

**Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission
Notice of Public Hearing**

A public hearing will be conducted by the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission (the Commission) at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the Finnup Center, Lee Richardson Zoo, 312 East Finnup Drive, Garden City, KS 67846, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed administrative regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Other Commission business will follow, including public comment opportunities and general discussions, which may include educational presentations and workshop sessions. The meeting will continue until all business is complete. The public hearing will be conducted in person and via video conferencing system.

This 60-day notice period prior to the hearing meets or exceeds the required 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 Chair of the Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 South Kansas Avenue, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612, or to megan.deters@ks.gov, if submitted electronically. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity at the hearing to express their views orally regarding 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.

Copies of the complete text of the regulations and economic impact statements may be obtained by writing the Chair of the Commission at the address above, accessing the Department's website at www.ksoutdoors.com, or by calling (785) 296-6373.

Any individual with a disability may request an accommodation to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and economic impact statements in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least ten (10) business days in advance of the hearing by contacting Megan Deters at (785) 296-6373. Persons with a hearing impairment may call the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at (800) 432-0698 to request special accommodations.

Summaries of the proposed regulations and their economic impacts follow. (Note: Statements indicating that "The proposed amendment/new regulation will have minor to no economic impact" are intended to indicate that no economic impact on the Commission, other state agencies, persons subject to the proposed regulations, or the general public have been identified.)

K.A.R. 115-4-4:

The change to this regulation broadens the types of projectiles that may be used in muzzleloader firearms so that modern, non-lead projectiles can be used if hunters choose to do so. Hunters may continue to use lead projectiles if they wish.

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Economic Impact:

The regulation will have a positive economic impact because it will permit hunters to use a wider variety of projectiles. The proposed amended regulation will have minor to no economic impact, though it may have a slightly positive economic impact through the increase of sales of non-lead projectiles by businesses.

K.A.R. 115-2-1:

The changes to this regulation will increase the cost of a trout permit from \$12.00 to \$17.50. The rule change will also add three new discounts for seniors aged 65 to 74 for 5-year fishing, hunting, and combination fishing and hunting licenses. The rule will also eliminate fees for mussel harvesting.

Economic Impact:

The economic impact of the trout fee will be \$5.50 per licensee. KDWP sells approximately 10,000 trout permits per year. Assuming the same number of anglers continue to purchase a trout permit, the total economic impact would be \$55,000 annually on all trout anglers. The addition of senior licenses and elimination of mussel harvesting licenses will have minor to no economic impact.

K.A.R. 115-25-9:

The changes to this regulation will increase the number of deer permits available in southeast Kansas by between 500 and 1,000 additional permits and decrease the number of deer permits available in northwest Kansas by 750 permits. Changes are being made in response to recent data showing an increase in deer populations in southeast Kansas and a decrease in deer populations in northwest Kansas.

Economic Impact:

The Department could see a change in license sales revenue, though the change will have a minor direct economic impact on the Department. In deer management units with increasing availability of permits, KDWP expects to see an increase in sales between \$21,550 and \$43,100. In units with decreasing permit availability, the Department expects a decrease in revenue of \$32,325. The net change to KDWP revenues is likely to be between a decrease of \$10,775 and an increase of \$10,775, depending on voluntary actions by hunters.

K.A.R. 115-25-9a:

This regulation sets the dates for deer hunting seasons on military subunits, which differ from the statewide seasons.

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Economic Impact:

The regulation will have minor to no economic impact. Businesses that engage in sales to military personnel who participate in the deer season may be minimally impacted.

K.A.R. 115-25-12:

The change to this regulation and K.A.R. 115-5-1 will expand the night vision coyote hunting season by approximately three months. The current season begins on January 1 and ends on March 31. The new season will begin on September 1 and end on March 31 of the following year, excluding antlered deer firearm seasons. The regulation includes a sunset provision that will take effect on March 31, 2028, if not later removed.

Economic Impact:

The proposed amended regulation will have minor to no economic impact, though it could enhance business activities and growth through increased sales of night vision hunting equipment.

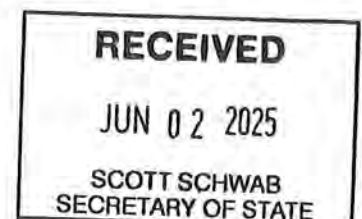
K.A.R. 115-5-1:

The change to this regulation and K.A.R. 115-25-12 will expand the night vision coyote hunting season by approximately three months. The current season begins on January 1 and ends on March 31. The new season will begin on September 1 and end on March 31 of the following year, excluding antlered deer firearm seasons.

Economic Impact:

The proposed amended regulation will have minor to no economic impact, though it could enhance business activities and growth through increased sales of night vision hunting equipment.

