

115-18-17. Educational bird hunt permit; application, permit, and general provisions. (a)

Pen-raised, banded birds may be released and shot outside of established hunting seasons for that species if authorized by an educational bird hunt permit. An educational bird hunt permit shall not be required in order to take any species of bird during established hunting seasons for that species.

(b) Each person who desires to obtain an educational bird hunt permit shall apply to the secretary. Each applicant shall provide the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant;
- (2) a description of the educational purpose to be met by the proposed hunt;
- (3) the date and location of the proposed hunt;
- (4) the anticipated number of student participants and instructor participants;
- (5) the source, species, and number of birds to be released; and
- (6) any other information as required by the secretary.

(c) Issuance of an educational bird hunt permit may be denied by the secretary for any of the following reasons:

- (1) The application is incomplete or contains false information.
- (2) The proposed hunt does not conform to the requirements for and restrictions governing an educational bird hunt.
- (3) The proposed hunt would violate a law or another regulation.
- (4) Issuance of the permit would pose an inordinate risk to the public or to wildlife resources.

(d) Each educational bird hunt shall be subject to the following requirements and restrictions:

(1) The purpose of the proposed hunt shall be to educate persons who have not had previous experience hunting upland birds.

(2) Instructor participants may shoot and take released birds, but no more than one instructor participant per student participant shall be permitted.

(3) The number of game birds harvested during an educational bird hunt shall not exceed the number of game birds released of the same species. No game bird species may be hunted during the educational bird hunt until a release of that game bird species has been made.

(4) All pen-raised birds released during an educational bird hunt shall be banded using leg bands and shall be coded with the initials EH.

(5) Within 30 days of the conclusion of an educational bird hunt, the permittee shall report the following to the department:

(A) The number of student participants and instructor participants; and

(B) the number of birds released and the number of birds harvested, for each species released or harvested. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807; implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-1002; effective July 13, 2001.)