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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 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 24, 2020 at Capitol Plaza Hotel, Emerald Meeting Rooms, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka, 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., September 24 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. September 25 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 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. To provide all parties with an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit any oral presentation to five minutes.

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

**K.A.R. 115-14-12.** This permanent regulation establishes permits, applications, and examinations for falconry. The proposed changes would clean up and clarify language about apprentice falconers and possession and take of raptors.

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

**K.A.R. 115-14-13.** This permanent regulation establishes facilities, equipment, care requirements and inspections for falconry. The proposed changes would reduce inspections for renewal falconry permits, unless a change of location of the primary facility occurs.

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

**K.A.R. 115-14-14.** This regulation establishes taking, banding, and possessing raptors for falconry. The proposed changes would reduce permit requirements for residents and specify peregrine falcon requirements for taking from the wild.

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

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





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RE: **K.A.R. 115-14-12, 115-14-13, 115-14-14**

Dear Mr. Tymeson:

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations Filing Act, K.S.A. 77-415, *et seq.*, we have reviewed the above-referenced regulations and finding no issues of concern, have approved them. The stamped original regulations are enclosed with this letter.

Sincerely,

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