

Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. 5th St, Colby, 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., April 25 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at approximately 5:00 p.m. and then resume at 6:30 p.m. at the same location for the regulatory hearing and more business. There will be public comment periods at the beginning of the afternoon and evening meeting 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. April 26 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 the 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@ks.gov 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. 115-5-1. This permanent regulation establishes legal equipment, taking methods and general provisions for furbearers and coyotes. The proposed amendments would clarify existing law relating to measuring of jawspread on traps.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-5-2. This permanent regulation establishes possession, disposal and general

provisions for furbearers and coyotes. This proposed amendments to the regulation would negate certain biological reporting requirements for trapping.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-5-4. This permanent regulation establishes tagging, disposal, legal equipment, shooting hours, and general provisions for nonresident bobcat hunting permits. This proposed amendments to the regulation would remove outdated provisions related to tagging and effective dates on nonresident bobcat hunting permits

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-6-1. This permanent regulation establishes applications, authority, possession of furs, records, and revocation for fur dealer licenses. The proposed amendments to the regulation would allow the sale of swift fox pelts from states that don't have tagging requirements for swift foxes.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-8-1. This permanent regulation establishes requirements for hunting, furharvesting, and discharge of firearms on department lands and waters. The proposed amendments would make adjustments to various properties.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-13-4. This permanent regulation establishes requirements for furbearer and coyote field trial permits. The proposed amendments to the regulation would remove mapping requirements for field trial permits.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-20-7. This permanent regulation establishes legal equipment, taking methods, and possession for migratory doves. The proposed amendments to the regulation would remove pellet guns as a legal method of take for migratory doves.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-25-11. This exempt regulation establishes open seasons and bag limits for furbearers. The proposed version of the regulation increases the season long otter bag limit and adjusts the season start time by 6 hours.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other

state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

Copies of the complete text of each regulation and its respective economic impact statement 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