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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, October 22, 2015 at the Coffey County Library, 410 Juniatta, Burlington, 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., October 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. October 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 <u>sheila.kemmis@ksoutdoors.com</u> 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. 115-1-1. This permanent regulation establishes definitions for department regulations. The proposed amendments to the regulation clarify the definition of set lines.

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.

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K.A.R. 115-2-1. This permanent regulation establishes fees for hunting and fishing licenses and permits. The proposed amendments to the regulation would increase fees for certain licenses and permits, some of which have not increased since 1983.

Economic Impact Summary: The amendments are anticipated to annually generate approximately \$6,468,000, assuming no resistance factors, all of which would accrue to the wildlife fee fund. Otherwise, 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. 115-4-11. This permanent regulation establishes requirements for big game and turkey permit applications. The proposed amendments to the regulation would require that nonresident deer permit applicants purchase a hunting license prior to or at the same time of application. Unsuccessful permit applicants would have the choice to keep the hunting license or obtain a refund. The purpose of the proposed change is to gain better compliance with the law.

Economic Impact Summary: While ensuring compliance with the law, it is anticipated that the proposed change will generate an additional \$126,000 annually, all of which would accrue to the wildlife fee fund. Otherwise, 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. 115-4-13. This permanent regulation establishes deer permit descriptions and restrictions. The proposed amendments to the regulation clarify the definition and permit class of tenants to address a disparity between nonresident tenants and nonresident landowners.

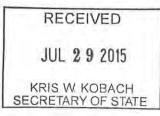
Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments could result in nonresident tenants paying more for a deer permit to address the disparity between nonresident tenants and nonresident landowners. Otherwise, the proposed amendments to the regulation are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-7-1. This permanent regulation establishes legal equipment, methods of take and other provisions for fishing. The proposed amendments to the regulation clarify that float material used with setlines be of closed-cell construction.

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. 115-7-10. This permanent regulation establishes special provisions for fishing. The proposed amendments update the reference document for designated aquatic nuisance waters and clarify fishing from or over a fish ladder or fishway.

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. 115-25-14. This exempt regulation establishes creel limit, size limit, possession limit and open season for fishing. The proposed version of the regulation updates the reference document for length and creel limits for specific bodies of water throughout the state.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed version of the regulation is not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses 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

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115-1-1. Definitions. (a) Except as specified in subsection (b), the following definitions shall apply to all of department's regulations.

(1) "Arrow" means a missile shot from a bow or a crossbow.

(2) "Artificial lure" means a man-made fish-catching device used to mimic a single prey item. Artificial lures may be constructed of natural, nonedible, or synthetic materials. Multiple hooks, if present, shall be counted as a single hook on an artificial lure.

(3) "Bag limit" means the maximum number of any species, except fish and frogs, that may be taken by a person in a calendar day.

(4) "Bait fish" means a member of the minnow or carp family *(Cyprinidae)*, sucker family *(Catostomidae)*, top minnows or killifish family *(Cyprinodontidae)*, shad family *(Clupeidae)*, and sunfish family *(Centrarchidae)*, but excluding black basses and crappie. The fish listed in K.A.R. 115-15-1 and in K.A.R. 115-15-2 shall not be considered as bait fish.

(5) "Bird dog" means a dog used to point, flush, or retrieve game birds, migratory birds, or both.

(6) "Bow" means a handheld device with a cord that connects both of its two ends and that is designed to propel an arrow. This term shall include long, recurve, and compound bows.

(7) "Bridle path" means an established, maintained, and marked pathway for the riding of animals.

(8) "Camping" means erecting a shelter or arranging bedding, or both, or parking a recreation vehicle or other vehicle for the purpose of remaining overnight.

(9) "Camping unit" means any vehicle or shelter specifically used for sleeping upon a portion of department lands or waters.

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(10) "Cast net" means a circular or conical weighted net designed to be cast mouth-downward by hand and withdrawn by lines attached to its margin.

(11) "Creel limit" means the maximum total number of any species of fish or frogs that may be taken by a person in a calendar day.

(12) "Crossbow" means a transverse-mounted bow with a cord that connects the two ends and that is designed to propel an arrow, including compound crossbows. The arrow is released by a mechanical trigger.

(13) "Culling" means replacing one live fish held by an angler for another live fish of the same species if the daily creel limit for that species of fish has not been met.

(14) "Department lands and waters" means state parks, state lakes, recreational grounds, wildlife areas, sanctuaries, fish hatcheries, natural areas, historic sites, and other lands, waters, and facilities that are under the jurisdiction and control of the secretary through ownership, lease, license, cooperative agreement, memorandum of understanding, or other arrangement.

(15) "Depth finder" means an electronic device used to locate fish or determine underwater structures.

(16) "Dip net" means a handheld net that has rigid support about the mouth and is used to land fish.

(17) "Draft livestock" means horses, mules, donkeys, and oxen used singly or in tandem with other horses, mules, donkeys, and oxen for pulling purposes.

(18) "Drag event" means a competitive event in which hounds pursue a scent trail. The event

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may involve a caged, pen-raised furbearer that is not released from the cage during the event.

(19) "Dryland set" means any trapping device that is placed or set on land or is not in contact with water.

(20) "Eyass" means a young of the year raptor not yet capable of flight.

(21) "Falconer" means the holder of a falconry permit.

(22) "Falconry" means the taking of wildlife with a trained raptor.

(23) "Field trial event for dogs" means a competitive event involving at least six dogs that are judged on hunting or running ability.

(24) "Firearm" means a rimfire or centerfire rifle, handgun, or shotgun; a muzzleloading shotgun, rifle, or handgun; or a cap-and-ball pistol.

(25) "Fire ring" means an open-topped, man-made, fire-retaining device.

(26) "Fireplace" means an enclosed, man-made, fire-retaining device.

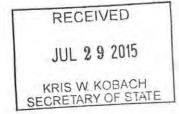
(27) "Fishing line" means any hand-operated string or cord, utilizing hooks that may be used in conjunction with rods, poles, reels, bows, or spearguns.

(28) "Fish trap" means a device for catching fish consisting of a net or other structure that diverts the fish into an enclosure arranged to make escape more difficult than entry.

