

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-17-1. Commercial harvest of fish bait; legal species, harvest seasons, size restrictions, daily limits and possession limits.

DESCRIPTION: This permanent regulation establishes the legal species, harvest seasons, size restrictions and daily and possession limits for the commercial harvest of fish bait. The proposed changes to the regulation would eliminate amphibians from the list of species harvested for commercial fish bait. This amendment is proposed in conjunction with similar amendments to other regulations governing commercial harvest of fish bait in order to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendment could have a negative economic impact on any individuals or businesses currently harvesting amphibians for sale as fishing bait, however, that number is believed to be extremely small. No other economic impact is expected for the department, other state agencies, small businesses or the remaining public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.