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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 220
Department or Agency: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Rule No.: 220-2-.98
Rule Title: Invertebrate Species Regulation
Intended Action: Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

Christopher M. Blankenship
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Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

To add the following language to (1)(b): nongame protected species; those designated as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) in the Alabama State Wildlife Action Plan.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Director of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries at any time during the period stated below, or orally if requested in writing 48 hours in advance to the Director of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, and then by personally appearing at Room 474, Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

If ADA accommodations are needed, please contact Heidi Bowers at (334) 242-3165 or heidi.bowers@dcnr.alabama.gov. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least seven days prior to the date of a personal appearance to present views regarding the proposed rules.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Chris Lewis, Director
Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries
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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

Invertebrate Species Regulation.

(1) It shall be unlawful to take, capture, kill, or attempt to take, capture or kill; possess, sell, trade for anything of monetary value, or offer to sell or trade for anything of monetary value the following invertebrate species (or any parts or reproductive products of such species) without a scientific collection permit or written permit from the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which shall specifically state what the permittee may do with regard to said species:

(a)

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
• Alabama cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus jonesi</i>
• Alabama cave shrimp	<i>Palaemonias alabamae</i>
• Alabama creekmussel	<i>Strophitus connasaugaensis</i>
• Alabama creekshell	<i>Anodontoides radiatus</i>
• Alabama hickorynut	<i>Obovaria unicolor</i>
• Alabama lampmussel	<i>Lampsilis virescens</i>
• Alabama moccasinshell	<i>Medionidus acutissimus</i>
• Alabama pearlshell	<i>Margaritifera marrianae</i>
• Alabama rainbow	<i>Villosa nebulosa</i>
• Alabama spike	<i>Elliptio arca</i>
• American burying beetle	<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>
• Ample elimia	<i>Elimia ampla</i>
• Angled marstonia	<i>Marstonia angulobasis</i>
• Angular dwarf crayfish	<i>Cambarellus lesliei</i>
• Anthony's riversnail	<i>Athearnia anthonyi</i>
• Armored marstonia	<i>Marstonia pachyta</i>
• Armored rocksnail	<i>Lithasia armigera</i>

• Auger elimia	<i>Elimia teretria</i>
• Black mudalia	<i>Elimia melanoides</i>
• Black sandshell	<i>Ligumia recta</i>
• Boxclaw crayfish	<i>Cambarus distans</i>
• Brooch elimia	<i>Elimia broccata</i>
• Burrowing bog crayfish	<i>Creaserinus burrisi</i>
• Cahaba ancyloid	<i>Rhodacmea cahawbensis</i>
• Cahaba pebblesnail	<i>Clappia cahabensis</i>
• Cajun dwarf crayfish	<i>Cambarellus shufeldtii</i>
• Canoe creek clubshell	<i>Pleurobema athearni</i>
• Capillaceous crayfish	<i>Procambarus capillatus</i>
• Celestial crayfish	<i>Procambarus holifieldi</i>
• Chattahoochee crayfish	<i>Cambarus howardi</i>
• Chipola slabshell	<i>Elliptio chipolaensis</i>
• Choctaw bean	<i>Obovaria choctawensis</i>
• Cobble elimia	<i>Elimia vanuxemiana</i>
• Cockle elimia	<i>Elimia cochliaris</i>
• Cockscomb crayfish	<i>Procambarus clemmeri</i>
• Coosa creekshell	<i>Villosa umbrans</i>
• Coosa moccasinshell	<i>Medionidus parvulus</i>
• Coosa pyrg	<i>Marstonia hershleri</i>
• Coosa River spiny crayfish	<i>Faxonius spinosus</i>
• Corpulent hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera corpulenta</i>
• Cracking pearlymussel	<i>Hemistena lata</i>
• Creeper	<i>Strophitus undulatus</i>
• Crisscross crayfish	<i>Procambarus marthae</i>

• Cumberland combshell	<i>Epioblasma brevidens</i>
• Cumberland moccasinshell	<i>Medionidus conradicus</i>
• Cumberland monkeyface	<i>Theliderma intermedia</i>
• Cylindrical lioplax	<i>Lioplax cyclostomaformis</i>
• Delicate spike	<i>Elliptio arctata</i>
• Depression crayfish	<i>Cambarus rusticiformis</i>
• Downy rainbow	<i>Villosa</i>
• Duck river dartersnapper	<i>Epioblasma ahlstedti</i>
• Elktoe	<i>Alasmidonta marginata</i>
• Engraved elimia	<i>Elimia perstriata</i>
• Escambia crayfish	<i>Procambarus escambiensis</i>
• Etowah heelsplitter	<i>Lasmigona etowaensis</i>
• Fanshell	<i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i>
• Finelined pocketbook	<i>Hamiota altilis</i>
• Finerayed pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia cuneolus</i>
• Fire elimia	<i>Elimia exusta</i>
• Fireback crayfish	<i>Cambarus pyronotus</i>
• Flat pebblesnail	<i>Lepyrium showalteri</i>
• Flatnose crayfish	<i>Procambarus planirostris</i>
• Flaxen elimia	<i>Elimia boykiniana</i>
• Flint river crayfish	<i>Faxonius cooperi</i>
• Florida floater	<i>Utterbackia peggyae</i>
• Fuzzy pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema stroadianum</i>
• Georgia pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema hanleyianum</i>
• Greensaddle crayfish	<i>Cambarus manningi</i>
• Gulf moccasinshell	<i>Medionidus penicillatus</i>

• Heavy pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema taitiana</i>
• Inflated heelsplitter	<i>Potamilus inflatus</i>
• Inflated spike	<i>Elliptio purpurella</i>
• Jackknife crayfish	<i>Procambarus hubbelli</i>
• Kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranchnus fasciolaris</i>
• Lacon exit cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus laconensis</i>
• Lacy elimia	<i>Elimia crenatella</i>
• Lagniappe crayfish	<i>Procambarus lagniappe</i>
• Latticed elimia	<i>Elimia mihalcikae</i>
• Lavender burrowing crayfish	<i>Creaserinus byersi</i>
• Least crayfish	<i>Cambarellus diminutus</i>
• Lilyshoals elimia	<i>Elimia annettae</i>
• Linear cobalt crayfish	<i>Cambarus gentryi</i>
• Longnose crayfish	<i>Cambarus longirostris</i>
• Longsolid	<i>Fusconaia subrotunda</i>
• Manitou cavesnail	<i>Antrorbis breweri</i>
• Mississippi pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema beadleianum</i>
• Mobile crayfish	<i>Procambarus lecontei</i>
• Monkeyface	<i>Theliderma metanevra</i>
• Moss pyrg	<i>Marstonia scalariformis</i>
• Mountain fork crayfish	<i>Cambarus diupalma</i>
• Mountain midget crayfish	<i>Cambarus parvovulus</i>
• Mucket	<i>Actinonaias ligamentina</i>
• Muddy rocksnail	<i>Lithasia salebrosa</i>
• Narrow pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia escambia</i>
• Oblong rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis compacta</i>
• Ohio pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema cordatum</i>

• Okaloosa crayfish	<i>Procambarus okaloosae</i>
• Orangenacre pocketbook	<i>Hamiota perovalis</i>
• Oval pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema pyriforme</i>
• Ovate clubshell	<i>Pleurobema perovatum</i>
• Oyster mussel	<i>Epioblasma capsaeformis</i>
• Painted creekshell	<i>Villosa taeniata</i>
• Painted rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis coosaensis</i>
• Pale Lilliput	<i>Toxolasma cylindrellus</i>
• Panhandle crayfish	<i>Procambarus evermani</i>
• Peninsula crayfish	<i>Procambarus paeninsulanus</i>
• Phantom cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus pecki</i>
• Pheasantshell	<i>Actinonaias pectorosa</i>
• Pink mucket	<i>Lampsilis abrupta</i>
• Plicate rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis plicata</i>
• Prickly cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus hamulatus</i>
• Princess elimia	<i>Elimia bellacrenata</i>
• Prominence riverlet crayfish	<i>Hobbseus prominens</i>
• Purple bankclimber	<i>Elliptoideus sloatianus</i>
• Puzzle elimia	<i>Elimia varians</i>
• Pyramid pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema rubrum</i>
• Rabbitsfoot	<i>Theliderma cylindrica</i>
• Rayed kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranthus foremanianus</i>
• Rough hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera foremani</i>
• Rough pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema plenum</i>
• Round ebonyshell	<i>Reginaia rotulata</i>
• Round hickorynut	<i>Obovaria subrotunda</i>

