previously issued shall have any force or effect for that purpose. However, the department may authorize the taking of a fully protected reptile or amphibian for necessary scientific research, including efforts to recover fully protected, threatened, or endangered species. Before authorizing the take of a fully protected reptile or amphibian, the department shall make an effort to notify all affected and interested parties to solicit information and comments on the proposed authorization. The notification shall be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register and be made available to each person who has notified the department, in writing, of his or her interest in fully protected species and who has provided an email address, if available, or postal address to the department. Affected and interested parties shall have 30 days after notification is published in the California Regulatory Notice Register to provide relevant information and comments on the proposed authorization.

(2) As used in this subdivision, "scientific research" does not include an action taken as part of specified mitigation for a project, as defined in Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code.

(3) A legally imported fully protected reptile or amphibian may be possessed under a permit issued by the department.

(b) The following are fully protected reptiles and amphibians:

- (1) Blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Crotaphytus wislizenii silus*).
- (2) San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*).
- (3) Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (*Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum*).
- (4) Limestone salamander (*Hydromantes brunus*).
- (5) Black toad (*Bufo boreas exsul*).

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