

Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 28, 2019 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Emerald I & II, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd., 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 28 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at approximately 5:00 p.m. then resume at 6:30 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 29 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 the proposed administrative regulation.

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@ks.gov 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 regulation 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 fees. The proposed amendments would remove fees for duplicate issues as the agency transitions towards electronic licensing.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposal would reduce fees in the amount of approximately \$126,000 annually to the wildlife fee fund based on previous duplicate issuances. No other substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-2-3. This permanent regulation establishes camping, utility and other fees. The proposed amendments would remove fees for duplicate issues as the agency transitions towards electronic licensing.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposal would reduce fees in the amount of approximately \$1500 annually to the park fee fund based on previous duplicate issuances. No other substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-2-4. This permanent regulation establishes boating fees. The proposed amendments would remove fees for duplicate issues as the agency transitions towards electronic licensing.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposal would reduce fees in the amount of approximately \$13,500 annually to the boating fee fund based on previous duplicate issuances. No other substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-3-2. This permanent regulation establishes legal equipment, taking methods, and possession requirements for rabbits, hares and squirrels. The proposed amendments would clarify that lures, decoys and calls may be used when hunting these species.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-4-4. This permanent regulation establishes legal equipment and taking methods for big game. The proposed amendments would allow the use of a new bullet type for taking big game.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-4-11. This permanent regulation establishes requirements for big game and wild turkey applications. The proposed amendments would align application dates for resident big game permit drawings.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-8-2. This permanent regulation establishes requirements for blinds, stands, and decoys on department lands and waters. The proposed amendments would remove the requirement that portable blinds may not be left overnight.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

K.A.R. 115-9-5. This permanent regulation establishes effective dates for hunting,

fishing, and furharvester licenses, state park permits and annual trail passes. The proposed amendments would clean up language related to annual trail passes as the regulation related to those passes was revoked previously by the commission.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

Copies of the complete text of the regulation and its 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, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman