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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, June 17, 2021 at the Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street North, Wichita, 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 1:00 p.m., June 17 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. June 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 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 regulations that will be heard during the regulatory hearing portion of the meeting are as follows:

**K.A.R. 115-3-1.** This permanent regulation sets legal equipment, taking methods and possession for game birds. The proposed changes would clean up unnecessary language due to a regulation review.

**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. 115-4-4.** This permanent regulation sets legal equipment and taking methods for



big game. The proposed amendments would allow for the use of blaze orange garments upon the head instead of a hat during firearms deer and elk seasons.

**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. 115-8-1.** This permanent regulation sets hunting, furharvesting and discharge of firearms restrictions on various department lands and waters. This proposed amendments to the regulation would update the reference document in relation to hunting, fishing and furharvesting restrictions on various department lands and waters.

**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. 115-25-1.** This exempt regulation sets the open seasons, bag limit and possession limit for prairie chickens. The proposed version of the regulation would allow for a continuous season for prairie chickens, rather than split seasons.

**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. 115-25-1a.** This exempt regulation sets the open seasons, bag limit and possession limit for quail. The proposed version of the regulation would allow for youths 17 and under to hunt in the youth season.

**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. 115-25-1b.** This exempt regulation sets the open seasons, bag limit and possession limit for pheasant. The proposed version of the regulation would allow for youths 17 and under to hunt in the youth season.

**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. 115-25-9a.** This exempt regulation sets the open seasons, bag limit and possession limit for deer on military subunits. This proposed version of the regulation sets deer seasons on military installations in the state and adjusts the dates from the previous season.

**Economic Impact Summary:** No substantial negative 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. 115-3-1, K.A.R. 115-4-4, K.A.R. 115-8-1, K.A.R. 115-25-1, K.A.R. 115-25-1a, K.A.R. 115-25-1b, K.A.R. 115-25-9a**

Dear Chris:

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations Filing Act, K.S.A. 77-415, *et seq.*, we have reviewed the above-referenced regulations for legality. Finding no issues of concern, we have approved them. The stamped original regulations are enclosed. The stamped economic impact statements are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
DEREK SCHMIDT

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Philip R. Michael, is written over the typed name.

Philip R. Michael  
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Enclosures

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