

## Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission

### Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2013 at Kansas Historical Museum, 6425 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Topeka, Kansas, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.

A general discussion and workshop meeting on business of the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission will begin at 1:30 p.m., March 21 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at approximately 5:30 p.m. then resume at 7:00 p.m. at the same location for the regulatory hearing and more business. There will be public comment periods at the beginning of the afternoon and evening meeting 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 business matters, the Commission will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. March 22 at the location listed above.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting and may request the meeting materials in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the meeting should be made at least five working days in advance of the meeting by contacting Sheila Kemmis, Commission Secretary, at (620) 672-5911. Persons with a hearing impairment may call the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 1-800-432-0698 to request special accommodations.

This 60-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, Parks, and Tourism, 1020 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612 or to [sheila.kemmis@ksoutdoors.com](mailto:sheila.kemmis@ksoutdoors.com) 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. 115-2-1.** This permanent regulation establishes the price of the nonresident antlered and antlerless deer combination permit as directed by the Legislature.

**Economic Impact Summary:** The proposed amendment is not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

**K.A.R. 115-4-4.** This permanent regulation establishes the legal equipment and taking methods for big game. The proposed amendments remove some archery equipment restrictions, allow the use of crossbows by all individuals in the archery deer season, remove restrictions on elk muzzleloader equipment, allow the use of centerfire cartridges in firearms season, remove shotgun slug gauge restrictions in firearms season, update the regulation for statutory changes and remove restrictions related to possessing certain equipment for the permit type possessed.

**Economic Impact Summary:** The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

**K.A.R. 115-4-4a.** This permanent regulation establishes the legal equipment and taking methods for wild turkeys. The proposed amendments would remove restrictions on archery equipment to coincide with changes in archery deer season, allow the use of crossbows by all individuals in the spring and fall archery season, remove gauge restrictions on shotguns, update the regulation as to statutory changes and remove restrictions related to possessing certain equipment for the permit type possessed.

**Economic Impact Summary:** The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

**K.A.R. 115-18-7.** This permanent regulation establishes the use of crossbows and locking draws for big game and wild turkey hunting for persons with disabilities. The proposed amendments would coincide with the above listed proposed equipment changes for big game hunting equipment related to crossbows.

**Economic Impact Summary:** The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

**K.A.R. 115-25-5.** This exempt regulation establishes the fall season, bag limits and permits for turkey hunting. The proposed change would only close the fall turkey season during the regular firearms deer season.

**Economic Impact Summary:** The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses 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.kdwpt.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwpt.state.ks.us), or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman