

Wildlife and Parks Commission

Notice of Hearing of Proposed Administrative Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife and Parks Commission at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2006 at the Courtyard Marriot, 310 Hammons Drive, Junction City, Kansas, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed administrative regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

A workshop meeting on business of the Wildlife and Parks Commission will begin at 1:30 p.m., April 27 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at 5:30 p.m. then resume at 7:00 p.m. at the same location for the regulatory hearing. There will be public comment periods at the beginning of the afternoon and evening meetings for any issues not on the agenda and additional comment periods will be available during the meeting on agenda items. Old and new business may also be discussed at this time. If necessary to complete the hearing or other business matters, the commission will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. April 28 at the location listed above.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and economic impact statements in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Sheila Kemmis, Commission secretary, at (620) 672-5911. Persons with a hearing impairment may call the Kansas Commission of Deaf and Hard Hearing at 1-800-432-0698 to request special accommodations.

This 30-day notice period prior to the hearing constitutes a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on proposed administrative regulations.

All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Chairman of the Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612 or to sheilak@wp.state.ks.us if electronically. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity at the hearing to express their views orally in regard to the adoption of the proposed regulations. During the hearing, all written and oral comments submitted by interested parties will be considered by the commission as a basis for approving, amending and approving, or rejecting the proposed regulations.

The regulations that will be heard, in addition to the regulation contained in the previously published 60 day notice, during the regulatory hearing portion of the meeting are as follows:

K.A.R. 115-25-7. This permanent regulation sets the antelope open season, bag limit and permits. The proposed changes for 2006 include increasing firearms and muzzleloader allocations by a combined total of 18 permits and offering unlimited nonresident archery permits.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendment is not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-8. This permanent regulation sets the elk open season, bag limit and permits. The proposed changes for 2006 include increasing any-elk allocations by 5 total permits and the allowance for unlimited hunt-on-your-own-land permits authorized over the

entire state.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendment is not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies or the public

K.A.R. 115-25-9. This permanent regulation sets the deer open season, bag limit and permits. The proposed changes for 2006 include shortening the January antlerless season by one day, allowing for the purchase of antlerless permits and game tas without the necessity of an antlered permit after December 30, and removing checkstation provisions in the western part of the state.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendment is not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies or the public

Copies of the complete text of the regulations and their respective economic impact statements may be obtained by writing the chairman of the Commission at the address above, electronically on the department's website at www.kdwp.state.ks.us, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

John R. Dykes, Chairman