

Dear Peter

See below, I find it shocking to say the least that we allow this in a state that values natural resources (or rather some).

Please Ban turtle harvesting!

Kevin Sinton

Sent from my iPad

Dear Chair Hansen and members of the House Environment committee,
I am writing in support of HF 387 to halt the harvest of turtles.
Turtles are threatened with extinction, and we should improve and protect their habitat.
Sincerely,
Birgit Johnson

Mr. Strohmeier:

I want to be on the record in support of Minnesota House File 387, introduced by Representative Samantha Vang.

The State of Minnesota needs to protect its wildlife much more than it has done in the past. The human race has exploited so much of the Earth's resources that we have created damaging changes in habitats that we don't even understand.

There is no reason for turtle harvesting in the modern world, especially because most of MN's turtles are being sold for meat or for the pet trade (particularly in Asia). This meat is not for sustenance; it is a wholly unnecessary luxury item.

We need to protect our turtles now. In addition, the DNR should refuse to renew the current harvest licenses as soon as they expire, from here on.

Turtles do not reproduce nearly as fast as many larger mammals. They are far from being overabundant; in fact, they have been decreasing in Minnesota (as a general trend), over the last 150 years.

Every species that we overharvest ends in upsetting the balance of an ecosystem. We already have too many such situations, and have compromised the habitats in too many areas of the state.

Please add my name in support of HF 387.

Thank you.

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