



Commission considers ending unlimited turtle trapping

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BATESVILLE, AR (KAIT) -

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will meet Thursday in Batesville to consider banning the unlimited commercial trapping of wild turtles in the Natural State.

According to a press release from the Center for Biological Diversity, this is in response to a petition filed by the group, several Arkansas environmental groups, and citizens.

Currently, Arkansas allows turtle trappers to take wild turtles in unlimited numbers from waters across about half of the state, including all of the Arkansas and Mississippi Rivers.

“The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has a historic opportunity to protect the state’s struggling freshwater turtles from unlimited trapping,” said Elise Bennett, an attorney at the Center.

Missouri banned commercial turtle trapping in February