

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 2007 fall firearm and archery wild turkey seasons. The proposed change would expand the boundaries of turkey management unit 3 to conform this regulation with unit boundary changes for the spring season regulation. Otherwise, the regulation would be unchanged from previous seasons.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None

ECONOMIC IMPACT: It is anticipated that 15,150 fall turkey hunting permits and tags will be issued in 2007. This total includes 9,200 resident permits, 4,125 second turkey game tags and 1,825 nonresident permits. Estimated revenue if all permits are issued would be \$263,250. 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 24,000 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.