

## Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission

### Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the William Carpenter 4-H Building, Exhibit Building, Scott County Community Center and Fairground Facilities, 608 N. Fairground Road, Scott City, Kansas to consider the approval and adoption of the proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.

A general discussion and workshop meeting on the business of the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission will begin at 1:30 p.m., November 14 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at approximately 5:00 p.m. and then resume at 6:30 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. November 15 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 90-day notice period prior to the hearing constitutes a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the 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@ks.gov](mailto:sheila.kemmis@ks.gov) 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 regulation that will be heard during the regulatory hearing portion of the meeting are as follows:

**K.A.R. 115-7-1.** This permanent regulation sets legal equipment, methods of taking and other provisions for fishing. The proposed amendments would require closed-cell construction for float material on trotlines.

**Economic Impact Summary:** No substantial negative economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

**K.A.R. 115-7-10.** This permanent regulation sets special provisions for fishing. The proposed amendments would update the department's Kansas aquatic nuisance species designated waters reference document.

**Economic Impact Summary:** No substantial negative economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

**K.A.R. 115-9-9.** This permanent regulation sets requirements for electronic licenses, permits, tags, and other issues of the department. The proposed amendments would allow for use of mobile devices to carry licenses.

**Economic Impact Summary:** No substantial negative economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

**K.A.R. 115-15-1.** This permanent regulation designates threatened and endangered species in Kansas. The proposed amendments would list one species, the Cylindrical papershell mussel, as endangered and de-list one species, the Arkansas darter, from threatened status.

**Economic Impact Summary:** No substantial negative economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

**K.A.R. 115-15-2.** This permanent regulation designates nongame species, otherwise known as Species In Need of Conservation or SINC status. The proposed amendments would add one new SINC species, the Arkansas Darter, and remove one SINC species, the Wabash pigtoe mussel.

**Economic Impact Summary:** No substantial negative economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

**K.A.R. 115-18-6a.** This new permanent regulation would exempt school motor vehicles from needing a motor vehicle permit to enter a state park.

**Economic Impact Summary:** No substantial negative economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

**K.A.R. 115-25-14.** This exempt regulation sets creel limit, size limit, possession limit and open season for fishing. The proposed amendments would update the reference document for length and creel limits at various locations across the state.

**Economic Impact Summary:** No substantial negative economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

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Copies of the complete text of each regulation and its respective economic impact statement may be obtained by writing the chairman of the Commission at the address above, electronically on the department's website at [ksoutdoors.com](http://ksoutdoors.com), or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman