

**115-17-7. Commercial harvest of mussels; legal species, seasons, size restrictions, daily limits, and possession limits.** (a) The following listed mussel species may be taken for commercial purposes, except that no mussels may be commercially harvested on and after January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2022, unless a mussel salvage order has been issued by the secretary through public notice or posting the area open to mussel salvage:

- (1) Threeridge, *Amblema plicata*;
- (2) monkeyface, *Quadrula metanevra*;
- (3) mapleleaf, *Quadrula quadrula*;
- (4) bleufer (purple shell), *Potamilus purpuratus*; and
- (5) Asian clam, *Corbicula fluminea*.

(b) The season for the commercial harvest of mussels shall be on and after April 1 through September 30. However, mussels shall not be commercially harvested on and after January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2022, unless a mussel salvage order has been issued by the secretary through public notice or posting the area open to mussel salvage.

(c) Harvesting requirements shall include the following:

- (1) The minimum size of mussels shall be measured by passing the mussel shell through a circular measuring device with the appropriate inside diameter.
- (2) Measurement shall occur immediately upon removal of the mussel from the water.
- (3) If the mussel passes through the appropriate circular measuring device from any angle or direction, the mussel shall not be deemed to meet the minimum size requirement and shall be immediately returned to the water.
- (4) The minimum shell size for mussel species shall be the following:
  - (A) Threeridge: 3-inch diameter;
  - (B) monkeyface: 2 ¾-inch diameter;
  - (C) mapleleaf and bleufer: 3-inch diameter; and
  - (D) Asian clam: no minimum size.

(d) There shall be no maximum daily or possession limits for mussels. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-941; effective Jan. 1, 1991; amended June 8, 1992; amended Nov. 22, 2002; amended April 18, 2003; amended July 20, 2012.)