(29) "Fully automatic firearm" means a firearm capable of firing more than one round with a single trigger pull.

(30) "Gaff" means a hook attached to a rigid pole.

(31) "Gig" means a hand-operated spear with one or more prongs with or without barbs.



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(32) "Group camping area" means any area within a state park designated by posted notice for camping by organized groups.

(33) "Haggard" means an adult raptor in mature plumage.

(34) "Hook" means a device with a single shaft and one or more points with or without barbs, used for catching fish and frogs.

(35) "Imping" means the repair of damaged feathers.

(36) "Kill site" means the location of the wildlife carcass as positioned in the field immediately after being harvested.

(37) "Length limit" means the minimum length of a fish allowed in order to take it and not release it to the waters immediately. For the purpose of this paragraph, the length of the fish shall be measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with the mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together.

(38) "Moorage site" means a location designated for the fastening or securing of a vessel.

(39) "Nonsport fish" means carp, drum, white amur, threadfin and gizzard shad, goldfish, gar, suckers including carpsuckers and buffalo, eel, sturgeon, goldeye, white perch, and bowfin.

(40) "Orthopedic device" means a device that attaches to the body and is required to enable a handicapped person to walk.

(41) "Overflow camping area" means an area in a state park that is separate from the designated overnight camping area and that may be used for a maximum of 24 continuous hours of camping if no alternative camping facilities are available within reasonable driving distances.

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(42) "Passage" means an immature raptor on first fall migration still in immature plumage.

(43) "Pen-raised wildlife" means any wildlife raised in captivity.

(44) "Pets" means domesticated wildlife, including dogs and cats.

(45) "Possession limit" means the maximum total number of a species that can be retained per person at any one time.

(46) "Prime camping site" means any site within a state park so designated by posted notice of the secretary and subject to an additional charge.

(47) "Raptors" means members of the order Falconiformes or Strigiformes and specifically falcons, hawks, and owls.

(48) "Raw pelt" means the undressed skin of an animal with its hair, wool, or fur in its natural state, without having undergone any chemical preservation converting the skin to a leather condition.

(49) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicle or trailer unit that contains sleeping or housekeeping accommodations, or both.

(50) "Running" means the pursuing or chasing of furbearers or rabbits with hounds. This term shall not include the capturing, killing, injuring, or possessing of furbearers or rabbits, or having a firearm or other weapon in possession while running, except during established furbearer or rabbit hunting seasons.

(51) "Sanctioned or licensed coyote field trial" means a competitive event that involves only sight or trail hounds and that has been advertised in one of the national foxhound journals at least 30 days before the event.

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(52) "Sanctioned or licensed furbearer field trial" means a competitive event in which dogs pursue unrestrained furbearers and that is sanctioned or licensed by any of the national kennel or field dog organizations for the express purpose of improving the quality of the breed through the awarding of points or credits toward specific class championships or other national recognition.

(53) "Seine" means a net with a float line and lead line designed to be pulled through the water for the purpose of catching fish.

(54) "Set line" means a string or cord that is anchored at one point by an anchor weighing at least 25 pounds or is attached to a fixed and immovable stake or object, does not have more than two hooks, and is not associated with a hand-operated mechanical reel.

(55) "Sight hound" means a dog used to pursue furbearers, rabbits, hares, or coyotes by sight.

(56) "Skin and scuba diving" means swimming or diving while equipped with a face mask or goggles, allowing underwater vision and possibly involving an underwater breathing apparatus.

(57) "Snagging" means the hooking of a fish in any part of its anatomy other than the inside of the mouth.

(58) "Speargun" means a device used to propel a spear through the water by mechanical means or compressed gas.

(59) "Sport fish" means northern pike, walleye, saugeye, sauger, yellow perch, striped bass, white bass, black bass including largemouth, spotted, and smallmouth bass, striped bass hybrid, trout, muskellunge, tiger muskie, channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish, paddlefish, and panfish including bullhead, black and white crappie, bluegill, redear sunfish, green sunfish, warmouth, and rock

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(60) "State fishing lake" means a department facility that contains the words "state fishing lake" in the name of the area.

(61) "Tip-up" means an ice fishing device designed to signal the strike of a fish.

(62) "Trail hound" means a dog used to trail furbearers, rabbits, hares, or coyotes by scent.

(63) "Transfer" means any of the following:

(A) To reassign one's license, permit, or other issue of the department to another individual;

(B) to exchange any license, permit, or other issue of the department between individuals; or

(C) to carry another individual's license, permit, or other issue of the department when that individual is not present.

(64) "Trot line" means a string or cord anchored at one or more points that does not have more than 25 hooks and is not associated with a hand-operated mechanical reel.

(65) "Turkey" means wild turkey.

(66) "Unattended fishing line" means any fishing line set to catch fish that is not marked or tagged as required by K.A.R. 115-7-2 or K.A.R. 115-17-11 and not immediately attended by the operator of the fishing line.

(67) "Wake" means the waves thrown by a vessel moving on water.

(68) "Water race" means a competitive event in which hounds pursue a scent device or a caged, pen-raised furbearer through water. The furbearer is not released during the event.

(69) "Water set" means any trapping device that has the gripping portion at least half-submerged

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when placed or set in flowing or pooled water and remains at least half-submerged in contact with the flowing or pooled water.

(b) Exceptions to the definitions in this regulation shall include the following:

(1) The context requires a different definition.

(2) The defined term is specifically defined differently within the department's other

regulations. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 32-807, as amended by L. 2012, Ch.

47, Sec. 25; effective Dec. 26, 1989; amended June 8, 1992; amended Sept. 19, 1997; amended Nov. 21,

2003; amended July 22, 2011; amended Nov. 26, 2012; amended P-_____.)

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K.A.R. 115-1-1. Definitions.

DESCRIPTION: This administrative regulation establishes definitions of certain terms used with department regulations. The proposed change deals the definition of set lines and clarifying the anchor point.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses, or the public. **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.

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115-2-1. Amount of fees. The following fees shall be in effect for the following licenses, permits, and other issues of the department: (a) Hunting licenses and permits.

Resident hunting license	00 <u>\$25.00</u>
Resident hunting license (valid through calendar year of purchase and	
4 additional calendar years)	100.00
Resident senior hunting license (annual purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years	
of age)	9.00 <u>12.50</u>
Resident youth hunting license (one-time purchase, valid from 16 years of age through	20
years of age, expiring at the end of that calendar year)	40.00
Nonresident hunting license	0.00
Nonresident junior hunting license (under 16 years of age)	5.00 <u>40.00</u>
Resident big game hunting permit:	
General resident: either-sex elk permit	.00 <u>300.00</u>
General resident: antlerless-only elk permit	.00 <u>150.00</u>
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): either-sex elk permit	125.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): antlerless-only elk permit	
Landowner/tenant: either-sex elk permit 125	. 00 <u>150.00</u>
Landowner/tenant: antlerless-only elk permit5	0.00 <u>75.00</u>
Hunt-on-your-own-land: either-sex elk permit 125	.00 150.00
Hunt-on-your-own-land: antlerless-only elk permit	0.00<u>75.00</u>

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General resident youth (under 16 years of age): deer permit10.00
General resident: antlerless-only deer permit
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): antlerless-only deer permit7.50
Landowner/tenant: deer permit <u>15.00</u> 20.00
Hunt-on-your-own-land: deer permit
Special hunt-on-your-own-land: deer permit
General resident: antelope permit
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): antelope permit10.00
Landowner/tenant: antelope permit
Hunt-on-your-own-land: antelope permit
Antelope preference point service charge5.00 10.00
Any-deer preference point service charge
Application fee for elk permit
Wild turkey permit:
General resident: turkey permit (1-bird limit)
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit (1-bird limit) 5.00
Resident landowner/tenant: turkey permit (1-bird limit)
Nonresident: fall turkey permit (1-bird limit)
Nonresident tenant: fall turkey permit (1-bird limit)
Nonresident: spring turkey permit (1-bird limit)

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	Nonresident tenant: spring turkey permit (1-bird limit)
	Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit (1-bird limit)10.00
	Resident: turkey preference point service charge
Wild	l turkey game tag:
	Resident: turkey game tag (1-bird limit)
	Resident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey game tag (1-bird limit) 5.00
	Nonresident: turkey game tag (1-bird limit)
	Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey game tag (1-bird limit)10.00
Spri	ng wild turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit, must be purchased before
Apri	11 of year of use):
	General resident: turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit)25.00 35.00
	General resident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit and game tag combination
	(2-bird limit)
	Resident landowner/tenant: turkey permit and game tag combination
	(2-bird limit) 15.00 <u>17.50</u>
	Nonresident: turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit)
	Nonresident tenant: turkey permit and game tag combination
	(2-bird limit)
	Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit and game tag combination
	(2-bird limit)

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Nonresident big game hunting permit:

Nonresident hunt-on-your-own-land: deer permit
Nonresident tenant: deer permit
Nonresident: deer permit (antlered deer)
Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): deer permit (antlered deer)75.00
Nonresident: deer permit (antlerless only)50.00
Nonresident: combination 2-deer permit (antlered deer and
antlerless white-tailed deer)
Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): combination 2-deer permit (antlered deer and
antlerless white-tailed deer)
Nonresident: antelope permit (archery only)
Nonresident tenant: antelope permit
Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): antelope (archery only)100.00
Nonresident: deer permit application fee
Nonresident: mule deer stamp
48-hour waterfowl hunting permit25.00
Field trial permit: game birds
Lifetime hunting license
or eight quarterly installment payments of
Migratory waterfowl habitat stamp5.00 8.00

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Special dark goose hunting permit
Sandhill crane hunting permit: validation fee
Disabled person hunt-from-a-vehicle permit0
(b) Fishing licenses and permits.
Resident fishing license
Resident fishing license (valid through calendar year of purchase and
4 additional calendar years) 100.00
Resident senior fishing license (annual purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years
of age) 9.00 <u>12.50</u>
Resident youth fishing license (one-time purchase, valid from 16 years of age through 20
years of age, expiring at the end of that calendar year)
Nonresident fishing license
24-hour fishing license
Resident calendar day fishing license
Nonresident calendar day fishing license
Three-pole permit
Tournament bass pass
Paddlefish permit (six carcass tags)10.00
Paddlefish permit youth (under 16 years of age) (six carcass tags)
Hand fishing permit25.00

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Lifetime fishing license
or eight quarterly installment payments of
Five-day nonresident fishing license
Institutional group fishing license
Special nonprofit group fishing license
Trout permit
(c) Combination hunting and fishing licenses and permits.
Resident combination hunting and fishing license
Resident combination hunting and fishing license (must be purchased before February 1
of year of use)
Resident combination hunting and fishing license (valid through calendar year of
Resident combination hunting and fishing license (valid through calendar year of
Resident combination hunting and fishing license (valid through calendar year of purchase and 4 additional calendar years)
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Resident combination hunting and fishing license (valid through calendar year of purchase and 4 additional calendar years) 180.00 Resident senior combination hunting and fishing license (annual purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age) 18.00 22.50 Resident combination youth hunting and fishing license (one-time purchase, valid from 16 years of age through 20 years of age, expiring at the end of that calendar year) 70.00 Resident lifetime combination hunting and fishing license 880.00 960.00

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Nonresident combination hunting and fishing license	
(d) Furharvester licenses.	
Resident furharvester license	
Resident junior furharvester license	10.00 <u>12.50</u>
Lifetime furharvester license	
or eight quarterly installment payments of	
Nonresident furharvester license	
Nonresident bobcat permit (1-bobcat limit per permit)	
Resident fur dealer license	
Nonresident fur dealer license	
Field trial permit: furbearing animals	
(e) Commercial licenses and permits.	
Controlled shooting area hunting license	
Resident mussel fishing license	
Nonresident mussel fishing license	
Mussel dealer permit	
Missouri river fishing permit	
Game breeder permit	
Controlled shooting area operator license	
Commercial dog training permit	

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Commercial fish bait permit	20.00
Commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permit (without a valid Kansas hunting license)	20.00
Commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permit (with a valid Kansas hunting license or	
exempt from this license requirement)	5.00
Commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer permit	50.00
Prairie rattlesnake round-up event permit	25.00
(f) Collection, scientific, importation, rehabilitation, and damage-control permits.	
Scientific, educational, or exhibition permit	10.00
Raptor propagation permit	0
Rehabilitation permit	0
Wildlife damage-control permit	0
Wildlife importation permit	10.00
Threatened or endangered species: special permits	0
(g) Falconry.	
Apprentice permit	75.00
General permit	75.00
Master permit	75.00
Testing fee	50.00
(h) Miscellaneous fees.	
Duplicate license, permit, stamp, and other issues of the department	10.00

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Special departmental services, materials, or supplies	At cost
Vendor bond	

For bond amounts of \$5,000.00 and less	
For bond amounts of more than \$5,000.00	
plus \$6.00 per additional \$1,000.00 coverage or any fraction thereof.	

