

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS  
COMMISSION MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
Friday, May 27, 2022  
Virtual ZOOM Meeting**

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This special meeting is being held for the sole purpose of voting on three items that are time sensitive as well as introducing a couple items that came about because of passed legislation.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AT 3:30 p.m.**

**II. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND GUESTS**

**III. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA ITEMS**

**IV. DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**A. General Discussion**

- 1. **KAR 115-2-1. Amount of fees. (Dan Riley)**
- 2. **KAR 115-9-3. Purchase of lifetime hunting or lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses without certificate of completion of an approved hunter education course. (Dan Riley)**

**B. Public Hearing**

- 1. **KAR 115-25-9. Deer; open season, bag limit, and permits. (Levi Jaster)**
- 2. **KAR 115-25-7. Antelope; open season, bag limit, and permits (Matt Peek)**
- 3. **KAR 115-25-8. Elk; open season, bag limit, and permits (Matt Peek)**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

# **General Discussion**

## **KAR 115-2-1 and KAR 115-9-3**

Amendments to **KAR 115-2-1 (Amount of fees)** and **KAR 115-9-3 (purchase of lifetime license w/o hunter education certificate)** are required due to the passage of House Bill 2456, the **Kansas Kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing license**. The statute *creates two categories of licenses – one for kids age 5 or younger, with a maximum fee of \$300; and a category for kids 6 through 7 years of age with a maximum fee of \$500. The proposed amendment to 115-2-1 sets both fees at the statutory maximum, \$300 and \$500 respectively.*

*The amendment to KAR 115-9-3 is required to include the new Kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing license with the other categories of lifetime hunting licenses, which may be purchased prior to obtaining a hunter education certificate.*

*House Bill 2456 takes effect upon publication and has a July 1, 2032 sunset provision.*

# **Public Hearing**

Wildlife and Parks Commission  
Notice of Public Hearing

A virtual public hearing will be conducted by video conferencing by the Wildlife and Parks Commission at 3:30 p.m., Friday, May 27, 2022, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed administrative regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting are included below for any individuals wishing to join.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulation and economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing 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 30-day notice period prior to the hearing constitutes a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the 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 [Sheila.kemmis@ks.gov](mailto:Sheila.kemmis@ks.gov) if submitted 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.

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The regulations that will be heard at the regulatory hearing are as follows:

**K.A.R. 115-25-7.** This exempt regulation establishes antelope open season dates for the 2022 archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons, bag limit and number of permits per unit.

**Economic Impact Summary:** The proposed regulation is not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, or the public.

**K.A.R. 115-25-8.** This exempt regulation establishes the elk open season dates for the 2022/2023 archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons, bag limit and number of permits per unit and subunit.

**Economic Impact Summary:**  
The proposed regulation is not expected to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies or the public.

**K.A.R. 115-25-9.** This exempt regulation establishes the deer open season dates for the 2022/2023 archery, firearm, and muzzleloader seasons, bag limits and number of permits per unit.

**Economic Impact Summary:**  
The proposed regulation is not expected to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies 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](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us), or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman

**115-25-7. Antelope; open season, bag limit, and permits.** (a) The open season for the taking of antelope shall be as specified in this subsection. The unit designations in this subsection shall have the meanings specified in K.A.R. 115-4-6.

(1) Archery season.

(A) The archery season dates shall be September 24, 2022 through October 2, 2022 and October 15, 2022 through October 31, 2022.

(B) The taking of antelope during the established archery season shall be authorized for Smoky Hill, unit 2; West Arkansas, unit 17; and Cimarron, unit 18. Unlimited archery permits for residents and nonresidents shall be authorized for the area.

(2) Firearm season.

(A) The firearm season dates shall be October 7, 2022 through October 10, 2022.

(B) The open units for the taking of antelope during the established firearm season and the number of permits authorized shall be as follows:

(i) Smoky Hill, unit 2: Eighty-eight resident firearm permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(ii) West Arkansas, unit 17: Thirty-two resident firearm permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(iii) Cimarron, unit 18: Four resident firearm permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(3) Muzzleloader-only season.

(A) The muzzleloader-only season dates shall be October 3, 2022 through October 10, 2022. Muzzleloader permits also shall be valid in the unit for which the permit is authorized during the established firearm season dates.

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(B) The open units for the taking of antelope during the established muzzleloader-only season and the number of permits authorized shall be as follows:

(i) Smoky Hill, unit 2: Twenty-four resident muzzleloader permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(ii) West Arkansas, unit 17: Eight resident muzzleloader permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(iii) Cimarron, unit 18: Four resident muzzleloader permits shall be authorized for the unit.

(b) The bag limit for each archery, firearm, and muzzleloader permit shall be one antelope of either sex.

This regulation shall have no force and effect on and after March 1, 2023. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-937.)

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**115-25-8. Elk; open season, bag limit, and permits.** (a) The unit designations in this regulation shall have the meanings specified in K.A.R. 115-4-6b, except that the area of Fort Riley, subunit 2a, shall not be included as part of Republican-Tuttle, unit 2.

(b) The open seasons for the taking of elk shall be as follows:

(1) The archery season dates and units shall be as follows:

(A) Statewide, except Fort Riley, subunit 2a, and unit 1: September 12, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

(B) Fort Riley, subunit 2a: September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

(2) The firearm season dates and units shall be as follows:

(A) Statewide, except Fort Riley, subunit 2a, and unit 1: August 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022; November 30, 2022 through December 11, 2022; and January 1, 2023 through March 15, 2023.

(B) Fort Riley, subunit 2a:

(i) First segment: October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022.

(ii) Second segment: November 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022.

(iii) Third segment: December 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

(3) The muzzleloader season dates and units shall be as follows:

(A) Statewide, except Fort Riley, subunit 2a, and unit 1: September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

(B) Fort Riley, subunit 2a: September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

(c) A limited-quota either-sex elk permit shall be valid during any season using equipment authorized for that season. Twelve either-sex elk permits shall be authorized.

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(d) A limited-quota antlerless-only elk permit shall be valid during any season using equipment authorized for that season, except that a limited-quota antlerless-only elk permit shall be valid on Fort Riley, subunit 2a, only as follows:

(1) A first-segment antlerless-only elk permit shall be valid on Fort Riley, subunit 2a, only during the first segment. Six first-segment antlerless-only elk permits shall be authorized.

(2) A second-segment antlerless-only elk permit shall be valid on Fort Riley, subunit 2a, only during the second segment. Six second-segment antlerless-only elk permits shall be authorized.

(3) A third-segment antlerless-only elk permit shall be valid on Fort Riley, subunit 2a, only during the third segment. Six third-segment antlerless-only elk permits shall be authorized.

(4) All antlerless-only elk permits shall be valid on Fort Riley, subunit 2a, during the September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 archery and muzzleloader seasons.

(e) The bag limit shall be one elk as specified on the permit issued to the permittee.

(f) An unlimited number of hunt-on-your-own-land antlerless-only elk permits and either-sex elk permits shall be authorized in units 2 and 3. A hunt-on-your-own-land permit shall be valid during any open season. The bag limit for each hunt-on-your-own-land elk permit shall be one elk as specified on the permit.

(g) An unlimited number of over-the-counter antlerless-only elk permits and either-sex elk permits shall be authorized in unit 3.

This regulation shall have no force and effect on and after April 1, 2023. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-937.)

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**115-25-9. Deer; open season, bag limit, and permits.** (a) The open season for the taking of deer shall be as follows:

(1) Archery season.

(A) The archery season in all deer management units shall be September 12, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

(B) Archery deer permits also shall be valid during the portion of the extended firearm season beginning on January 1, 2023 and extending through the last open day in units open during an extended firearm season and shall be valid with any legal equipment authorized during a firearm season, but shall be valid only for antlerless white-tailed deer during those dates.

(C) The number of archery deer permits shall be based on a review of deer population indices, biological and ecological data, history of permit use and harvest rates, public input, and other relevant information.

(D) The urban antlerless-only white-tailed deer archery season shall begin on January 23, 2023 and extend through January 31, 2023 in all units designated as an urban deer management unit.

(2) Firearm season.

(A) The regular firearm season dates in all deer management units shall be November 30, 2022 through December 11, 2022.

(B) The pre-rut white-tailed deer antlerless-only season in all deer management units shall be October 8, 2022 through October 10, 2022.

(C) During the regular and extended firearm deer seasons, white-tailed either-sex deer permits issued for a deer management unit adjacent to or encompassing an urban deer

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management unit shall be valid in both the designated unit and the urban deer management unit.

