

## 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, November 14, 2019 at the William Carpenter 4-H Building, Exhibit Building, Scott County Community Center and Fairground Facilities, 608 N. Fairground Road, Scott City, Kansas to consider the approval and adoption of the proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.

A general discussion and workshop meeting on the business of the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission will begin at 1:30 p.m., November 14 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at approximately 5:00 p.m. and 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. November 15 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.

In addition to the previously published notice, 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 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@ks.gov](mailto: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 regulations, in addition to the previously published notice, that will be heard during the regulatory hearing portion of the meeting are as follows:

**K.A.R. 115-4-2.** This permanent regulation sets general provisions for big game and wild turkey. The proposed amendments would allow the use of electronic carcass tagging as the agency moves towards electronic licensing and permitting.

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

anticipated.

**K.A.R. 115-7-3.** This permanent regulation provides for taking and use of baitfish or minnows. The proposed amendments would require that crayfish, leeches, amphibians and mussels that are used as fishing bait conform to the same requirements for baitfish to reduce the risk of transmission of invasive species.

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

**K.A.R. 115-7-4.** This permanent regulation sets requirements for fish processing and possession. The proposed amendments would allow use of electronic carcass tagging as the agency moves towards electronic licensing and permitting.

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

**K.A.R. 115-25-5.** This exempt regulation sets the fall season, bag limit and permits for turkeys. The proposed version of the regulation would close the fall season in three of the five currently open units.

**Economic Impact Summary:** The proposed version of the regulation is expected to reduce fees to the department in the amount of \$82,884 and the collateral economic impact to the State of Kansas will be an estimated reduction of \$5,308,560. Otherwise, no substantial negative economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

**K.A.R. 115-25-6.** This exempt regulation sets the spring season, bag limit, permits and game tags. The proposed version of the regulation would reduce the spring bag limit for turkeys in three units from two birds to one bird.

**Economic Impact Summary:** The reduction in bag limit is estimated to reduce fees collected by the department in the amount of \$243,810. The collateral economic benefit to the State of Kansas for the spring turkey season is estimated to be \$58,135,600. Otherwise, no substantial negative economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

Copies of the complete text of each regulation and its respective economic impact statement may be obtained by writing the chairman of the Commission at the address above, electronically on the department's website at [ksoutdoors.com](http://ksoutdoors.com), or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman