

Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 13, 2011 at the KDWPT Operations Office, 512 SE 25th Ave, Pratt, Kansas, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.

A general discussion and workshop meeting on business of the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission will begin at 1:30 p.m., October 13 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 more business and 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 business matters, the Commission will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. October 14 at the location listed above.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting and may request the meeting materials in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the meeting should be made at least five working days in advance of the meeting by contacting Sheila Kemmis, Commission Secretary, at (620) 672-5911. Persons with a hearing impairment may call the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of 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, Parks, and Tourism, 1020 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612 or to sheila.kemmis@ksoutdoors.com 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. 115-2-3. This permanent regulation establishes the camping, utility and other fees for state parks. The proposed amendments would increase utility fees by \$1.00 to offset rising utility costs.

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. 115-8-1. This permanent regulation establishes hunting, furharvesting, and discharge of firearms restrictions on public lands. The proposed amendments update the reference document restrictions for various properties.

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. 115-8-9. This permanent regulation establishes camping restrictions on department lands and waters. The proposed amendments would waive occupancy requirements for prepaid state park campsites reserved through the departments electronic reservation system.

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. 115-8-10. This permanent regulation establishes provisions and restrictions for pets on department lands and waters. The proposed amendments would allow pets in designated public-use department cabins.

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. 115-17-1. This permanent regulation establishes legal species, harvest seasons, size restrictions, daily limits, and possession limits for commercial harvest of fish bait. The proposed amendments would remove amphibians from the list of species available for commercial harvest and are proposed in conjunction with a regulation package designed to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive 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. 115-17-2. This permanent regulation establishes commercial sale of fish bait requirements. The proposed amendments would alter the list of fish and crayfish species available for commercial sale, require certification of pathogen free status, require holding and retail tanks to use a potable water source, and require receipts to accompany bait fish sales. The amendments are proposed in conjunction with a regulation package designed to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species.

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

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K.A.R. 115-17-2a. This new permanent regulation establishes testing procedures for certification of pathogen free status of bait fish for sale. The proposed regulation would enact testing procedures similar to those used in other states and are proposed in conjunction with a regulation package designed to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive 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. 115-17-3. This permanent regulation establishes requirements, applications and general provisions for commercial fish bait permit. The proposed amendments would require certain record keeping aspects and are proposed in conjunction with a regulation package designed to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive 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. 115-17-4. This permanent regulation establishes legal equipment, taking methods and general provisions for commercial harvest of fish bait. The proposed amendment would remove amphibians from the list of species and is proposed in conjunction with a regulation package designed to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive 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. 115-17-5. This permanent regulation establishes open areas for commercial harvest of fish bait. The proposed amendments would remove amphibians from the open areas for commercial harvest and are proposed in conjunction with a regulation package designed to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive 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. 115-17-10. This permanent regulation establishes permit requirements, application, reports, and permit revocations for commercial harvest of fish. The proposed amendments would update and streamline the regulation and are proposed in conjunction with a regulation package designed to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive 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. 115-17-11. This permanent regulation establishes legal equipment and taking methods, identification tags and identification tag fee for commercial harvest of fish. The proposed amendments would update the regulation and are proposed in conjunction with a regulation package designed to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive 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. 115-17-12. This permanent regulation establishes legal species, seasons, size restrictions, daily limits, and possession limits for commercial harvest of fish. The proposed amendments would require that certain species of fish be dispatched prior to transport after commercial harvest and are proposed in conjunction with a regulation package designed to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive 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. 115-25-14. This exempt regulation establishes statewide limits and open season for fishing in Kansas. The proposed version would establish a new trout location and adjust length and creel limits for certain water bodies.

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.kdwpt.state.ks.us, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman