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Mr. Michael Hayden, Secretary Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks 1020 SW Kansas Avenue, Room 200 BUILDING MAIL

Dear Secretary Hayden:

At its meeting on February 15, 2008, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations reviewed for public comment rules and regulations concerning big game, legal equipment and taking methods; wild turkey, legal equipment and taking methods; deer permits, descriptions and restrictions; weigh-in black bass fishing tournaments using tournament black bass pass; weigh-in black bass fishing tournaments not using tournament black bass pass; and use of crossbows and locking draws for big game and wild turkey hunting by persons with disabilities, application, permit, and general provisions. After discussion, the Committee had the following comments.

KAR 115-4-4. In subsection, (a)(1)(D), the Committee believes there is a need to restore the word "device." Also, the Committee is concerned with the term "muzzleloading" in that the term is used to describe rifles and pistols which are becoming more modern. The Committee questions why the definition of "muzzleloading" is not restricted to those weapons with original muzzleloading technology.

Prior to filing with the Secretary of State, review the history sections of the rules and regulations to update them to the most recent statutory citations, making certain the citations for authorizing and implementing statutes are correct and complete. Please indicate your agency's website address in the filing notice where proposed regulations can be located. In addition, if your agency accepts written comments by e-mail include this information in the public notice. Further, e-mail requests for public accommodation should be included as a part of the notice. Finally, verify that the adoption by reference of any materials included in the regulations is properly completed as prescribed in the *Policy and Procedure Manual for the Adoption of Kansas Administrative Regulations*.

Please make this letter a part of the public record on these regulations. The Committee will review the regulations, which the agency ultimately adopts, and reserves any expression of legislative concern to that review.

To assist in that final review:

- Please inform the Joint Committee and me, in writing, at the time the rules and regulations are adopted and filed with the Secretary of State, of any and all changes which have been made following the public hearing.
- Please notify the Joint Committee and me, in writing, when your agency has adopted the regulations as permanent; delayed implementation of the regulations; or decided not to adopt any of the regulations.
- Also, please indicate separately to the Joint Committee and me, any changes made to the proposed regulations reviewed by the Committee.

Based upon direction from the Committee, failure to respond to each and every comment contained in this letter may result in the request that a spokesperson from your agency appear before the Committee to explain the agency's failure to reply.

Sincerely,

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