

that state. This rulemaking became effective 6 September 1979.

- b) from *Federal Register*, Vol. 44, No. 181, 17 September 1979, page 54002: . . . the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recognizes that captive propagation is, in some cases, important for conserving species, and that the Endangered Species Act (as amended) authorizes the permitting of otherwise prohibited activities to enhance the propagation or survival of affected species. This rule grants general permission for persons to conduct otherwise prohibited activities with captive-bred wildlife under specified conditions, which are designed to protect wild populations of wildlife and to ensure that the activities will be conducted to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This rulemaking (i.e., captive, self-sustaining populations) became effective on 17 September 1979.

PROPOSED Rulemaking:

- a) from *Federal Register*, Vol. 44, No. 143, 24 July 1979, page 40442: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service now believes that the American crocodile (*Crocodylus actus*) populations outside of Florida population

which was listed as Endangered on 25 Sept. 75, and the saltwater crocodile (*C. porosus*) populations exclusive of the Papua, New Guinea population to be endangered. Deadline for comments is 26 October 1979.

Send to: Director, (O.E.S.)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Department of Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

- b) from *Federal Register*, Vol. 44, No. 179, 13 September 1979, page 53422: the Fish and Wildlife Service re-proposes critical habitat for the Plymouth red-bellied turtle (*Chrysemys rubriventris bangsi*). Endangered status and critical habitat were originally proposed for this species on 19 May 1978, but the critical habitat portion of this proposal was withdrawn on 6 March 1979 because of procedural and substantive changes in the amended Endangered Species Act. Deadline for comments is 16 November 1979.

Send to: same as above

STATE-PROPOSED Rulemaking: Ohio House Bill 645—this bill will prohibit "any person owning or buying nonnative poisonous

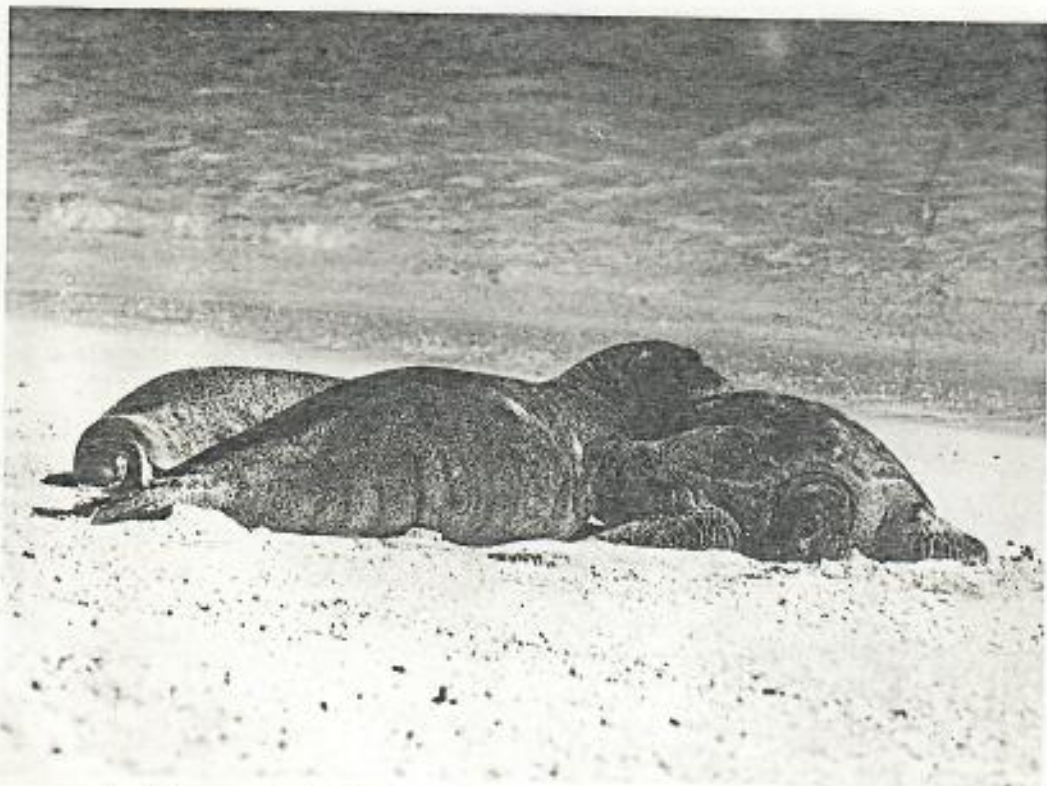
reptiles as pets, to prohibit any person from selling such reptiles except to a zoo, and to permit zoos to buy such reptiles for exhibition."

Comments to: Chairman Jerome Stans
State Agriculture, Conservation, and Environment
Committee
Ohio Senate
State House
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Hawaiian green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) and monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) basking on a small islet at French Frigate Shoals (23° 45' N, 166° 10' W). Land basking by sea turtles has only been documented for *Chelonia*, with members of the Hawaiian population possibly being the only ones at the present time exhibiting this rare behavioral trait. Hawaiian green turtles and monk seals frequently share the same beaches and inshore waters, however it is relatively uncommon for direct physical contact to take place with one another. (Photograph by George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, P. O. Box 1346, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744).

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 BACK: Hawaiian green turtle (Chelonia mydas agassizi) and ghost crab (Ocypode ceratophthalmus) basking on the beach at French Frigate Shoals. Populations of green turtles throughout the world have declined significantly due to habitat destruction and overexploitation for commercial purposes. George H. Balazs, Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa.
 DRAWINGS in text by Tom R. Johnson, St. Louis Zoo.