

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-2-1. Amount of fees.

DESCRIPTION: This permanent regulation establishes fish and wildlife-related license and permit fees. The proposed amendments would set new prices for youth big game and wild turkey permits, antlerless permits for adults to replace deer game tags, and reduce 24 hour fishing permit fees and establishing a youth paddlefish permit, as part of a larger package of fishing regulation changes and as a result of legislation from the previous Legislative session. The regulation changes would be effective for approximately the last half of FY08 and beyond.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The first set of proposed amendments establish half-price big game and wild turkey permits for youth. It is estimated that the changes will reduce income to the wildlife fee fund in the amount of \$44,550 for FY08 and \$128,377.50 for FY 09 if a like number of permits were sold in the last six months of FY08 and all of FY09 as in the previous year. The second set of proposed amendments related to adult big game permits. It is estimated that the changes will result in an increase to the wildlife fee fund in the amount of \$199,875 for FY09 if a like number of permits were sold in FY09 as in the previous year. The adult big game proposed changes will have no fiscal effect for FY08. The proposed change for the 24 hour fishing permit fee would result in a decrease in revenue in the amount of \$45,336 to the wildlife fee fund for FY08 and \$90,672 for FY09, if a similar number of permits were sold as the previous year. However, it is anticipated that the number of 24 hour permits sold will increase and offset the reduction as well as increase angler participation for federal aid purposes but any amount is purely speculative at this time. The proposed change for a youth paddlefish permit at half-price will result in a decrease to the wildlife fee fund in the amount of \$455 for both FY08 and FY09. The fiscal totals for all the proposed changes result in a decrease to the wildlife fee fund in the amount of \$90,677 for FY08 and decrease to the wildlife fee fund in the amount of \$19,629.50 for FY09, assuming no increase in permit or license sales. In addition, the half-price permits for youths for big game, wild turkey and paddlefish are anticipated to increase participation in department regulated activities in future years but any amount of increased participation is purely speculative at this time. Otherwise, no other appreciable economic impact is anticipated for the Department, other agencies or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.