

AGENDA
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, PARKS & TOURISM
COMMISSION MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, October 17, 2013
Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center
1100 N. Plum, Hutchinson, KS

- I. CALL TO ORDER AT 1:30 p.m.**
- II. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND GUESTS**
- III. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE August 1, 2013 and August 29, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**
- V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
- VI. DEPARTMENT REPORT**
 - Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation presentation**
 - A. Secretary's Remarks**
 - 1. Agency and State Fiscal Status (Robin Jennison)**
 - 2. 2014 Legislature (Amy Thornton)**
 - B. General Discussion**
 - 1. Tourism Briefing (Linda Craghead)**
 - 2. Bass Pass Discussion (Kyle Austin)**
 - 3. Antelope and Elk 25-Series Regulations (Matt Peek)**
 - 4. Lesser Prairie Chicken Federal Listing Update (Keith Sexson)**
 - C. Workshop Session**
 - 1. Big Game Permanent Regulations (Lloyd Fox)**
 - 2. Deer 25-Series Regulations (Lloyd Fox)**
 - 3. Park Regulations (Linda Lanterman)**
- VII. RECESS AT 5:00 p.m.**
- VIII. RECONVENE AT 7:00 p.m.**
- IX. RE-INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND GUESTS**

X. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

XI. DEPARTMENT REPORT

D. Public Hearing

1. K.A.R. 115-2-1. Amount of fees. (Mike Miller)
2. K.A.R. 115-7-10. Fishing; special provisions. (Kyle Austin)
3. K.A.R. 115-25-14. Fishing; creel limit, size limit, possession limit, and open season. (Kyle Austin)
4. K.A.R. 115-25-6. Turkey; spring season, bag limit, permits, and game tags. (Jim Pitman)

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Future Meeting Locations and Dates

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

If necessary, the Commission will recess on October 17, 2013, to reconvene October 18, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the same location to complete their business. Should this occur, time will be made available for public comment. If notified in advance, the department will have an interpreter available for the hearing impaired. To request an interpreter call the Kansas Commission of Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 1-800-432-0698. Any individual with a disability may request other accommodations by contacting the Commission Secretary at (620) 672-5911. The next commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2014, Southwestern College, 100 College St., Winfield, KS.

**Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 1, 2013
Woodson County Community Building
713 S Fry, Yates Center**

Subject to
Commission
Approval

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 1:30 p.m. CDT

The August 1, 2013 meeting of the Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission was called to order by Chairman Gerald Lauber at 1:30 p.m. at the Woodson County Community Building, Yates Center. Chairman Lauber and Commissioners Don Budd, Tom Dill, Randy Doll, Gary Hayzlett and Robert Wilson were present. Roger Marshall was present via Skype.

II. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS, STAFF AND GUESTS

The Commissioners and Department staff introduced themselves (Attendance roster - Exhibit A). Chairman Lauber welcomed Representative Larry Hibbard and new commissioner Gary Hayzlett from Lakin. Also, former Mayor of Chanute Jim Chappel and Dan Stitt, Mayor of Hamilton were recognized.

III. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA ITEMS

None

IV. APPROVAL OF THE June 27, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Doll – Clarification: on page 17, 18, 19 and 20; 115-15-1, underlined was what was stricken? After discussion decided underlined was agency recommendation. Commissioner Doll moved to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Dill second. **Approved.** (Minutes – Exhibit B).

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Douglas – On coyote issue – we need to get organized and we are trying, but we're grateful you listened to us. Secondly, Jan Marr, a disabled hunter from Coyville who couldn't be here, asked me to talk about why outfitters are not licensed in Kansas. He feels private ground is being taken out of local hunters' hands. Outfitters should be paying a fee; he thought they should pay up to \$5,000 for this license. I thought they were licensed. Ethically, his suggestion makes sense. Thanks on behalf of coyote hunters. Chairman Lauber – At one time outfitters were licensed, finally we couldn't win with one legislative group pushing for economic development and one group paying for it. We have required outfitter to have permits on public lands. Have economic interests that collide; issue will come up from time to time, but it's not easy to address. Tymeson

– We did have a statute that regulated guides and outfitters. It started in 1993 or 1994, proposal in 2000/2001, we did not regulate ethics just minimum standards, and it didn't provide consumer protection. That is Attorney General's (AGs) office responsibility. People on both sides, once we started regulating more heavily, the legislature began reducing the number of species we regulated; then only big game and waterfowl and finally regulation was done away with completely. A lot of issues intertwined in that. Commissioner Budd – Have had this discussion publically and privately. People in House and Senate supersede what we can do, so I encourage you to get in touch with your legislators. I would champion that.

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Secretary's Remarks

Secretary Jennison welcomed Commissioner Hayzlett. Thank Bill for his comments, shows impact of what this agency does. We are different than federal government.

1. Agency and State Fiscal Status – Secretary Jennison, presented this update to the Commission. Last year was a decent year for agency. In FY2011, parks ended up with just over \$400,000 in reserve; this year there was \$1.9 million in park fee fund. Governor allowed us to pay off cabin debt last year, and we have \$900,000 in cabin fee fund. With online registration for camping and holding positions open, parks employees have stepped up. Did take hit on general tax support that parks got; we have embraced that and we will phase in to make parks self-sufficient. We just didn't plan on doing it this soon, but will work on it. Had worst two years back to back with drought and blue-green algae, but record revenues were made. Making repairs on deferred maintenance. Because of gun and ammo sales, PR funds for wildlife fee funds expanded. There was \$3 million more available this year than last year; with certain amount of time to obligate it and spend it. We have held tourism harmless over last few years, EDIF funds were not cut so they are status quo. Still do not have final numbers for FY2014 so waiting to do our budgets, doing two-year budget, know what our bottom line will be for 2014 and 2015. What will impact us the most, appropriations committee attempt to limit number of FTEs we had, were going to hold all agencies to April 2013 numbers, and we had not replaced a lot of employees at that time, had 15 to 20 FTEs not filled; hoped to get parks up to full staff. Governor vetoed the FTE requirement; however, legislature had taken money out of budget and couldn't change that. It will impact wildlife side too even though no tax support there. We may have to hold off on replacing people who leave this year.

B. General Discussion

1. Tourism Briefing - Linda Craghead, Assistant Secretary of Tourism and Parks, presented this update to the Commission. She recognized Jim Zaleski, Tourism Director for Labette County. He was very helpful with the Governor's Fishing Classic. Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) rest stop has a new kiosk near the Topeka exit, can't keep enough travel guides out there, have asked for the opportunity to do that at all KTA stops. Starting fall TV campaign in September, this year will run in-state-only campaign to help keep people in Kansas to recreate. Becky Blake is currently on road show, the second year, making stops in Garden City, Wellington, and Columbus week of July 8; this week in Oakley, Concordia and Atchison.

Average attendance is about 20 people at each location. It is an educational road show. If you follow blog on travel, you'll see blogs on where they are. We continue to work with Fermata on Byway Interpretive Plan and Ecotourism Plan, which we hope to have ready for public review by October 1. We're working with KDOT on byways bike/hike plan; evaluation is trying to figure out how that can happen. We have a group (RDG) biking each byway in September and October to see how it can be done. Working with communities to establish hospitality training for local front line workers (restaurant workers, convenience store workers, etc.) to learn what there is to do in their area and pass that information along; this training will be free. Have implemented online (travelks.com) an impact calculator for industry to calculate economic impact to their area if they host an event (such as Governor's Fishing Derby). This is a free service. Hosting publisher and executive editor of *Midwest Living*, as a direct result of our media tour in Chicago this spring. Preparing for Americana Road Show in Augsburg, Germany from August 24 to September 2. Partnered with Wichita, Kansas City, Dodge City, Great Bend and the Flint Hills Tourism Coalition to raise an additional \$6,000 for that effort. Draft format of sizzle video to be used in Germany to show what we have to offer in Kansas (shown on screen).

With respect to state parks, Robin did great job of recognizing the team efforts. *Introduced Alan Stark, area supervisor, Linda Lanterman, division director, Kim Jones, Cross Timbers and Adam Murray, park ranger.* In better cash position than we were, but team continues to evaluate business practices and programs to enhance state park experience. Working closely with Miss Kansas. Her platform revolves around state parks and wildlife. She will speak later. State park downloadable park ranger app available (7,000 have been downloaded so far); fishing is number one activity, overnight stays and reservations, hunting, hiking and boating are top five listed. All regulations that deal with agency are available on that app. RFP put out for lodge at Clinton SP and have one candidate. Secretary Jennison, Department of Commerce and Department of Administration will be reviewing that. Chairman Lauber – Resort at Clinton in state park, will be separate entrance or will people have to have state park permit to go there? Secretary Jennison – Not looking at park permit requirement, but we have not dealt with that yet. Chairman Lauber – Cost not issue, more of a convenience issue. Secretary Jennison – More discussion once we find a developer. Chairman Lauber - Sale or lease property? Secretary Jennison – A sub-lease; we have 50-year lease from Corps. Commissioner Budd – Who decides? Secretary Jennison – Not involved in process, they consult with me only; Department of Commerce and Department of Purchasing and Contracts will pick the developer. Commissioner Budd – Will it ever come before this commission? Secretary Jennison – No, other than to keep you informed of what is going on. Craghead – *Welcomed Chris Hammerschmidt, state park manager from Elk City.* Soft opening of new shooting facility at Hillsdale this weekend.

2. Big Game Permanent Regulations - Lloyd Fox, big game biologist, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit C). All big game permanent regulations will be discussed at this meeting, looking at public comments and see if further review is necessary. KAR 115-4-2. Big game; general provisions. A photo check deer registration system and other items are part of this. No comments from staff or public were received on this regulation last year and no change or further review is proposed this year. KAR 115-4-4. Big game; legal equipment and taking methods. Extensive modifications of this regulation were done last year. Major changes included changes to allow centerfire rifles and handguns, crossbows as archery equipment, and additional accessory equipment. Hunters have

not had an opportunity to experience how these changes will influence their deer hunting experience. Procedures were created in KAR 115-25-9a that will allow the department to measure the effect of the change concerning addition of crossbows as archery equipment. No additional requests have been received from the public for modifications and no change or further review is proposed this year.

KAR 115-4-6. Deer; firearm management units. No changes in deer management unit boundaries are currently being discussed within the department, or have been requested by the public. Changes in the management unit boundaries complicate trend analysis of hunter participation and harvest of deer. Sub-division of units increases the need for larger sample sizes and more expense to obtain adequate information. No change or further review is proposed this year.

KAR 115-4-11. Big game and wild turkey permit applications (drawing system and preference points). The second Friday in July is deadline for resident applications; the nonresident application deadline is last Friday in April. Other permits can be bought until day before the season ends.

KAR 115-4-13. Deer permits; descriptions and restrictions (explains what antlerless deer are). Last year the permit system was modified to create a nonresident deer permit with two tags, one being restricted to an antlerless white-tailed deer. This change was made to encourage non-resident hunters to harvest antlerless deer in the areas they hunt at similar rates to the way resident hunters take that class of deer. The result of that change will be monitored this year and no change or further review is proposed this year.

3. Deer 25-Series Regulations - Lloyd Fox, big game biologist, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit D). Annual adjustments are made in the season dates and this process initiates the discussion of potential changes for 2014. The recommendations follow the traditional season structure. The number of whitetail antlerless only permits that may be used in each unit will also be evaluated after additional data becomes available. Season dates suggested for deer hunting during 2014-15 are as follows: Youth and Disability, September 6-14, 2014; Early Muzzleloader, September 15-28, 2014; Archery, September 15, 2014 – December 31, 2014; Pre-Rut whitetail antlerless only (new this year), October 11 and 12, 2014; Regular Firearms, December 3-14, 2014; Extended whitetail antlerless only, January 1-11, 2015; Special Extended whitetail antlerless only, January 12-18, 2015; and Extended Archery (DMU 19), January 19-31, 2015; 148 days where deer can be pursued. Consideration will be made on inclusion of DMUs where an extended firearms season will be authorized after additional data becomes available. Effects of factors like mortality due to hemorrhagic disease and fawn recruitment influenced by the drought will be considered. Nine WAs (eight units) allow additional whitetail antlerless only permits. We will bring back in workshop and final vote in March. Chairman Lauber – Minimum number of pre-rut seasons were mandated? Fox – Two-year pilot program I believe; not sure. Will be handled the same way as rest of harvest, contact 33,000 hunters and get usable reports from about 20,000 hunters and that is what we will base our decision on. Chairman Lauber – In pre-rut season, some units don't have large numbers of deer available, could see political problem down the road and controversy. Fox – That is part of process we go through on other whitetail antlerless only seasons also. Chairman Lauber – Do they have index for how they measure success? Fox – That is a difficult human dimensions question. Chairman Lauber – Spawned by feeling we have too many deer and idea of getting more antlerless deer shot. Not sure it is a big issue, but will have to figure out what to do down the road as some areas don't need more harvest. Commissioner Budd – Have you ever done

survey on how many bucks are being harvested and where herd is that is over 150 inches? Those that come to Kansas want to hunt big rack deer, if hurting the herd don't want to do that. Do we have survey information? Fox – Yes, ask what category of deer they took; species, sex, antler class, dropped antlers, fawn or what. Commissioner Budd - Disproportionate number of males that have dropped their antlers? Fox - When ran check station, we examined animals, go to locker plants or surveyed hunters, results the same; less than five percent are adult males, some years as little as one percent. Your second question: What is happening with overall trophy status of deer in Kansas? Weakness is that we don't have a procedure that allows us to obtain samples, no active system where we measure antlers; have passive system, see number and size of deer going to Pope and Young, Boone and Crockett and our own trophy deer award system. Size is holding up pretty well. The number of trophy animals taken is staying strong even though we have increased number of hunters, we're not seeing decline. On our website there are four spreadsheets for firearm typical and nontypical, and archery typical and nontypical; for mule deer and whitetail and shows date animal was taken. The last six to eight years have been good years for deer hunting. We have a wonderful resource in the state and that allows us to make occasional mistakes and they recover.

Dan Stitt, Greenwood County – Personal opinion if pre-rut season, enabling poachers to go out and look for big deer; opening up Pandora's Box. Traffic starts about a month before the season, so think it is a mistake. Chairman Lauber – This was not a Wildlife and Parks initiative. It came out of legislature, and we were able to hone it down, mandated for at least two years. Not sure much affect one way or the other and don't believe extended whitetail season will either. Law Enforcement will have to be more vigilant during this time. Representative Larry Hibbard – Happened before I got up there. Have a lot of individuals who are meat hunters. When shoot button buck do they lose buck tag for that year? Fox – No. Chairman Lauber – Tender to eat, based on statistics not hurting trophy deer, but may hurt gender ratio. Fox – Close to even harvest ratio in Kansas and have for a number of years. We're just giving hunters more options. Hunters frequently select larger deer, young of year deer taken seems to be disproportionate; running well, not being demanding; hunters are selecting what they want to shoot. Mike Pearce – Unit 19 October season, how many years? Fox – Four or five years? Pearce – Percentage of harvest? Fox – Small percent, don't know exactly; hard to even detect that season was going on from harvest survey. Deer there are still being taken with archery equipment. That is why we canceled that and went with two-day season; use it or lose it. Pearce – Because of legislative involvement? Fox – No, we implemented it to help curtail vehicle accidents in that area. Pearce – Hunter orange requirement for all firearm deer seasons? Fox – Restricted to equipment type during that time period, unlike January season where all permits revert to WAO firearms; not during this two-day season. Hunters can use there either-sex permit, but don't expect them to.

