

## 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, June 26, 2008 at the Bethel College, Fine Arts Center, Kreihbel Auditorium, 300 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, North Newton, 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., June 26, 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. June 27 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 30-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](mailto: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. 115-25-1.** This exempt regulation establishes the open seasons, bag limit and possession limits for prairie chickens. The proposed changes would change the opening date of the northwest and east units to the first Saturday in November beginning in 2009.

**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. 115-25-1a.** This exempt regulation establishes the open seasons, bag limit and possession limit for quail. The proposed changes would close the 2008-2009 quail season on January 31 of 2009 and open the youth quail season for the 2009-2010 season on the first Saturday in November.

**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. 115-25-1b.** This exempt regulation establishes the open seasons, bag limit and possession limit for pheasants. The proposed changes would open the 2009-2010 pheasant season on the second Saturday in November and the youth season on the first Saturday in November.

**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. 115-25-9a.** This exempt regulation establishes additional considerations for the open season, bag limit and permits for deer. The proposed regulation would set the Fort Riley firearms deer season, allow for the issuance of antlerless either-species, either-sex deer permits where warranted and establish a special antlerless only whitetail season in the north central part of the state in January of 2009.

**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. 115-25-19.** This exempt regulation establishes the management unit, hunting season, shooting hours and bag and possession limits for doves. The proposed changes would add a third segment of open season and differentiate between migratory and exotic doves to allow additional opportunity for hunters and increase harvest of exotic doves.

**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. 115-25-21.** This new exempt regulation establishes the management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits for snipe, rail and woodcock. The proposed regulation would simply put into regulatory form the federal frameworks allowed and authorized for at the least the past ten years.

**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](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us), or by

calling (785) 296-2281.

Kelly Johnston, Chairman