

Wildlife and Parks Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife and Parks Commission at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 14, 2010 at the Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade St, Goodland, Kansas, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

A general discussion and workshop meeting on business of the Wildlife and Parks Commission will begin at 1:30 p.m., October 14 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at 5:30 p.m. then resume at 7:00 p.m. at the same location for more business and the regulatory hearing. There will be public comment periods at the beginning of the afternoon and evening meetings 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. October 15 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 of Deaf and Hard 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 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 sheilak@wp.state.ks.us 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. 115-2-1. This permanent regulation establishes amount of fees for various issues of the department. The proposed amendment would add categories for combination antlered and antlerless deer permits as well as multi-year hunting, fishing and combination licenses for residents 16-20 years of age.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the

public.

K.A.R. 115-2-3. This permanent regulation establishes camping, utility and other fees for state parks. The proposed amendments would increase the annual camping permit fee as well as increase fees for recreational vehicle long-term camping permits.

Economic Impact Summary: As the fees are borne by users, the proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-2-3a. This permanent regulation establishes cabin camping permit fees. The proposed amendments would add cabin locations and fees for cabins expected to become available in FY 2011 and FY 2012.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-7-1. This permanent regulation establishes legal equipment, taking methods and other provisions for fishing. The proposed amendment would prohibit hand fishing within 150 yards of a dam.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-7-8. This permanent regulation establishes the provisions for weigh-in black bass tournaments using the tournament black bass pass. The proposal is to repeal the regulation.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-7-9. This permanent regulation establishes provisions for weigh-in black bass tournaments not using the tournament black bass pass. The proposed amendments would make the provisions applicable to all weigh-in black bass fishing tournaments.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-18-20. This permanent regulation establishes provisions for the tournament black bass pass. The proposed amendments would allow culling even after reaching the daily creel limit during a weigh-in black bass tournament.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any

appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-6. This exempt regulation establishes the spring season, bag limit, permits and game tags for wild turkeys. The proposed version of the regulation increases the spring permit numbers in Unit 4.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-14. This exempt regulation establishes creel limits, size limits, possession limits and open seasons for fishing. The proposed version would expand handfishing opportunities, add trout waters and adjust creel and length limits for various water bodies.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

Copies of the complete text of the regulations and their respective economic impact statements may be obtained by writing the chairman of the Commission at the address above, electronically on the department's website at www.kdwp.state.ks.us, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Kelly Johnston, Chairman