

**Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 29, 2013
Conference Call - 10:00 AM**

Approved Subject to
10/17/13 Commission
Approval

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 10:00 a.m. CDT

The August 29, 2013 meeting of the Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission was called to order by Chairman Gerald Lauber at 10:02 a.m. via conference call. Chairman Lauber and Commissioners Gary Hayzlett, Roger Marshall and Robert Wilson were present. Offices participating in call were: Pratt, Office of the Secretary, Regions 1-5, Emporia and Kansas City.

II. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS, STAFF AND GUESTS

The Commissioners and Department staff introduced themselves (Attendance roster - Exhibit A).

III. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA ITEMS

None

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chairman Lauber – This topic has to be dealt with today or tomorrow that is why we called this special meeting. Chris Tymeson – Rich will discuss item, vote individually on regulations, and on KAR 115-25-1 we have a minor amendment that Rich discussed at last meeting relating to possession limits of rail, unclear when printed the regulation if that would be increased; consulted with feds and prepared an amendment to make it three times the daily bag also; from 25 to 75 rails.

D. Public Hearing

Notice and Submission Forms; Kansas Legislative Research Letter and Attorney General Letter (Exhibit B).

1. KAR 115-25-19. Doves; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits. – Rich Schultheis, waterfowl biologist, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit C). In June the USFWS approved a regulation to change the possession limit on migratory birds from two times the daily limit to three times the daily limit. Species rely on bag limits and this provides additional opportunities. Staff recommendation is to amend all three regulations to three times the daily bag. This will increase the dove limit from 30 to 45.

Commissioner Roger Marshall moved to approve KAR 115-25-19 before the Commission. Commissioner Gary Hayzlett seconded.

The roll call vote on KAR 115-25-19 as recommended was as follows (Exhibit D):

Commissioner Budd	Absent
Commissioner Dill	Absent
Commissioner Doll	Absent
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as presented KAR 115-25-19 passed 4-0.

2. KAR 115-25-20. Sandhill crane; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, bag and possession limits, and permit validation. – Rich Schultheis, waterfowl biologist, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit E). This will increase the sandhill crane limit from 6 to 9.

Commissioner Gary Hayzlett moved to approve KAR 115-25-20 before the Commission. Commissioner Robert Wilson seconded.

The roll call vote on KAR 115-25-20 as recommended was as follows (Exhibit D):

Commissioner Budd	Absent
Commissioner Dill	Absent
Commissioner Doll	Absent
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as presented KAR 115-25-20 passed 4-0.

3. 115-25-21. Snipe, rail, and woodcock; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits. – Rich Schultheis, waterfowl biologist, presented this report to the Commission (Exhibit F). This will increase the bag limit for snipe from 25 to 75 and for woodcock from 6 to 9. The amendment would increase aggregate possession limits on rails from 25 to 75. Chairman Lauber – Feds allowed us to increase possession limit, and we feel we should pass that along to the hunters. Seems 75 is a lot of rails.

Commissioner Robert Wilson moved to approve bring forward KAR 115-25-21 before the Commission. Commissioner Gary Hayzlett seconded.

Commissioner Marshall – Like Chairman Lauber, that seems like a lot of rails, but makes regulations as simple as possible and easier to remember if three times the limit for all of these species.

Commissioner Robert Wilson moved to amend KAR 115-25-21 to change aggregate possession limit to 75 rails, Commissioner Gary Hayzlett seconded.

The roll call vote to amend KAR 115-25-21 as recommended was as follows (Exhibit G):

Commissioner Budd	Absent
Commissioner Dill	Absent
Commissioner Doll	Absent
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as presented KAR 115-25-21 passed 4-0.

The roll call vote on regulation KAR 115-25-21 as amended was as follows (Exhibit G):

Commissioner Budd	Absent
Commissioner Dill	Absent
Commissioner Doll	Absent
Commissioner Hayzlett	Yes
Commissioner Marshall	Yes
Commissioner Wilson	Yes
Commissioner Lauber	Yes

The motion as amended on KAR 115-25-21 passed 4-0.

XII. Old Business

None

XIII. Other Business

A. Future Meeting Locations and Dates

October 17, 2013 – Hutchinson (KS Cosmosphere; tour 9:00 am - Underground Salt Mines)

Chairman Lauber – Thanks for taking time out of your day for this meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

(Exhibits and/or Transcript available upon request)