This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2015 2016. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2013 2014 Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2013 2014 Supp. 32-988; implementing K.S.A. 2013 2014 Supp. 32-807, K.S.A. 2013 2014 Supp. 32-988, and K.S.A. 2013 2014 Supp. 32-9,100; effective Dec. 4, 1989; amended Sept. 10, 1990; amended Jan. 1, 1991; amended June 8, 1992; amended Oct. 12, 1992; amended April 11, 1994; amended Aug. 29, 1994; amended June 5, 1995; amended Aug. 21, 1995; amended Feb. 28, 1997; amended July 30, 1999; amended Jan. 2, 2002; amended Jan. 1, 2003; amended Jan. 1, 2004; amended Feb. 18, 2005; amended Jan. 1, 2006; amended May 1, 2006; amended Jan. 1, 2007; amended Jan. 1, 2008; amended Jan. 1, 2009; amended Jan. 1, 2010; amended Aug. 1, 2010; amended Jan. 1, 2013; amended Jan. 1, 2013; amended April 19, 2013; amended Nov. 15, 2013; amended Jan. 1, 2015; amended P-_____.)

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ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-2-1. Amount of fees.

DESCRIPTION: This permanent regulation establishes fish and wildlife-related license and permit fees. The proposed amendments would increase various hunting and fishing license fees. General hunting and fishing license fees have stayed the same since 2002 and resident deer and turkey permits have not increased since 1983.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The permit and license fee increases would generate approximately \$6,468,000, assuming no resistance factor from license or permit buyers, all of which would accrue to the wildlife fee fund. Otherwise, no negative economic impact is anticipated for the department, other agencies, small businesses, or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.

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115-4-11. Big game and wild turkey permit applications. (a) General application provisions.

(1) Unless otherwise authorized by law or regulation, an individual shall not apply for or obtain more than one antlered or horned big game or wild turkey permit for each big game species or wild turkey, except when the individual is unsuccessful in a limited quota drawing and alternative permits for the species are available at the time of subsequent application or when the individual is the final recipient of a commission permit.

(2) Unless otherwise authorized by law or regulation, each big game or wild turkey permit application shall be signed by the individual applying for the permit.

(3) Subject to any priority draw system established by this regulation, if the number of permit applications of a specific species and type received by the designated application deadline exceeds the number of available permits of that species and type, a random drawing to issue permits of that species and type shall be conducted by the secretary.

(4) A hunt-on-your-own-land permit shall not be tabulated in a priority draw system if the permit would otherwise reduce the applicant's odds of receiving a big game permit through that draw system.

(b) Deer permit applications.

(1) Subject to any priority draw system established by this subsection, in awarding deer permits in units having a limited number of permits, the first priority shall be given to those applicants who did not receive, in the previous year, a deer permit that allowed the taking of an antlered deer. All other deer permit applicants shall be given equal priority.

(2) In awarding a limited number of deer permits by a priority draw system, the first priority shall be given to those individuals who have earned the highest number of preference points. Preference

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points shall be awarded as follows:

(A) One point shall be awarded to an individual for each year the individual is unsuccessful in obtaining, by a priority draw system, a deer permit that allows the taking of an antlered deer.

(B) If the individual fails to make at least one application or purchase one preference point within a period of five consecutive years, all earned points shall be lost.

(C) If an applicant obtains, by a priority draw system, a deer permit that allows the taking of an antlered deer, all earned points shall be lost.

(D) If the number of applicants with the most preference points exceeds the number of permits for specified units or permit types, then a drawing shall be held to determine the successful applicants.

(E) If an individual desires to apply for a preference point for a deer permit that allows the taking of antlered deer and not receive a permit, the person may apply for and receive a preference point by paying the proper application or preference point fee and submitting an application during the application period specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9. No individual may apply for more than one preference point in the same calendar year, and no individual shall apply for a preference point in the same calendar year as the calendar year in which the individual is applying for a permit.

(3) If an individual is a final recipient of a commission deer permit, the individual shall not possess more than one regular antlered deer permit and one commission deer permit.

(4) Applications for nonresident limited-quota antlered deer permits shall be accepted in the Pratt office from the earliest date that applications are available through the last Friday of April each year. Any nonresident applicant may select, at the time of application, one deer management unit and up to

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one adjacent management unit where that permit shall be valid.

(5) Applications for resident firearms either-species, either-sex permits shall be accepted at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available through the second Friday of July.

(6) Applications for resident any-season white-tailed either-sex deer permits, resident archery deer permits, resident muzzleloader either-species either-sex permits, and hunt-on-your-own-land deer permits shall be accepted at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available through December 30.

(7) Each resident applicant for either-species, either-sex muzzleloader or firearm deer permits shall select, at the time of application, the unit where the permit shall be valid. The west unit permit shall be valid in units 1, 2, 17, and 18. The east unit permit shall be valid in units 3, 4, 5, 7, and 16.

(8) Applications for antlerless white-tailed deer permits shall be accepted at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available through January 30 of the following year.

(9) Each nonresident applicant for a regular deer permit shall have purchased a nonresident hunting license before submitting the application or shall purchase a nonresident hunting license when submitting the application.

(c) Firearm antelope permit applications. In awarding firearm antelope permits, the first priority shall be given to those individuals who have earned the highest number of preference points. Preference points shall be awarded as follows:

(1) One point shall be awarded to an individual for each year the individual is unsuccessful in

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obtaining a firearm antelope permit.

