WHAT IS THE F.I.S.H. PROGRAM?
The (Fishing Impoundments & Stream Habitats) F.I.S.H. program was patterned after the very successful Walk-in-Hunting Access (WIHA) program with a goal of increasing public fishing opportunities in Kansas. The F.I.S.H. program was first introduced to Kansas anglers and landowners in 1998. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks leases private waters from landowners for public fishing. Landowners participating in F.I.S.H. receive payments, which vary according to the number of water acres enrolled in impoundments or the length and quality of the streams. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks posts signs on the land, provides directories and/or maps for anglers, and patrols the leased areas.

ENROLLMENT QUALIFICATIONS
Almost anyone who owns or leases streams, ponds, and lakes can lease their waters to KDWP. Persons who are resident landowners, absentee landowners, tenant farmers, estate managers, trust managers, and others who manage privately owned land can enroll their property in the F.I.S.H. program. Waters will need to be available for public access from March 1 to October 31.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
Once the water is enrolled in the F.I.S.H. program the landowner will receive annual payments based on the size of the enrolled water.

 BENEFITS
F.I.S.H. provides anglers with a place to fish while leaving the land in private ownership. By providing a place to fish, the tradition of fishing can be preserved, and rural-urban ties can be strengthened. And, of course, there is a financial incentive.

RESTRICTIONS
Access is limited to foot traffic, except on roads designated by the landowner in the case of very large tracts of land.

The F.I.S.H. program’s goal is to increase public fishing opportunities in Kansas in cooperation with private landowners.

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LIABILITY
Liability is a valid concern. However, state law provides that private individuals who lease their land to the state for recreational purposes are immune from ordinary negligence.
F.I.S.H. APPLICATION

I am interested in enrolling my property in the F.I.S.H. program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31

Name _________________________________
Address _______________________________
City _________________________________
Day Phone _______________________________
Evening Phone __________________________

It would be best to contact me during the:
Day _______ Evening _______

Do you wish to be contacted before we inspect your land? Yes__ No___

Complete legal description for each parcel of land.
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I am the landowner_________
I am the tenant ___________

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or religious belief. Discrimination based on any of these bases is prohibited.

Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 S Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1327.

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