

**115-7-3. Fish; taking and use of baitfish or minnows.** (a) Baitfish may be taken for noncommercial purposes by any of the following means:

- (1) A seine not longer than 15 feet and four feet deep with mesh not larger than 1/4 inch;
  - (2) a fish trap with mesh not larger than 1/4 inch and a throat not larger than one inch in diameter;
  - (3) a dip or cast net with mesh not larger than one inch; or
  - (4) a fishing line.
- (b) Each fish trap shall be tagged with the operator's name and address when the fish trap is in use.
- (c) Baitfish taken, except gizzard shad, shall not exceed 12 inches in total length.
- (d) The possession limit shall be 500 baitfish.
- (e) For the species specified in this subsection, the department's applicable creel and possession limits shall apply.

Live baitfish, crayfish, leeches, amphibians, and mussels, except for bluegill and green sunfish from non-designated aquatic nuisance waters and baitfish, crayfish, leeches, amphibians, and mussels from designated aquatic nuisance waters, may be caught and used as live bait only within the common drainage where caught. However, live baitfish, crayfish, leeches, amphibians, and mussels shall not be transported and used above any upstream dam or barrier that prohibits the normal passage of fish. Bluegill and green sunfish collected from non-designated aquatic nuisance waters may be possessed or used as live bait anywhere in the state. Live baitfish, crayfish, leeches, amphibians, and mussels collected from designated aquatic nuisance waters shall be possessed or used as live bait only while on that water and shall not be transported from the water alive.

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(f) No person shall import live baitfish that does not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 115-17-2 and K.A.R. 115-17-2a.

~~This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2019.~~ (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. ~~2018~~ 2019 Supp. 32-807; effective Sept. 10, 1990; amended Nov. 20, 2009; amended Jan. 1, 2012; amended Jan. 1, 2013; amended Jan. 1, 2015; amended Jan. 1, 2019; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**Kansas Administrative Regulations  
Economic Impact Statement  
For the Kansas Division of the Budget**

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K.A.R. 115-7-3  
K.A.R. Number(s)

Submit a hard copy of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and any external documents that the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) would adopt, along with the following to: Division of the Budget  
900 SW Jackson, Room 504-N  
Topeka, KS 66612

**I. Brief description of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).**

The proposed changes to the regulation would align certain types of fish bait with the regulation on baitfish.

**II. Statement by the agency if the rule(s) and regulation(s) is mandated by the federal government and a statement if approach chosen to address the policy issue is different from that utilized by agencies of contiguous states or the federal government. (If the approach is different, then include a statement of why the Kansas rule and regulation proposed is different)**

There is no federal mandate and Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma all have varying regulations on movement of fish bait.

**III. Agency analysis specifically addressing following:**

**A. The extent to which the rule(s) and regulation(s) will enhance or restrict business activities and growth;**

The regulation would likely not enhance or restrict business activities. Crayfish, leeches, amphibians, and mussels would still be legal as fish bait.

**B. The economic effect, including a detailed quantification of implementation and compliance costs, on the specific businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, and local governments that would be affected by the proposed rule and regulation and on the state economy as a whole;**

There is no economic effect to the proposed changes in the regulation.

**C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule and regulation;**

None.

**D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;**

The proposed amendments to the regulation are designed to reduce possible vectors for invasive species.



**E. Measures taken by the agency to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on business and economic development within the State of Kansas, local government, and individuals;**

There is no cost or impact to businesses, local governments or individuals from this proposal.

**F. An estimate, expressed as a total dollar figure, of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to business, local governments, or members of the public.**

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**Do the above total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period?**

YES  NO

**Give a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the above cost estimate.**

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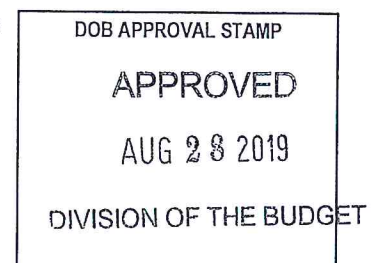
**Prior to the submission or resubmission of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), did the agency hold a public hearing if the total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period to find that the estimated costs have been accurately determined and are necessary for achieving legislative intent? If applicable, document when the public hearing was held, those in attendance, and any pertinent information from the hearing.**

YES  NO

The agency held public hearings on this regulation on April 25 in Colby, where 5 members of the public signed the attendance roster, on June 13 in Salina, where 5 members of the public signed the attendance roster, on August 15 in Overland Park, where 10 members of the public signed the attendance roster, and will hold meetings on September 19 in Great Bend, and November 14 in Scott City.

**G. If the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts, or imposes functions or responsibilities on cities, counties or school districts that will increase expenditures or fiscal liability, describe how the state agency consulted with the League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Association of Counties, and/or the Kansas Association of School Boards.**

Not applicable.



**H. Describe how the agency consulted and solicited information from businesses, associations, local governments, state agencies, or institutions and members of the public that may be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).**

News releases to every newspaper in the state, discussion at prior public hearings and meetings which are broadcast online, publication in the Kansas Register and publication on the Department's website.

**I. For environmental rule(s) and regulation(s) describe the costs that would likely accrue if the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are not adopted, as well as the persons would bear the costs and would be affected by the failure to adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s).**

Not applicable.

