ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-17-4. Commercial harvest of fish bait; legal equipment, taking methods, and general provisions.

<u>DESCRIPTION:</u> This permanent regulation establishes the legal equipment and taking methods for the commercial harvest of fish bait, along with other general provisions. The proposed amendment would remove amphibians from the language of the regulation. This amendment 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 offering fish bait for sale. However, the economic impact to the State of Kansas for introduction of an invasive species is equally damaging. No other economic impact is expected for the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or the remaining public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.