• Round pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema sintoxia</i>
• Round-ribbed elimia	<i>Elimia nassula</i>
• Round rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis ampla</i>
• Rugged hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera alveare</i>
• Saddle crayfish	<i>Faxonius durelli</i>
• Salt Spring hydrob	<i>Pseudotryonia grahamae</i>
• Sculpin snail	<i>Stiobia nana</i>
• Sculptured pigtoe	<i>Cyclonaias infucata</i>
• Sheepnose	<i>Plethobasus cyphus</i>
• Shelta cave crayfish	<i>Orconectes sheltae</i>
• Shiny pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia cor</i>
• Shinyrayed pocketbook	<i>Hamiota subangulata</i>
• Shrimp crayfish	<i>Faxonius lancifer</i>
• Skirted hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera pyrenella</i>
• Slabside pearlymussel	<i>Pleuonaia dolabelloides</i>
• Slackwater crayfish	<i>Cambarus halli</i>
• Slender campeloma	<i>Campeloma decampii</i>
• Slenderclaw crayfish	<i>Cambarus cracens</i>
• Slippershell mussel	<i>Alasmidonta viridis</i>
• Smoothnose crayfish	<i>Procambarus hybus</i>
• Snuffbox	<i>Epioblasma triquetra</i>
• Southeastern prairie crayfish	<i>Procambarus hagenianus</i>
• Southern clubshell	<i>Pleurobema decisum</i>
• Southern combshell	<i>Epioblasma penita</i>
• Southern elktoe	<i>Alasmidonta triangulata</i>
• Southern hickorynut	<i>Obovaria jacksoniana</i>

• Southern kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranthus jonesi</i>
• Southern pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema georgianum</i>
• Southern purple lilliput	<i>Toxolasma corvunculus</i>
• Southern sandshell	<i>Hamiota australis</i>
• Speckled burrowing crayfish	<i>Creaserinus danielae</i>
• Speckled crayfish	<i>Cambarus lentiginosus</i>
• Spectaclecase	<i>Margaritifera monodonta</i>
• Spike	<i>Eurynaia dilatata</i>
• Spindle elimia	<i>Elimia capillaris</i>
• Spotted rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis picta</i>
• Spur crayfish	<i>Procambarus lewisi</i>
• Squat elimia	<i>Elimia variata</i>
• Stately elimia	<i>Elimia dickinsoni</i>
• Straightedge crayfish	<i>Procambarus hayi</i>
• Striate hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera striata</i>
• Sweet home Alabama cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus speleocoopi</i>
• Tallapoosa crayfish	<i>Cambarus englishi</i>
• Tapered pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia burkei</i>
• Teardrop elimia	<i>Elimia lachryma</i>
• Tennessee bean	<i>Venustaconcha trabalis</i>
• Tennessee bottlebrush crayfish	<i>Barbicambarus simmonsii</i>
• Tennessee clubshell	<i>Pleurobema oviforme</i>
• Tennessee heelsplitter	<i>Lasmigona holstonia</i>
• Tennessee pigtoe	<i>Pleuronaia barnesiana</i>
• Triangular kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranthus greenii</i>
• Tulotoma	<i>Tulotoma magnifica</i>

- Twisted dwarf crayfish *Cambarellus rotatus*
- Vernal crayfish *Procambarus viaeviridis*
- Warrior pigtoe *Pleurobema rubellum*
- Warty rocksnail *Lithasia lima*
- Watercress Snail *Fontigens nickliniana*
- White spring cave crayfish *Cambarus veitchorum*
- White wartyback *Plethobasus cicatricosus*
- Wicker ancylid *Rhodacmea elatior*
- Zebra crayfish *Cambarus clairitae*

(b) Other State nongame protected species; those designated as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) in the Alabama State Wildlife Action Plan, or Federally protected invertebrate species. In addition any required federal permits for federally protected species must be obtained.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-11-371, 9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12.

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Penalty: As provided by law.