

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-17-2a. Commercial sale of bait fish; testing procedures.

DESCRIPTION: This new permanent regulation establishes the procedure for documenting certification of pathogen free status for the sale of bait fish. This regulation is proposed in conjunction with similar amendments to other regulations governing commercial aspects of fish bait designed to prevent the introduction or transfer of invasive species.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendment could have a negative economic impact on any individuals or businesses currently selling bait fish. However, many other states already require the same testing procedures and in addition, the economic ramifications to the State of Kansas are equally damaging if an invasive species or pathogen is introduced. No other economic impact is expected for the department, other state agencies, small businesses or the remaining public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.