

Wildlife and Parks Commission

Notice of Hearing of Proposed Administrative Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife and Parks Commission at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 15, 2009 at the VFW, 610 E Walnut, Sedan, Kansas, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed administrative regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

A workshop meeting on business of the Wildlife and Parks Commission will begin at 1:30 p.m., October 15, at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at 5:30 p.m. then resume at 7:00 p.m. at the same location for the regulatory hearing. There will be public comment periods at the beginning of the afternoon and evening meetings for any issues not on the agenda and additional comment periods will be available during the meeting on agenda items. Old and new business may also be discussed at this time. If necessary to complete the hearing or other business matters, the commission will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. October 16 at the location listed above.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and economic impact statements in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Sheila Kemmis, Commission secretary, at (620) 672-5911. Persons with a hearing impairment may call the Kansas Commission of Deaf and Hard Hearing at 1-800-432-0698 to request special accommodations.

This 60-day notice period prior to the hearing constitutes a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on proposed administrative regulations.

All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Chairman of the Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612 or to sheilak@wp.state.ks.us if electronically. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity at the hearing to express their views orally in regard to the adoption of the proposed regulations. During the hearing, all written and oral comments submitted by interested parties will be considered by the commission as a basis for approving, amending and approving, or rejecting the proposed regulations.

The regulations that will be heard during the regulatory hearing portion of the meeting are as follows:

K.A.R. 115-2-1. This permanent regulation sets the fees for various licenses, permits and other issues of the Department. The proposed amendments would offer a price decrease for spring turkey permits and game tags if purchased in combination prior to the start of the season.

Economic Impact Summary: No appreciable negative economic impact is anticipated for the Department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-2-3a. This permanent regulation sets the fees for cabin camping

permits. The proposed amendments would add new cabins anticipated to be available in the next calendar year.

Economic Impact Summary: No appreciable negative economic impact is anticipated for the Department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-7-1. This permanent regulation establishes the legal equipment, methods of taking and other provisions for fishing. The proposed amendments would remove mandatory take provisions for paddlefish snagging and allow archery and crossbow equipment for taking of certain sportfish.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-7-3. This permanent regulation establishes requirements for the taking of bait fish or minnows. The proposed amendments would allow the take of gizzard shad larger than 12 inches in total length.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-7-10. This new permanent regulation establishes special provisions related to fishing. The proposed version of the regulation would prohibit tagging or marking of fish.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-8-6. This permanent regulation establishes requirements for fishing, fish bait, and seining on department managed or owned lands and waters. The proposed amendments would change the minimum acreage of department managed waters from 500 to 1201 acres related to the use of set lines or trot lines.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-20-7. This new permanent regulation establishes legal equipment, taking methods, and possession for doves. The proposed version of the regulation is necessary to address legal methods of take due to the expansion of dove hunting seasons for exotic dove species.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-6. This exempt regulation establishes the spring turkey season, bag limit, permits and game tags. The proposed version would allow increase the number of permits available in Unit 4 by eliminating special youth Unit 4 permits and make all

statewide youth turkey permits valid in Unit 4.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-14. This exempt regulation establishes fishing requirements related to creel limit, size limit, possession limit and open season. The proposed version makes changes to the reference document and the addition or deletion of waters from the special creel limits, length limits or bait restrictions.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

Copies of the complete text of the regulations and their respective economic impact statements may be obtained by writing the chairman of the Commission at the address above, electronically on the department's website at www.kdwp.state.ks.us, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Kelly Johnston, Chairman