

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 increase the number of permits available in Unit 4 and open the youth/disabled season concurrently with the archery-only season on April 1 running through the opening day of the firearm season.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None

ECONOMIC IMPACT: It is anticipated that approximately 44,089 permits and 20,105 turkey game tags will be issued in 2008, based on 2007 permit allocation data. The estimated 44,089 permits include 24,706 regular resident permits (of which 3,777 are resident youth permits), 8017 landowner-tenant permits, 11,366 non-resident permits, and 57 permits set aside for youths in Unit 4. The estimated 20,105 turkey game tags include 12,463 resident game tags (of which 1,213 are resident youth game tags) and 7,642 nonresident game tags. Estimated revenue if the above number of permits and tags are issued would be \$1,155,540. 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 320,000 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.