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

Resident hunting license (valid for one year from date of purchase)	\$25.00
Resident hunting license (valid for five years from date of purchase)	100.00
Resident senior hunting license (valid for one year from date of purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age)	12.50
<u>Resident senior hunting license (valid for five years from date of purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age)</u>	<u>50.00</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 (valid for one year from date of purchase).....	125.00
Nonresident junior hunting license (under 16 years of age)	40.00
Resident big game hunting permit:	
General resident: either-sex elk permit	300.00
General resident: antlerless-only elk permit	150.00
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	50.00
Landowner/tenant: either-sex elk permit	150.00
Landowner/tenant: antlerless-only elk permit	75.00
Hunt-on-your-own-land: either-sex elk permit.....	150.00
Hunt-on-your-own-land: antlerless-only elk permit	75.00
General resident: deer permit.....	40.00

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General resident youth (under 16 years of age): deer permit.....	10.00
General resident: antlerless-only deer permit	20.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): antlerless-only deer permit	7.50
Landowner/tenant: deer permit.....	20.00
Hunt-on-your-own-land: deer permit.....	20.00
Special hunt-on-your-own-land: deer permit.....	40.00
General resident: antelope permit	50.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): antelope permit.....	10.00
Landowner/tenant: antelope permit	25.00
Antelope preference point service charge.....	10.00
Any-deer preference point service charge	10.00
Application fee for elk permit.....	10.00
Wild turkey permit:	
General resident: turkey permit (1-bird limit)	25.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit (1-bird limit)	5.00
Resident landowner/tenant: turkey permit (1-bird limit).....	12.50
Nonresident: fall turkey permit (1-bird limit).....	50.00
Nonresident tenant: fall turkey permit (1-bird limit)	25.00
Nonresident: spring turkey permit (1-bird limit)	75.00
Nonresident tenant: spring turkey permit (1-bird limit)	30.00
Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit (1-bird limit)	10.00
Resident: turkey preference point service charge	5.00

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Nonresident: turkey permit application fee.....	10.00
Wild turkey game tag:	
Resident: turkey game tag (1-bird limit).....	15.00
Resident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey game tag (1-bird limit)	5.00
Nonresident: turkey game tag (1-bird limit)	30.00
Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey game tag (1-bird limit).....	10.00
Spring wild turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit, must be purchased before April 1 of year of use):	
General resident: turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit)	35.00
General resident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit).....	10.00
Resident landowner/tenant: turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit).....	17.50
Nonresident: turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit).....	85.00
Nonresident tenant: turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit).....	42.50
Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): turkey permit and game tag combination (2-bird limit).....	20.00
Nonresident big game hunting permit:	
Nonresident hunt-on-your-own-land: deer permit	85.00
Nonresident tenant: deer permit.....	85.00
Nonresident: deer permit (antlered deer)	400.00

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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)	450.00
Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): combination 2-deer permit (antlered deer and antlerless white-tailed deer)	90.00
Nonresident: antelope permit (archery only)	300.00
Nonresident tenant: antelope permit	85.00
Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): antelope (archery only)	100.00
Nonresident tenant: either-sex elk permit	300.00
Nonresident tenant: antlerless-only elk permit	150.00
Nonresident: deer permit application fee	25.00
Nonresident: mule deer stamp	150.00
Field trial permit: game birds	20.00
Lifetime hunting license	500.00
or eight quarterly installment payments of	67.50
Migratory waterfowl habitat stamp	8.00
Sandhill crane hunting permit: validation fee	5.00
Disabled person hunt-from-a-vehicle permit	0

(b) Fishing licenses and permits.

Resident fishing license (valid for one year from date of purchase)	25.00
Resident fishing license (valid for five years from date of purchase)	100.00

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Resident senior fishing license (valid for one year from date of purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age)	12.50
<u>Resident senior fishing license (valid for five years from date of purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age)</u>	<u>50.00</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)	40.00
Nonresident fishing license (valid for one year from date of purchase)	75.00
Resident calendar day fishing license	3.50
Nonresident calendar day fishing license	10.00
Three-pole permit (valid for one year from date of purchase)	6.00
Tournament bass pass (valid for one year from date of purchase)	12.00
Paddlefish permit (six carcass tags)	10.00
Paddlefish permit youth (under 16 years of age) (six carcass tags)	5.00
Hand fishing permit	25.00
Lifetime fishing license	500.00
or eight quarterly installment payments of	67.50
Five-day nonresident fishing license	25.00
Institutional group fishing license	100.00
Special nonprofit group fishing license	50.00
Trout permit (valid for one year from date of purchase)	12.00 17.50
Youth trout permit (under 16 years of age, valid for one year from date of purchase)	4.50

(c) Combination hunting and fishing licenses and permits.

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Resident combination hunting and fishing license (valid for one year from date of purchase)45.00

Resident combination hunting and fishing license (valid for five years from date of purchase)180.00

Resident senior combination hunting and fishing license (valid for one year from date of purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age).....22.50

Resident senior combination hunting and fishing license (valid for five years from date of purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age).....90.00

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 license960.00

or eight quarterly installment payments of130.00

~~Resident senior lifetime combination hunting and fishing license (one time purchase, valid 65 years of age and older).....40.00~~

Resident Kansas kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing license:

5 years of age or younger.....300.00

6 through 7 years of age.....500.00

Nonresident combination hunting and fishing license (valid for one year from date of purchase)...190.00

(d) Furharvester licenses.

Resident furharvester license (valid for one year from date of purchase)25.00

Resident junior furharvester license (valid for one year from date of purchase)12.50

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Lifetime furharvester license	500.00
or eight quarterly installment payments of	67.50
Nonresident furharvester license (valid for one year from date of purchase).....	250.00
Nonresident bobcat permit (1-bobcat limit per permit)	100.00
Resident fur dealer license	100.00
Nonresident fur dealer license	400.00
Field trial permit: furbearing animals	20.00

(e) Commercial licenses and permits.

Controlled shooting area hunting license (valid for one year from date of purchase)	25.00
Resident mussel fishing license	75.00
Nonresident mussel fishing license.....	1,000.00
Mussel dealer permit.....	200.00
Missouri river fishing permit	25.00
Game breeder permit.....	10.00
Controlled shooting area operator license.....	200.00
Commercial dog training permit.....	20.00
Commercial fish bait permit (three-year permit)	50.00
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

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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 permit0

Rehabilitation permit0

Wildlife damage-control permit.....0

Wildlife importation permit.....10.00

Threatened or endangered species: special permits0

(g) Falconry.

Apprentice permit75.00

General permit75.00

Master permit75.00

Testing fee.....50.00

(h) Miscellaneous fees.

Duplicate license, permit, stamp, and other issues of the department0

Special departmental services, materials, or supplies At cost

Vendor bond

For bond amounts of \$5,000.00 and less50.00

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plus \$6.00 per additional \$1,000.00 coverage or any fraction thereof.

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(i) Discounts.

Discount for five or more licenses, permits, stamps, or other issues of the department
purchased by an individual at the same time five percent of the total price

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K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 32-988, as amended by L. 2023, ch. 43, sec. 5; implementing K.S.A.
2024 Supp. 32-807, as amended by L. 2023, ch. 7, sec. 28; K.S.A. 32-937; K.S.A. 2024
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9,101; and L. 2023, ch. 43, sec. 1; effective Dec. 4, 1989; amended Sept. 10, 1990; amended
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115-4-4. Big game; legal equipment and taking methods. (a) Hunting equipment for the taking of big game during a big game archery season shall consist of the following:

(1) Archery equipment.

(A) No bow or arrow shall have any electronic device attached to the bow or arrow that controls the flight of the arrow. Devices that may be attached to a bow or arrow shall include lighted pin, dot, or holographic sights; illuminated nocks; rangefinders; film or video cameras; locking draws; and radio-frequency location devices.

(B) Each arrow used for hunting shall be equipped with a broadhead point incapable of passing through a ring with a diameter of three-quarters of an inch when fully expanded. A big game hunter using archery equipment may possess non-broadhead-tipped arrows while hunting if the arrows are not used to take or attempt to take big game animals.

(2) Crossbows using arrows that are equipped with broadhead points incapable of passing through a ring with a diameter of three-quarters of an inch when fully expanded.

(A) A big game hunter using crossbow equipment may possess non-broadhead-tipped arrows while hunting if the arrows are not used to take or attempt to take big game animals.

(B) No crossbow or arrow shall have any electronic device attached to the crossbow or arrow that controls the flight of the arrow. Devices that may be attached to a crossbow or arrow shall include lighted pin, dot, or holographic sights; illuminated nocks; rangefinders; film or video cameras; and radio-frequency location devices.

(b) Hunting equipment for the taking of big game during a big game muzzleloader-only season shall consist of the following:

(1) Archery and crossbow equipment as authorized in subsection (a); and

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(2) muzzleloading rifles, pistols, and muskets that can be loaded with bullets only through the front of the firing chamber and are .40 inches in diameter bore or larger. Only tumble-on-impact, hard-cast solid lead, conical lead, or sabot bullets shall be used with muzzleloading rifles, pistols, and muskets.

(c) Hunting equipment for the taking of big game during a big game firearm season shall consist of the following:

- (1) Archery and crossbow equipment as authorized in subsection (a);
- (2) muzzleloader-only season equipment as authorized in subsection (b);
- (3) centerfire rifles and handguns that are not fully automatic, while using only tumble-on-impact, hard-cast solid lead, soft point, hollow point, or other expanding bullets; and
- (4) shotguns using only slugs.

(d)(1) Each individual hunting deer or elk during a firearms deer or elk season and each individual assisting an individual hunting deer or elk as authorized by K.A.R. 115-4-2 or K.A.R. 115-18-15 during a firearms deer or elk season shall wear outer clothing of a bright orange color commonly referred to as daylight fluorescent orange, hunter orange, blaze orange, or safety orange. This bright orange color shall be worn as follows:

(A) A hat or other garment upon the head with the exterior of not less than 50 percent of the bright orange color, an equal portion of which is visible from all directions; and

(B) at least 100 square inches of the bright orange color that is on the front of the torso and is visible from the front and at least 100 square inches that is on the rear of the torso and is visible from the rear.

(2) Lures, decoys except live decoys, and nonelectric calls shall be legal while hunting

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big game.

(3) Any individual may use blinds and stands while hunting big game.

(4) Optical scopes or sights that project no visible light toward the target and do not electronically amplify visible light or detect infrared light or thermal energy may be used.

(5) Any range-finding device, if the device does not project visible light toward the target, may be used.

(6) Devices capable of dispensing lethal, debilitating, or immobilizing chemicals to take big game animals shall not be used.

(e) Shooting hours for deer, antelope, and elk during each day of any deer, antelope, or elk hunting season shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

(f) Horses and mules may be used while hunting big game, except that horses and mules shall not be used for herding or driving big game.

(g) Firearm report-suppressing devices may be used.

