

Proposed

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, January 17, 2019 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Flory Meeting Hall, 2120-B Harper St, Lawrence, 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 1:30 p.m., January 17 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. January 18 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 regulations. 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 regulations.

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

K.A.R. 115-11-2. This permanent regulation establishes operational requirements for controlled shooting areas. The proposed amendments would allow game birds released through April 30 to be counted towards the allowable take. The proposed change is a cleanup to legislation passed in the 2017 Legislative Session.

Economic Impact Summary: No substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies, small businesses, or individual members of the public is anticipated.

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115-11-2. Controlled shooting areas; operational requirements. (a) Each controlled shooting area shall be posted as follows:

(1) Signs shall be made of metal, plastic, or wood and shall be not less than 15 inches by 15 inches.

(2) Signs shall legibly display the words "controlled shooting area" in block lettering that is not less than two inches in height.

(3) Signs shall be placed along the boundary of the controlled shooting area, at intervals of not more than 500 feet.

(b) The licensee shall keep the license and a copy of the laws and regulations pertaining to the controlled shooting areas posted in a conspicuous and readily available place at the headquarters of the area.

(c) If the license of the controlled shooting area is cancelled or revoked, the licensee shall remove all controlled shooting area signs from the boundary of the area within 30 days of the cancellation or revocation date.

(d) If a licensee fails to renew a controlled shooting area license, all controlled shooting area signs shall be removed from the boundary of the area before September 1.

(e) Only those game birds released on the controlled shooting area from August 15 through ~~March 31~~ April 30 of the license period shall be credited toward the allowable take for the area.

(f) The licensee shall not take or permit the taking of more than 100 percent of the number of each species of game bird released on the controlled shooting area. These game bird species shall not be hunted on the area until a release of the game bird species has been made.

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**Kansas Administrative Regulations
Economic Impact Statement
For the Kansas Division of the Budget**

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K.A.R. 115-11-2
K.A.R. Number(s)

Submit a hard copy of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and any external documents that the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) would adopt, along with the following to:

Division of the Budget
900 SW Jackson, Room 504-N
Topeka, KS 66612

I. Brief description of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).

The proposed changes to the regulation allow controlled shooting areas to include birds released through April 30 instead of March 31, due to changes in the controlled hunting area shooting seasons passed by the Legislature in 2017.

II. Statement by the agency if the rule(s) and regulation(s) is mandated by the federal government and a statement if approach chosen to address the policy issue is different from that utilized by agencies of contiguous states or the federal government. *(If the approach is different, then include a statement of why the Kansas rule and regulation proposed is different)*

This is not a federal mandate nor does the federal government manage controlled shooting areas. All four contiguous states have CSA seasons of varying length.

III. Agency analysis specifically addressing following:

A. The extent to which the rule(s) and regulation(s) will enhance or restrict business activities and growth;

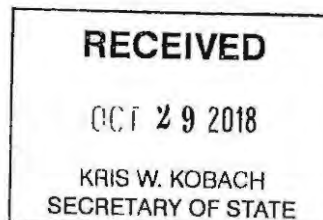
The regulation is cleanup from the 2017 Legislative session. The CSA season was extended and in order to have the birds count as released, the deadline for releases must be extended also.

B. The economic effect, including a detailed quantification of implementation and compliance costs, on the specific businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, and local governments that would be affected by the proposed rule and regulation and on the state economy as a whole;

The economic effect should be that CSA's would be able to add another month to their operating seasons and increase their business.

C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule and regulation;

Controlled Shooting Areas.



D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;

If the regulation were not to pass, it would be detrimental to CSA's who chose to operate in the month of April. They would not be able to count birds released in April against their allowable take.

E. Measures taken by the agency to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on business and economic development within the State of Kansas, local government, and individuals;

This proposed change is statutorily driven.

F. An estimate, expressed as a total dollar figure, of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to business, local governments, or members of the public.

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Do the above total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Give a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the above cost estimate.

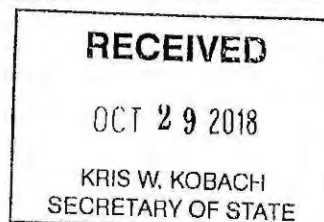
This is additional opportunity to expand business. No implementation or compliance costs are required.

Prior to the submission or resubmission of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), did the agency hold a public hearing if the total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period to find that the estimated costs have been accurately determined and are necessary for achieving legislative intent? If applicable, document when the public hearing was held, those in attendance, and any pertinent information from the hearing.

YES ☐ NO ☒

G. If the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts, or imposes functions or responsibilities on cities, counties or school districts that will increase expenditures or fiscal liability, describe how the state agency consulted with the League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Association of Counties, and/or the Kansas Association of School Boards.

Not applicable.



- H. Describe how the agency consulted and solicited information from businesses, associations, local governments, state agencies, or institutions and members of the public that may be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).**

News releases to every newspaper in the state, discussion at prior public hearings and meetings which are broadcast online, publication in the Kansas Register and publication on the Department's website.

- I. For environmental rule(s) and regulation(s) describe the costs that would likely accrue if the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are not adopted, as well as the persons would bear the costs and would be affected by the failure to adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s).**

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