

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**K.A.R. 115-7-1.** Fishing; legal equipment, methods of take and other provisions.

**DESCRIPTION:** This regulation establishes legal fishing equipment and methods for sportfish and for nonsportfish. The proposed amendments would allow for limited hand fishing as well as require the use of carcass tags for the paddlefish snagging season in lieu of the mandatory checkstation. These amendments are the result of statewide public meetings for fisheries regulation and are part of a larger regulatory package involving fisheries.

**FEDERAL MANDATE:** None.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The proposed amendments will simplify the regulations with regard to the paddlefish seasons and offer a new opportunity, hand fishing. Consequently there may be some positive economic impact but it would be purely speculative at this point. Otherwise, we would anticipate no substantive economic impact to the department, other state agencies, or the public.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.