

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 to 325 by eliminating Unit 4 youth only permits and make all youth turkey permits (15 and under) valid in all units.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None

ECONOMIC IMPACT: It is anticipated that approximately 43,498 permits and 18,904 turkey game tags will be issued in 2010, based on 2009 permit allocation data. The estimated 43,498 permits include 25,229 regular resident permits (of which 4,445 are resident youth permits), 6,728 landowner-tenant permits, and 11,320 non-resident permits. The estimated 18,904 turkey game tags include 11,218 resident game tags and 7,686 nonresident game tags. Estimated revenue if the above number of permits and tags are issued would be \$1,151,590. 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.