

K.A.R. 115-5-1.

**Furbearers and coyotes; legal equipment, taking methods, and general provisions.
POSSIBLE OPTIONS**

As a result of internal Department and Commission meeting public comment on the proposed regulation, the Department suggests that the following options be made for consideration to the version of the regulation submitted for public comment.

No matter what happens with this regulation in terms of amendments, the rest of the regulation must move forward as there are other components within the regulation.

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Option 1: Do not amend continues to be the Department's recommendation and therefore no language change is necessary.

Option 2: Relates to restricting vehicles and radios during the first five days only. Amend proposed subsection (c)(7) and (c)(8) as follows:

(7) The use of motor vehicles for taking coyotes shall be permitted while hunting coyotes, except during the first five days of the regular firearms deer season, including opening day, as specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9.

(8) The use of radios in land or water vehicles shall be permitted for the taking of coyotes, except during the first five days of the regular firearms deer season, including opening day, as specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9.

Option 3: Relates to closing coyote season entirely during the regular firearms season. This option will also require publication and amendment of at least one other regulation, K.A.R. 115-25-12, likely for an August vote, depending on scheduling. Amend proposed subsection (c)(7) and (c)(8) as follows:

(7) The use of motor vehicles for taking coyotes shall be permitted while hunting coyotes, except during the regular firearms deer season as specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9.

(8) The use of radios in land or water vehicles shall be permitted for the taking of coyotes, ~~except during the regular firearms deer season as specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9.~~

Option 4: Relates to no change on the radio and vehicle issue. Amend proposed subsection (c)(7) and (c)(8) as follows:

(7) The use of motor vehicles for taking coyotes shall be permitted while hunting coyotes, ~~except during the regular firearms deer season as specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9.~~

(8) The use of radios in land or water vehicles shall be permitted for the taking of coyotes, ~~except during the regular firearms deer season as specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9.~~

Option 5: The Department has no recommended language for Option 5, due to the complexity, expected ineffectiveness, and constitutional issues associated with the proposal, and does not recommend this option at all.