

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**K.A.R. 115-17-2.** Commercial sale of fish bait.

**DESCRIPTION:** This permanent regulation establishes the legal species that can be sold for commercial fish bait. The proposed amendments would eliminate restrict the species of fish and crayfish that can be sold as commercial fish bait, require certification of pathogen free status before import or sale, require the use of a potable water source in distribution and holding tanks and the sale of bait accompanied by a receipt. This amendment is proposed in conjunction with similar amendments to other regulations governing commercial aspects of fish bait designed to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species. Other amendments are editorial.

**FEDERAL MANDATE:** None.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The proposed amendment could have a negative economic impact on any individuals or businesses currently selling crayfish or other native fish not on the list as bait. However, the economic ramifications of introduction of invasive species is equally damaging to the economy of the State of Kansas. No other economic impact is expected for the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or the remaining public.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.