

## ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

**K.A.R. 115-25-6.** Turkey; spring season, bag limit, permits and game tags.

**DESCRIPTION:** This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting unit boundaries, bag limits, application periods and season dates for the spring turkey hunting season. The proposal would increase the number of general permits available in Unit 4 to 500, up from 325.

**FEDERAL MANDATE:** None

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** It is anticipated that approximately 42,356 permits and 23,169 turkey game tags will be issued in 2011, based on 2010 permit allocation data. The estimated 42,356 permits include 24,283 regular resident permits (of which 4,605 are resident youth permits), 6,038 landowner-tenant permits, and 12,554 non-resident permits. The estimated 23,169 turkey game tags include 14,227 resident game tags and 8,942 nonresident game tags. Estimated revenue if the above number of permits and tags are issued would be \$1,142,225. That amount represents an equal expenditure for those individuals desiring to participate in the spring turkey season. Administrative costs associated with the season are borne by the department.

Approximately 320,000 recreational days of hunting could occur, thus providing economic benefit to businesses providing goods and services. No other economic impact on the general public, small businesses, or on other state agencies is anticipated.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.