

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-17-9. Commercial mussel fishing; open areas.

DESCRIPTION: This permanent regulation establishes open areas of the state for commercial mussel fishing. The proposed amendments would continue a moratorium on commercial harvesting of mussels for another ten years. The purpose of the moratorium is to address declining mussel numbers and continue to study the impacts of commercial harvesting on the resource.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendment should have no economic impact on the department, other state agencies, small businesses and the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: Alternatives considered included reopening commercial mussel harvest as well as completely eliminating mussel harvesting in Kansas.