(2) If the individual fails to make at least one application or purchase one preference point within a period of five consecutive years, all earned points shall be lost.

(3) If an applicant obtains a firearm permit by a priority draw system, all earned points shall be lost.

(4) If the number of applicants with the most preference points exceeds the number of permits for specified units or permit types, then a drawing shall be held to determine the successful applicants.

(5) If an individual desires to apply for a preference point for an antelope firearms permit that allows the taking of an antelope and not receive a permit, the person may apply for and receive a preference point by paying the preference point fee and submitting an application during the application period specified in K.A.R. 115-25-7. No individual may apply for more than one preference point in the same calendar year, and no individual shall apply for a preference point in the same calendar year as the calendar year in which the individual is applying for a permit.

(6) Applications for resident firearm and muzzleloader permits shall be accepted in the Pratt office from the earliest date that applications are available through the second Friday of June.

(7) Applications for resident and nonresident archery permits shall be accepted at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available through October 30.

(8) If there are any unfilled permits after all timely applications have been considered, the application period may be extended by the secretary.

(9) Any applicant unsuccessful in obtaining a permit through a drawing may apply for any

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permit made available during an extended application period, or any other permit that is available on an unlimited basis.

(d) Elk permit applications.

(1) An individual receiving a limited-quota elk permit shall not be eligible to apply for or receive an elk permit in subsequent seasons, with the following exceptions:

(A) An individual receiving an any-elk or a bull-only elk permit may apply for and receive an antlerless-only elk permit in subsequent seasons.

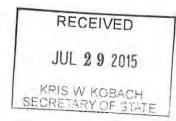
(B) An individual receiving a limited-quota, antlerless-only elk hunting permit shall not be eligible to apply for or receive a limited-quota, antlerless-only elk permit for a five-year period thereafter. Subject to this subsection, however, this individual may apply for and receive an any-elk or bull-only elk permit without a waiting period.

(C) When a limited number of elk permits are awarded by a random draw system, each individual shall have an additional opportunity of drawing for each bonus point earned by the individual in addition to the current application. Bonus points shall be awarded as follows:

(i) One bonus point shall be awarded to an individual for each year the individual is unsuccessful in obtaining, by a random draw system, an elk permit that allows the taking of an elk.

(ii) If an individual fails to make at least one application or purchase one bonus point within a period of five consecutive years, all earned bonus points shall be lost.

(iii) If an applicant obtains, by a random draw system, an elk permit that allows the taking of an elk, all earned points shall be lost.



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(iv) If an individual desires to apply for a bonus point for an elk permit that allows the taking of elk and not receive a permit, the person may apply for and receive a bonus point by paying the proper application or bonus point fee and submitting an application during the application period specified in K.A.R. 115-25-8. No individual may apply for more than one bonus point in the same calendar year, and no individual shall apply for a bonus point in the same calendar year as the calendar year in which the individual is applying for a permit.

(D) Each individual who is the final recipient of a commission elk permit shall be eligible for a limited-quota elk permit, subject to the provisions of this subsection.

(E) Limited-quota antlerless-only elk permits and limited-quota either-sex elk permits shall be awarded from a pool of applicants who are Fort Riley military personnel and applicants who are not Fort Riley military personnel.

(2) Applications for hunt-on-your-own-land and unlimited over-the-counter elk permits shall be accepted at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available through March 14 of the following year.

(3) Applications for limited-quota antlerless-only elk permits and limited-quota either-sex elk permits shall be accepted at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available through the second Friday in July.

(4) If there are leftover limited-quota antlerless-only elk permits or limited-quota either-sex permits after all timely applications have been considered, the application periods for those permits may be reopened by the secretary. Leftover permits shall be drawn and issued on a daily basis for those

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application periods reopened by the secretary. Any applicant unsuccessful in obtaining a permit through a drawing may apply for any leftover permit or any other permit that is available on an unlimited basis.

(5) Any individual may apply for or obtain no more than one permit that allows the taking of an elk, unless the individual is unsuccessful in a limited-quota drawing and alternative permits for elk are available at the time of subsequent application or the individual obtains a commission permit pursuant to this subsection.

(e) Wild turkey permit applications.

(1) When awarding wild turkey permits in units having a limited number of permits, the first priority shall be given to those individuals who did not receive a permit in a limited wild turkey unit during the previous year. All other applicants shall be given equal priority.

(2) In awarding a limited number of wild turkey permits by a priority draw system, the first priority shall be given to those individuals who have earned the highest number of preference points. Preference points shall be awarded as follows:

(A) One point shall be awarded to an individual for each year the individual is unsuccessful in obtaining, by a priority draw system, a wild turkey permit.

(B) If the individual fails to make at least one application or purchase one preference point within a period of five consecutive years, all earned points shall be lost.

(C) If an applicant obtains, by a priority draw system, a wild turkey permit, all earned points shall be lost.

(D) If the number of applicants with the most preference points exceeds the number of permits

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for specified units or permit types, then a drawing shall be held to determine the successful applicants.

(E) If an individual desires to apply for a preference point for a wild turkey permit and not receive a permit, the person may apply for and receive a preference point by paying the preference point fee and submitting an application during the application period specified in K.A.R. 115-25-6. No individual may apply for more than one preference point in the same calendar year, and no individual shall apply for a preference point in the same calendar year as the calendar year in which the individual is applying for a permit.

(3) Fall wild turkey permits for unit 1, unit 2, unit 3, unit 5, and unit 6, youth turkey permits, and game tags for unit 2, unit 3, unit 5, and unit 6 may be purchased over the counter at designated locations, from the earliest date in the year that applications are available through 5:00 p.m. on January 30 of the following year.

(4) Applications for spring wild turkey permits in unit 4 shall be accepted by the department from the earliest date that applications are available until midnight on the second Friday of February. If there are turkey permits left over after all timely applications have been considered, the application period may be reopened by the secretary. Leftover turkey permits shall be issued on a daily competitive basis until the day before the last day of the turkey season or until all turkey permits are issued.

(5) Spring wild turkey permits in unit 1, unit 2, unit 3, unit 5, and unit 6, youth turkey permits, and game tags in unit 1, unit 2, unit 3, unit 5, and unit 6 may be purchased over the counter at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available until midnight on the day before the closing date for the season. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2012 2014 Supp. 32-807, K.S.A. 2012 2014 Supp.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-4-11. Big game permit applications.

