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Comments on Docket #2026-R-F-0010 -- Omnibus Wildlife Regulation Amendments

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Comments:
Dear Secretary and DNREC Officials, Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comments on the proposed Omnibus Wildlife Regulation Amendments under Docket #2026-R-F-0010. I am writing to strongly SUPPORT the proposed changes regarding reptile and amphibian conservation. Specifically, the removal of Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) from the list of species that the public is permitted to "take" or collect from the wild. Delaware's herpetofauna face mounting pressures from habitat loss, fragmentation, and shifting environmental conditions. Allowing collection of vulnerable, at-risk species is incompatible with long-term biodiversity preservation. Prohibiting the possession and collection of SGCN reptiles and amphibians is a vital step to curb localized population declines and safeguard vulnerable species for future generations. That said, protecting these species from direct collection addresses only half of the equation. To ensure the long-term viability of these populations, I urge DNREC to evaluate and strengthen existing regulatory mechanisms to guarantee the binding protection of critical habitats as well. Without strict safeguards against habitat degradation and destructive land-use changes within known SGCN zones, collection bans alone may not be sufficient to prevent extirpation. Thank you for your dedication to Delaware's natural resources and environmental stewardship. I urge DNREC to adopt these crucial protections as drafted in this Amendment, and then further expand upon them as early as possible to secure the durable habitat safeguards our native wildlife requires. Sincerely, Tyler G[redacted], DE