

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-25-5 Turkey; open season, bag limit, and permits

DESCRIPTION: This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting unit boundaries, bag limit, application periods and season dates for the 2006 fall firearm and archery wild turkey seasons. One substantive change is proposed. The length of the fall wild turkey hunting season would be extended through the end of January running continuous from the opening date. Otherwise, the regulation would be unchanged from previous seasons.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None

ECONOMIC IMPACT: It is anticipated that 15,500 fall turkey hunting permits and tags will be issued in 2006. This total includes 9500 resident permits, 4,500 second turkey game tags and 1500 nonresident permits. Estimated revenue if all permits are issued would be \$280,000. That amount represents an equal expenditure for those individuals desiring to participate in the fall turkey hunting season. Administrative costs associated with the season are borne by the department.

The department estimates over 25,000 days of hunting activity will 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.