DESCRIPTION: This regulation addresses permit application requirements for obtaining big game permits. The proposed amendments would require the purchase of a nonresident hunting license upon application for a general nonresident deer permit. A nonresident hunting license is already required to hunt deer with a valid deer permit. Unsuccessful nonresident deer permit applicants would be refunded the value of the hunting license.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: Department data shows that nine percent of nonresident general deer permit holders do not purchase the required hunting license. Besides ensuring compliance with the law, the requirement is expected to generate \$126,000 per year, all of which would accrue to the wildlife fee fund. Otherwise, the proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.

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115-4-13. Deer permits; descriptions and restrictions. Except as otherwise specified or further restricted by law or regulation, the following deer permit descriptions, provisions, and restrictions shall be in effect.

(a) White-tailed deer permits.

(1) Resident any-season white-tailed deer permit. This permit shall be valid for the hunting of white-tailed deer statewide during the established muzzleloader-only, archery, and firearms deer seasons using equipment that is legal during the established season.

(2) Antlerless white-tailed deer permit. This permit shall be valid for the hunting of antlerless white-tailed deer statewide during the established muzzleloader-only, archery, and firearms deer seasons using equipment that is legal during the established season. The first antlerless white-tailed deer permit issued to an applicant shall be valid statewide on all lands and waters, unless otherwise specified in these regulations. If any subsequent antlerless white-tailed deer permit is issued to the same applicant, that permit shall be valid in designated management units but shall not be valid on department lands and waters, unless otherwise specified in these regulations.

(3) Nonresident white-tailed deer permit. This permit shall be valid for the hunting of whitetailed deer within a designated management unit and one additional adjoining management unit using legal equipment for one of the following deer seasons, which shall be selected at the time of application: muzzleloader-only, archery, or firearms deer season. Muzzleloader-only permits may be used in the early muzzleloader season and during the regular firearms season, using equipment that is legal during the muzzleloader deer season.

(b) Either-species, either-sex deer permits.

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(1) Resident archery either-species, either-sex deer permit. This permit shall be valid for the hunting of any antlered or antlerless white-tailed deer or mule deer statewide during the established archery deer season, using equipment that is legal during the archery deer season.

(2) Resident firearm either-species, either-sex deer permit. This permit shall be valid for the hunting of any antlered or antlerless white-tailed deer or mule deer during the established firearms deer season within designated management units, using equipment that is legal during the firearms deer season.

(3) Resident muzzleloader either-species, either-sex deer permit. This permit shall be valid for the hunting of any antlered or antlerless white-tailed deer or mule deer during the established muzzleloader-only and firearms deer seasons within designated management units, using muzzleloader equipment that is legal during the muzzleloader-only deer season.

(4) Nonresident either-species, either-sex deer permit. Any nonresident possessing a nonresident archery or muzzleloader-only white-tailed deer permit valid for a management unit designated by the department as a mule deer unit may apply for one of a limited number of mule deer stamps that, if drawn, will convert the applicant's white-tailed deer permit to an either-species, either-sex deer permit.

(5) Antlerless either-species permit. This permit shall be valid for the hunting of any antlerless white-tailed deer or mule deer within a designated management unit or units during the established muzzleloader-only, archery, and firearms deer seasons, using equipment that is legal during the established season.

(c) Hunt-on-your-own-land deer permits. Each hunt-on-your-own-land permit shall be valid for

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any white-tailed deer or mule deer, unless otherwise specified in these regulations.

(1) Resident hunt-on-your-own-land deer permit. This permit shall be available to individuals who qualify as resident landowners or as <u>resident</u> tenants or as family members domiciled with the <u>resident</u> landowner or with the <u>resident</u> tenant. This permit shall be valid during the muzzleloader-only, archery, and firearms deer seasons, using equipment that is legal during the established season. This permit shall be valid only on lands owned or operated by the <u>resident</u> landowner or <u>resident</u> tenant.

(2) Special resident hunt-on-your-own-land deer permit. This permit shall be available to individuals who qualify as lineal ascendants or descendants and their spouses, or as siblings of resident landowners or <u>resident or nonresident</u> tenants. This permit shall be valid during the muzzleloader-only, archery, and firearms deer seasons, using equipment that is legal during the established season. This permit shall be valid only on lands owned or operated by the <u>resident</u> landowner or <u>resident or nonresident</u> tenant.

(3) Nonresident hunt-on-your-own-land deer permit. This permit shall be available to nonresident individuals who qualify as Kansas landowners <u>or nonresident tenants</u>. This permit shall be valid during the muzzleloader-only, archery, and firearms deer seasons, using equipment that is legal during the established season. This permit shall be valid only on lands owned or operated by the nonresident landowner <u>or nonresident tenant</u>.

(d) Each deer permit shall be valid only for the species of deer specified and only for the antler category of deer specified by regulation or on the permit.

(1) An either-sex deer permit shall be valid for deer of either sex.

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(2) An antlerless deer permit shall be valid only for a deer without a visible antler plainly protruding from the skull.

(3) An either-species, either-sex deer permit shall be valid for a white-tailed deer of either sex or a mule deer of either sex, except that an antlerless either-species deer permit shall be valid only for a deer of either species without a visible antler plainly protruding from the skull. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 32-937; effective Jan. 30, 1995; amended June 6, 1997; amended July 30, 1999; amended June 1, 2001; amended April 22, 2005; amended July 20, 2007; amended April 11, 2008; amended April 24, 2015; amended P-_____.)

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K.A.R. 115-4-13. Deer permits; descriptions and restrictions.

