

will see a decrease in harvest!! Draft

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.02 Terrapin.

A. Size. A person may not catch or possess a [diamond-back] diamondback terrapin, whether it was caught within the State or within any other state, territory, or country, that is less than [6 inches in length measured] 4 inches or greater than 7 inches in length measured along the bottom shell.

B. Eggs. A person may not possess, destroy, or disturb in any manner [diamond-back] diamondback terrapin eggs.

C. Season. A person may not take or possess diamondback terrapin during [May 1 through July 31] November 1 through July 31.

D. Pets. The provisions of this regulation relating to size and season do not apply to a person who owns not more than three [diamond-back] diamondback terrapins kept as pets.

E. A person catching diamondback terrapins for commercial purposes must hold a valid diamondback terrapin permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources and be licensed to fish for commercial purposes in accordance with Natural Resources Article, §§4-701 and 4-902, Annotated Code of Maryland.

F. In order to obtain a diamondback terrapin permit a person must have:

50-80%
reduction
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egg harvest
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harvest

1. Reported harvesting diamondback terrapin, through the Department commercial catch record system in at least one year during the years 2001-2005; or

2. Received the transfer of a diamondback terrapin permit in accordance with this section.

G. A person permitted by the Department to harvest diamondback terrapin shall record the harvest of diamondback terrapin on the permit and on the Daily Commercial Fisheries Catch Log and submit the information to the Department as required.

H. Transfer of Diamondback Terrapin Permit. In accordance with Natural Resources Article, §4-701, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Department may approve a permanent transfer of a Maryland diamondback terrapin permit to an individual who:

(a) Is not currently a permit holder;

(b) Has a Maryland commercial fishing license; and

(c) Has not held a Maryland diamondback terrapin permit for the prior 2 calendar years.

I. All crab pots set for recreational purposes shall have turtle reduction device as stated in 08.02.03.07B.

Why no authority to prohibit sale of non turtle proof pots?