

Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 22, 2017 at the George Meyn Community Center, 126th and State Ave., Kansas City, Kansas to consider the approval and adoption of proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.

A general discussion and workshop meeting on business of the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission will begin at 1:00 p.m., June 22 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at approximately 5:00 p.m. then resume at 6:30 p.m. at the same location for the regulatory hearing and more business. There will be public comment periods at the beginning of the afternoon and evening meeting 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. June 23 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 for the Deaf and Hard of 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 the proposed administrative regulation.

All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Chairman of the Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism, 1020 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612 or to sheila.kemmis@ks.gov 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 regulation. 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 regulation.

The regulation that will be heard during the regulatory hearing portion of the meeting is as follows:

K.A.R. 115-16-3. This permanent administrative regulation establishes requirements for nuisance bird control permits. The proposed changes would remove one species from the listing of nuisance birds.

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

K.A.R. 115-20-2. This permanent regulation establishes guidelines for the legal equipment, taking methods and possessions and license requirements for certain wildlife. The proposed amendments relate to changing the classification of exotic doves.

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

K.A.R. 115-20-7. This permanent regulation establishes certain requirements for hunting of doves. The proposed amendments would establish methods of take under the regulation would only be for migratory doves.

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

K.A.R. 115-25-19. This exempt regulation establishes requirements for hunting doves. The proposed version of the regulation increases the allowable number of days for taking exotic doves.

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

K.A.R. 115-25-9a. This exempt regulation establishes additional considerations for the 2016-2017 firearm, muzzleloader and archery deer seasons. The main items in the regulation set the deer seasons on Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, and Smokey Hill military reservation in order to better accommodate the changing training missions.

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

Copies of the complete text of the regulation and its 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.kdwpt.state.ks.us, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman