

## 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, October 17, 2013 at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, 1100 N. Plum, Hutchinson, 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., October 17 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. October 18 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 sets fees for various issues of the department. The proposed amendments would reduce resident and nonresident youth turkey, antelope and deer permit prices.

**Economic Impact Summary:** The proposed fee structure will result in a reduction to the wildlife fee fund of approximately \$191,430. However, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in youth participation that will offset part of the fee fund reduction but any amount is

purely speculative at this point. Otherwise, the amendments will not have any negative economic other agencies, small businesses or the public.

**K.A.R. 115-7-10.** This permanent regulation sets special provisions for fishing. The proposed amendments would prohibit fishing or collection of bait within a fish passage, as defined in the regulation, in order to reduce user conflicts.

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

**K.A.R. 115-25-6.** This exempt regulation establishes the bag limits, permits, and game tags for the spring turkey season. The proposed changes would change opening dates beginning in 2015, splitting the youth season opening date away from the archery season and moving back the firearms season opening date back by one week.

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

**K.A.R. 115-25-14.** This exempt regulation establishes creel limits, size limits, possession limits, and open seasons for fishing. The proposed version of the regulation would update the reference document related to creel limits and size limits at various bodies of water throughout the state.

**Economic Impact Summary:** The proposed version of the regulation is 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