

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-18-12. Trout permit; requirements, restrictions, and permit duration.

DESCRIPTION: This permanent regulation establishes the trout permit and for what types of fishing the trout permit is needed. The proposed change would be to require a trout permit for those individuals over the age of 15 who desire to fish for or to fish for and possess trout. The purpose of the change is to recruit more youth anglers into the trout program and the creel limit for those under 16 would be less than an individual who possesses a trout permit. The change would not preclude those under 16 from purchasing a trout permit if that individual wanted to catch or possess a full creel limit.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: These proposed amendment is intended to increase youth angler participation in the trout program. There will be some fiscal impact to the department with increased numbers of youths fishing and presumably catching and keeping trout but that amount is purely speculative at this point and would presumably be offset when those individuals continue to fish for trout upon reaching the age when a trout permit is required. Otherwise, no substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies or members of the public is anticipated.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.