

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-17-5. Commercial harvest of fish bait; open areas.

DESCRIPTION: This permanent regulation establishes the areas which are open for the commercial harvest of fish bait. The proposed amendment would eliminate areas for harvesting amphibians from a list of legal areas for harvesting commercial fish bait. This amendment is proposed in conjunction with similar amendments to other regulations governing commercial aspects of fish bait designed to prevent the introduction or transfer of invasive species.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendment could have a negative economic impact on any individuals or businesses currently offering fish bait for sale. However, the economic impact of introduction of an invasive species to the State of Kansas is equally damaging. No other economic impact is expected for the department, other state agencies, small businesses or the remaining public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.