

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-25-5 Turkey; open season, bag limit, and permits

DESCRIPTION: This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting unit boundaries, bag limit and season dates for the 2014 fall wild turkey seasons. The proposed change would reduce the bag limits for units 3, 5 and 6 to take into account several years of poor reproduction. Otherwise, the regulation would be unchanged from previous seasons.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None

ECONOMIC IMPACT: It is anticipated that 12,500 fall turkey hunting permits and tags will be issued in 2014. This total includes 7500 resident permits, 3000 turkey game tags and 2000 nonresident permits. Estimated revenue if all permits are issued would be \$255,000. That amount represents an equal expenditure for those individuals desiring to participate in the fall turkey hunting season. Administrative costs associated with the season are borne by the department.

The department estimates over 24,000 days of hunting activity will occur, thus providing economic benefit to businesses providing goods and services. No other economic impact on the general public, small businesses or on other state agencies is anticipated.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.