

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-18-10. Importation and possession of certain wildlife; prohibition, permit requirement, and restriction.

DESCRIPTION: This regulation lists species illegal to import or possess in Kansas. Listed species are considered nuisance species and pose a threat to native fauna if they become established in Kansas. The proposed amendment would add the white perch to the prohibited species list. Individuals in legal possession of these species before the species becomes prohibited would be able to obtain a permit to retain those individual fish.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: White perch exist in two reservoirs in Kansas and are considered a problem species and can spread rapidly within other water bodies if introduced. However, some anglers like to use white perch as bait in those reservoirs to catch other species where white perch already exist. By adding the white perch to the list of prohibited species, anglers would still be able to possess and use white perch so long as those fish are not alive. The Department does not anticipate any other economic impact to the public, other state agencies, or the Department itself due to the addition of these species to the list of prohibited species.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.