

2006

WESTERN PRAIRIE RATTLESNAKE

Crotalus viridis

SEASON INFORMATION

Commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permit expires on
December 31, 2006.

Commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer permit expires on
December 31, 2006.

**Requested by The Rattlesnake Roundup Committee
Rattlesnake Roundup, Sharon Springs, KS
Special event hunting dates: April 15 - May 14, 2006
Festival dates: May 13 & 14, 2006**

OPEN AREA

The open area for the taking of prairie rattlesnakes on a commercial basis shall be that portion of Kansas west of U.S. highway 283, except Morton County shall not be open for the taking of prairie rattlesnakes on a commercial basis.

(KAR 115-17-18)(a)

LEGALEQUIPMENT

Prairie rattlesnakes may be taken only by hand, by noose, by snake hook, tong or fork and by other methods as approved by the department.

Holding bags, holding baskets and holding cages may be used, provided the name and commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permit number of the permittee is attached to each.

(KAR 115-17-19)

BAG LIMIT

Each commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permittee shall not harvest more than 10 prairie rattlesnakes per day or possess more than 10 prairie rattlesnakes per day in the field during a special event. (KAR 115-17-18)(b)

POSSESSION LIMIT

Each commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permittee shall not possess more than 20 prairie rattlesnakes or the parts of more than 20 prairie rattlesnakes. (KAR 115-17-18)(c)

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin or ancestry, religion, sex, age, handicap or disability. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 S Kansas Ave. Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612.

COMMERCIAL HARVEST PERMIT INFORMATION

A commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permit shall be required to take prairie rattlesnakes on a commercial basis. Any individual may apply for a commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permit.

The commercial harvest of prairie rattlesnakes can only occur during a commercial prairie rattlesnake special event permitted by the department. All commercial harvest permit holders must be registered with the commercial prairie rattlesnake special event prior to selling any prairie rattlesnake or the parts of any prairie rattlesnake.

Any commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permittee may possess legally taken prairie rattlesnake parts as long as the permittee maintains a valid permit. Live prairie rattlesnakes not otherwise disposed of shall be released live and unrestrained not later than the conclusion of the commercial prairie rattlesnake special event.

Prairie rattlesnakes that are less than 18 inches in length may be possessed only during a commercial prairie rattlesnake special event. Such prairie rattlesnakes shall be released live and unrestrained not later than the conclusion of the special event.

Prairie rattlesnakes or their parts may only be sold during a commercial prairie rattlesnake special event to a person legally authorized to purchase prairie rattlesnakes. A bill of sale shall accompany each sale of prairie rattlesnakes or their parts.

Any person may purchase or receive prairie rattlesnakes, their parts or finished products from a commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permittee, however, the prairie rattlesnakes or their parts shall not be purchased or received for resale or sold. Finished products may be purchased or received for any purpose.

Any commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permittee may possess or possess and sell prairie rattlesnake finished products without limit in time.

Any commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer permittee may purchase or receive prairie rattlesnakes, their parts or finished products from a commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permittee.

Each permittee shall maintain a current record of activity and shall submit a final report to the department no later than 14 days following the end of the special event. Reports must be completed and mailed to, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks, 512 SE 25th Ave., Pratt, KS 67124, Attention: Fish and Wildlife Division.

Information provided may not fully reflect all applicable laws or regulations relating to hunting. For additional information contact the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, 512 SE 25th Avenue, Pratt, KS 67124-8174. (620)672-5911

COMMERCIAL DEALER PERMIT INFORMATION

Any person desiring to purchase prairie rattlesnakes, or their parts for resale or for export from the state or both shall make application for a commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer permit.

Upon renewal of a commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer permit, applicant shall provide a description of prairie rattlesnakes or their parts on inventory at the time of renewal application.

Each commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer shall only purchase or receive prairie rattlesnakes or their parts from 1) a commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permittee, 2) a commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer, or 3) a person authorized by another state to sell prairie rattlesnakes.

Commercial prairie rattlesnake dealers may sell prairie rattlesnakes, their parts or finished products to any person. A bill of sale shall accompany each sale of prairie rattlesnakes or their parts. Finished products may be purchased for any purpose.

Commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer may sell legally acquired prairie rattlesnakes or their parts no more than 30 days after the expiration date of the permit, except a commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer may continue to possess and sell legally acquired prairie rattlesnakes or their parts if the commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer permit has been renewed.

Each prairie rattlesnake that is less than 18 inches in length shall not be purchased, offered for sale or sold.

Commercial prairie rattlesnake dealers may possess prairie rattlesnakes, their parts or finished products without regard to numbers.

Each commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer shall maintain records and shall submit a report to the department no later than 30 days following the close of the special event. Reports must be completed and mailed to, KS Department of Wildlife and Parks, 512 SE 25th Ave., Pratt, KS 67124, Attn: Fish and Wildlife Division.

A commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest application or permit and a commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer application or permit may be denied or may be revoked if, the application is incomplete or contains false information, the permittee fails to meet reporting requirements or violates permit conditions, or the permittee violates any provisions of law, rules or regulations related to the commercial use of prairie rattlesnakes.