(h) Handguns may be possessed during all big game seasons. However, no handgun shall be used to take deer except as legal equipment specified in subsection (c) during a big game firearms season.

(i) Dogs may be used to retrieve dead or wounded big game animals if the following requirements are met:

(1) Each dog shall be maintained on a handheld leash at all times while tracking the big game animal.

(2) An individual tracking big game animals outside of legal shooting hours shall not carry any equipment capable of harvesting the big game animal.

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(3) Each individual harvesting a big game animal shall be limited to the equipment type for the permit and the season that is authorized.

(4) Each individual participating in the tracking of the big game animal shall have a hunting license, unless the individual is exempt by law or regulation. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. ~~2020-2024~~ Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. ~~2020-Supp.~~ 32-937; effective June 1, 2001; amended April 19, 2002; amended April 22, 2005; amended June 2, 2006; amended April 13, 2007; amended April 11, 2008; amended May 21, 2010; amended April 20, 2012; amended April 19, 2013; amended Sept. 4, 2014; amended April 26, 2019; amended May 22, 2020; amended July 23, 2021-; amended P-_____.)

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115-5-1. Furbearers and coyotes; legal equipment, taking methods, and general provisions.

(a) Hunting equipment permitted during furbearer hunting seasons and during coyote hunting seasons shall consist of the following:

- (1) Firearms, except fully automatic firearms;
- (2) archery equipment;
- (3) crossbows; and
- (4) optical scopes or sights that project no visible light toward the target and do not electronically amplify visible or infrared light, except as specified in this regulation.

(b) Trapping equipment permitted during furbearer and coyote trapping seasons shall consist of the following:

- (1) Smooth-jawed foothold traps, except that all types of foothold traps may be used in water sets;
- (2) body-gripping traps;
- (3) box traps;
- (4) cage traps;
- (5) colony traps;
- (6) snares; and
- (7) deadfalls.

(c) The following general provisions shall apply to the taking of furbearers and coyotes:

- (1) Calls may be used in the taking of furbearers and coyotes.
- (2) Handheld, battery-powered flashlights, hat lamps, and handheld lanterns may be used while trapping furbearers or coyotes or while running furbearers.

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(3) Any .22 or .17 caliber rimfire rifle or handgun may be used to take trapped furbearers or trapped coyotes when using a light to check traps.

(4) Any .22 or .17 caliber rimfire rifle or handgun may be used while using a handheld, battery-powered flashlight, hat lamp, handheld lantern, or laser sight to take furbearers treed with the aid of dogs.

(5) Lures, baits, and decoys may be used in the taking of furbearers and coyotes.

(6) The use of horses and mules shall be permitted while hunting, trapping, or running furbearers and coyotes.

(7) The use of motor vehicles for taking coyotes shall be permitted while hunting coyotes, except as provided in subsection (d).

(8) The use of radios in land or water vehicles shall be permitted for the taking of coyotes.

(9) The use of dogs for hunting and during running seasons shall be permitted.

(10) Each body-gripping trap with an inside jawspread of eight inches or greater, when measured across the jaws at a 90-degree angle, shall be used only in a water set.

(11) Only landowners or tenants of land immediately adjacent to the right-of-way of a public road, or their immediate family members or authorized agents, may set slide-locking wire or snare-type cable traps as dryland sets within five feet of a fence bordering a public road or within 50 feet of the outside edge of the surface of a public road. Only these landowners or tenants, or their immediate family members or authorized agents, shall ~~may~~ possess the fur, pelt, skin, or carcass of any furbearer or coyote removed from these devices located within these specified limits.

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(12) A person shall not have in possession any equipment specified in subsection (a) while pursuing or chasing furbearers with hounds during the running season.

(13) All trapping devices included in subsection (b) shall be tagged with either the user's name and address or the user's department-issued identification number and shall be tended and inspected at least once every calendar day.

(14) Each foothold trap that has an outside jawsread greater than seven inches, when measured across the jaws at a 90-degree angle, shall be used only in a water set.

(d) For the seasons established by K.A.R. 115-25-12(b) and (c), From January 1 through March 31, the following provisions shall apply to the hunting of coyotes:

(1) Artificial light, scopes and equipment that amplify visible light, and thermal-imaging scopes and thermal-imaging equipment may be used for hunting.

(2) The use of vehicles when hunting with the equipment specified in paragraph (d)(1) shall be prohibited.

(3) The use of the equipment specified in paragraph (d)(1) shall not be authorized on department lands and waters.

(4) Each person using the equipment specified in paragraph (d)(1) in the manner prescribed in this subsection shall first obtain a permit from the department. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-1003; effective March 19, 1990; amended Nov. 15, 1993; amended July 19, 2002; amended Feb. 18, 2005; amended Sept. 4, 2009; amended July 22, 2011; amended July 26, 2013; amended May 31, 2019; amended Sept. 18, 2020; amended Dec. 23, 2022; amended P-_____.)

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

(1) Archery season.

(A) The archery season in all deer management units shall begin on the second Monday following the first Saturday in September and shall be valid through the last day of the same calendar year.

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

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

(D) The urban antlerless-only white-tailed deer archery season shall begin on the third Monday following January 4 and shall continue through January 31 in all units designated as an urban deer management unit.

(2) Firearm season.

(A) The regular firearm season dates in all deer management units shall begin the Wednesday following Thanksgiving and shall continue for a total of 12 days including the opening day.

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(B) The pre-rut white-tailed deer antlerless-only season in all deer management units shall begin on the Saturday immediately preceding Columbus Day and shall continue for a total of three days including the opening day.

(C) The extended pre-rut white-tailed deer antlerless-only season in deer management unit 12 shall begin the Tuesday immediately following Columbus Day and continue for a total of six days including the opening day.

(D) During the regular and extended firearm deer seasons, white-tailed either-sex deer permits issued for a deer management unit adjacent to or encompassing an urban deer management unit shall be valid in both the designated unit and the urban deer management unit.

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

(3) Muzzleloader-only season.

(A) The muzzleloader-only season in all deer management units shall begin on the second Monday following the first Saturday in September and shall continue for a total of 14 days including the opening day. Muzzleloader deer permits shall also be valid during the established firearm seasons using muzzleloader equipment, except that during the portion of the extended firearm season beginning on January 1 and extending through the last open day in units open during an extended firearm season, these permits shall be valid with any legal equipment authorized during a firearm season. During an extended firearm season, only muzzleloader deer permits for deer management units open during these dates shall be valid, and only for antlerless white-tailed deer.

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

(4) Season for designated persons.

(A) The season for designated persons to hunt deer shall begin on the first Saturday of September and shall continue for a total of 9 days including the opening day.

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Extended firearm seasons.

(A) Each unfilled deer permit valid in unit 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, or 17, ~~as applicable~~, shall be valid during an extended antlerless-only firearm season beginning on January 1 and continuing through the first Sunday occurring after the third day in January.

(B) Each unfilled deer permit valid in unit 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, or 16, as applicable, shall be valid during an extended antlerless-only firearm season beginning January 1 and continuing through the second Sunday occurring after the third day in January.

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(C) Each unfilled deer permit valid in unit ~~10A~~, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, or 19, as applicable, shall be valid in an extended antlerless-only firearm season beginning January 1 and continuing through the third Sunday occurring after the third day in January.

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

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

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

(b) Unlimited resident hunt-on-your-own-land, special hunt-on-your-own-land, and nonresident hunt-on-your-own-land deer permits shall be authorized for all units. These permits also shall be valid during the portion of the extended firearm season beginning on January 1 and extending through the last open day in units open during an extended or special extended firearm season, but shall be valid only for antlerless white-tailed deer during an extended or special extended firearm season.

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

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

(2) Any individual may obtain no more than ten ~~five~~ antlerless white-tailed deer permits, subject to the following limitations:

(A) One antlerless white-tailed deer permit shall be valid statewide, except in units 1, 2, 17, and 18, including lands managed by the department;

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(B) Four additional antlerless white-tailed deer permits shall be valid in units ~~1, 2, 3,~~ 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and ~~10A, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 19~~ on lands not managed by the department; and

(C) Nine additional antlerless white-tailed deer permits shall be valid in units 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 19 on lands not managed by the department, except Berentz-Dick, and Elk City Wildlife Areas.

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

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

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

(6) Any individual may obtain one antlerless-only either-species deer permit, subject to the number of antlerless-only either-species deer permits authorized.

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

(e) No deer permit shall be valid after January 31 following the date of issuance.

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115-25-9a. Deer; open season, bag limit, and permits; additional considerations; military subunits. (a) In addition to the pre-rut antlerless white-tailed ~~whitetail~~ deer only season specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9, in ~~the~~ Fort Riley subunit 8a, ~~the~~ an additional antlerless white-tailed deer only season shall also be November 28, 2025, ~~November 29, 2024~~, through November 30, 2025 ~~December 1, 2024~~.

(b) Instead of the open firearm season specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9, i~~n~~ the Fort Riley subunit 8a, the open firearm season for the taking of deer shall be December 13, 2025, ~~December 14, 2024~~, through December 21, 2025 ~~December 22, 2024~~, and the extended firearms season for the taking of antlerless-only white-tailed deer shall be January 1, 2026, through January 11, 2026.

(c) Three~~Five~~ antlerless-only white-tailed deer permits shall be valid in Fort Riley subunit 8aA.

(d) Instead of the open firearm season specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9, i~~n~~ the Fort Leavenworth subunit 10a, the open firearm season for the taking of deer shall be November 15, 2025, ~~November 16, 2024~~, through November 16, 2025 ~~November 17, 2024~~; November 22, 2025, ~~November 23, 2024~~, through November 23, 2025 ~~November 24, 2024~~; November 27, 2025, ~~November 28, 2024~~, through November 30, 2025 ~~December 1, 2024~~; December 6, 2025, ~~December 7, 2024~~, through December 7, 2025 ~~December 8, 2024~~; and December 13, 2025, ~~December 14, 2024~~, through December 14, 2025 ~~December 15, 2024~~.

(e) In ~~the~~ Fort Leavenworth subunit 10a, the extended firearms season for the taking of antlerless-only white-tailed deer shall be January 1, 2026, ~~January 1, 2025~~, through January 18, 2026 ~~January 19, 2025~~.

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(f) In ~~the~~ Fort Leavenworth subunit 10a, the extended archery season for the taking of antlerless-only white-tailed deer shall be January 19, 2026, January 20, 2025, through January 31, 2026 January 31, 2025.

(g) In ~~the~~ Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range subunit 4a, the open firearm season for the taking of deer shall be December 3, 2025, December 4, 2024, through December 14, 2025 December 15, 2024. Five ~~additional~~ antlerless white-tailed deer permits shall be valid in the Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range subunit 4a.

(h) This regulation shall have no force and effect on and after March 1, 2026 2025.

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2024 2023 Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-937; effective July 1, 2007; amended July 1, 2008; amended July 1, 2009; amended July 1, 2010; amended July 1, 2011; amended July 1, 2012; amended July 1, 2013; amended July 1, 2014; amended July 1, 2015; amended July 1, 2016; amended June 29, 2017; amended July 2, 2018; amended June 18, 2019; amended June 29, 2020; amended June 29, 2021; amended Aug. 5, 2022; amended Aug. 18, 2023; amended, T-115-10-11-24, Oct. 11, 2024; amended Dec. 27, 2024; amended P-
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115-25-12. Coyotes; ~~season~~seasons. (a) The taking of coyotes by trapping and hunting methods shall be permitted during all firearms deer seasons, including special deer seasons.

(b) ~~This regulation shall be effective as of May 1, 1990. The taking of coyotes by the methods designated in K.A.R. 115-5-1(d) shall be September 1 through March 31, excluding the following days:~~

(1) The first Saturday of September and continuing for a total of 23 days including the first Saturday of September; and

(2) The Wednesday following Thanksgiving and continuing for a total of 12 days including the Wednesday following Thanksgiving.

(c) On April 1, 2028, the season set out in subsection (b) shall expire, and the taking of coyotes by the methods designated in K.A.R. 115-5-1(d) shall be January 1 through March 31 of each year thereafter. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2024 1989 Supp. 32-807 ~~and K.S.A. 77-415;~~ implementing K.S.A. 2024 1989 Supp. 32-807, K.S.A. ~~1989 Supp.~~ 32-1002, and K.S.A. ~~1989 Supp.~~ 32-1006; effective May 2, 1990; amended P-_____.)

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- ☒ No If no, do the total annual implementation and compliance costs for the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), calculated from the effective date of the rule(s) and regulation(s), exceed \$1.0 million or more in implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governmental units and individuals as a result of the proposed rule and regulation over the initial five-year period following adoption of such rule(s) and regulation(s) (as calculated in Section III, F)?
- ☐ Yes If "Yes," then the agency shall not adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s) until the rule(s) and regulation(s) has been ratified by the Legislature with a bill, unless the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are: 1) mandated by the federal government as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program, as described in K.S.A. 77-416(b)(1)(B), and amendments thereto; 2) temporary rule(s) and regulation(s) adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-722, and amendments thereto; or 3) rules and regulations adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 2-3710 (Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board). Continue to fill out the remaining EIS form to be included with the regulation packet in the review process to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. The submitted EIS will be independently analyzed by the Division of the Budget for approval.
- ☒ No If no, continue to fill out the remaining form to be included with the regulation packet submitted in the review process to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. The submitted EIS will be analyzed by the Division of the Budget for approval.

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Section I

Analysis, brief description, and cost and benefit quantification of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s). If the approach chosen by the Kansas agency to address the policy issue is different from that utilized by agencies of contiguous states or of the federal government, the economic impact statement shall include an explanation of why the Kansas agency's rule and regulation differs.

The proposed rule change will increase the cost of a trout permit necessary for anglers to fish for and harvest trout at KDWP water bodies stocked with trout. For decades, KDWP has not increased the cost of a trout permit. Over the same time, the commodity costs necessary to operate the program have dramatically increased. The increase is from \$12.00 to \$17.50, or \$5.50 per permit. KDWP sells approximately 10,000 trout permits per year. Assuming the same number of anglers continue to purchase a trout permit, the total economic impact would be \$55,000 annually, or \$275,000 over the first five years of the regulation. However, it should be expected that at least a portion of these individuals will not purchase a trout permit, thereby decreasing the overall economic impact of this change.

If KDWP does not implement the regulation, it will have to reduce the number of trout stocked by about 15,000 fish annually. KDWP has already reduced the number of trout stocked over the last decade, and more reductions could ultimately lead to elimination of the program.

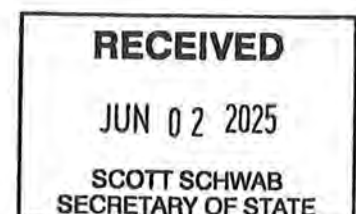
KDWP's approach to trout management is different than most of contiguous states, which is summarized in the following graph:

State	Cost of Trout Permit/Fee
Missouri	\$10 annually
Colorado	Included in cost of fishing license
Nebraska	Included in cost of fishing license
Oklahoma	Included in cost of fishing license

KDWP's approach differs from surrounding states because of geographic differences. Trout are not native to Kansas, and KDWP does not raise them in its hatchery system. In other states, trout are native and naturally reproduce in the wild.

More specifically, Missouri can charge a lower trout fee because trout farms are located in-state, whereas Kansas must import trout from Colorado, Nebraska, and Missouri. Most other states, such as Oklahoma, include the cost of fishing for trout within their fishing license fee. Since only about four percent of all anglers in Kansas purchase a trout permit, KDWP has decided not to include the cost of operating the trout program within the regular fishing license. There is no applicable federal rule.

In all, it is more expensive in Kansas to have a trout program where trout are not native and importation is more costly when compared to neighboring states.



The proposed rule change will also add three new discounts for seniors ages 65 to 74. It adds a discounted rate for 5-year fishing, hunting, and combination fishing and hunting licenses. These changes confer only a benefit on seniors and do not impose compliance costs.

Finally, the proposed rule change eliminates fees for mussel harvesting, which was previously eliminated. Thus, these changes do not impose compliance costs.

Section II

Explain whether the proposed rule and regulation is mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program and whether the proposed rules and regulations exceed the requirements of applicable federal law.

The proposed rule change is not mandated by federal law.

Section III

Agency analysis specifically addressing the following:

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

The proposed rule change is not expected to have a measurable impact on business activities and growth. It will allow seniors to purchase five-year licenses at a discounted rate. The proposed rule change will also allow KDWP to simply maintain the number of trout stocked in Kansas waters. KDWP sells a relatively low number of trout permits sold annually (approximately 10,000 per year).

- 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 will be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and on the state economy as a whole:

The proposed rule change will impose compliance costs on only individuals purchasing a trout stamp. Since KDWP sells approximately 10,000 trout permits per year and the proposed increase in cost is \$5.50 per permit, the maximum total implementation or compliance cost is \$55,000 annually, or \$275,000 over the initial five years after adoption. However, it should be expected that at least a portion of those who purchase trout permits will not purchase a trout permit, thereby decreasing the overall economic impact of this change.

The proposed rule change will positively impact seniors by allowing them to purchase discounted five-year licenses.

- C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s):

KDWP does not expect this regulation will impose a direct impact on businesses.

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

The benefits of the proposed rule change outweigh its costs.

It will allow seniors to purchase half-priced 5-year licenses, providing a significant economic benefit to those individuals.

The proposed rule change will also benefit trout anglers by enabling KDWP to maintain the number of trout stocked in Kansas, thereby allowing trout anglers to continue accessing KDWP waters for trout fishing. In addition, maintaining the number of trout stocked will positively impact businesses that sell fishing tackle, allowing them to maintain their activities and income. The alternative would be to reduce the number of trout stocked, which would negatively impact both trout anglers and businesses that sell fishing tackle.

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:

The agency attempted to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule change by offering three new discounted licenses for seniors, which will provide significant cost savings to these anglers.

Regarding trout anglers, KDWP has refrained from raising the cost of a trout permit for decades while commodity costs necessary to operate the program have dramatically increased. KDWP has previously reduced the number of trout stocked over the last decade, and more reductions could ultimately lead to elimination of the program. If KDWP does not implement the regulation, it will have to reduce the number of trout stocked by about 15,000 fish annually.

The agency has attempted to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule change.

F. An estimate of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governments, or individuals. *Note: Do not account for any actual or estimated cost savings that may be realized. Implementation and compliance costs determined shall be those additional costs reasonably expected to be incurred and shall be separately identified for the affected businesses, local governmental units, and individuals.*

Costs to Affected Businesses – \$0

Costs to Local Governmental Units – \$0

Costs to Individuals – \$55,000

Total Annual Costs – \$55,000

(sum of above amounts)

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

Since KDWP sells approximately 10,000 trout permits per year and the proposed increase in cost is \$5.50 per permit (increase from \$12.00 to \$17.50), the maximum total implementation or compliance cost is \$55,000 annually.

This amount does not include the significant costs savings conferred on seniors.

- ☐ Yes If the total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$1.0 million or more in implementation and compliance costs over the initial five-year period following adoption of such rule(s) and regulation(s) that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governmental units and individuals as a result of the proposed rule and regulation, did the agency hold a public hearing 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.
- ☐ No
- ☒ Not Applicable

If applicable, click here to enter public hearing information.

Provide an estimate to any changes in aggregate state revenues and expenditures for the implementation of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), for both the current fiscal year and next fiscal year.

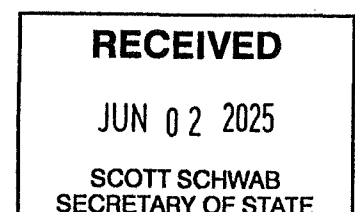
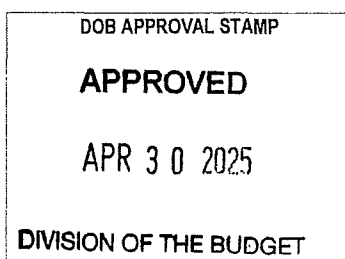
This is likely to increase revenues to the Wildlife Fee Fund by no more than \$55,000 annually. There are no expected changes in expenditures for implementation of the proposed regulation.

Provide an estimate of any immediate or long-range economic impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on any individual(s), small employers, and the general public. If no dollar estimate can be given for any individual(s), small employers, and the general public, give specific reasons why no estimate is possible.

The immediate and long-range economic impact for any individual purchasing a trout permit is \$5.50 annually. There is no expected negative economic impact on small employers.

- 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.

The proposed rule change will not affect the revenues of cities, counties, or school districts.