DESCRIPTION: This permanent regulation establishes types of deer permits offered by the department, and restrictions regarding who may obtain them. The proposed amendments would clarify tenant deer permits.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendment could result in nonresident tenants paying more than the current amount but it would equalize a disparity between nonresident landowners and tenants. Otherwise, the proposed amendment is not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

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115-7-1. Fishing; legal equipment, methods of taking, and other provisions. (a) Legal equipment and methods for taking sport fish shall be the following:

(1) Fishing lines with not more than two baited hooks or artificial lures per line;

(2) trotlines;

(3) setlines, except that any float material used with a setline shall be constructed only from plastic, wood, or foam and shall be a closed-cell construction. A "closed-cell" construction shall mean a solid body incapable of containing water;

(4) tip-ups;

(5) using a person's hand or hands for flathead catfish in waters designated as open to hand fishing, subject to the following requirements:

(A) An individual hand fishing shall not use hooks, snorkeling or scuba gear, or other man-made devices while engaged in hand fishing;

(B) an individual hand fishing shall not possess fishing equipment, other than a stringer, while engaged in hand fishing and while on designated waters or adjacent banks;

(C) stringers shall not be used as an aid for hand fishing and shall not be used until the fish is in possession at or above the surface of the water;

(D) each individual hand fishing shall take fish only from natural objects or natural cavities;

(E) an individual hand fishing shall not take fish from any man-made object, unless the object is a bridge, dock, boat ramp, or riprap, or other similar structure or feature;

(F) no part of any object shall be disturbed or altered to facilitate the harvest of fish for hand fishing; and

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(G) an individual hand fishing shall not take fish within 150 yards of any dam;

(6) snagging for paddlefish in waters posted or designated by the department as open to the snagging of paddlefish, subject to the following requirements:

(A) Each individual with a filled creel limit shall cease all snagging activity in the paddlefish snagging area until the next calendar day; and

(B) each individual taking paddlefish to be included in the creel and possession limit during the snagging season shall sign the carcass tag, record the county, the date, and the time of harvest on the carcass tag, and attach the carcass tag to the lower jaw of the carcass immediately following the harvest and before moving the carcass from the site of the harvest;

(7) floatlines in waters posted or designated by the department as open to floatline fishing, which shall be subject to the following requirements:

(A) All floatlines shall be under the immediate supervision of the angler setting the floats.
"Immediate supervision" shall mean that the angler has visual contact with the floatlines set while the angler is on the water body where the floatlines are located;

(B) all floatlines shall be removed when float fishing ceases;

(C) floatlines shall not contain more than one line per float, with not more than two baited hooks per line;

(D) all float material shall be constructed only from plastic, wood, or foam and shall be a closed-cell construction. A "closed-cell" construction shall mean a solid body incapable of containing water;

(8) bow and arrow with a barbed head and a line attached from bow to arrow; and

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(9) crossbow and arrow with a barbed head and a line attached from arrow to crossbow.

(b) Legal equipment and methods for taking non-sport fish shall be the following:

(1) Fishing lines with not more than two baited hooks or artificial lures per line;

(2) trotlines;

(3) setlines;

(4) tip-ups;

(5) bow and arrow with a barbed head and a line attached from bow to arrow;

(6) crossbow and arrow with a barbed head and a line attached from arrow to crossbow;

(7) spear gun, without explosive charge, while skin or scuba diving. The spear, without explosive charge, shall be attached to the speargun or person by a line;

(8) gigging;

(9) snagging in waters posted by the department as open to snagging; and

(10) floatlines in waters posted or designated by the department as open to floatline fishing,

which shall be subject to the requirements specified in paragraphs (a)(7)(A) through (D).

(c) Dip nets and gaffs may be used to land any legally caught or hooked fish.

(d) Fish may be taken by any method designated by the secretary when a fish salvage order has been issued by the secretary through public notice or posting the area open to fish salvage.

(e) Fish may be taken with the aid of boats, depth finders, artificial lights, sound attracters, and scents.

(f) Fish may be taken by legal means from vehicles.

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(g) The following additional requirements shall apply in the flowing portions and backwaters of the Missouri river and in any oxbow lake through which the Kansas-Missouri boundary passes:

(1) Each individual shall place all legally caught fish on a stringer, cord, cable, or chain, or in a basket, sack, cage, or other holding device, separate from those fish caught by any other individual.

(2) The equipment and methods specified in paragraphs (b)(5) and (b)(6) shall be legal only from sunrise to midnight.

(3) The equipment and method specified in paragraphs (a)(7), (b)(9), and (b)(10) shall be legal only from sunrise to sunset.

(h) The equipment and method specified in paragraphs (a)(8) and (a)(9) shall be legal only for the following species of sport fish where no size limit exists for any of these species of fish:

(1) Blue catfish;

(2) channel catfish; and

(3) flathead catfish.

(i) Optical scopes or sights that project no visible light toward the target and do not electronically amplify visible or infrared light shall be valid for use on bows and crossbows.
(Authorized by <u>and implementing K.S.A. 2014 Supp.</u> 32-807; implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 32-1002; effective Dec. 26, 1989; amended Feb. 10, 1992; amended Oct. 1, 1999; amended Dec. 8, 2000; amended Sept. 27, 2002; amended Nov. 29, 2004; amended Nov. 27, 2006; amended Nov. 16, 2007; amended Dec. 1, 2008; amended Nov. 20, 2009; amended April 16, 2010; amended Nov. 19, 2010; amended P-_____.)

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K.A.R. 115-7-1. Fishing; legal equipment, methods of take and other provisions.

DESCRIPTION: This permanent regulation establishes legal fishing equipment and methods for sportfish and for nonsportfish. The proposed amendment would clarify that float material used with setlines be of closed-cell construction.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: It is anticipated that there would be no substantive economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.

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115-7-10. Fishing; special provisions. (a) A person who takes any fish from a body of water shall not tag, mark, brand, clip any fin of, mutilate, or otherwise disfigure any fish in a manner that would prevent species identification, examination of fins, recovery of tags, or determination of sex, age, or length of the fish before releasing the fish back into the body of water, unless a permit authorizing this activity has been issued to that person by the department.

(b) No person may possess any live fish upon departure from any designated aquatic nuisance body of water, except during a department-permitted fishing tournament. During a departmentpermitted fishing tournament, any individual may possess live fish upon departure from designated aquatic nuisance waters along the most direct route to the weigh-in site if the individual possesses a department authorization certificate as a participant in the tournament. Designated aquatic nuisance waters shall be those specified in the department's "Kansas designated aquatic nuisance waters tables," dated July 24, 2014 13, 2015, which is hereby adopted by reference.

(c) Each person who purchases live baitfish from a commercial bait dealer shall possess the receipt while fishing with the live baitfish.

(d) No person may fish or collect bait within, from, or over a fish passage, fish ladder, fish steps, or fishway. "Fish passage, fish ladder, fish steps, or fishway" shall mean a structure that facilitates the natural migration of fish upstream on, through, or around an artificial barrier or dam. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2013 2014 Supp. 32-807; effective Nov. 20, 2009; amended Jan. 1, 2012; amended Jan. 1, 2013; amended Nov. 15, 2013; amended Nov. 14, 2014; amended P-_____.)

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K.A.R. 115-7-10. Fishing; special provisions.

DESCRIPTION: This permanent regulation establishes special provisions related to fishing. The proposed amendments would update the reference document related to new invasive species waters as well as clarify fishing from or over a fish passage, fish ladder, fish steps or fishway.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: It is anticipated that there would be no substantive economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or the public.

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115-25-14. Fishing; creel limit, size limit, possession limit, and open season. (a) The open season for the taking of fish in Kansas shall be January 1 through December 31, with the following exceptions:

(1) The flowing portions and backwaters of the Missouri river and any oxbow lake through which the Kansas-Missouri boundary passes, for which the open snagging season for the taking of paddlefish shall be March 15 through May 15;

(2) the flowing portions of the Kansas river from its origin downstream to its confluence with the Missouri river and the flowing portions of the Arkansas river from its origin downstream to the Kansas-Oklahoma border and on federal reservoirs from 150 yards away from the dam to the upper end of the federal property, for which the open hand-fishing season for the taking of flathead catfish shall be from sunrise to sunset, June 15 through August 31;

(3) the open season for floatline fishing shall be from sunrise to sunset, July 15 through September 15, on designated federal reservoirs; and

(4) those areas closed by posted notice.

(b) Pursuant to K.A.R. 115-18-12, a trout permit shall be required for each individual who wants to fish on the following waters during the specified time periods:

(1) November 1 through April 15:

(A) Cedar Bluff Stilling Basin;

(B) Dodge City Lake Charles;

(C) Fort Scott Gun Park Lake;

(D) Garnett Crystal Lake;

(E) Glen Elder State Park Pond;

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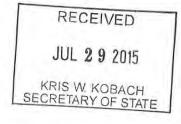
- (F) Kanopolis Seep Stream;
- (G) KDOT East Lake, located in Wichita;

(H) Lake Henry, located in Clinton State Park;

- (I) Pratt Centennial Pond;
- (J) Sandsage Bison Range and Wildlife Area Sandpits;
- (K) the following Sedgwick County Park waters;
- (i) Vic's Lake; and
- (ii) Slough Creek;
- (L) Topeka Auburndale Park;
- (M) Walnut River Area, located in El Dorado State Park;
- (N) Webster Stilling Basin; and
- (O) Willow Lake, located in Tuttle Creek State Park; and
- (2) November 1 through October 31: unit number 30, located in the Mined Land Wildlife Area.
- (c) Pursuant to K.A.R. 115-18-12, a trout permit shall be required for each individual who wants

to fish for and possess trout on the following waters from November 1 through April 15:

- (1) Atchison City Lake No. 1;
- (2) Belleville City Lake (Rocky Pond);
- (3) Cameron Springs, located on Fort Riley;
- (4) Cherryvale City Lake (Tanko);
- (5) Cimarron Grasslands Pits;



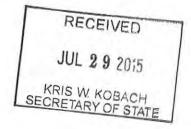
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- (6) Colby-Villa High Lake;
- (7) Great Bend Veterans Memorial Park Lake;
- (8) Great Bend Stone Lake;
- (9) Herington-Father Padilla Pond;
- (10) Holton-Elkhorn Lake;
- (11) Hutchinson Dillon Nature Center Pond;
- (12) Kanopolis State Park Pond;
- (13) Lake Shawnee, located in Shawnee County;
- (14) Meade State Fishing Lake;
- (15) Moon Lake, located on Fort Riley;
- (16) Salina Lakewood Lake;
- (17) Scott State Fishing Lake;
- (18) Scott State Park Pond;
- (19) the following Sedgwick County Park waters:
- (A) Moss Lake; and
- (B) Horseshoe Lake;
- (20) Sherman County Smoky Gardens Lake;
- (21) Solomon River between Webster Reservoir and Rooks County #2 Road; and
- (22) Syracuse-Sam's Pond.



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(d) The following daily creel limits and size limits shall apply to each pond, lake, impoundment, and other water of the state that is open to public fishing access, and to all perennial and intermittent watercourses of the state, unless special creel limits and size limits apply pursuant to subsection (f).

Species	Creel Limit	Size Limit
Black bass: largemouth,	5*	15"
spotted, or smallmouth		
Channel catfish or	10*	
blue catfish		
Trout	5*/2***	
Flathead catfish	5	
Walleye, sauger, saugeye	5*	15"
Pike family: northern pike,	2*	30"
tiger, or muskellunge		
Striped bass	2	
Wiper: striped bass hybrid	2	-
Paddlefish	2**	
Crappie: white or black	50*	200
All other species	No limit	

* The daily creel limit shall be composed of a single listed species or a combination of the species in the listed species group.

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** The total snagging creel limit of paddlefish per calendar year shall be six paddlefish.*** The two-trout-per-day creel limit shall be applicable to individuals under 16 years of age not in

possession of a valid trout permit.

(e) The possession limit shall be three daily creel limits.

(f) Special size limits, creel limits, and bait restrictions for designated waters shall be those limits and restrictions specified in the department's "Kansas special size limits, creel limits, and bait restriction tables," dated July 13, 2015, which is hereby adopted by reference. All fish caught from these designated waters that are of a size or number that is illegal to possess shall be released unrestrained to the water immediately.

This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2016. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 32-807.)

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K.A.R. 115-25-14. Fishing; creel limit, size limit, possession limit, and open season.

DESCRIPTION: This exempt regulation establishes statewide limits and open seasons for fishing in Kansas. The proposed amendments relate to updates to the reference document related to length and creel limits for specific bodies of water.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed changes would likely have no substantive economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.

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