Break

C. Workshop Session

1. Fishing Regulations - Doug Nygren, fisheries section chief, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit E). Discussion on reference document, and this is the official workshop for changes for next year. We are recommending some minor changes on lakes in this area. We do have length and creel limit changes for the Grand Osage Wildlife Area, which is the old army ammunition plant down by Parsons. We want to change largemouth bass to 13- to 18-inch slot

limit. Not much concern from anglers when there are no changes on federal reservoirs. We do have a proposal to add four new lakes to float fishing areas: Elk City, Fall River, Glen Elder and Lovewell reservoirs for next year. At Howard-Polk Daniels Lake there should be slot length limit on largemouth bass only, did not intend to add spotted bass. Add Meade to trout Type 2 waters from November 1 to April 15; starting January 1. At the last meeting we had a presentation by Jessica on the fish ladder and canoe passage on the Ark River in Wichita and it has been a tremendous success. It has been a high profile addition to the city, but is causing new conflicts. People are trying to fish on fish ladder when people are trying to canoe or kayak down it. This is our first experience with a fish ladder and we looked at other states and can't find one that allows fishing at the ladder because the fish stack up there and are vulnerable. We want to add an amendment that says no person may fish by any method or collect bait within fish passage, fish ladder or fish way. That will reduce the conflict, and they will still be able to fish below the dam and other locations immediately below the fish ladder. I have actually observed fish moving upstream, so it is doing its job and a lot of people canoeing and kayaking there. Chairman Lauber – Has there been fishing in the ladder? Nygren – Closed by posted notice now, but there was in the beginning. Adding it to the reference document will make it more permanent. Chairman Lauber – Ever thought of increasing floatlines on other lakes? Nygren – Could, but would affect lakes privately owned. Dan Stitt – What about floatline fishing on Fall River? Nygren – Fee involved and have to view, unanchored floating lines. Stitt – Limit on number? Nygren – Eight. Have this on eight lakes now and haven't had any user conflicts so far on these floatlines. Jim Zaleski, Labette County tourism and President and CEO of Parsons Chamber of Commerce – Asking you to expand bass pass to limit of five instead of two, this would match creel limit. We can work with four fish. Challenge is running tournaments on lakes with special length limits. There are 341 lakes, rivers, strip pits and ponds, 35 of those lakes are 100 acres or greater. We are addressing 16 lakes that are 350 acres or greater where we want to change the bass pass limit to five fish. Current bass pass allows two fish over 15-inches but under the special length limit. If we had to only weigh in fish 21 inches or longer 18 inches or longer, at end of day with 25-30 anglers, we'd only be weighing in three to four fish. With bass pass expanded, we could have a real live weigh-in tournament, not a paper tournament. Not going to pull anyone from out-of-state with paper tournaments. From perspective of tournament fisherman and tourism; we want to spur discussion. Commissioner Budd – How many tournaments in Kansas each year? Zaleski – A lot, 24 for American Bass, Kansas State Federation holds several and dozens of small bass clubs that hold five or six a year. No bass brought in at end of tournament, paper only. Want to bring up to par. Nygren – Bass pass created a few years ago to help tournaments be more successful on lakes that have over 15-inch length limit. Anglers can bring in five fish, but only two could be short fish. Black bass pass costs \$12.50 and sell 500-600 a year; not a huge number that have utilized it. Not needed on 15-inch lake, but when 18-inch or a slot limit in place it helps. It is a season, no short bass in heat of summer when mortality would be high. Accept that they could eat legal fish, but most are released. There will be some mortality not related to heat of year. We don't allow the bass pass from June 15 to August 31. Don't know if changing the number will have a biological impact, taken care of that by limiting to cooler time of year. We have not discussed this, would like input from secretary and commission. Chairman Lauber – Paper tournaments are more complicated. Convinced not only social pressure, but honest effort to keep fish alive as long as they can, don't think any effect if four or five fish because will be released at end of tournament. Zaleski – If there is mortality the angler loses a pound at weigh-in and must keep in creel. Two fishermen caught fish over 18 inches last week at Bone Creek. Bass

pass would allow us to care for fish at higher level. Commissioner Budd – If selling 600 bass passes, add additional fish, if 1,800 fish and if 10 percent mortality that is 180 fish. Increase exposure to revenue and exposure to Kansas. Commissioner Doll – If all fish brought in have true weigh-in at end? Zaleski – Bring in people from out-of-state. Weighed, measured and certified on the water now rather than brought in and able to see other guys' fish at the end. Chairman Lauber – Live weigh in is much better; 10 percent mortality is huge, just because we increase from two to five, hook mortality would be the same, catch 20-a-day, but would be able to keep five instead of two. Commissioner Budd – What is downside? Nygren – Options available that other anglers wouldn't have on same lake at same time. Put specific weigh-in regulations in place. Minimized mortality on how tournaments are run. Commissioner Marshall – Consider using barbless hooks instead of treble hooks? Zaleski - Have 6,000 lures with barbs on them; don't see that change being made. Chairman Lauber – Not sure that would be conducive to what we are trying to accomplish, may go backwards. Nygren – There have been benefits in cold water fisheries, most research shows no excessive mortality, not have anything to do with what we are talking about here; we are talking about stress mortality, not hooking mortality. Don't know of any other states requiring that. Commissioner Wilson – Bass would throw lure if barbless. Didn't catch a lot of fish, the guy who won only caught three fish; not every boat in tournament will catch limit of bass; lot of other factors in that. Secretary Jennison – Would be willing to consider, but have not discussed with fisheries guys. Agency has component for tourism now; use to promote state, but will not harm natural resources. Chairman Lauber – Like to see reviewed to see if any issues. Nygren – Have report of when bass pass was first implemented. To have anything in place for next year would have to be voted on in October. Chairman Lauber – Like to get ball rolling and at least explore it.

2. Parks Regulations – Linda Lanterman, parks division director, presented this update to the Commission (Exhibit F). We had a beginning balance this year, and we expect two more months of pretty good revenue; but slow months have set costs and have to prepare for those months. Our intent or desire is to establish a posted notice program that would allow for public input and align state parks with rest of fisheries and wildlife side of business. Other changes may include changes in fees; 2012 utility increase and doing away with second vehicle permit. We want to be strategic on pricing and funding. I gave you a handout on fee structure in cabins (Exhibit G). We stay at 50 percent occupancy or above; however the two obvious at Perry and Wilson at 90 percent. We have two more cabins going into Wilson, but will recommend an increase weekend prime season only – its \$95 at Wilson, and we'll make it \$115. Clinton is at \$115 and it is new. At Perry, fee structure is \$65, not new but modern cabins that KDOC put together, increase to \$85 during prime season weekends only, not affect during the week. Would like to be able to reduce those as needed, be more competitive on those fees. Commissioner Doll – What is number next to main part? Lanterman – Number of cabins. Commissioner Doll – How often booked? Lanterman – Generally, 365 days occupancy. Commissioner Dill – Two more cabins at Wilson; any more or limited area for placement? Lanterman – Look at occupancy. Don't have any at Meade or Elk City right now. Commissioner Doll – No debt service? Lanterman – Paid off. Craghead – Two cabins at Wilson were paid off, too. Commissioner Dill – Estimated cost? Craghead/Lanterman – Depending on site preparation, about \$45,000. Have expenses of 25 percent to 30 percent. Craghead – Building statistical database, getting actual cost per cabin is difficult because utilities are not set up for each cabin separately. Be responsive to business demands and run more like a business. Because of verbiage in current state statutes,

wanted to set up to, but not to exceed, wanted to be able to offer sales; but can't at this point. Commissioner Doll – Do you know how much you have to run for? Lanterman – Not all of them have their own meter, will be able to know at Clinton; will never have water values. Know what it costs to clean and we can do at a lower rate with camp hosts. Commissioner Doll – Goal is to break even. Lanterman – We need to make a little bit. Craghead – Have a business plan in place that will be effective, want to be self-sustaining; paying attention to operating costs. Commissioner Doll – Try to carve out your costs from data. Craghead – Compliment Assistant Secretary Workman on trying to get worksheets together for us. Lanterman – Brings in a different group, seeing high use of cabins. Looking at occupancy rates and trying to move to other areas. Doing well at Wilson. Commissioner Doll – Thought we didn't have any budget authority? Craghead – Right, but do have to set rates for these cabins. Have to be competitive. Commissioner Budd – If no debt service, revenue stream of 100 percent, 30 percent expenses where is 70 percent going? Lanterman – Ten percent of revenue stream still goes to Wildscape. Commissioner Budd – Forever? Tymeson – For 16 more years. Commissioner Budd – Sixty percent goes into account. Lanterman – Pay for mattresses, etc. Craghead – Cabin Fee Fund, portion out some to parks that have cabins. Lost significant state support, part of overall park operations. Commissioner Budd – How much is maintenance? Commissioner Budd – How much is net per year? Secretary Jennison – Only paid off a year ago and no numbers for electricity or utilities so can't really tell you those figures; before paid off 75 percent was going to Wildscape; so barely have a full year and have five or six cabins that were in process so don't have a full year of service on those. Trying to establish average of what electricity costs. Rates were set by Legislature's Rules and Regulations program, in hindsight I think we shot a little low and makes it difficult to react, so trying to see what we have to have to make them pay. Running extremely high occupancy rate on weekends, feel need to increase to see what we are making or not making. Good questions, and same questions we have. Commissioner Budd – Making sure fees we are raising them to is sufficient. Lanterman – Can make cabin registration 365 days in advance. Will start getting rentals for next summer in a few months. These two areas have high occupancy and we may have to come back again. Commissioner Doll – You need more flexibility to deal with day-to-day and month-to-month. Net 60 percent, what kind of revenue is that to department? Lanterman – Roughly about \$1 million a year. Commissioner Marshall – When someone makes reservation for cabin or camping spot, is high cancellation rate? Lanterman – Not very high, but some because of blue-green algae problems. Chairman Lauber – There are cancellation penalties. Commissioner Marshall – What is fee? Lanterman – One night rental. Commissioner Marshall – Need more cabins. Commissioner Wilson – Onset of building of cabins, understanding was this would be bigger than WFF and that is huge for us. Lanterman – Only have 115 cabins, and we were looking at over 150. Craghead – Would still like to get there. Encouraging us to be self-sufficient a lot sooner than we wanted to be, so can't build more right now. Commissioner Wilson – Hope we build more cabins. Lanterman – Need consensus? Commissioner Doll – What is recommendation? Lanterman – Wilson and Perry, \$115 and \$85 for prime weekends. Chairman Lauber – No objections.

3. Spring/Fall 2014 Turkey Regulations - Jim Pitman, wildlife biologist, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit H). KAR 115-5 and 6, both spring and fall. Background: have six management units match up with six hunt units and will allow us to better utilize data. Spring generally has over 41,000 hunters, over 10,000 hunters in the fall; spring purchased over 73,000 permits, substantial increase; 14,261 for fall. Turkey populations suffered with record low

production because of drought, better production last year. Two recommendations for fall 2014 bag limits, 2013 is already set. Reduce bag from four to one, in Units 3, 5 and 6 northeast southeast and south central). A couple of years ago the department adopted a strategy to help guide staff recommendations on wild turkey bag limits during both the spring and fall seasons. Second recommendation pertains to spring turkey seasons. Over the last few years, the popularity of archery hunting has greatly increased, which has led to some conflicts between youth/disabled and archery hunters during the spring season. The department believes the number of conflicts is likely to continue increasing if the season structure remains unchanged. We are recommending a change to season dates to create a youth/disabled season that provides at least one weekend each year free from competition with other hunters and we want to give them a viable archery-only season with at least one full weekend because of its growing popularity. We don't want to open any of the seasons prior to April 1, which is when the majority of the walk-in-hunting area (WIHA) tracts open to public access. To accomplish this it is necessary to move the start of the regular season back a few days which is what the department is recommending. The proposed change would impact pre-planned events like the 2014 Governor's One-shot Turkey Hunt. Proposed Wednesday opener, we have been in contact with Governor's hunt staff, and they support our proposed season date changes for the 2015 turkey season and beyond. The current recommendation is now to leave the spring turkey season structure as it is for the 2014 season. Proposed seasons for youth/disabled, archery-only and regular seasons will be: 2015, April 1-12, April 6-12, April 13-May 31; 2016, April 1-10, April 4-10, April 11-May 31; 2017, April 1-9, April 3-9, April 10-May 31; 2018, April 1-15, April 9-15, April 16-May 31; 2019, April 1-14, April 8-14, April 15-May 31; and 2020, April 1-12, April 6-12, April 13-May 31 (For youth, start April 1 and run through first full weekend and start archery following Monday and run through full weekend, regular season would start third Wednesday).

Commissioner Doll – When going from four to one in those three areas, any feedback from hunters? Pitman – No, when numbers were dropping off we were moving in that direction, but didn't have good harvest strategy in place to move forward in pre-planned fashion and people were asking for that. Numbers are coming back, but hunt success rate is still in 40 to 50 percent range (7-8 years ago 65 to 70 percent success). Reducing bag limit won't bring turkey back alone. It will take good weather and habitat. Chairman Lauber – This is 2014 season and in Units 3, 5 and 6 it will be one bird in fall now? Pitman – Yes. Commissioner Budd – How long opened on Wednesday? Pitman – Ever since I have been in Kansas, at least 15 years, not sure exactly when. Pulled some of numbers for youth/disabled and archery during special seasons; in 2007, when season first started had 7,800 youth/disabled and 4,500 archers; in 2012, 2,800 youth and 6,800 archers; 63 percent decline in youth and 50 percent increase in archers; feel increase in archers is affecting youth numbers. Commissioner Budd – What are you looking for from us? Pitman – Supportive of us going down the path of separating youth/disabled and archery seasons and general framework of seasons. Pearce – What is success rate of archers? Pitman – About 50 to 60 percent for firearms, don't know for archery. I summarize success for hunters as a whole. Pearce – Provide what percentage shoot two birds, three birds, etc? Pitman – Yes, those who shoot four is only about two or three percent of all fall turkey hunters, those who shoot one, two or three is 15 to 20 percent. Management strategy allows us to move either way if numbers come back up. Chairman Lauber – Seems like big drop from four to one. Pitman – If only reducing from four to three, only reducing harvest by a couple of percent. Pearce – What is frameworks for season? Pitman - For youth/disabled, start April 1 and run through first full weekend and start archery following Monday and run concurrent with youth/disabled through full weekend;

substantial change would be regular firearm season would start third Wednesday (moved from second Wednesday). Commissioner Wilson – If we wanted to know something about what happened in 1970 are there any archives? Sheila Kemmis – In commission minutes if discussed at a meeting, organization structure of commissioners was different at that time and may, or may not, be minutes there, not sure they had full-time secretary. Commissioner Wilson – My point is what we are discussed has been discussed before so there has to be some history. Tymeson – April 1 for youth, archery Monday after first Saturday, language says second Wednesday after first Saturday, not really third Wednesday. Commissioner Budd – Why setting so far out? Tymeson – Not setting dates, only framework language to vote on in October, so we don't have to set each year. Commissioner Budd – How could we change it? Pitman – We discuss it every year. Chairman Lauber – Have time to come up to vote, first in general discussion, then workshop and then to public hearing; have three public meetings to pass anything. Pitman – In this case concerned with Governor's Hunt, they plan a year in advance. Commissioner Budd – If setting season dates through 2020, yet come back every year seems repetitive to change every year. Tymeson – If we take no action in the future these would be the dates. Pearce – Opening on Wednesday, these are Mondays; did not get second hand out (Exhibit I). Tymeson – Second Wednesday after the first Saturday, right now regulation says first Wednesday. Mike Martin – Talk with turkey hunters to move seasons back? Pitman – Your opportunity to do that. Martin – Warmer last year. Pitman – Changes from year to year. Chairman Lauber – At meeting at Cabelas, done this way because of upswing in archery hunters is part of reason done this way. Some years makes a big difference, some it doesn't. Provide opportunity for all three groups and make youth hunt more appealing. Unknown Person - Agree with that, bring in youth. Chairman Lauber – Second Wednesday may not work and may have to do something else in the future, see what we can do based on Jim's recommendation. No alternative recommendation to bring forward. Stitt – In 1974, 7,800 youth? Pitman – In 2007, 1974 was first spring season; looked at first special season in 2007. Stitt - What ages can they start at? Tymeson – No minimum age to hunt, youth are 15 and under. Stitt – Can you lower age limits? Pitman – There is no minimum age limit; but numbers of youth hunters is steadily trending down.

4. Youth License and Permit Fees - Mike Miller, information production section chief, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit J). Began discussing this at last meeting; looking at what Nebraska and Missouri are doing. They significantly decreased youth permit prices and saw significant increases in numbers sold; however, they did see revenue declines, but expect those are short term. Nonresident youth under 16 can buy half price hunting license, but full price for deer and turkey permits. Looked again at nonresident youth deer permit price of \$75 rather than \$150; \$101,000 drop in revenue, if we sell 453. Looked at spreadsheet from Nebraska that showed big game permit sales, price and revenue starting in 2008. Reduced price in 2009 for 2010 season. The interesting factor was nonresident youth turkey and nonresident adult turkey; went from \$85 nonresident youth turkey, in 2008 sold 196, revenue was \$116,000; went to \$5 permit in 2010, sold 1,092, for a revenue decrease of \$11,000; but they more than made up for the loss with revenue from the sale of nonresident adult permits. Nonresident adult was \$85, sold 6,500 in 2008 and 9,700 in 2010. We are limited on number of nonresident deer permits we can sell, but could see increase in turkey. Only looking at a few years where kids are going to start hunting, then start paying adult prices; so revenue losses would be short term if you can get these kids hunting. Commissioner Budd – Big step at getting youth involved. Commissioner Dill – Commend you for this recommendation.

VII. RECESS AT 4:40 p.m.

VIII. RECONVENE AT 7:00 p.m.

IX. RE-INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND GUESTS

XI. DEPARTMENT REPORT

X. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

XI. DEPARTMENT REPORT

B. General Discussion (continued)

Linda Lanterman – Introduced Miss Kansas 2013, Pratt holds Miss Kansas program each year. She is the voice for KDWP, especially the parks. Will post her travels on our website.

4. Outdoor Recreation - Miss Kansas, Theresa Vail, presented this report to the Commission. Partner, usual hobbies, I am an avid hunter. Reach out to younger women. My dad took me hunting when I was a kid, I have five brothers and none of them hunt. Found out it was time to spend with my dad alone, hard to do as one of nine kids. Ended up loving it and it is part of who I am, got inner-confidence from hunting. Encourage girls to get outdoors, not just hunting. On Saturday booked to teach eight little girls how to shoot archery. Looking forward to working more with the agency.

5. Lesser Prairie Chicken Federal Listing Update - Keith Sexson, Assistant Secretary, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit K). Since last meeting USFWS made it official that decision won't be made until March 31. Another milestone, at WAFWA, endorsed business plan to put out plan, foundation will take responsibility for that. Keeps states in driver's seat for managing a trust species. Our goal is to affect not-warranted status. Fifth version will be submitted to USFWS next week, one was business plan to provide conservation and take issue; hopefully that will be approved. The metrics for mitigation have been laid out and the Service has assured us those will be used. Chairman Lauber – Less likely to be a listing? Sexson – One hurdle is to sign up properties. Oil and gas industries are looking at signing up their properties, literally millions of acres and that will be a big jump. States feel good as we go forward and with industry supporting the plan, it looks good. Commissioner Budd – In Kansas? Sexson – It is five states and there are focal areas within each state that we are concentrating on, which will help not impact all of the acres in those states.

C. Workshop Session (continued)

5. Webless Migratory Game Bird Possession Limits – Rich Schultheis, waterfowl biologist, handed out a reference document (Exhibit L). In June, spoke about this, will amend the possession limit on migratory birds from two times the daily bag limit to three times the daily bag limit as per USFWS and will reflect 25-19 (doves 30 to 45), 25-20 (sandhill cranes 6 to 9) and 25-21 snipe, rails 25 to 75 and woodcock 6 to 9). This was just passed June 26. Will be

holding a conference call on August 29 to vote on migratory birds, has to be done before September 1. Chairman Lauber – Not controversial for sportsman. Tymeson – We need a quorum on that date.

D. Public Hearing

Notice and Submission Forms; Kansas Legislative Research Letter and Attorney General Letter (Exhibit M).

1. Late Migratory Bird Seasons – Tom Bidrowski, waterfowl biologist, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit N, PowerPoint – Exhibit O, Survey – Exhibit P). USFWS frameworks set annually, passed today in DC. There was delayed spring in 2013 and May pond counts are up 25 percent. Total 45.6 million ducks, decrease from last year, but up from average; 13 million birds. Scaup decreased from six to three and from two times the daily bag limit to three times. We will be in liberal frameworks as in the past. There are two units in Kansas: High Plains unit, west of 283 and Low Plains, east of 283, and have one zone in High Plains, three in Low Plains. Historical data is supplied in briefing book.

The High Plains unit was initiated in 1972, the 96 days in this unit is one less than frameworks because of Migratory Bird Treaty Act limitation of 107 days. Additional days must start no earlier than December 7. In Kansas, waterfowl are counted at 38 locations once a month and this information provides population/migration trends. Regular season will run October 5 to December 2 (Monday), an 18-day split and begin again December 21 to January 26; youth season will be September 28 and 29. The low Plains unit (area east of hwy 283) was split into early and late zone in 1996 due to different habitat types and migration patterns of areas in this zone.

(discussed slides from PowerPoint)

Commissioner Budd – How did we vote on this in the past? Tymeson – As a consensus; single votes for each zone might be easier to follow along.

Commissioner Marshall moved to pass staff recommendation on High Plains Duck and Youth Unit Seasons. Commissioner Wilson seconded.

The roll call vote on High Plains Unit as recommended was as follows (Exhibit Q):

Commissioner Budd	Yes
Commissioner Dill	Yes
Commissioner Doll	Yes
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as presented for the High Plains unit passed 7-0.

Low Plains, Early – Commissioner Budd – Roger, alternative B still best for your zone?

Commissioner Marshall – Tom submitting best scientific evidence he can. Some want to hunt

later in season, this doesn't take into consideration the river. Bidrowski – The river is in the late zone. Commissioner Dill – Why do we have so many other options? Bidrowski – Selection of what all the seasons could be. Chairman Lauber – Is alternative B closest to staff recommendation? Bidrowski – Some freezing up and peak migration, gambling on what weather will be. Chairman Lauber – Felt Commissioner Marshall made good point at last meeting. Doll – lean towards B, either one good. Wilson – Marshall lives and hunts out there and only a week.

Commissioner Dill moved to pass Alternative B for the Low Plains – Early Duck and Youth Unit Seasons. Commissioner Wilson seconded.

The roll call vote on Low Plains Early Unit as recommended was as follows (Exhibit R):

Commissioner Budd	Yes
Commissioner Dill	Yes
Commissioner Doll	Yes
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as presented Low Plains - Early passed 7-0.

Low Plains, Late – Chairman Lauber – That was survey last year? Bidrowski – From 2009/2010 season, prior to SE zone, most satisfied by SE zone. Can't change zone for three more years (late smaller, SE bigger). Paul Davis, Chanute – Is any reason why early teal, is that statewide. Bidrowski – Extra harvest opportunities, can't zone.

Commissioner Wilson moved to pass the staff recommendation for the Low Plains – Late Duck and Youth Unit Season. Commissioner Hayzlett seconded.

The roll call vote on Low Plains Late Unit as recommended was as follows (Exhibit S):

Commissioner Budd	Yes
Commissioner Dill	Yes
Commissioner Doll	Yes
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as presented for the Low Plains - Late zone passed 7-0.

Low Plains, Southeast – Commissioner Doll – Carry over from last meeting, do right thing, had frequent communication, preferred later start, 8-10 emails for, and a couple who did not prefer that. When asked when they would like to start season, on survey two-thirds wanted later one-third wanted early start. Bidrowski – Preferred opening day, strong indication for earlier. Commissioner Doll – Bulk of season? Bidrowski – Use poll system, season November 14 to January 26, same structure as last year, 43.2 percent. Commissioner Doll – However, department

is recommending November 2; seems Alternative B would fit more of the preference? Bidrowski – No, there are a lot of variables other than just date. Commissioner Doll – Wouldn't that override all of the other variables. Commissioner Budd – Biggest concern last year, wasn't from majority of hunters, Thursday opener was majority of loud hunters. Voiced opinion to hunt something early and not conflict with pheasant season. My recommendation would have three openers (youth, November 2 and then November 16), gives more opportunity. Think November 14 to January 26 is what I would want personally, but best compromise would be Alternative B. Never knew what preference was for late season because we never had one. This will appease as many people as we can and we will have another opportunity to look at this again next year. Weather patterns are a lot different in the southeast. Jim Chappel - Thank you for coming to southeast Kansas. Lot of us had no clue what you were doing, most comments made over coffee. Didn't have time together with all of those other areas, don't like that, put together a petition (Exhibit). We never received a survey. Bidrowski – Sent out to 6,500, 3,300 this year. Chappel – Read petition and stated date they want. Pearce – How many names on that? Mike Martin – Came to Chanute in 1971, teach wildlife conservation and others (taught for 20 years). Community appreciated this and taught hunter safety too. Two students here who will provide insight on how early season will be beneficial (Lane and Colton – Went to St. Paul, all variety of ducks, our last year as youth hunters. Like early season.) Martin – Youth don't have money to go out and buy insulated clothing, hunt during pleasant weather of early season. Majority of duck hunters, youth quit when it freezes up. Scott Dirks, area chair for DU in Chanute area – hunting for 20 years, birds got still and hard to hunt last year, with split season ducks settle down and then we are able to hunt again. Paul Davis, Chanute – Kids will carry on tradition when we are gone, hunting ducks for 65 years, some good seasons, some bad. Last year, the first part of November there were thousands of ducks early, all gone when season started. Usually middle of December water freezes up and kids don't want to hunt anymore when it is cold. If no access to river no place to hunt, outfitters like late season. Sam Bates, Chanute – 43 percent want November 14, over 50 percent want it earlier than that. Tony Morgan, Altoona – Chart speaks for majority of hunters. If split, there will be birds here. Jim Keller, Pittsburg – Thursday opener last year was terrible, needs to open on weekend, like Option D. Bob Davis, Olathe – Our 40 year, migration patterns have changed, largest amount of birds stay north. Statistics for last 12 years, first mallard (shoot all ducks, mostly gadwall last year) hunted 10 times in November, one year in October, and one mid to late December. Last year did okay with really poor conditions, trends of last 40 years, opener was perfect last year, don't take away our January. In Coffey County have Wolf Creek, good field hunting, good ponds. Recommend November 14, Option B would be second vote. Unknown person, Burlington – Why was southeast zone developed in the first place? Chairman Lauber – USFWS doesn't allow zone boundary change except for every five years, personally would like to see smaller southeast zone. Unknown person – People follow trend of what season is before? Bidrowski – Hunted and liked it or what memory was. Marais des Cygnes also has a power plant and we try to make everyone happy, don't do away with late or early hunting. Mark Metcalf – Prefer late season, birds here in December and January, hunt about 25 days a year. Jorlan Shinkle – Like late season, don't take away January. Chappel – Agree with state, first week in December is when we get our ducks. We hunt ducks, not just mallards. Commissioner Budd – Glad we are here in southeast zone, my understanding is duck meeting has been in Great Bend for a number of years. Got a glare in survey when majority say they want a late season and SE zone was created to give us a later season. Martin – Did survey a year ago, this year didn't get a survey. Lot of people did not get a survey this year, discussing

survey data. Commissioner Budd – This is a random survey, don't send to everyone. Matt Morgan – Pushing for late season, 8 year old daughter, hunted below freezing season and she stuck with it. Chairman Lauber – Need to get to some type of season, like early migrants. Last year contentious and my side lost. This year at a previous meeting, a lot of discussion when we get down to ducks; asked what they would think about having an early weekend. Compared to last year, like early November weekend. Got communication from both sides. Commissioner Budd's recommendation does provide an olive branch. Commissioner Doll – Group who handed out petition, don't like Alternative B, like staff recommendation right? Jim Chappel – Yes. Commissioner Doll – What about Alternative F? Chairman Lauber – Keep as much in January as we can. Commissioner Doll – The later in season the better. Chappel – Staff recommendation with split would be best alternative. Commissioner Wilson – Mr. Chappel, how do you keep water open? Chappel – Heater and break ice. Commissioner Wilson – When starts freezing, ice doesn't stay on. Chairman Lauber – Alternative B or G has best chance to pass. Commissioner Budd – Basing this on last year's brutal meeting, number one complaint was opening on a Thursday. Alternative B is best solution.

Commissioner Budd moved to pass Alternative B for the Low Plains – SE Duck and Youth Unit Season. Commissioner Wilson seconded.

Commissioner Hayzlett – What is recommended, two-day youth shoot, trying to decide between staff and Alternative B? Chappel – Staff recommendation makes most sense.

The roll call vote on Low Plains SE Unit as recommended was as follows (Exhibit T):

Commissioner Budd	Yes
Commissioner Dill	Yes
Commissioner Doll	Yes
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	No

The motion as presented Low Plains - SE passed 6-1.

Canada Geese – Chairman Lauber – Why, when we can get eight birds, are we only increasing to six? Afraid of reaction of public? Bidrowski – Larger bag limit is harder to fill, more social than biological. Chairman Lauber – Not like geese are in trouble, so why not eight? For a long time only once did we split crane opener and dark geese, desire for later dates; have 400 crane hunters and 14,000 geese hunters. Bob Davis - Six is plenty. Pearce – What are other states in Flyway saying? Bidrowski – Eight would bring us to 8 percent to 9 percent harvest. Nebraska adopted five. Pearce – Harvest rate is 10 percent maximum. Bidrowski – Based on small bodied geese, shortgrass and tallgrass prairie populations (cackling Canada goose populations). Commissioner Marshall – Traditionally white-fronts show up, never been season this late, need to defend farmer's crops; February crop damage would be greater than November crop damage, no corn for cattle to get on. Makes no sense to me. Commissioner Budd – What would you suggest Roger? Bidrowski – Alternative B would be close to what we had last year. Commissioner Marshall – B would make most sense to us. Commissioner Budd – You are more concerned with

predation factor there, that doesn't affect us down here. Commissioner Marshall – What doesn't staff like about Alternative B? Bidrowski – Target more geese; hear more about.

Commissioner Marshall moved to pass Alternative B for Canada, White-front and Light Goose Seasons. Pearce – When are most geese harvested? Bidrowski – End around February 9 or so, most are shot in mid-December, January period. **Commissioner Budd seconded.**

Bidrowski – Point of clarification, for Canada, no change for white-fronted season. Need Alternative B on both Canada and white-fronted, to run concurrently need same for both.

Commissioner Budd moved for Alternative B on white-fronted and Canada and light to have simultaneous closing. *Discussion.* **Marshall withdrew original motion and Budd withdrew second. Commissioner Budd moved for both seasons to run simultaneously,**

Commissioner Dill second, with clarification of daily bag of six. Pearce – Concern for farmer's crops or season you prefer? Commissioner Marshall – Both are true statements. Bidrowski – Conservation season would start immediately after.

The roll call vote on Canada, White-front and Light Goose as recommended was as follows (Exhibit U):

Commissioner Budd	Yes
Commissioner Dill	Yes
Commissioner Doll	Yes
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as presented Canada, White-front and Light Goose passed 7-0.

Falconry – Adopt federal falconry regulations with regular seasons the same as migratory game bird seasons.

Commissioner Doll moved to pass staff recommendations on Falconry Migratory Game Bird Seasons. Commissioner Wilson seconded.

The roll call vote on Falconry Migratory Game Bird as recommended was as follows (Exhibit V):

Commissioner Budd	Yes
Commissioner Dill	Yes
Commissioner Doll	Yes
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as presented Falconry Migratory Game Bird passed 7-0.

XII. Old Business

None

XIII. Other Business

A. Future Meeting Locations and Dates

August 29, 2013 – Conference Call (10:00 am)

October 17, 2013 – Hutchinson (KS Cosmosphere; tour 9:00 am - Underground Salt Mines)

January 9, 2014 – Winfield (Southwestern College)

March 20, 2014 - Topeka

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

(Exhibits and/or Transcript available upon request)

**Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 29, 2013
Conference Call - 10:00 AM**

Subject to
Commission
Approval

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 10:00 a.m. CDT

The August 29, 2013 meeting of the Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission was called to order by Chairman Gerald Lauber at 10:02 a.m. via conference call. Chairman Lauber and Commissioners Gary Hayzlett, Roger Marshall and Robert Wilson were present. Offices participating in call were: Pratt, Office of the Secretary, Regions 1-5, Emporia and Kansas City.

II. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS, STAFF AND GUESTS

The Commissioners and Department staff introduced themselves (Attendance roster - Exhibit A).

III. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA ITEMS

None

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chairman Lauber – This topic has to be dealt with today or tomorrow that is why we called this special meeting. Chris Tymeson – Rich will discuss item, vote individually on regulations, and on KAR 115-25-1 we have a minor amendment that Rich discussed at last meeting relating to possession limits of rail, unclear when printed the regulation if that would be increased; consulted with feds and prepared an amendment to make it three times the daily bag also; from 25 to 75 rails.

D. Public Hearing

Notice and Submission Forms; Kansas Legislative Research Letter and Attorney General Letter (Exhibit B).

1. KAR 115-25-19. Doves; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits. – Rich Schultheis, waterfowl biologist, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit C). In June the USFWS approved a regulation to change the possession limit on migratory birds from two times the daily limit to three times the daily limit. Species rely on bag limits and this provides additional opportunities. Staff recommendation is to amend all three regulations to three times the daily bag. This will increase the dove limit from 30 to 45.

Commissioner Roger Marshall moved to approve KAR 115-25-19 before the Commission. Commissioner Gary Hayzlett seconded.

The roll call vote on KAR 115-25-19 as recommended was as follows (Exhibit D):

Commissioner Budd	Absent
Commissioner Dill	Absent
Commissioner Doll	Absent
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as presented KAR 115-25-19 passed 4-0.

2. KAR 115-25-20. Sandhill crane; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, bag and possession limits, and permit validation. – Rich Schultheis, waterfowl biologist, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit E). This will increase the sandhill crane limit from 6 to 9.

Commissioner Gary Hayzlett moved to approve KAR 115-25-20 before the Commission. Commissioner Robert Wilson seconded.

The roll call vote on KAR 115-25-20 as recommended was as follows (Exhibit D):

Commissioner Budd	Absent
Commissioner Dill	Absent
Commissioner Doll	Absent
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as presented KAR 115-25-20 passed 4-0.

3. 115-25-21. Snipe, rail, and woodcock; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits. – Rich Schultheis, waterfowl biologist, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit F). This will increase the bag limit for snipe from 25 to 75 and for woodcock from 6 to 9. The amendment would increase aggregate possession limits on rails from 25 to 75. Chairman Lauber – Feds allowed us to increase possession limit, and we feel we should pass that along to the hunters. Seems 75 is a lot of rails.

Commissioner Robert Wilson moved to approve bring forward KAR 115-25-21 before the Commission. Commissioner Gary Hayzlett seconded.

Commissioner Marshall – Like Chairman Lauber, that seems like a lot of rails, but makes regulations as simple as possible and easier to remember if three times the limit for all of these species.

Commissioner Robert Wilson moved to amend KAR 115-25-21 to change aggregate possession limit to 75 rails, Commissioner Gary Hayzlett seconded.

The roll call vote to amend KAR 115-25-21 as recommended was as follows (Exhibit G):

Commissioner Budd	Absent
Commissioner Dill	Absent
Commissioner Doll	Absent
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as presented KAR 115-25-21 passed 4-0.

The roll call vote on regulation KAR 115-25-21 as amended was as follows (Exhibit G):

Commissioner Budd	Absent
Commissioner Dill	Absent
Commissioner Doll	Absent
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as amended on KAR 115-25-21 passed 4-0.

XII. Old Business

None

XIII. Other Business

A. Future Meeting Locations and Dates

October 17, 2013 – Hutchinson (KS Cosmosphere; tour 9:00 am - Underground Salt Mines)

Chairman Lauber – Thanks for taking time out of your day for this meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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Secretary's Remarks

Agency and State Fiscal Status
No briefing book items – possible handout at meeting

2014 Legislature
No briefing book items – possible handout at meeting

General Discussion

Tourism Briefing

No briefing book items – possible handout at meeting

Black Bass Pass Discussion

Background

Anglers participating in a weigh-in tournament who hold a tournament black bass pass (\$12.50) are given two privileges:

1. In a weigh-in tournament conducted September 1 - June 15, anglers may have two-fish as part of their five-fish limit that meet the statewide 15-inch minimum length limit but are under a special length limit for the lake being fished. The two short fish must be released after weigh-in.
2. In a weigh-in tournament conducted September 1 - June 15, anglers are allowed to cull fish even after they have reached their five-fish daily creel limit.

With these privileges comes the responsibility to take care of the fish while following weigh-in and release procedures as outlined in K.A.R. 115-7-9.

Discussion

It is the desire of some bass pass tournament anglers to change the current regulation which allows two short bass by expanding it to allow five. Big Hill Reservoir is the primary target for this proposed regulation change mostly due to the existing 21-inch minimum length limit (MLL) on largemouth bass. The 21-inch minimum length limit usually allows for few legal fish to be weighed in.

Big Hill Reservoir is a good example of a low-density, high-quality largemouth bass population. Because of this, and because the reservoir is only 1,240 acres, it likely doesn't have a high carrying capacity in terms of total largemouth bass. Delayed tournament mortality estimates are all over the board but 10 percent is a reasonable number. It usually boils down to who is running the weigh-in and what the environmental conditions are during the tournament. One tournament may not hurt but some cumulative damage to the population may occur.

Staff is currently evaluating the existing 21-inch minimum length limit to see whether the quality largemouth bass population can be maintained by changing to an 18-inch minimum length limit.

Staff is currently not recommending any changes to the existing Black Bass Pass regulation.

KAR 115-25-7

Antelope; open season, bag limit and permits

Background

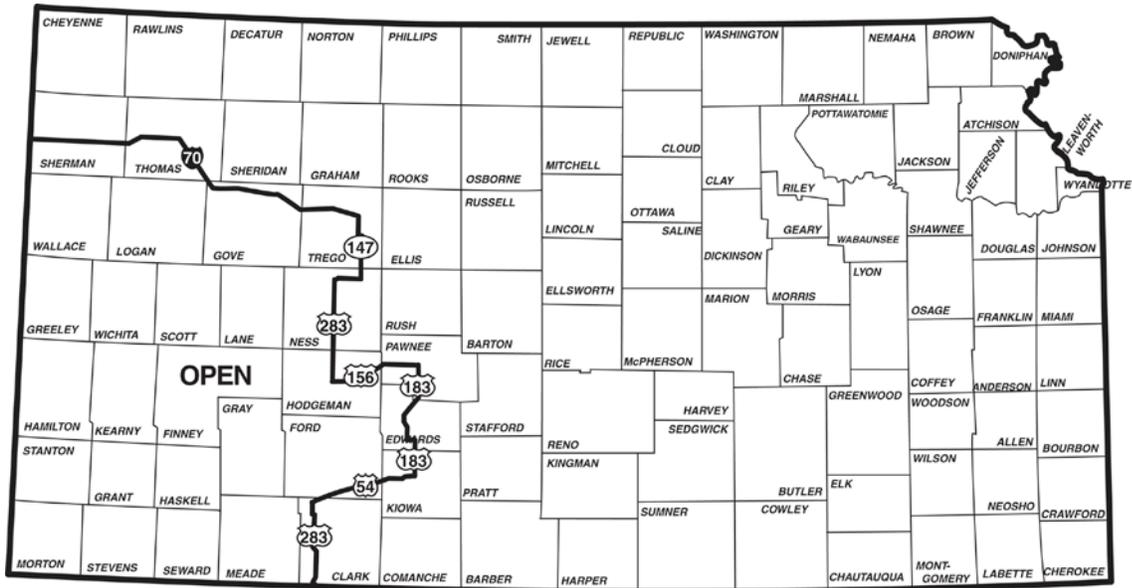
This regulation pertains to seasons, bag limits, unit boundaries, permits and tags for pronghorn antelope.

Western Kansas pronghorn antelope populations have supported a hunting season since 1974. The firearm pronghorn season has been four days long since 1990, starting on the first Friday in October. The archery pronghorn season was nine days long from 1985 to 2004, and included the two weekends prior to the firearm season. Since 2005, the archery season has reopened on the Saturday following the firearms season and continued through the end of October. A muzzleloader season was initiated in 2001. It has begun immediately after the archery season and ran for eight days, the last four of which overlap with the firearm season.

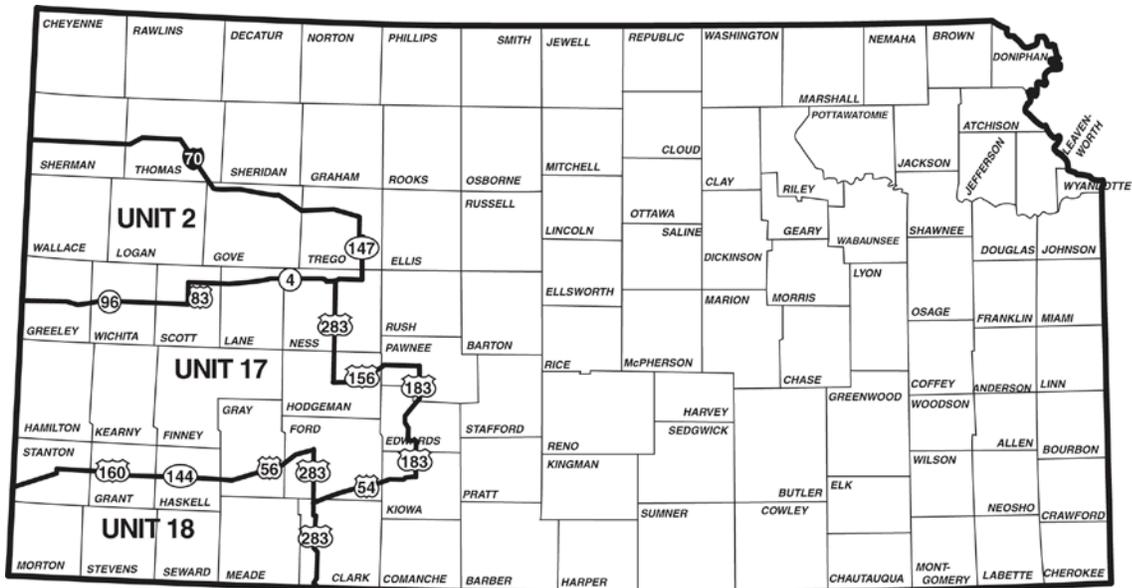
Discussion & Recommendations

Drought has resulted in low production rates in western Kansas over the past several years. Archery permit sales and harvest have tripled in the past 10 years, resulting in a harvest increase for all permit types of nearly 30 percent. Crossbows were allowed during archery season for youth and hunters age 55 or older in 2012, and became legal equipment for all archery hunters in 2013. Data from the small number of crossbow hunters in 2012 (n=12) indicates success rates with crossbows may be twice as high as that of traditional bows. Permits allocated to an already stressed limited draw system have been reduced the past few years, but harvest pressure on the herd continues to increase. The Department is monitoring these issues during the 2013 season, and will make recommendations after 2013 data has been analyzed. Firearm and muzzleloader permit allocations are typically determined following winter aerial surveys.

Antelope Pronghorn Unit



Firearm, Muzzleloader Pronghorn Units



KAR 115-25-8

Elk; open season, bag limit and permits

Background

This regulation pertains to seasons, bag limits, unit boundaries, permits and tags for elk hunting.

Elk hunting on and around Fort Riley was initiated in 1990, and most of the hunting opportunity in the state occurs on the Fort. However, elk do exist on private lands, though unpredictably in most of the state, with parts of southwest Kansas being the main exception. Elk also occur in the vicinity of Cimarron National Grasslands, but these elk are primarily found in neighboring states, and the Grasslands haven't been open to elk hunting since 1995, following several years of herd reduction.

Since 1999, longer seasons and less restrictive permitting options have been authorized except near Fort Riley and the Grasslands. This framework is intended to allow for elk that may be causing crop damage or other conflicts on private land to be harvested, and for landowners to have the opportunity to maintain elk at desirable numbers on their own property while at the same time allowing the Fort Riley and Cimarron herds to be maintained.

Discussion & Recommendations

No changes are recommended for season structure, unit boundaries, or permits.

Unit boundaries are defined in K.A.R. 115-4-6b. Units 2 and 3 will be open to hunting.

The proposed season dates on Fort Riley are:

- a) September 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 for a season in which both muzzleloader and archery equipment may be used.
- b) October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for the firearm season with one-third of the antlerless only permits valid during each of the following segments:
 - 1) First segment: October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014.
 - 2) Second segment: November 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014.
 - 3) Third segment: December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.
- c) October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for a firearms season for all holders of any-elk permits.

The proposed season dates outside the boundaries of Fort Riley are:

Lesser Prairie Chicken Federal Listing Briefing

Significant declines in lesser prairie chicken (LPC) populations and their range were cause enough for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to list the species as “warranted but precluded from listing” in 1996. This simply meant that it deserved a review for listing under the Endangered Species Act, but that a review would not take place because there were higher priority species. However, the priority status for LPC review recently went from a level 8 to a level 2 and as such, a preliminary review was completed. After a 60-day extension for a proposed ruling, on November 30, 2012, the USFWS announced the proposed listing for the LPC as threatened. As the result of the listing proposal, public hearings were held by the USFWS in four of the five affected states (KS, OK, TX and NM) for the purpose of gathering public comments.

In response to the proposed listing as threatened, the five-state LPC Interstate Working Group (KS, CO, OK, NM, and TX) and its partners initiated and developed a range-wide conservation plan. In the judgment of the states, the plan addresses the identified threats and provides certainty that the number of birds and their habitats can be managed to levels that provide for a viable and stable population throughout the LPC’s range. The plan could be the foundation from which a not warranted for listing decision can be rendered by the USFWS.

On September 17, 2013, a final version of the range-wide plan was submitted to the USFWS. That final plan includes the conservation programs and a business plan for the delivery of conservation efforts. The business plan and directed efforts at delivery will be administered by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

The states are awaiting a final decision from the USFWS relative to endorsement of the range-wide plan. Response to this request for endorsement has been delayed because of the federal government shutdown.

Workshop Session

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORT

C. Workshop Session

2. Deer 25-Series Regulations.

Background

The regulation contains the following items:

- < Dates of deer seasons when equipment such as archery, firearms, muzzleloader may be used.
- < Provisions when seasons may occur on military subunits within management units.
- < Dates for a special firearm deer season and extended archery seasons in urban units.
- < Dates of deer seasons for designated persons.
- < Dates and units when extended firearm seasons are authorized and the type of permits and changes in the species and antler categories of those permits.
- < Limitations in obtaining multiple permits.

Discussion

K.A.R. 115-25-9 is an exempt regulation that must be reviewed and passed each year to establish the deer hunting season dates for the following year. We are proposing that the 2014-15 deer season structure follow the pattern of the seasons currently used during 2013-14 seasons.

Additional information from deer population indices, hunter harvest success and satisfaction, deer mortality due to disease, and changes in fawn recruitment will be examined before a final recommendation is prepared. Hunter, landowner and public input will also be considered in the development of a list of units where extended firearms seasons will be authorized. The number of white-tailed deer antlerless-only (WAO) permits that a hunter may obtain and use in each unit will also be determined after additional data is reviewed.

Last year, the first WAO permit was valid statewide including on lands manage by the department. The second WAO permit was also valid statewide and was valid at Cedar Bluff, Glen Elder, Kanopolis, Kirwin, Lovewell, Norton, Webster, and Wilson wildlife areas. The last three WAO permits were valid on DMUs, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 19 and were also valid at Cedar Bluff, Glen Elder, Kanopolis, Lovewell, Norton, Webster, and Wilson wildlife areas, and Kirwin NWR. No additional wildlife areas are being considered where more than one WAO permit could be used.

Recommendation

The recommendation for deer hunting season dates during 2014-15 is as follows:

Youth and Disability

September 6, 2014 – September 14, 2014

Early Muzzleloader	September 15, 2014 – September 28, 2014
Archery	September 15, 2014 – December 31, 2014
Pre-Rut WAO	October 11, 2014 – October 12, 2014
Regular Firearms	December 3, 2014 – December 14, 2014
Extended WAO	January 1, 2015 – January 11, 2015
Special Extended WAO	January 12, 2015 – January 18, 2015
Extended Archery (DMU 19)	January 19, 2015– January 31, 2015

The proposed dates for the firearm season at the Fort Leavenworth subunit are November 22 2014 through November 23, 2014, November 27, 2014 through November 30, 2014, December 6, 2014 through December 7, 2014, December 13, 2014 through December 14, 2014, and December 20, 2014 through December 21, 2014. The proposed dates for the firearms season for deer hunting at the Smoky Hill Air National Guard subunit are December 3, 2014 through December 14, 2014.

Firearm season dates for deer hunting at Fort Riley will be established in K.A.R. 115-25-9a which will be covered at a later date.

Application deadlines are now provided in KAR 115-4-11. The deadline for nonresidents to apply for limited-quota deer permits is the last Friday in April, or April 25 in 2014. The deadline for residents to apply for firearm either species deer permits is the second Friday in July, or July 11 in 2014.

Consideration will be made on the number of white-tailed deer antlerless-only permits that may be used in each DMU after additional data becomes available. Consideration will be made on inclusion of DMUs where an extended firearms season will be authorized after additional data becomes available.

**2014-15
September**

Youth and Disabled

Early Muzzleloader
and Archery

October

Pre-Rut Whitetail
Antlerless-Only
Firearms and
Archery

Only Archery

November

Regular Firearms
and Archery

December

January

Extended Season
Whitetail Antlerless

Special Extended
Season in Units 7, 8,
15 & 19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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VI. DEPARTMENT REPORT

C. Workshop Session

1. Big Game Permanent Regulations.

- K.A.R. 115-4-2. Big game; general provisions,
- K.A.R. 115-4-4. Big game; legal equipment and taking methods,
- K.A.R. 115-4-6. Deer; firearm management units,
- K.A.R. 115-4-11. Big game and wild turkey permit applications, and
- K.A.R. 115-4-13. Deer permits; descriptions and restrictions.

The above regulations were discussed during the previous commission meeting during General Discussion. These are permanent regulations. No action is required to maintain the regulation in its current form for the 2014 seasons. After public review, no further action on these regulations is planned for this year.

- a) **K.A.R. 115-4-15. Restitution scoring system; white-tailed deer; mule deer; elk; antelope.**

Background

This regulation describes procedures for measuring and scoring certain species of big game to determine a restitution value when these animals are killed in violation of department regulations or state law. K.S.A. 32-1032 directed the secretary to establish, through rules and regulations, the procedures for measuring and scoring these animals.

Discussion

The measuring and scoring procedures follow the general techniques of the Boone and Crockett Club for the various species. A potential problem in the wording of the current regulation was detected, which could cause confusion on the definition of an antler point.

Recommendation

Modification of section (a)(8) is recommended. The new wording for section would be:

“Point” means a projection on the antler of a deer or elk that is at least one inch long as measured from its tip to the nearest edge of the antler beam and the length of which exceeds the width at one inch or more of length.

Park Regulations

October 17, 2013

Park Fees

Effective Calendar Year 2014

Background: KDWPT regulations that directly impact state parks are reviewed annually. The purposes for the review are to ensure that the regulations are appropriate; do not conflict with other department regulations or laws pertaining to the department; and to develop recommendations for changes, additions or deletions. These are presented to the Commission starting with the April meeting. Regulations that are reviewed are: K.A.R. 115-1; 115-2; 115-8; 115-9-6; 115-18.

Discussion: The department finds the current regulations to be appropriate and non-conflicting with other department regulations or laws pertaining to the department and the State Parks Division. Reviewers also determined that no regulation should be deleted; however, changes to a few regulations, and one addition may be recommended.

Recommended changes include:

K.A.R. 115-2-3. Camping, utility, and other fees. Utilities: the current regulation lists the following fees: one utility - \$7.50; two utilities - \$9.50; three utilities - \$10.50. An increase of \$1.50 to current utility fees is requested. The increase would change the current pricing to: one utility - \$9.00; two utilities - \$11.00; three utilities - \$12.00. Analysis of utility usage at state parks was conducted and current utility rates are rising.

Recreational vehicle long-term camping permit fees except El Dorado, Milford, and Tuttle Creek state parks: Current pricing per month is: one utility \$240.00; two utilities - \$300.00; three utilities - \$360.00. The recommendation is to increase the monthly fee by \$30.50.

Recreational vehicle long-term camping permit for El Dorado, Milford, and Tuttle Creek state parks: Current pricing per month is: one utility \$280.00; two utilities - \$340.00; three utilities - \$400.00. The recommendation is to increase the monthly fee by \$30.50.

Public Hearing

Document No. _____

KANSAS REGISTER
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Agency Number -- 710-01

Agency Name -- Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

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Topeka, Kansas 66612-1233

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ITEMS SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the attached documents, and that they conform to all applicable Kansas Register publication guidelines and to the requirements of K.S.A. 75-431, as amended. I further certify that submission of these items for publication is a proper and lawful action of this agency, that funds are available to pay the publication fees and that such fees will be paid by this agency on receipt of billing.

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Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 17, 2013 at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, 1100 N. Plum, Hutchinson, Kansas, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.

A general discussion and workshop meeting on business of the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission will begin at 1:30 p.m., October 17 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at approximately 5:30 p.m. then resume at 7:00 p.m. at the same location for the regulatory hearing and more business. There will be public comment periods at the beginning of the afternoon and evening meeting for any issues not on the agenda and additional comment periods will be available during the meeting on agenda items. Old and new business may also be discussed at this time. If necessary to complete business matters, the Commission will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. October 18 at the location listed above.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting and may request the meeting materials in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the meeting should be made at least five working days in advance of the meeting by contacting Sheila Kemmis, Commission Secretary, at (620) 672-5911. Persons with a hearing impairment may call the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 1-800-432-0698 to request special accommodations.

This 60-day notice period prior to the hearing constitutes a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on proposed administrative regulations.

All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Chairman of the Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism, 1020 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612 or to sheila.kemmis@ksoutdoors.com if electronically. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity at the hearing to express their views orally in regard to the adoption of the proposed regulations. During the hearing, all written and oral comments submitted by interested parties will be considered by the commission as a basis for approving, amending and approving, or rejecting the proposed regulations.

The regulations that will be heard during the regulatory hearing portion of the meeting are as follows:

K.A.R. 115-2-1. This permanent regulation sets fees for various issues of the department. The proposed amendments would reduce resident and nonresident youth turkey, antelope and deer permit prices.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed fee structure will result in a reduction to the wildlife fee fund of approximately \$191,430. However, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in youth participation that will offset part of the fee fund reduction but any amount is purely speculative at this point. Otherwise, the amendments will not have any negative economic other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-7-10. This permanent regulation sets special provisions for fishing. The proposed amendments would prohibit fishing or collection of bait within a fish passage, as defined in the regulation, in order to reduce user conflicts.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments will not have any appreciable negative economic on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-6. This exempt regulation establishes the bag limits, permits, and game tags for the spring turkey season. The proposed changes would change opening dates beginning in 2015, splitting the youth season opening date away from the archery season and moving back the firearms season opening date back by one week.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed version of the regulation is not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-14. This exempt regulation establishes creel limits, size limits, possession limits, and open seasons for fishing. The proposed version of the regulation would update the reference document related to creel limits and size limits at various bodies of water throughout the state.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed version of the regulation is not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

Copies of the complete text of the regulations and their respective economic impact statements may be obtained by writing the chairman of the Commission at the address above, electronically on the department's website at www.kdwpt.state.ks.us, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman



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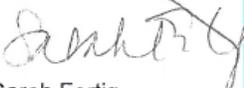
RE: K.A.R. 115-2-1; K.A.R. 115-7-10; K.A.R. 115-25-6; K.A.R. 115-25-14

Dear Chris:

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 77-420(b), we have determined that the above-referenced regulations are within the statutory authority of your agency and do not present any other legal issues of concern. We have therefore approved the regulations for legality. The regulations are stamped and enclosed with this letter.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEREK SCHMIDT


Sarah Fertig
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

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September 4, 2013

Robin Jennison, Secretary
Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
1020 S. Kansas Avenue, Room 200
BUILDING MAIL

Dear Secretary Jennison:

At its meeting on August 27, 2013, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations reviewed for public comment rules and regulations concerning KAR 115-2-1, amount of fees; KAR 115-7-10, fishing, special provisions; KAR 115-25-6, turkey, spring season, bag limit, permits, and game tags; 115-25-14, fishing, creel limit, size limit, possession limit, and open season. After discussion, the Committee had no comments.

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 which 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 which 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,



Raney L. Gilliland
Director

RLG/db

115-2-1. Amount of fees. The following fees shall be in effect for the following licenses, permits, and other issues of the department: (a) Hunting licenses and permits.

Resident hunting license	\$18.00
Resident senior hunting license (annual purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age)	9.00
Resident hunting license (one-time purchase, valid from 16 years of age through 20 years of age)	40.00
Nonresident hunting license	70.00
Nonresident junior hunting license (under 16 years of age)	35.00
Resident big game hunting permit:	
General resident: either-sex elk permit	250.00
General resident: antlerless-only elk permit	100.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): either-sex elk permit	125.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): antlerless-only elk permit	50.00
Landowner/tenant: either-sex elk permit	125.00
Landowner/tenant: antlerless-only elk permit	50.00
Hunt-on-your-own-land: either-sex elk permit	125.00
Hunt-on-your-own-land: antlerless-only elk permit	50.00
General resident: deer permit	30.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): deer permit	15.00 10.00
General resident: antlerless-only deer permit	15.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): antlerless-only deer permit	7.50
Landowner/tenant: deer permit	15.00

Hunt-on-your-own-land: deer permit	15.00
Special hunt-on-your-own-land: deer permit	30.00
General resident: antelope permit	40.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): antelope permit	20.00 <u>10.00</u>
Landowner/tenant: antelope permit	20.00
Hunt-on-your-own-land: antelope permit	20.00
Antelope preference point service charge	5.00
Any-deer preference point service charge	5.00
Application fee for elk permit.....	5.00

Wild turkey permit:

General resident: turkey permit (1-bird limit)	20.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit (1-bird limit)	10.00 <u>5.00</u>
Landowner/tenant: turkey permit (1-bird limit)	10.00
Nonresident: turkey permit (1-bird limit)	30.00
<u>Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit (1-bird limit)</u>	<u>10.00</u>
Resident: turkey preference point service charge	5.00

Wild turkey game tag:

Resident: turkey game tag (1-bird limit)	10.00
<u>Resident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey game tag (1-bird limit)</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Nonresident: turkey game tag (1-bird limit)	20.00
<u>Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey game tag (1-bird limit)</u>	<u>10.00</u>

Spring wild turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit, must be purchased before April 1 of year of use):

General resident: turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit)	25.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit)	15.00 <u>10.00</u>
Landowner/tenant: turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit)	15.00
Nonresident: turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit)	45.00
<u>Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit)</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Nonresident big game hunting permit:	
Nonresident hunt-on-your-own-land: deer permit	75.00
Nonresident: deer permit (antlered deer)	300.00
<u>Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): deer permit (antlered deer)</u>	<u>75.00</u>
Nonresident: deer permit (antlerless only)	50.00
Nonresident: combination 2-deer permit (antlered deer and antlerless white-tailed deer)....	315.00
<u>Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): combination 2-deer permit (antlered deer and antlerless white</u>	<u>.....</u>
Nonresident: antelope permit (archery only)	200.00
<u>Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): antelope (archery only)</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Nonresident: deer permit application fee	20.00
Nonresident: mule deer stamp	100.00
48-hour waterfowl hunting permit	25.00
Field trial permit: game birds	20.00
Lifetime hunting license	440.00
or eight quarterly installment payments of	60.00

Migratory waterfowl habitat stamp	5.00
Special dark goose hunting permit	5.00
Sandhill crane hunting permit: validation fee	5.00
Disabled person hunt-from-a-vehicle permit	0

(b) Fishing licenses and permits.

Resident fishing license	18.00
Resident senior fishing license (annual purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age)	9.00
Resident fishing license (one-time purchase, valid from 16 years of age through 20 years of age)	40.00
Nonresident fishing license	40.00
24-hour fishing license	3.00
Three-pole permit.....	4.00
Tournament bass pass	10.00
Paddlefish permit (six carcass tags).....	10.00
Paddlefish permit youth (under 16 years of age) (six carcass tags).....	5.00
Hand fishing permit	25.00
Floatline fishing permit.....	0
Lifetime fishing license	440.00
or eight quarterly installment payments of	60.00
Five-day nonresident fishing license	20.00
Institutional group fishing license	100.00
Special nonprofit group fishing license	50.00

Trout permit10.00

(c) Combination hunting and fishing licenses and permits.

Resident combination hunting and fishing license36.00

Resident senior combination hunting and fishing license (annual purchase, 65 years of age
through 74 years of age)18.00

Resident combination hunting and fishing license (one-time purchase, valid from 16
years of age through 20 years of age)70.00

Resident lifetime combination hunting and fishing license880.00
or eight quarterly installment payments of120.00

Resident senior lifetime combination hunting and fishing license (one-time purchase, valid
65 years of age and older).....40.00

Nonresident combination hunting and fishing license110.00

(d) Furharvester licenses.

Resident furharvester license18.00

Resident junior furharvester license10.00

Lifetime furharvester license440.00
or eight quarterly installment payments of60.00

Nonresident furharvester license250.00

Nonresident bobcat permit (1-bobcat limit per permit)100.00

Resident fur dealer license100.00

Nonresident fur dealer license400.00

Field trial permit: furbearing animals20.00

(e) Commercial licenses and permits.

Controlled shooting area hunting license	15.00
Resident mussel fishing license	75.00
Nonresident mussel fishing license	1,000.00
Mussel dealer permit	200.00
Missouri river fishing permit	25.00
Game breeder permit	10.00
Controlled shooting area operator license	200.00
Commercial dog training permit	20.00
Commercial fish bait permit	20.00
Commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permit (without a valid Kansas hunting license)	20.00
Commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permit (with a valid Kansas hunting license or exempt from this license requirement)	5.00
Commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer permit.....	50.00
Prairie rattlesnake round-up event permit	25.00
(f) Collection, scientific, importation, rehabilitation, and damage-control permits.	
Scientific, educational, or exhibition permit	10.00
Raptor propagation permit	0
Rehabilitation permit	0
Wildlife damage-control permit	0
Wildlife importation permit	10.00
Threatened or endangered species: special permits	0
(g) Falconry.	
Apprentice permit	75.00

General permit	75.00
Master permit	75.00
Testing fee	50.00

(h) Miscellaneous fees.

Duplicate license, permit, stamp, and other issues of the department	10.00
Special departmental services, materials, or supplies	At cost

Vendor bond

For bond amounts of \$5,000.00 and less	50.00
For bond amounts of more than \$5,000.00	50.00

plus \$6.00 per additional \$1,000.00 coverage or any fraction thereof.

(Authorized by ~~and implementing~~ K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 32-807, ~~as amended by L. 2012, Ch. 47, Sec. 25, L. 2012, Ch. 154, Sec. 1,~~ and K.S.A. 2011 2012 Supp. 32-988, ~~as amended by L. 2012, Ch. 154, Sec. 7;~~ implementing K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 32-807, K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 32-988, and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 32-9,100; effective Dec. 4, 1989; amended Sept. 10, 1990; amended Jan. 1, 1991; amended June 8, 1992; amended Oct. 12, 1992; amended April 11, 1994; amended Aug. 29, 1994; amended June 5, 1995; amended Aug. 21, 1995; amended Feb. 28, 1997; amended July 30, 1999; amended Jan. 2, 2002; amended Jan. 1, 2003; amended Jan. 1, 2004; amended Feb. 18, 2005; amended Jan. 1, 2006; amended May 1, 2006; amended Jan. 1, 2007; amended Jan. 1, 2008; amended Jan. 1, 2009; amended Jan. 1, 2010; amended Aug. 1, 2010; amended Jan. 1, 2011; amended Jan. 1, 2013; amended April 19, 2013; amended P-_____.)

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 reduce prices for resident and nonresident youth big game and turkey permits.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The fee structure that is proposed will result in a reduction to the wildlife fee fund of approximately \$191,430, assuming no increases in participation result from the reduction. No other appreciable negative economic impact is anticipated for other agencies, small businesses, or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.

115-7-10. Fishing; special provisions. (a) A person who takes any fish from a body of water shall not tag, mark, brand, clip any fin of, mutilate, or otherwise disfigure any fish in a manner that would prevent species identification, examination of fins, recovery of tags, or determination of sex, age, or length of the fish before releasing the fish back into the body of water, unless a permit authorizing this activity has been issued to that person by the department.

(b) No person may possess any live fish upon departure from any designated aquatic nuisance body of water, except during a department-permitted fishing tournament. During a department-permitted fishing tournament, any individual may possess live fish upon departure from designated aquatic nuisance waters along the most direct route to the weigh-in site if the individual possesses a department authorization certificate as a participant in the tournament. Designated aquatic nuisance waters shall be those specified in the department's "Kansas designated aquatic nuisance waters tables," dated October 2, 2012, which is hereby adopted by reference.

(c) Each person who purchases live baitfish from a commercial bait dealer shall possess the receipt while fishing with the live baitfish.

(d) No person may fish or collect bait within a fish passage, fish ladder, fish steps, or fishway. "Fish passage, fish ladder, fish steps, or fishway" shall mean a structure that facilitates the natural migration of fish upstream on, through, or around an artificial barrier or dam.

~~This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2013.~~ (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 32-807, as amended by L. 2012, Ch. 47, Sec. 25; effective Nov. 20, 2009; amended Jan. 1, 2012; amended Jan. 1, 2013; amended P-_____.)

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-7-10. Fishing; special provisions.

DESCRIPTION: This permanent regulation establishes special provisions related to fishing.

The proposed amendments would prohibit fishing within a fish passage, fish ladder, fish steps, or fishway to reduce boater and angler conflicts.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: It is anticipated that there would be no substantive economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism

Kansas Designated Aquatic Nuisance Waters Tables

Dated: October 2, 2012

Designated waters containing select prohibited species

Kansas River

Missouri River

El Dorado Reservoir

Walnut River from El Dorado Reservoir dam to Oklahoma

Winfield City Lake

Timber creek from Winfield City Lake dam to confluence of the Walnut River

Cheney Reservoir

North Fork Ninescah River from Cheney Reservoir dam to confluence of the Arkansas River

Arkansas River from confluence of North Fork Ninescah River to Oklahoma state line

Perry Reservoir

Delaware River from Perry Reservoir dam to confluence of the Kansas River

Marion Reservoir

Cottonwood River from Marion Reservoir dam to confluence of the Neosho River

John Redmond Reservoir

Milford Reservoir

Republican River from Milford Reservoir dam to confluence of the Smoky Hill River

Jeffery Energy Center Make-up Lake

Jeffery Energy Center Auxiliary Lake

Council Grove City Lake

Council Grove Reservoir

Neosho River from Council Grove Reservoir dam to Oklahoma state line

Kanopolis Reservoir

Smoky Hill River from Kanopolis Reservoir dam to confluence of the Republican River

Melvern Reservoir

Marais des Cygnes River from Melvern Reservoir dam to Missouri state line

Melvern Reservoir River Pond

Melvern Reservoir Rearing Pond

Wilson Reservoir

Saline River from Wilson Reservoir dam to confluence of the Smoky Hill River

Lake Afton

Clearwater Creek to confluence of the Ninescah River

Coffey County Lake (Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation Lake)

Kingman Hoover Pond

Kingman State Fishing Lake

Camp Minnescah dam, South Fork Ninescah River to confluence of the North Fork Ninescah

Chase County State Fishing Lake

Sedgwick County Park Lakes

Vic's Lake, Horseshoe Lake, Tom Scott Lake, Moss Lake and Kids Pond at Sedgwick County Park

Hutchinson Carey Park Pond

Lagoon and Fishing pond

Wakarusa River from Clinton Reservoir dam to confluence of the Kansas River

Big Blue River from Rocky Ford dam to confluence of the KS River

Browning Oxbow

Spirit/Boeing Employee Association Lake

Atchison County

Independence Creek from Atchison SFL to confluence of MO River

Walnut Creek to confluence of MO River

Lang Hollow to confluence of MO

Owl Creek to confluence of MO

Little Walnut Creek to confluence with MO

Brown County

Terrapin Creek to confluence of Walnut Creek

Mulberry creek to confluence of Walnut Creek

Walnut Creek to Nebraska state line

Doniphan County

Squaw creek to confluence of the MO

Spring Creek to confluence of MO

Mill Creek to confluence of MO

Mission creek to confluence of MO

Wolf River

Brush Creek to confluence of the MO

Mosquito Creek to confluence of the MO

Smith Creek to confluence of the MO

Peters Creek to confluence of the MO

Douglas County

Mud Creek to confluence of the KS

Nemaha County

S Fork Big Nemaha River to Nebraska State Line

Burger Creek to confluence of Turkey Creek

Turkey Creek to confluence of the S Fork Big Nemaha River

Clear Creek to confluence of Turkey Creek

Negro Creek to confluence of Clear Creek

Manley Creek to confluence of Pole Creek

Pole Creek to confluence of Turkey Creek

Harris Creek to Confluence of the S Fork Big Nemaha River

Wildcat Creek to confluence of Harris Creek

S Fork Wildcat Creek to confluence of Wildcat Creek

N Fork Wildcat Creek to confluence of Wildcat Creek

Fisher Creek to confluence of S Fork Big Nemaha River

Tennessee Creek to confluence of S Fork Big Nemaha River

Illinois Creek to confluence of the S Fork Big Nemaha River

Deer Creek from Sabetha City Lake to confluence of the S Fork Big Nemaha River

Wolf Pen Creek to confluence of Deer Creek

Four Mile Creek to Nebraska State Line

Rock Creek to Nebraska State Line

Johnson County

Coffee Creek to confluence of Wolf Creek

Wolf Creek to confluence of the Little Blue River

Little Blue River to Big Blue River

Big Blue River to Missouri State Line

Leavenworth County

Stranger Creek to confluence of the KS

115-25-14. Fishing; creel limit, size limit, possession limit, and open season. (a) The open season for the taking of fish in Kansas shall be January 1 through December 31, with the following exceptions:

(1) The flowing portions and backwaters of the Missouri river and any oxbow lake through which the Kansas-Missouri boundary passes, for which the open snagging season for the taking of paddlefish shall be March 15 through May 15;

(2) the flowing portions of the Kansas river from its origin downstream to its confluence with the Missouri river and the flowing portions of the Arkansas river from its origin downstream to the Kansas-Oklahoma border and on federal reservoirs from 150 yards away from the dam to the upper end of the federal property, for which the open hand-fishing season for the taking of flathead catfish shall be from sunrise to sunset, June 15 through August 31;

(3) the open season for floatline fishing shall be from sunrise to sunset, July 15 through September 15, on designated federal reservoirs; and

(4) those areas closed by posted notice.

(b) Pursuant to K.A.R. 115-18-12, a trout permit shall be required for each individual who wants to fish on the following waters during the specified time periods:

(1) November 1 through April 15:

(A) Cedar Bluff Stilling Basin;

(B) Dodge City Lake Charles;

(C) Fort Scott Gun Park Lake;

(D) Garnett Crystal Lake;

(E) Glen Elder State Park Pond;

(F) Kanopolis Seep Stream;

- (G) KDOT East Lake, located in Wichita;
- (H) Lake Henry, located in Clinton State Park;
- (I) Pratt Centennial Pond;
- (J) Sandsage Bison Range and Wildlife Area Sandpits;
- (K) the following Sedgwick County Park waters;
 - (i) Vic's Lake; and
 - (ii) Slough Creek;
- (L) Topeka Auburndale Park;
- (M) Walnut River Area, located in El Dorado State Park;
- (N) Webster Stilling Basin; and
- (O) Willow Lake, located in Tuttle Creek State Park; and
- (2) November 1 through October 31: unit number 30, located in the Mined Land Wildlife

Area.

(c) Pursuant to K.A.R. 115-18-12, a trout permit shall be required for each individual who wants to fish for and possess trout on the following waters from November 1 through April 15:

- (1) Atchison City Lake No. 1;
- (2) Belleville City Lake (Rocky Pond);
- (3) Cameron Springs, located on Fort Riley;
- (4) Cherryvale City Lake (Tanko);
- (5) Cimarron Grasslands Pits;
- (6) Colby-Villa High Lake;
- (7) Great Bend Veterans Memorial Park Lake;

- (8) Great Bend Stone Lake;
- (9) Holton-Elkhorn Lake;
- (10) Hutchinson Dillon Nature Center Pond;
- (11) Kanopolis State Park Pond;
- (12) Lake Shawnee, located in Shawnee County;
- (13) Moon Lake, located on Fort Riley;
- (14) Salina Lakewood Lake;
- (15) Scott State Fishing Lake;
- (16) Scott State Park Pond;
- (17) the following Sedgwick County Park waters:
 - (A) Moss Lake; and
 - (B) Horseshoe Lake;
- (18) Sherman County Smoky Gardens Lake;
- (19) Solomon River between Webster Reservoir and Rooks County #2 Road; and
- (20) Syracuse-Sam's Pond.

(d) The following daily creel limits and size limits shall apply to each pond, lake, impoundment, and other water of the state that is open to public fishing access, and to all perennial and intermittent watercourses of the state, unless special creel limits and size limits apply pursuant to subsection (f).

<u>Species</u>	<u>Creel Limit</u>	<u>Size Limit</u>
Black bass: largemouth, spotted, or smallmouth	5*	15"
Channel catfish or	10*	--

blue catfish		
Trout	5*/2****	--
Flathead catfish	5	--
Walleye, sauger, saugeye	5*	15"
Pike family: northern pike, tiger, or muskellunge	2*	30"
Striped bass	2	--
Wiper: striped bass hybrid	2	--
Paddlefish	2**	--
Crappie: white or black	50*	--
All other species	No limit	--

* The daily creel limit shall be composed of a single listed species or a combination of the species in the listed species group.

** The total snagging creel limit of paddlefish per calendar year shall be six paddlefish.

*** The two-trout-per-day creel limit shall be applicable to individuals under 16 years of age not in possession of a valid trout permit.

(e) The possession limit shall be three daily creel limits.

(f) Special size limits, creel limits, and bait restrictions for designated waters shall be those limits and restrictions specified in the department's "Kansas special size limits, creel limits, and bait restriction tables," dated July 31, 2013, which is hereby adopted by reference.

All fish caught from these designated waters that are of a size or number that is illegal to possess shall be released unrestrained to the water immediately.

This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2014. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 32-807.)

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-25-14. Fishing; creel limit, size limit, possession limit, and open season.

DESCRIPTION: This exempt regulation establishes statewide limits and open seasons for fishing in Kansas. The proposed amendments relate to updates to the reference document related to length and creel limits for specific bodies of water.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed changes would likely have no substantive economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.

K.A.R. 115-25-14.
Fishing; creel limit, size limit, possession limit, and open season.
POSSIBLE AMENDMENT
Change adding Meade SFL to list of Type II trout waters

As a result of internal department comment in relation to K.A.R. 115-25-14, the department suggests that the following amendment be made to the version of the regulation submitted for public comment.

K.A.R. 115-25-14. Fishing; creel limit, size limit, possession limit, and open season.

1. Amend proposed subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Pursuant to K.A.R. 115-18-12, a trout permit shall be required for each individual who wants to fish for and possess trout on the following waters from November 1 through April 15:

(1) November 1 through April 15:

(13) Meade State Fishing Lake

And renumber the section accordingly

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism

Kansas Special Size Limits, Creel Limits, and Bait Restriction Tables

Dated: July 31, 2013

Blue Catfish Creel Limits

5 fish daily creel limit

Cheney Reservoir, El Dorado Reservoir, Glen Elder Reservoir, Kanopolis Reservoir, Lovewell Reservoir, Milford Reservoir, Perry Reservoir, Wilson Reservoir

Blue Catfish Length Limits

35 inch minimum. Blue catfish of a length less than thirty-five (35) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Cheney Reservoir, El Dorado Reservoir, Perry Reservoir, Wilson Reservoir

Channel Catfish Creel Limits

2 fish daily creel limit

Andale-Renwick USD 267 Pond, Andover - Lake George, Arma City Lake, Atchison State Fishing Lake, Blue Mound City Lake, Bonner Springs - North Park Lake, Bourbon Co. Cedar Creek, Bourbon Co. Elm Creek Lake, Bourbon State Fishing Lake, Brown State Fishing Lake, Buhler City Pond, Butler State Fishing Lake, Chanute City Lake, Clinton State Park - Lake Henry, Clinton State Park - Picnic Area Pond, Columbus - VFW Pond, Colwich City Lake, Emporia - Jones Park Ponds, Emporia - Peter Pan Park, Fall River State Park Kids Pond, Fort Scott - Gunn Park Lake Fern, Fort Scott - Gunn Park Lake West, Fort Scott - Lake Fort Scott, Fort Scott Community College Lakes, Frontenac City Lake, Gardner City Lake, Garnett City Lake North, Garnett City Lake South, Greenbush Community Lake, Gridley City Lake, Harvey Co. Camp Hawk, Haysville - Riggs Lake, Impounded F.I.S.H. Waters, Johnson Co. - Kill Creek Park Lake, Johnson Co. - Shawnee Mission Park, Johnson Co. - Shawnee Mission Pond, Johnson Co. Antioch North & South, Kanopolis State Park Pond, Kechi Lake, Kingman State Fishing Lake, Lansing City Lake, Lansing City Lake #2-Kenneth W. Bernard Community Park Pond, Lawrence - Mary's Lake, Lawrence Pat Dawson Billings N & S, Leavenworth - Jerry's Lake, Leavenworth State Fishing Lake, Leawood - Tomahawk Parkway Middle, Leawood - Tomahawk Parkway North, Leawood - Tomahawk Parkway South, Lebo City Lake, Lebo Kid's Pond, Lenexa - Mize Blvd. Lake, Lenexa - Rose's Pond, Linn Co. - Critzer Reservoir, Linn Co. Strip Pits, McPherson State Fishing Lake, Melvern River Pond, Milford Hatchery Water Supply Pond, Mound City Lake, Mt. Hope - Oak Street Park Pond, Mulberry City Park Lake, Mulvane - Cedar Brook Pond, Nebo State Fishing Lake, New Strawn City Lake, Olathe - Black Bob Park Pond, Olathe - Cedar Lake, Olathe - Frisco Lake, Olathe - Mahaffie Farmstead

Pond, Olathe - North Waterworks Park Lake, Olathe-Oregon Trail Park Pond, Olathe-Prairie Center Park Pond, Olathe - Prairie Center Pond, Olathe - Waterworks Lake, Olpe - Jones Park Pond, Osage City Lake, Osage State Fishing Lake, Overbrook City Lake, Overland Park - Amesbury Lake, Overland Park - Kingston Lake, Overland Park - Regency Lake, Overland Park - South Lake, Overland Park - Summercrest Lake, Overland Park - Wilderness Lake, Parker City Lake, Pittsburg - Lincoln Park Pond, Pittsburg - Lakeside Park Lake, Pittsburg - Wilderness Pond, Pleasanton City Lake - East, Pleasanton City Lake - West, Pratt County Lake, Richmond City Lake, Rose Hill – School Street Pond, Shawnee Co. Shawnee Jr., Spring Hill Woodland Ridge Pond, Topeka-Auburndale Park Stream, Topeka - Cedar Crest Pond, Topeka - Central Park Lake, Topeka - Clarion Lake, Topeka - Freedom Valley Lake, Topeka - Governor's Ponds East & West, Topeka-Horseshoe Bend Park Pond, Topeka - West Lake, Uniontown School Pond, Valley Center - McLaughlin Pond, Wichita - Harrison Park Lake, Woodson State Fishing Lake, Wyandotte Co. Big 11, Wyandotte Co. Bonner Lake, Wyandotte Co. Pierson Park Lake, Yates Center - South, Yates Center Reservoir – New

5 fish daily creel limit

Altamont City Lake, Arkansas City - Knebbler #2, Arkansas City 6th Street Pond, Arkansas City, Knebbler #1, Atchison City Lakes 1-4, 6-9, 23, 24, Atchison County Lake, Atwood Lake, Barber Lower, Barber Upper, Belleville City Lake (Rocky Pond), Benton - Poling Lake, Black Kettle State Fishing Lake, Bone Creek Reservoir, Carbondale East Lake, Centralia City Lake, Chase State Fishing Lake, Cherryvale City Lake (Tanko), Cimarron Grasslands Fishing Pits, Clark State Fishing Lake, Clearwater - Chisholm Ridge Lake, Coffeyville-LeClere Lake, Colby - Villa High Lake, Coldwater City Lake, Concannon State Fishing Lake, Council Grove City Lake, Cowley State Fishing Lake, Crawford State Fishing Lake, Derby - High Park, Derby - Rainbow Valley, Derby - Stone Creek, Dodge City - Lake Charles, Dodge City - Mariah Hills Golf Course, Douglas State Fishing Lake, Edna City Lake, Ellis City Lake, Eureka City Lake, Finney State Fishing Lake, Ford State Fishing Lake, Fort Scott - Rock Creek Lake, Garnett - Cedar Valley Reservoir, Geary State Fishing Lake, Goodman State Fishing Lake, Graham County - Antelope Lake, Great Bend Stone Lake, Great Bend Veteran's Park, Hain State Fishing Lake, Hamilton State Fishing Lake, Harvey County East Lake, Harvey County West Lake, Herington - Father Padilla Pond, Hiawatha City Lake, Hodgeman State Fishing Lake, Holton - Elkhorn Lake, Holton City (Prairie) Lake, Horsethief Reservoir, Horton Little Lake, Horton Mission Lake, Howard - Polk Daniels Lake, Hutchinson - Carey Park Lagoon & Pond, Hutchinson - Dillon Nature Center, Independence Community College-Campus Pond, Jackson County - Banner Creek , Jeffrey Energy Center, Jetmore City Lake, Jewell City Lake (Emerson Lake), Jewell State Fishing Lake, Junction City-Bluffs, Junction City - Rim Rock Lake, Junction City-Riverwalk, Junction City - Wetland Park, Kiowa State Fishing Lake, LaCrosse Warren Stone Memorial , Liberal-Arkalon Recreation Area, Logan City Lake, Logan State Fishing Lake, Louisburg - Middle Creek, Lyon State Fishing Lake, Madison City Lake, Marion County Lake, Meade State Fishing Lake, Miami State Fishing Lake, Milford State Park Pond, Mined Land Wildlife Area, Moline New City Lake, Moline Old City Lake, Montgomery State Fishing Lake, Neosho State Fishing Lake, Neosho Wildlife Area Pond, Newton-Sand Creek, Ogden City Lake, Olathe – Lake Olathe, Olpe City Lake, Osawatอมie - Beaver Lake, Osawatอมie City Lake, Ottawa State Fishing Lake, Park City - Chisholm Pointe, Parsons City Lake, Plainville Township Lake, Pottawatomie 1, Pottawatomie 2, Pottawatomie Co. Cross Creek Lake, Prescott City Lake,

Rooks State Fishing Lake, Sabetha - Pony Creek Lake, Sabetha City Lake, Salina - Indian Rock Pond, Salina - Lakewood Lake, Saline State Fishing Lake, Sandsage Bison Range & Wildlife Area, Scott State Fishing Lake, Sedan New City Lake, Sedan Old City Lake, Sedgwick Co. Lake Afton, Sedgwick Co. Park Lakes, Severy City Lake, Shawnee State Fishing Lake, Sheridan State Fishing Lake, Sherman County - Smoky Gardens, Sherman State Fishing Lake, St. Francis - Keller Lake, St. Francis Sand Pits, Syracuse-Sam's Pond, Thayer City Lake (New), Thayer City Lake (Old), Troy - 4-H Lake, Ulysses City Lake, Washington State Fishing Lake, Wellington - Hargis Creek Lake, Wellington City Lake, Wichita - Buffalo Park Lake, Wichita - Chisholm North Lake, Wichita - Cruiser Lake, Wichita - Dillon's Pond, Wichita - East KDOT, Wichita - Emery Park Pond, Wichita - South Lake, Wichita - SP1, Wichita - SP2, Wichita - Watson Park Lake, Wichita - West KDOT, Wilson State Fishing Lake, Wyandotte Co. Lake

Channel Catfish Length Limits

15 inch minimum. Channel catfish of a length less than fifteen (15) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Altamont City Lake, Arma City Lake, Atchison City Lakes 1-4, 6-9, 23, 24, Atchison County Lake, Atchison State Fishing Lake, Atwood Lake, Belleville City Lake (Rocky Pond), Black Kettle State Fishing Lake, Blue Mound City Lake, Bone Creek Reservoir, Bourbon Co. Cedar Creek, Bourbon Co. Elm Creek Lake, Bourbon State Fishing Lake, Brown State Fishing Lake, Butler State Fishing Lake, Centralia City Lake, Chanute City Lake, Chase State Fishing Lake, Cherryvale City Lake (Tanko), Coffeyville-LeClere Lake, Columbus - VFW Pond, Cowley State Fishing Lake, Crawford State Fishing Lake, Douglas County - Lonestar Lake, Douglas State Fishing Lake, Edgerton - Bridgewater Lake, Edna City Lake, Emporia - Jones Park Ponds, Emporia - Peter Pan Park, Eureka City Lake, Fall River State Park Kid's Pond, Fort Scott - Gunn Park Lake Fern, Fort Scott - Gunn Park Lake West, Fort Scott - Lake Fort Scott, Fort Scott Community College Lakes, Frontenac City Lake, Gardner City Lake, Garnett City Lake North, Garnett City Lake South, Greenbush Community Lake, Gridley City Lake, Harvey Co. Camp Hawk, Harvey County West Lake, Hiawatha City Lake, Holton Elkhorn Lake, Holton City Prairie Lake, Horton Little Lake, Horton Mission Lake, Howard - Polk Daniels Lake, Independence Community College-Campus Pond, Jackson County - Banner Creek Reservoir, Jewell City Lake (Emerson Lake), Jewell State Fishing Lake, Johnson Co. - Kill Creek Park Lake, Johnson Co. - Shawnee Mission Park, Johnson Co. - Shawnee Mission Pond, Johnson Co. Antioch North & South, Kingman State Fishing Lake, Leavenworth State Fishing Lake, Lebo City Lake, Linn Co. - Critzer Reservoir, Linn Co. Strip Pits, Logan City Lake, Louisburg-Middle Creek SFL, Lyon State Fishing Lake, Madison City Lake, Marion County Lake, McPherson State Fishing Lake, Melvern River Pond, Miami State Fishing Lake, Mined Land Wildlife Area, Moline New City Lake, Moline Old City Lake, Montgomery State Fishing Lake, Mound City Lake, Mulberry City Park Lake, Nebo State Fishing Lake, Neosho State Fishing Lake, Neosho Wildlife Area Pond, New Strawn City Lake, Olathe-Stagecoach Park Pond, Olpe City Lake, Olpe - Jones Park Pond, Osage City Lake, Osage State Fishing Lake, Osawatอมie - Beaver Lake, Osawatอมie City Lake, Overbrook City Lake, Overland Park - Amesbury Lake, Overland Park - Summercrest Lake, Overland Park - Wilderness Lake, Parker City Lake, Parsons City Lake, Pittsburg - Lincoln Park Pond, Pittsburg - Lakeside Park lake, Pittsburg - Wilderness Pond, Pleasanton City Lake - East, Pleasanton City Lake - West, Pottawatomie 1, Pratt County Lake,

