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, April 29, 2021 at the Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, 3075 B Highway, Beloit, Kansas to consider the approval and adoption of the proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.

A general discussion and workshop meeting on the business of the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission will begin at 1:30 p.m., April 29 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at approximately 5:00 p.m. and 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. April 30 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 regulations.

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

K.A.R. 115-3-2. This permanent regulation sets legal equipment, taking methods and possession for rabbits, hares and squirrels. The proposed amendments would align legal equipment provisions for rabbits and hares.

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

K.A.R. 115-9-6. This permanent regulation sets requirements for display of vehicle

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permits for parks. The proposed amendments would allow for placement of a permit from an electronic kiosk.

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

K.A.R. 115-18-13. This permanent regulation sets requirements for management units, permits and restrictions for dark geese. The regulation is proposed for revocation.

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

K.A.R. 115-25-2. This exempt regulation sets the open seasons, bag limit and possession limit for rabbits. The proposed version of the regulation would align possession limits for rabbits at four times the daily bag limit, the same as other small game animals.

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

K.A.R. 115-25-3. This exempt regulation sets the open seasons, bag limit and possession limit for hares. The proposed version of the regulation would align possession limits for hares at four times the daily bag limit, the same as other small game animals.

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

Copies of the complete text of each regulation and its respective economic impact statement may be obtained by writing the chairman of the Commission at the address above, electronically on the department's website at ksoutdoors.com, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman

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115-3-2. Rabbits, hares, and squirrels; legal equipment, taking methods, and possession. (a)

Legal hunting equipment for rabbits, hares, and squirrels shall consist of the following:

(1) Firearms, except fully automatic rifles and handguns and except shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns larger than 10 gauge or using other than shot ammunition;

- (2) pellet and BB guns;
- (3) archery equipment;
- (4) crossbows;
- (5) falconry equipment;
- (6) projectiles hand-thrown or propelled by a slingshot;
- (7) box traps for rabbits and hares only;
- (8) optical scopes or sights that project no visible light toward the target and do not electronically amplify visible or infrared light;
 - (9) lures, decoys except live decoys, and calls, including electric calls; and
 - (10) other equipment or methods as allowed by permit.
- (b) The use of dogs, horses, and mules shall be permitted while hunting, but no person shall shoot while mounted on a horse or mule.
- (c) Legal hours for the hunting and taking of rabbits, hares, and squirrels shall be from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset during established hunting seasons, except that legal hours for the running and box-trapping of rabbits and hares shall be 24 hours per day during established running seasons.
 - (d) Any type of apparel may be worn while hunting or running rabbits and hares.
- (e) Legally taken rabbits, hares, and squirrels may be possessed without limit in time and may be given to another if accompanied by a dated written notice that includes the donor's printed name,

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signature, address, and permit or license number. The person receiving the meat shall retain the notice until the meat is consumed, given to another, or otherwise disposed of. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2018 2020 Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2018 2020 Supp. 32-1002; effective, T-115-7-27-89, July 27, 1989; effective Sept. 18, 1989; amended, T-115-12-28-89, Dec. 28, 1989; amended Jan. 22, 1990; amended Sept. 19, 1997; amended June 1, 2001; amended July 23, 2004; amended Feb. 18, 2005; amended April 26, 2019; amended P-

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- 115-9-6. Vehicle permits; display. (a) Except as provided in this regulation, each person who purchases a vehicle permit for entry into a state park or other area requiring a vehicle permit shall affix the permit to the lower corner of the windshield on the driver's side of the vehicle for which the vehicle permit was purchased.
 - (b) Annual vehicle permits shall be permanently affixed.
- (c) Each vehicle permit purchased from an electronic permit kiosk shall be displayed within the vehicle for which the permit was purchased in an unobstructed manner to allow the text on the permit to be read from outside the vehicle. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2014 2020 Supp. 32-807; implementing K.S.A. 2014 2020 Supp. 32-807 and 32-901; effective, T-115-7-27-89, July 27, 1989; effective Sept. 18, 1989; amended Feb. 20, 2015; amended P-________.)

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115-18-13. This regulation shall be revoked on and after June 1, 2021. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807; implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-1002; effective Aug. 15, 1994; amended Sept. 19, 1997; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Oct. 1, 1999; amended Sept. 22, 2000; amended Sept. 27, 2002; revoked P-______.)

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115-25-2. Rabbits; open seasons, bag limit, and possession limit. (a) The open season for the taking of rabbits statewide shall be January 1 through December 31.

- (b) The daily bag limit shall be 10.
- (c) The possession limit shall not exceed four daily bag limits.
- (d) The open season for the running of rabbits statewide shall be March 1 through November 1. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 32-807.)

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115-25-3. Hares; open season, bag limit, and possession limit. (a) The open season for the taking of hares statewide shall be January 1 through December 31.

- (b) The daily bag limit shall be 10.
- (c) The possession limit shall not exceed four daily bag limits.
- (d) The open season for the running of hares statewide shall be March 1 through November 1. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 32-807.)

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K.A.R. 115-3-2 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 would allow for the running and box-trapping of hares, the same as is currently allowed for rabbits, in an effort to better standardize the regulations.

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. Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado all have varying regulations dealing with rabbit and hare hunting seasons and requirements.

- 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 proposed amendments will neither enhance nor restrict business activities and growth.

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 proposed amendments will have no negative economic effect on any sector.

- C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule and regulation;
 None.
- D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;

The proposed benefits include allowing another method of permit delivery.

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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;

There are no negative costs associated with this proposal.

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.

There are no additional implementation or compliance costs with this proposal.

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There are no additional implementation or compliance costs with this proposal.

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

YES \square NO \boxtimes

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

Rabbit and hare hunting is a very small subset of small game hunting. Small game hunting requires a general hunting license. Big game hunting requires a permit for the species to be hunted as well as a general hunting license. As a result, the agency cannot determine the economic impact of the sale of hunting licenses specifically used to hunt rabbits and hares. However, based on 2020 hunting license sales, the agency sold approximately 156,236 general hunting licenses of all categories, both resident and nonresident, generating approximately \$9,209,640.00, all of which accrues to the wildlife fee fund. The sale of small game hunting licenses generates an additional \$73,743,392.00 for the Kansas economy, based on data contained in a report published by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service every five years.

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 □

The agency will held a public hearing on January 14, attended by 52 members of the public and will hold public hearings on March 25 and April 29 on the proposed regulation.

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

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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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KDWPT Agency Christopher J Tymeson Agency Contact 785-296-1032 Contact Phone Number

K.A.R. 115-9-6 K.A.R. Number(s)

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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 amendments to the regulation would allow for the use of permits issued from an electronic licensing kiosk.

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. Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado all have varying regulations dealing with park permit requirements.

- 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 proposed amendments will neither enhance nor restrict business activities and growth.

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 proposed amendments will have no negative economic effect on any sector.

- C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule and regulation;
 None.
- D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;

The proposed benefits include allowing another method of permit

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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;

There are no negative costs associated with this proposal.

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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There are no implementation or compliance costs with this proposal.

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.

There are no implementation or compliance costs with this proposal.

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YES \square NO \boxtimes

The agency will hold public hearings on January 14, March 25 and April 29 on the regulation.

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.

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The regulation is proposed for revocation.

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This is not a federal mandate. Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado all have varying regulations with waterfowl hunting requirements, within an overall federal regulatory umbrella.

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The proposed amendments will have no negative economic effect on any sector.

- C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule and regulation;
 None.
- D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;

The proposed benefits include removing an outdated regulation that has not been implemented since the early 2000's.

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The proposed version of the regulation would allow for the possession limit to be standardized with other small game possession limits at four times the daily bag limit.

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 None.
- D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;

The proposed benefits include standardizing possession limits for small game.

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The proposed amendments will have no negative economic effect on any sector.

- C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule and regulation;
 None.
- D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;

The proposed benefits include standardizing small game possession limits.

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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;

There are no negative costs associated with this proposal.

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.

There are no additional implementation or compliance costs with this proposal.

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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.

Rabbit and hare hunting is a very small subset of small game hunting. Small game hunting requires a general hunting license. Big game hunting requires a permit for the species to be hunted as well as a general hunting license. As a result, the agency cannot determine the economic impact of the sale of hunting licenses specifically used to hunt rabbits and hares. However, based on 2020 hunting license sales, the agency sold approximately 156,236 general hunting licenses of all categories, both resident and nonresident, generating approximately \$9,209,640.00, all of which accrues to the wildlife fee fund. The sale of small game hunting licenses generates an additional \$73,743,392.00 for the Kansas economy, based on data contained in a report published by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service every five years.

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 □

The agency held a public hearing on the regulation on January 14, attended by 52 members of the public, and will hold public hearings on March 25 and April 29 on the proposed regulation.

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

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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).

Not applicable.

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