

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 13, 2008 at Memorial Hall, 120 SW 10th St, 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 2:30 p.m., March 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 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 14 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. 115-4-4. This permanent regulation establishes legal equipment and taking methods for big game. The proposed amendments would allow the use of knapped broadhead points for archery hunting, the use of scopes on muzzleloaders during the muzzleloader season, the use of hard-cast solid lead bullets for muzzleloader and firearms hunting, the use of .22 caliber centerfire cartridges for deer and antelope firearms hunting and the use of crossbows during the firearms season.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, or the

public.

K.A.R. 115-4-4a. This permanent regulation establishes legal equipment and taking methods for wild turkey. The proposed amendments would allow the use of knapped broadhead points for archery hunting and the use of crossbows during the spring firearms season.

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

K.A.R. 115-4-13. This permanent regulation establishes the descriptions and restrictions for deer permits. The proposed amendments are the result of legislation passed by the 2007 Legislature. The proposed amendments would allow for a resident any-season white-tailed deer permit, simplify antlerless permits, allow nonresidents to select the season for use of white-tailed deer permits, allow for nonresidents to apply for limited mule deer stamps to convert white-tailed deer permits to either-species, either-sex permits and cease the transferability of hunt-on-your-own-land permits.

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

K.A.R. 115-18-7. This permanent regulation establishes the use of crossbows and locking devices for persons with disabilities while hunting big game and wild turkeys. The proposed amendments would allow for the use of knapped broadhead points and scopes with magnification.

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

K.A.R. 115-7-8. This permanent regulation establishes requirements for weigh-in black bass fishing tournaments using tournament black bass pass. The proposed amendment would allow the secretary to waive proximity to water requirements if no inordinate risk to the wildlife resource is posed.

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

K.A.R. 115-7-9. This permanent regulation establishes requirements for weigh-in black bass fishing tournaments not using tournament black bass pass. The proposed amendment would allow the secretary to waive proximity to water requirements if no inordinate risk to the wildlife resource is posed.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative 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.

Kelly Johnston, Chairman