Prescott City Lake, Richmond City Lake, Rose Hill – School Street Pond, Sabetha City Lake, Sabetha - Pony Creek Lake, Sedan New City Lake (South), Sedan Old City Lake (North), Severy City Lake, Sherman County – Smoky Gardens, Spring Hill Woodland Ridge Pond, Thayer City Lake (New), Thayer City Lake (Old), Troy 4-H Lake, Uniontown School Pond, Wellington – Hargis Creek Lake, Wellington City Lake, Wilson State Fishing Lake, Woodson State Fishing Lake, Yates Center - South, Yates Center Reservoir – New

Crappie Creel Limits

10 fish daily creel

Garnett City Lake North, Garnett City Lake South, Gridley City Lake, Holton - Elkhorn Lake, Lebo City Lake, Linn Co. - Critzer Reservoir, Melvern River Pond, Milford Hatchery Water Supply Pond, New Strawn City Lake, Osage City Lake, Osage State Fishing Lake, Overbrook City Lake, Pleasanton City Lake – West, Troy - 4-H Lake, Wichita - Buffalo Park Lake, Wichita - Chisholm North Lake, Wichita - Cruiser Lake, Wichita - Dillon's Pond, Wichita - East KDOT, Wichita - South Lake, Wichita - Watson Park Lake, Wichita - West KDOT, Yates Center - South

20 fish daily creel

Atchison State Fishing Lake, Bone Creek Reservoir, Brown State Fishing Lake, Clinton Reservoir, Council Grove City Lake, Council Grove Reservoir, Frontenac City Lake, Glen Elder Reservoir, Hillsdale Reservoir, Jackson County - Banner Creek , Melvern Reservoir, Perry Reservoir, Sabetha - Pony Creek Lake, Thayer City Lake (New), Thayer City Lake (Old), Wellington City Lake, Winfield City Lake, Yates Center Reservoir – New

Crappie Length Limits

10 inch minimum. Crappie species of a length less than ten (10) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Frontenac City Lake, Cheney Reservoir, Clinton Reservoir, Garnett City Lake North, Garnett City Lake South, Gridley City Lake, Hillsdale Reservoir, LaCygne Reservoir, Lebo City Lake, Linn Co. - Critzer Reservoir, Melvern Reservoir, Melvern River Pond, Overbrook City Lake, Perry Reservoir, Pleasanton City Lake – West, Yates Center – South

Largemouth Bass Creel Limits

2 fish daily creel limit

Andale-Renwick USD 267 Pond, Andover - Lake George, Arma City Lake, Atchison State Fishing Lake, Atwood Lake, Benton - Poling Lake, Bourbon Co. Cedar Creek, Bourbon Co. Elm Creek Lake, Brown State Fishing Lake, Buhler City Pond, Carbondale East Lake, Chanute City Lake, Clearwater - Chisholm Ridge Lake, Columbus - VFW Pond, Colwich City Lake, Concannon State Fishing Lake, Crawford State Fishing Lake, Derby - High Park, Derby - Rainbow Valley, Derby - Stone Creek, Dodge City - Lake Charles, Emporia-Jones Park Ponds,

Emporia-Peter Pan Park, Fall River State Park Kids Pond, Fort Scott - Gunn Park Lake Fern, Fort Scott - Gunn Park Lake West, Fort Scott - Lake Fort Scott, Fort Scott Community College Lakes, Frontenac City Lake, Greenbush Community Lake, Gridley City Lake, Harvey Co. Camp Hawk, Harvey County West Lake, Hiawatha City Lake, Holton City (Prairie) Lake, Horton Little Lake, Horton Mission Lake, Impounded F.I.S.H. Waters, Jackson County - Banner Creek , Johnson Co. - Kill Creek Park Lake, Johnson Co. - Shawnee Mission Park , Johnson Co. - Shawnee Mission Pond, Johnson Co. Antioch North & South , Kanopolis State Park Pond, Kechi Lake, Lansing City Lake, Lebo City Lake, Lebo Kid's Pond, Linn Co. - Critzer Reservoir, Linn Co. Strip Pits, Louisburg - Middle Creek, Melvern River Pond, Milford Hatchery Water Supply Pond, Mt. Hope - Oak Street Park Pond, Mulberry Park Lake, Mulvane – Cedar Brook Pond, Nebo State Fishing Lake, New Strawn City Lake, Olpe-Jones Park Pond, Osage City Lake, Osage State Fishing Lake, Overbrook City Lake, Overland Park - Kingston Lake, Overland Park - Regency Lake, Overland Park - South Lake, Park City - Chisholm Pointe, Parker City Lake, Pittsburg - Lincoln Park Pond, Pittsburg - Lakeside Park lake, Pittsburg - Wilderness Pond, Pleasanton City Lake - East, Pleasanton City Lake - West, Pratt County Lake, Richmond City Lake, Rose Hill – School Street Pond, Sabetha - Pony Creek Lake, Sabetha City Lake, Sandsage Bison Range & Wildlife Area, Sedgwick Co. Park Lakes, Shawnee County - Lake Shawnee, Sherman County - Smoky Gardens, Uniontown School Pond, Valley Center-Arrowhead Park Lake, Valley Center - McLaughlin Pond, Wellington - Hargis Creek Lake, Wellington City Lake, Wichita - Buffalo Park Lake, Wichita - Chisholm North Lake, Wichita - Cruiser Lake, Wichita - Dillon's Pond, Wichita - East KDOT, Wichita - Emery Park Pond, Wichita - Harrison Park Lake, Wichita - South Lake, Wichita - SP1, Wichita - SP2, Wichita - Watson Park Lake, Wichita - West KDOT, Wyandotte Co. Bonner Lake

Largemouth Bass Length Limits

13 -18 inch slot limit. Largemouth bass between the lengths of thirteen (13) and eighteen (18) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Altamont City Lake, Bone Creek Reservoir, Chase State Fishing Lake, Council Grove City Lake, Douglas County - Lonestar Lake, Douglas State Fishing Lake, Garnett City Lake North, Garnett City Lake South, Goodman State Fishing Lake, Graham County - Antelope Lake, Harvey County East Lake, Holton - Elkhorn Lake, Howard - Polk Daniels Lake, Jetmore City Lake, Jewell State Fishing Lake, Linn Co. Strip Pits, Lyon State Fishing Lake, Madison City Lake, McPherson State Fishing Lake, Meade State Fishing Lake, Melvern River Pond, Miami State Fishing Lake, Mined Land Wildlife Area, Moline New City Lake, Moline Old City Lake, Montgomery State Fishing Lake, Mound City Lake, Osage State Fishing Lake, Osawatomie - Beaver Lake, Osawatomie City Lake, Overbrook City Lake, Paola - Lake Miola, Parker City Lake, Pottawatomie Co. Cross Creek Lake, Richmond City Lake, Sedan New City Lake, Sedan Old City Lake, Thayer City Lake (New), Thayer City Lake (Old), Troy - 4-H Lake, Woodson State Fishing Lake, Yates Center Reservoir – New

18 inch minimum. Largemouth bass of a length less than eighteen (18) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Alma City Lake, Andale-Renwick USD 267 Pond, Andover - Lake George, Arma City Lake, Atchison State Fishing Lake, Atwood Lake, Benton - Poling Lake, Black Kettle State Fishing Lake, Brown State Fishing Lake, Buhler City Pond, Carbondale East Lake, Centralia City Lake, Cherryvale City Lake (Tanko), Clearwater - Chisholm Ridge Lake, Clinton Reservoir, Clinton State Park - Lake Henry, Clinton State Park - Picnic Area Pond, Colwich City Lake, Crawford State Fishing Lake, Derby - High Park, Derby - Rainbow Valley, Derby - Stone Creek, Dodge City - Lake Charles, Douglas State Fishing Lake, Edna City Lake, El Dorado Reservoir, Emporia-Jones Park Ponds, Emporia-Peter Pan Park, Eskridge - Lake Wabaunsee, Eureka City Lake, Fall River State Park Kids Pond, Fort Scott - Gunn Park Lake Fern, Fort Scott - Gunn Park Lake West, Fort Scott - Lake Fort Scott, Fort Scott Community College Lakes, Frontenac City Lake, Garnett - Cedar Valley Reservoir, Glen Elder Park Pond, Glen Elder Reservoir, Greenbush Community Lake, Gridley City Lake, Harvey County West Lake, Harveyville City Lake, Herington City Lake - New, Herington City Lake - Old, Herington - Father Padilla Pond, Hillsdale Reservoir, Holton City (Prairie) Lake, Horton - Mission Lake, Horton Little Lake, Impounded F.I.S.H. Waters, Jackson County - Banner Creek , Jewell City Lake (Emerson Lake), Johnson Co. - Kill Creek North Pond, Johnson Co. - Kill Creek Park Lake, Johnson Co. - Kill Creek South Pond, Johnson Co. - Shawnee Mission Park , Johnson Co. - Shawnee Mission Pond, Johnson Co. Antioch North & South , Kanopolis State Park Pond, Kechi Lake, Kingman State Fishing Lake, LaCygne Reservoir, Lebo City Lake, Lebo Kid's Pond, Logan City Lake, Louisburg - Middle Creek, Marion County Lake, Marion Reservoir, Melvern Reservoir, Mt. Hope - Oak Street Park Pond, Mulvane - Cedar Brook Pond, Nebo State Fishing Lake, Neosho State Fishing Lake, Olathe - Cedar Lake, Olathe - Lake Olathe, Olpe-Jones Park Pond, Osage City Lake, Park City - Chisholm Pointe, Perry Reservoir, Pratt County Lake, Rooks State Fishing Lake, Rose Hill - School Street Pond, Sabetha - Pony Creek Lake, Sabetha City Lake, Salina - Indian Rock Pond, Salina - Lakewood Lake, Sedgwick Co. Lake Afton, Sedgwick Co. Park Lakes, Shawnee Co. Lake Shawnee, Sherman County - Smoky Gardens, Tuttle Creek Reservoir, Tuttle Creek Willow Lake, Uniontown School Pond, Valley Center-Arrowhead Park Lake, Valley Center - McLaughlin Pond, Wellington - Hargis Creek Lake, Wellington City Lake, Wichita - Buffalo Park Lake, Wichita - Chisholm North Lake, Wichita - Cruiser Lake, Wichita - Dillon's Pond, Wichita - East KDOT, Wichita - Emery Park Pond, Wichita - Harrison Park Lake, Wichita - South Lake, Wichita - SP1, Wichita - SP2, Wichita - Watson Park Lake, Wichita - West KDOT, Yates Center - South

21 inch minimum. Largemouth bass of a length less than twenty-one (21) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Big Hill Reservoir, Big Hill Wildlife Area, Bourbon Co. Cedar Creek, Bourbon Co. Elm Creek Lake, Harvey Co. Camp Hawk, Linn Co. - Critzer Reservoir, New Strawn City Lake, Pleasanton City Lake - East, Pleasanton City Lake - West

Smallmouth Bass Creel Limit

2 fish daily creel limit

Atchison State Fishing Lake, Bourbon Co. Cedar Creek, Bourbon Co. Elm Creek Lake, Douglas County - Lonestar Lake, Fort Scott - Lake Fort Scott, Garnett City Lake North, Gridley City

Lake, Jackson County - Banner Creek , Johnson Co. - Kill Creek Park Lake, Leavenworth State Fishing Lake, Lebo City Lake, Linn Co. - Critzer Reservoir, Milford Hatchery Water Supply Pond, New Strawn City Lake, Osage State Fishing Lake, Overbrook City Lake, Pleasanton City Lake - East, Pleasanton City Lake - West, Sabetha - Pony Creek Lake, Shawnee Co. Lake Shawnee, Woodson State Fishing Lake

Smallmouth Bass Length Limit

18 inch minimum. Smallmouth bass of a length less than eighteen (18) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Bourbon Co. Cedar Creek, Bourbon Co. Elm Creek Lake, Alma City Lake, Atchison State Fishing Lake, Big Hill Reservoir, Douglas County - Lonestar Lake, El Dorado Reservoir, Eskridge - Lake Wabaunsee, Fort Scott - Lake Fort Scott, Garnett City Lake North, Glen Elder Park Pond, Glen Elder Reservoir, Gridley City Lake, Jackson County - Banner Creek , Johnson Co. - Kill Creek Park Lake, LaCygne Reservoir, Leavenworth State Fishing Lake, Lebo City Lake, Linn Co. - Critzer Reservoir, Marion County Lake, Melvern Reservoir, New Strawn City Lake, Osage State Fishing Lake, Overbrook City Lake, Perry Reservoir, Sabetha - Pony Creek Lake, Shawnee Co. Lake Shawnee, Woodson State Fishing Lake, Wyandotte Co. Lake

Spotted Bass Creel Limit

2 fish daily creel limit

Chanute City Lake, Fort Scott - Lake Fort Scott, Melvern River Pond, Milford Hatchery Water Supply Pond

Spotted Bass Length Limit

18 inch minimum. Spotted bass of a length less than eighteen (18) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

El Dorado Reservoir, Eureka City Lake

Walleye Creel Limits

2 fish daily creel limit

Atchison State Fishing Lake, Bone Creek Reservoir, Bourbon Co. Cedar Creek, Bourbon Co. Elm Creek Lake, Bourbon State Fishing Lake, Brown State Fishing Lake, Carbondale East Lake, Cheney Reservoir, Crawford State Fishing Lake, El Dorado Reservoir, Fort Scott - Lake Fort Scott, Garnett – Cedar Valley Reservoir, Garnett City Lake North, Garnett City Lake South, Gridley City Lake, Harvey County East Lake, Jackson County - Banner Creek , Jeffery Energy Center, Johnson Co. - Kill Creek Park Lake, Leavenworth State Fishing Lake, Lebo City Lake, Linn Co. - Critzer Reservoir, Marion County Lake, Melvern River Pond, Milford Hatchery Water Supply Pond, Mound City Lake, New Strawn City Lake, Osage City Lake, Osage State

Fishing Lake, Overbrook City Lake, Paola - Lake Miola, Pleasanton City Lake - East, Pratt County Lake, Richmond City Lake, Sabetha - Pony Creek Lake, Sabetha City Lake, Sedgwick Co. Lake Afton, Shawnee Co. Lake Shawnee, Wichita - Chisholm North Lake, Woodson State Fishing Lake, Wyandotte Co. Lake, Yates Center - South, Yates Center Reservoir – New

Walleye Length Limits

18 inch minimum. Walleye of a length less than eighteen (18) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Alma City Lake, Atchison State Fishing Lake, Big Hill Reservoir, Bone Creek Reservoir, Bourbon Co. Cedar Creek, Bourbon Co. Elm Creek Lake, Bourbon State Fishing Lake, Brown State Fishing Lake, Carbondale East Lake, Cedar Bluff Reservoir, Centralia City Lake, Chase State Fishing Lake, Council Grove City Lake, Crawford State Fishing Lake, El Dorado Reservoir, Eskridge - Lake Wabaunsee, Eureka City Lake, Fort Scott - Lake Fort Scott, Garnett – Cedar Valley Reservoir, Garnett City Lake North, Garnett City Lake South, Glen Elder Reservoir, Gridley City Lake, Harvey County East Lake, Harveyville City Lake, Herington City Lake - New, Hillsdale Reservoir, Jackson County - Banner Creek, Johnson Co. - Kill Creek Park Lake, Keith Sebelius (Norton), Kingman State Fishing Lake, Lebo City Lake, Linn Co. - Critzer Reservoir, Lovewell Reservoir, Marion County Lake, Marion Reservoir, Melvern River Pond, Melvern Reservoir, Milford Reservoir, Mined Land Wildlife Area, Mound City Lake, Osage City Lake, Perry Reservoir, Pleasanton City Lake - East, Pomona Reservoir, Pratt County Lake, Richmond City Lake, Sabetha - Pony Creek Lake, Sabetha City Lake, Wellington City Lake, Wichita - Chisholm North Lake, Wilson State Fishing Lake, Winfield City Lake, Woodson State Fishing Lake, Wyandotte Co. Lake

