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Mr. Robin Jennison, Secretary Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism 1020 S. Kansas Avenue, Room 200 Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Secretary Jennison:

At its meeting on May 16, 2017, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations reviewed for public comment rules and regulations concerning KAR 115-16-3, nuisance bird control permit, application, provisions, and requirements; KAR 115-20-2, certain wildlife, legal equipment, taking methods, possession, and license requirement; KAR 115-20-7, migratory doves, legal equipment, taking methods, and possession; KAR 115-25-9a, deer, open season, bag limit, and permits, additional considerations, military subunits; KAR 115-25-19, doves, management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits. After discussion, the Committee had the following comments.

Suggestion. The Committee suggests the agency consider some type of hunter education with respect to the identification of migratory and exotic doves to increase the likelihood hunters will follow the appropriate restrictions.

Prior to filing with the Secretary of State, review the history sections of the rules and regulations to update them to the most recent statutory citations, making certain the citations for authorizing and implementing statutes are correct and complete. Please indicate your agency's website address in the filing notice where proposed regulations can be located. In addition, if your agency accepts written comments by e-mail include this information in the public notice. Further, e-mail requests for public accommodation should be included as a part of the notice. Finally, verify that the adoption by reference of any materials included in the regulations is properly completed as prescribed in the Policy and Procedure Manual for the Adoption of Kansas Administrative Regulations.

Please make this letter a part of the public record on these regulations. The Committee will review the regulations the agency ultimately adopts, and reserves any expression of legislative concern to that review.

To assist in that final review:

Please inform the Joint Committee and me, in writing, at the time the rules and regulations are adopted and filed with the Secretary of State, of any and all changes that have been made following the public hearing. Please notify the Joint Committee and me, in writing, when your agency has adopted the regulations as permanent; delayed implementation of the regulations; or decided not to adopt any of the regulations.

Also, please indicate separately to the Joint Committee and me, any changes made to the proposed regulations reviewed by the Committee.

Based upon direction from the Committee, failure to respond to each and every comment contained in this letter may result in the request that a spokesperson from your agency appear before the Committee to explain the agency's failure to reply.

Sincerely,

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