

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 2017 fall wild turkey seasons. The proposed change would close the fall season for units 3, 5 and 6 to take into account several years of poor reproduction and correct an error in the boundary descriptions. Otherwise, the regulation would be unchanged from previous seasons.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None

ECONOMIC IMPACT: In 2015, the department issued 12,133 fall turkey permits of various types, generating \$211,590. It is anticipated that the closure of the fall season in three additional units will reduce permit sales by 7300 permits, and reducing income to the wildlife fee fund by approximately \$130,000. 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.