21 inch minimum. Walleye of a length less than twenty-one (21) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Cheney Reservoir, El Dorado Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. Lake Afton

Sauger Creel Limit

2 fish daily creel limit

Jackson County - Banner Creek, Milford Hatchery Water Supply Pond

Sauger Length Limits

18 inch minimum. Sauger of a length less than eighteen (18) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Jackson County - Banner Creek, Perry Reservoir

Saugeye Creel Limits

2 fish daily creel limit

Bourbon Co. Elm Creek Lake, Bourbon State Fishing Lake, Carbondale East Lake, Chanute City Lake, Crawford State Fishing Lake, Douglas State Fishing Lake, Gardner City Lake, Graham County - Antelope Lake, Harvey County East Lake, Harvey County West Lake, Louisburg - Middle Creek, Marion County Lake, Milford Hatchery Water Supply Pond, Nebo State Fishing Lake, Pleasanton City Lake - East, Sabetha City Lake, Sedgwick Co. Lake Afton, Sherman County - Smoky Gardens, Wellington - Hargis Creek Lake, Wichita - Buffalo Park Lake, Wichita - Chisholm North Lake, Wichita - Watson Park Lake

Saugeye Length Limits

18 inch minimum. Saugeye of a length less than eighteen (18) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Bourbon Co. Elm Creek Lake, Bourbon State Fishing Lake, Carbondale East Lake, Centralia City Lake, Chanute City Lake, Chase State Fishing Lake, Crawford State Fishing Lake, Eskridge - Lake Wabaunsee, Eureka City Lake, Gardner City Lake, Geary State Fishing Lake, Graham County - Antelope Lake, Harvey County East Lake, Harvey County West Lake, Harveyville City Lake, Keith Sebelius (Norton), Louisburg - Middle Creek, Marion County Lake, McPherson State Fishing Lake, Nebo State Fishing Lake, Ottawa State Fishing Lake, Parsons City Lake, Perry Reservoir, Pleasanton City Lake - East, Sabetha City Lake, Sherman County - Smoky Gardens, Washington State Fishing Lake, Wellington - Hargis Creek Lake, Wellington City Lake, Wichita - Buffalo Park Lake, Wichita - Chisholm North Lake, Wichita - Watson Park Lake

21 inch minimum. Saugeye of a length less than twenty-one (21) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Sedgwick Co. Lake Afton

Striped Bass Length Limits

18 inch minimum. Striped bass of a length less than eighteen (18) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Crawford State Fishing Lake, LaCygne Reservoir, Pleasanton City Lake – East

21 inch minimum. Striped bass of a length less than twenty-one (21) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Cheney Reservoir

Wiper Creel Limits

5 fish daily creel limit

Coldwater City Lake, Douglas County - Lonestar Lake, Leavenworth State Fishing Lake, Marion Reservoir, Paola - Lake Miola, Shawnee Co. Lake Shawnee

Wiper Length Limits

18 inch minimum. Wipers of a length less than eighteen (18) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Atchison City Lake #7, Carbondale East Lake, Chanute City Lake, Clinton Reservoir, Council Grove Reservoir, Douglas County - Lonestar Lake, El Dorado Reservoir, Garnett - Cedar Valley Reservoir, Garnett City Lake North, Garnett City Lake South, Great Bend Stone Lake, Gridley City Lake, Horton Little Lake, Jetmore City Lake, Kiowa State Fishing Lake, LaCygne Reservoir, Leavenworth State Fishing Lake, Lebo City Lake, Louisburg - Middle Creek, Marion County Lake, Melvern River Pond, Mined Land Wildlife Area, New Strawn City Lake, Olathe - Cedar Lake, Olathe - Lake Olathe, Osage City Lake, Osage State Fishing Lake, Ottawa State Fishing Lake, Overbrook City Lake, Plainville Township Lake, Pleasanton City Lake - East, Pomona Reservoir, Pratt County Lake, Sabetha - Pony Creek Lake, Shawnee Co. Lake Shawnee, Wellington City Lake, Wichita - Buffalo Park Lake, Wichita - Chisholm North Lake, Wichita - East KDOT, Wichita - Watson Park Lake, Wichita - West KDOT, Winfield City Lake, Woodson State Fishing Lake, Wyandotte Co. Lake, Yates Center - South, Yates Center Reservoir – New

21 inch minimum. Wipers of a length less than twenty-one (21) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Cheney Reservoir, El Dorado Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. Park Lakes

Paddlefish Length Limits

34 inch minimum length limit. Measured from eye to middle of fork of tail.

Marais des Cygnes River

Brown Trout Length Limits

20 inch minimum. Brown Trout of a length less than twenty (20) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from the following waters:

Mined Land Wildlife Area

Brown Trout Creel Limits

1 fish daily creel limit

Mined Land Wildlife Area

Length and Creel Limits for the Missouri River (Kansas-Missouri Boundary Waters which includes the Browning Oxbow):

Length limits on that portion of the Missouri River which bound the Kansas-Missouri state boundary (Kansas-Missouri Boundary Waters and the Browning Oxbow): Black bass (largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass) of a length less than twelve (12) inches, Channel Catfish, Sauger, and Walleye of a length less than fifteen (15) inches, and only paddlefish of a length less than twenty-four (24) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately.

Daily creel limits on that portion of the Missouri River which bound the Kansas-Missouri state boundaries (Kansas-Missouri Boundary Waters and the Browning Oxbow): Catfish (Blue and Flathead) daily creel limit of five (5) fish each; Channel Catfish daily creel limit of ten (10) fish; Crappie (white and black; single species or in combination) daily creel limit of thirty (30) fish; Walleye, Sauger and their hybrids (single species or in combination) daily creel limit of four (4) fish; *Morone* spp. (Yellow bass, Striped bass, White bass and their hybrids; single species or in combination) daily creel limit of fifteen (15) fish; Paddlefish daily creel limit of two (2) fish; Black Bass (Largemouth, Spotted, and Smallmouth; single species or in combination) daily creel limit of six (6) fish; all other species (excluding T&E and SINC species) daily creel limit of fifty (50) fish.

All fish caught from the Missouri River Boundary Waters that are a size or number that is illegal to possess, shall be released unrestricted to the water immediately.

Kanopolis Seep Stream (Sand Creek)

Artificial bait only (lures or fly fishing) at power poles number 9 through number 16.

Pratt Backwaters, Pratt Centennial Pond & Pratt Kids' Fishing Pond:

Pratt Centennial Pond: Fishing hours shall be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. All species of fish caught shall be immediately returned to the waters of Centennial Pond, except there shall be a daily creel limit of two (2) rainbow trout.

Pratt Kids' Fishing Pond: Fishing Hours shall be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Children ten (10) years of age or less shall be accompanied by a person sixteen (16) years of age or older. The following creel limits on the Pratt Kids' Fishing Pond: Two fish of a single species or a combination of species per day.

Pratt Backwaters: Fishing Hours shall be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Length and Creel Limits for Coffey County Lake:

Length limits on Coffey County Lake: Wipers of a length less than twenty-one (21) inches, largemouth bass of a length less than eighteen (18) inches, smallmouth bass of a length less than

eighteen (18) inches, walleye of a length less than twenty-one (21) inches, and crappie (black and white species) of a length less than twelve (12) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately.

Daily creel limits on Coffey County Lake: Wiper creel limit of one (1), largemouth bass creel limit of two (2), smallmouth bass creel limit of two (2), crappie, black and white species (single species or in combination) creel limit of five (5), walleye creel limit of two (2), and channel catfish and blue catfish (single species or in combination) creel limit of ten (10) per day.

No trotlines or setlines allowed.

Paddlefish Snagging Locations:

Locations open to paddlefish snagging during the paddlefish season (March 15-May 15): Posted areas inside the city parks at Burlington and Chetopa on the Neosho River, Neosho River at Iola downstream from dam downstream to posted Iola city property boundary, Marais des Cygnes River below Osawatomie Dam downstream to posted boundary, Marais des Cynes River on the upstream boundary of the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Area downstream to Kansas-Missouri state line, and the Browning Oxbow Lake of the Missouri River.

At the posted area inside the city park at Chetopa on the Neosho River, each individual fishing for paddlefish shall use barbless hooks while fishing. "Barbless hook" shall mean a hook without barbs or upon which the barbs have been bent completely closed.

Float Fishing Locations:

Locations open to float fishing during the float fishing season (July 15-September15): Council Grove Reservoir, Elk City Reservoir, Fall River Reservoir, Glen Elder Reservoir, Hillsdale Reservoir, John Redmond Reservoir, Kanopolis Reservoir, Lovewell Reservoir, Pomona Reservoir, Toronto Reservoir, Tuttle Creek Reservoir, Wilson Reservoir.

Tallgrass Prairie Preserve F.I.S.H. Properties:

All species of fish are protected and must be returned to the water immediately when taken from this property.

Wichita – Chisholm Island Pond:

All fishing shall be with artificial flies and lures only and shall be the only tackle allowed on such person while fishing this water, except for during KDWP-sponsored fishing clinics. All species of fish caught shall be immediately returned to the waters of Wichita - Chisholm Island Pond.

Sedgwick County - Slough Creek:

All fishing during trout season (October 15-April 15) will be done with flies only. A fly is defined as: a device constructed on a single-pointed hook from feather, chenille, yarn, silk, rayon, nylon thread or floss, with or without a spinner. The following are not flies and are not allowed in your possession while fishing this area: Molded plastic or rubber baits; foods and organic baits such as worms, grubs, crickets, leeches, minnows and fish eggs; and manufactured baits, including imitation fish eggs, dough baits and stink baits.

Length and Creel Limits for Grand Osage Wildlife Area:

Length limits on Grand Osage Wildlife Area: Largemouth bass between the lengths of thirteen (13) and eighteen (18) inches, and channel catfish of a length less than fifteen (15) inches are protected and must be returned to the water immediately.

Daily creel limits on Grand Osage Wildlife Area: Largemouth bass creel limit of five (5), and channel catfish creel limit of two (2).

115-25-6. Turkey; spring season, bag limit, permits, and game tags. (a) The open season for the taking of turkey by archery equipment only shall begin on the first day of April and shall continue through the day before the opening day of the open season specified in subsection (b) in all turkey management units. All turkey permits and second turkey game tags issued for the open season shall be valid during this season for use with archery equipment only. On and after February 1, 2015, the open season for the taking of turkey by archery equipment only shall begin on the first Monday after the first Saturday in April and shall continue through the day before the opening day of the open season specified in subsection (b) in all turkey management units. All turkey permits and second turkey game tags issued for the open season shall be valid during this season for use with archery equipment only.

(b) The open season for the taking of turkey by use of firearms or archery equipment shall begin on the second Wednesday in April and shall continue through the last day in May. On and after February 1, 2015, the open season for the taking of turkey by use of firearms or archery equipment shall begin on the second Wednesday after the first Saturday in April and shall continue through the last day in May.

(c)(1) The season for designated persons for the taking of turkey shall begin on the first day of April and shall continue through the day before the opening day of the open season specified in subsection (b) in all turkey management units. All turkey permits and second turkey game tags issued for the open season shall be valid during this season.

(2) The following persons may hunt during the season for designated persons:

(A) Any person having a valid turkey permit or second turkey game tag who is 16 years of age or younger, while under the immediate supervision of an adult who is 18 years of age or older;

(B) any person with a permit to hunt from a vehicle issued according to K.A.R. 115-18-4; and

(C) any person with a disability assistance permit issued according to K.A.R. 115-18-15.

(d) The legal limit shall be one bearded turkey per turkey permit and one bearded turkey per second turkey game tag where game tags are authorized.

(e) The units and the number of permits authorized for the taking of turkey during the established season shall be as follows:

(1) Unit 1. Unit 1 shall consist of that area bounded by a line from the Nebraska-Kansas state line south on federal highway US-183 to its junction with interstate highway I-70, then west on interstate highway I-70 to the Colorado-Kansas state line, then north along the Colorado-Kansas state line to its junction with Nebraska-Kansas state line, and then east along the Nebraska-Kansas state line to its junction with federal highway US-183, except federal and state sanctuaries. An unlimited number of permits and an unlimited number of second turkey game tags shall be authorized for unit 1.

(2) Unit 2. Unit 2 shall consist of that area bounded by a line from the Nebraska-Kansas state line south on federal highway US-81 to its junction with interstate highway I-135, then south on interstate highway I-135 to its junction with federal highway US-56, then west on federal highway US-56 to its junction with state highway K-96, then west on state highway K-96 to its junction with federal highway US-183, then north on federal highway US-183 to its junction with the Nebraska-Kansas state line, and then east along the Nebraska-Kansas state line to its junction with federal highway US-183, except federal and state sanctuaries. An unlimited number of permits and an unlimited number of second turkey game tags shall be authorized for unit 2.

(3) Unit 3. Unit 3 shall consist of that area bounded by a line from the Nebraska-Kansas state line south on federal highway US-81 to its junction with interstate highway I-135, then south on interstate highway I-135 to its junction with federal highway US-56, then east on federal highway US-56 to its junction with state highway K-150, then east on state highway K-150 to its junction with federal highway US-50, then east on federal highway US-50 to its junction with interstate highway I-35, then northeast on interstate highway I-35 to its junction with the Missouri-Kansas state line, then north along the Missouri-Kansas state line to its junction with Nebraska-Kansas state line, and then west along the Nebraska-Kansas state line to its junction with federal highway US-81, except federal and state sanctuaries. An unlimited number of permits and an unlimited number of second turkey game tags shall be authorized for unit 3.

(4) Unit 4. Unit 4 shall consist of that portion of the state bounded by a line from the Kansas-Colorado state line east on interstate highway I-70 to its junction with federal highway US-183, then south on federal highway US-183 to its junction with federal highway US-54, then southwest on federal highway US-54 to the Oklahoma-Kansas state line, then west along the Oklahoma-Kansas state line to its junction with the Colorado-Kansas state line, and then north along the Colorado-Kansas state line to its junction with interstate highway I-70, except federal and state sanctuaries. A total of 500 permits shall be authorized for unit 4, and all youth permits shall also be valid in unit 4.

(5) Unit 5. Unit 5 shall consist of that portion of the state bounded by a line from the Oklahoma-Kansas state line north on interstate highway I-35 to its junction with federal highway US-56, then west on federal highway US-56 to its junction with state highway K-96, then west on state highway K-96 to its junction with federal highway US-183, then south on federal

highway US-183 to its junction with federal highway US-54, then southwest on federal highway US-54 to the Oklahoma-Kansas state line, and then east along the Oklahoma-Kansas state line to its junction with interstate highway I-35, except federal and state sanctuaries. An unlimited number of permits and an unlimited number of second turkey game tags shall be authorized for unit 5.

(6) Unit 6. Unit 6 shall consist of that portion of the state bounded by a line from the Oklahoma-Kansas state line north on interstate highway I-35 to its junction with federal highway US-56, then east on federal highway US-56 to its junction with state highway K-150, then east on state highway K-150 to its junction with federal highway US-50, then east on federal highway US-50 to its junction with interstate highway I-35, then northeast on interstate highway I-35 to its junction with the Missouri-Kansas state line, then south along the Missouri-Kansas state line to its junction with the Oklahoma-Kansas state line, and then west along the Oklahoma-Kansas state line to its junction with interstate highway I-35, except federal and state sanctuaries. An unlimited number of permits and an unlimited number of second turkey game tags shall be authorized for unit 6.

(f) Turkey permits and second turkey game tags shall be valid only for the unit or units designated on the turkey permit or second turkey game tag, except that youth turkey permits shall be valid in all units and unit 4 turkey permits shall also be valid in adjacent units.

(g) Only those individuals who have purchased a turkey permit shall be eligible to purchase a second turkey game tag.

(h) Each turkey permit and each second turkey game tag purchased during the open season shall be valid beginning on the calendar day after the date of purchase.

(i) This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2014. (Authorized by and

implementing K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 32-969.)

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-25-6. Turkey; spring season, bag limit, permits and game tags.

DESCRIPTION: This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting unit boundaries, bag limits and season dates for the spring turkey hunting season. The proposed changes would change opening dates beginning in 2015, splitting the youth season opening date from the archery season and moving back the firearms season opening date by one week.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: It is anticipated that approximately 47,165 permits and 26,289 turkey game tags will be issued in 2014, based on 2013 permit allocation data. The estimated 47,165 permits include 27,055 regular resident permits (of which 4,065 are resident youth permits), 5,671 landowner-tenant permits, and 14,553 non-resident permits. The estimated 26,289 turkey game tags include 15,406 resident game tags and 10,883 nonresident game tags. Estimated revenue if the above number of permits and tags are issued would be \$1,300,280.00.

Administrative costs associated with the season are borne by the department.

Approximately 320,000 recreational days of hunting could occur, thus providing economic benefit to businesses providing goods and services. No other economic impact on the department, general public, small businesses, or on other state agencies is anticipated.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.