(D) The number of firearm deer permits for each management unit shall be based on a review of deer population indices, biological and ecological data, history of permit use and harvest rates, public input, and other relevant information.

(3) Muzzleloader-only season.

(A) The muzzleloader-only season in all deer management units shall be September 12, 2022 through September 25, 2022. Muzzleloader deer permits shall also be valid during established firearm seasons using muzzleloader equipment, except that during the portion of the extended firearm season beginning on January 1, 2023 and extending through the last open day in units open during an extended firearm season, these permits shall be valid with any legal equipment authorized during a firearm season. During an extended firearm season, only muzzleloader deer permits for deer management units open during these dates shall be valid, and only for antlerless white-tailed deer.

(B) The number of muzzleloader deer permits issued for each management unit shall be based on a review of deer population indices, biological and ecological data, history of permit use and harvest rates, public input, and other relevant information.

(4) Season for designated persons.

(A) The season for designated persons to hunt deer shall be September 3, 2022 through September 11, 2022 in all deer management units.

(B) Only the following persons may hunt during this season:

(i) Any person 17 years of age or younger, only while under the immediate supervision of an adult who is 18 years of age or older; and

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(ii) any person with a permit to hunt from a vehicle issued according to K.A.R. 115-18-4 or a disability assistance permit issued according to K.A.R. 115-18-15.

(C) All resident and nonresident deer permits shall be valid during this season.

(D) All persons hunting during this season shall wear blaze orange according to K.A.R. 115-4-4.

(5) Extended firearm seasons.

(A) Each unfilled deer permit valid in unit 6, 8, 9, 10, or 17, as applicable, shall be valid during an extended antlerless-only firearm season beginning on January 1, 2023 and extending through January 8, 2023 in those units.

(B) Each unfilled deer permit valid in unit 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 14, or 16, as applicable, shall be valid during an extended antlerless-only firearm season beginning January 1, 2023 and extending through January 15, 2023 in those units.

(C) Each unfilled deer permit valid in unit 10A, 12, 13, 15, or 19, as applicable, shall be valid in an extended antlerless-only firearm season beginning January 1, 2023 and extending through January 22, 2023 in those units.

(D) Only antlerless white-tailed deer may be taken.

(E) Permits restricted to a specific unit shall remain restricted to that unit during the extended firearm season.

(F) Equipment legal during a firearm season shall be authorized with any permit.

(b) Unlimited resident hunt-on-your-own-land, special hunt-on-your-own-land, and nonresident hunt-on-your-own-land deer permits shall be authorized for all units. These permits also shall be valid during the portion of the extended firearm season beginning on January 1,

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2023 and extending through the last open day in units open during an extended or special extended firearm season, but shall be valid only for antlerless white-tailed deer during an extended or special extended firearm season.

(c) Any individual may apply for and obtain multiple deer permits, subject to the following limitations:

(1) Any individual may apply for or obtain no more than one deer permit that allows the taking of an antlered deer, except when the individual is unsuccessful in a limited quota drawing and alternative permits for antlered deer are available at the time of subsequent application.

(2) Any individual may obtain no more than five antlerless white-tailed deer permits. One antlerless white-tailed deer permit shall be valid statewide, except in unit 18, including lands managed by the department. Four additional antlerless white-tailed deer permits shall be valid in units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10A, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 19 on lands not managed by the department, except Berentz-Dick, and Elk City Wildlife Areas.

(3) Any resident may obtain no more than one either-species, either-sex permit through the application period described in K.A.R. 115-4-11.

(4) Nonresidents shall be eligible to obtain antlerless white-tailed deer permits. Otherwise, a nonresident shall be eligible to apply for and obtain only those permits designated as nonresident deer permits.

(5) No resident or nonresident shall purchase any deer permit that allows the taking of antlerless-only deer without first having obtained a deer permit that allows the taking of antlered deer, unless the antlerless-only deer permit is purchased after December 30, 2022.

(6) Any individual may obtain one antlerless-only either-species deer permit, subject to

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the number of antlerless-only either-species deer permits authorized.

(d) The bag limit for each deer permit shall be one deer, as specified on the permit issued to the permittee.

(e) No deer permit issued pursuant to this regulation shall be valid after January 31, 2023.

This regulation shall have no force and effect on and after March 1, 2023. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-937.)

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