

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**K.A.R. 115-25-6.** Turkey; spring season, bag limit, permits and game tags.

**DESCRIPTION:** This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting unit boundaries, bag limits, application periods and season dates for the spring turkey hunting season. The proposal would amend the current unit boundaries to expand current turkey management unit 3 and opening an archery-equipment only season annually on April 1.

**FEDERAL MANDATE:** None

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** It is anticipated that approximately 42,000 permits and 14,600 turkey game tags will be issued in 2007, based on 2006 permit allocation data. The estimated 42,000 permits include 24,500 regular resident permits, 9,300 landowner-tenant permits, 8,300 non-resident permits, and 75 youth permits. The estimated 14,600 turkey game tags includes 10,100 resident game tags and 4,500 nonresident game tags. Estimated revenue if the above number of permits and tags are issued would be \$1,024,500. That amount represents an equal expenditure for those individuals desiring to participate in the spring turkey season. Administrative costs associated with the season are borne by the department.

Approximately 283,000 recreational days of hunting could occur, thus providing economic benefit to businesses providing goods and services. No other economic impact on the general public or on other state agencies is anticipated.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.