## Wildlife and Parks Commission

## Notice of Hearing of Proposed Administrative Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife and Parks Commission at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 24, 2005 at the Beloit Municipal Building, 119 Hersey, Beloit, Kansas, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed administrative regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. The regulations contained in this 30-day notice are to be heard in addition to the previously published regulations contained in the 60-day notice, with the exception of K.A.R. 115-25-5 as stated below.

A workshop meeting on business of the Wildlife and Parks Commission will begin at 1:30 p.m., March 24 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at 5:30 p.m. then resume at 7:00 p.m. at the same location for the regulatory hearing. There will be public comment periods at the beginning of the afternoon and evening meetings 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 the hearing or other business matters, the commission will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. March 25 at the location listed above.

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

This 30-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 and Parks, 1020 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612 or to <u>sheilak@wp.state.ks.us</u> 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. 115-25-5.** This exempt regulation sets the fall wild turkey season, bag limits and permits available. Changes from previous version published for public comment include continuing the fall season from October 1through January 31 but closing the season while the regular firearms deer and special firearms deer season are ongoing. The previous version of the regulation public comment is hereby rescinded.

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

K.A.R. 115-25-6. This exempt regulation sets the spring wild turkey season, bag limits

and permits available. Changes from the current regulation include the age of the supervising adult from 21 to 18 for the youth season.

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

**K.A.R. 115-25-7.** This exempt regulation sets the antelope season, bag limits and permits available. Changes from the previous season include a slight increase in the number of permits available.

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

**K.A.R. 115-25-8.** This exempt regulation sets the elk season, bag limits and permits available. Changes from the previous season include a slight increase in the number of any-elk permits available.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed regulation is not anticipated to have any economic impact on the department, other agencies, 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.kdwp.state.ks.us, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

John R. Dykes, Chairman