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Wildlife and Parks Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife and Parks Commission at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center, 3083 US Highway 83, Oakley, Kansas to consider the approval and adoption of the proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

An education session for commissioners may be conducted beginning at 9:00 a.m., November 18, at the location listed above. A general discussion and workshop meeting on the business of the Wildlife and Parks Commission will begin at 1:00 p.m., November 18 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 19 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 and Parks, 1020 S. Kansas Ave., Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612 or to 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. 115-4-4a. This permanent regulation sets legal equipment and taking methods for wild turkeys. The proposed changes would allow handguns meeting minimum qualifications and using shot as legal equipment.

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. 115-17-2. This permanent regulation sets provisions related to commercial sale of fishing bait. The proposed amendments would allow for the sale of additional species of bait to be sold if dead.

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. 115-25-6. This exempt regulation sets the spring season, bag limit, permits, and game tags for wild turkeys. This proposed version of the regulation would allow 17-year old's to participate 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. 115-25-14. This exempt regulation sets the creel limit, size limit, possession limit and open season for fishing. The proposed version of the regulation would change certain trout waters and update length and creel limits for certain water bodies.

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. 115-30-3. This permanent regulation sets personal flotation device requirements for recreational vessels. The proposed amendments would conform the regulation to changes in state and federal law in reference to personal flotation device labeling.

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, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman