

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 diploid (fertile) grass carp 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: Diploid grass carp represent a threat to the State of Kansas if they escape from confinement. Although diploid grass carp are used in the aquaculture industry in Kansas, 28 states have banned the possession and use of diploid grass carp out of the 38 states that allow their importation and stocking. The 28 states banning the possession of diploid grass carp allow the use of triploid (sterile) grass carp. Therefore, there may be some economic impact to the aquaculture industry by switching to triploid grass carp but any amount is purely speculative at this time. However, the Department has engaged in dialogue with the aquaculture industry to inform them of this potential change. 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.