

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, March 16, 2006 at the Kansas Natural History Museum, 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, 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., March 16 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. March 17 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 general fee requirements for various issuances of the department. The proposed amendments include increasing big game hunt on your own land permit types to conform with big game landowner/tenant permit prices, making big game permits for youths under 16 half-price of the corresponding adult big game permits, and creation of a fee for a nonresident archery antelope permit.

Economic Impact Summary: The increase of various fees for permit types could result in an increase of \$102,575, all of which would accrue to the wildlife fee fund. Otherwise, the proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies or the public.

K.A.R. 115-2-4. This permanent regulation provides for fees related to boating and

vessel registrations. The proposed amendment includes increasing the cost of duplicate issuances by \$5 to conform with the cost of other duplicate issuances within the department.

Economic Impact Summary: The increase could result in an additional \$1,660 generated in FY 06 and an additional \$3,320 in FY07, all of which would accrue to the boating fee fund. Otherwise, the proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, or the public.

K.A.R. 115-4-6. This permanent regulation sets the boundaries for deer firearm management units. The proposed amendment includes adding Fort Leavenworth to the areas with urban unit designations, thereby allowing greater flexibility in season dates.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed regulation is not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-5. This exempt regulation sets the fall turkey season bag limits, dates and permit allocations. The proposed amendment would allow the fall turkey season to run continuously from the opening date of October 1 through January 31 of the following year.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed regulation is not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, 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.

John R. Dykes, Chairman