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

KDWP directly interviewed trout anglers, asking if they would be supportive of an increase to maintain the program, and the consensus was that anglers would support such a change. In addition, the proposed regulation has been publicly discussed at three KDWP Commission meetings, and no negative public comment was provided on the topic.

In addition, KDWP contacted two of the largest sellers of Kansas trout stamps and asked if they anticipated an economic impact on their businesses because of the change in fee. Since the fee change will allow KDWP to maintain the number of trout stamps sold, the businesses expect no significant economic impact beyond what is currently being experienced. If one considers the alternative of reducing the number of trout stocked if no fee increase is implemented, there is a positive economic impact on businesses because more anglers would purchase trout tackle at Kansas businesses.

Section IV

Does the Economic Impact Statement involve any environmental rule(s) and regulation(s)?

- ☐ Yes If yes, complete the remainder of Section IV.
☒ No If no, skip the remainder of Section IV.

- A. Describe the capital and annual costs of compliance with the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), and the individuals or entities who would bear the costs.

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- B. Describe the initial and annual costs of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), including the estimated amount of paperwork, and the state agencies, other governmental agencies, or other individuals who will bear the costs.

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- C. Describe the costs that would likely accrue if the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are not adopted, the individuals or entities who will bear the costs and who will be affected by the failure to adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s).

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- D. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the costs used.

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The proposed rule change broadens the types of projectiles that may be used in muzzleloading firearms so that modern, non-lead (non-toxic) projectiles can be used if hunters choose to do so. Lead projectiles will remain legal as well. As a result, Businesses will be able to continue selling lead projectiles and will now be able to add non-lead projectiles to their inventories. As a result, there will be no costs imposed by the regulation, and it will benefit hunters and businesses by allowing a broader use of projectiles.

The proposed rule change aligns Kansas with contiguous states, all of which do not limit muzzleloading projectiles to only lead. There is no applicable federal law.

Section II

Explain whether the proposed rule and regulation is mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program and whether the proposed rules and regulations exceed the requirements of applicable federal law.

The proposed rule is not mandated by federal law.

Section III

Agency analysis specifically addressing the following:

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

The proposed rule change will not restrict business activity but enhance it. The proposed rule will allow business that currently stock lead muzzleloader projectiles to continue selling them while also allowing them to offer a broader range of muzzleloader projectiles to customers.

- 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 will be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and on the state economy as a whole:

The proposed rule will not impose implementation and compliance costs on businesses or individuals. It will allow hunters to continue using previously purchased lead muzzleloader projectiles while giving them the option of purchasing non-toxic muzzleloading projectiles. Likewise, businesses will not be required to stock different muzzleloader projectiles if they wish to continue selling only lead projectiles.

- C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s):

Any business that sells ammunition, particularly muzzleloader projectiles. The proposed regulation will not impose implementation and compliance costs on businesses. It permits them to offer a wider range of muzzleloader projectiles.

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

The proposed rule will not impose implementation and compliance costs on businesses or individuals. The proposed rule will benefit hunters and businesses by allowing hunters to purchase and businesses to stock a wider variety of munitions. Another benefit is allowing hunters to use a non-toxic (non-lead) projectile if they choose to do so.

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;

The proposed rule will not impose implementation and compliance costs on businesses or individuals.

F. An estimate of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governments, or individuals. *Note: Do not account for any actual or estimated cost savings that may be realized. Implementation and compliance costs determined shall be those additional costs reasonably expected to be incurred and shall be separately identified for the affected businesses, local governmental units, and individuals.*

Costs to Affected Businesses – \$0.00

Costs to Local Governmental Units – \$0.00

Costs to Individuals – \$0.00

Total Annual Costs – \$0.00

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

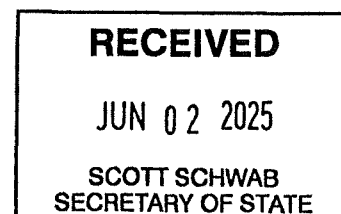
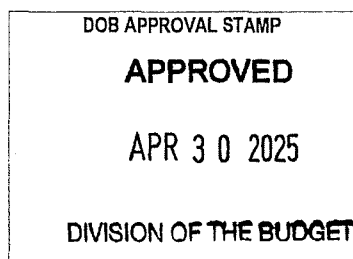
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- ☐ No
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If applicable, click here to enter public hearing information.

Provide an estimate to any changes in aggregate state revenues and expenditures for the implementation of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), for both the current fiscal year and next fiscal year.

The proposed rule will not increase or decrease aggregate state revenues or expenditures.



Provide an estimate of any immediate or long-range economic impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on any individual(s), small employers, and the general public. If no dollar estimate can be given for any individual(s), small employers, and the general public, give specific reasons why no estimate is possible.

The proposed rule change will not have a significant immediate or long-range impact on individuals, small employers, or the general public. Those individuals who already own lead muzzleloader projectiles can continue using them in the future, and businesses that stock lead muzzleloader projectiles can continue selling them in the future. The rule change simply affords broader use of additional projectiles if individuals or businesses wish to use non-toxic projectiles.

- 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.

The proposed rule change will not increase or decrease revenues of cities, counties, or school districts. Nor will it impose functions or responsibilities on cities, counties, or school districts.

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

The proposed rule change was discussed at several public meetings held by the agency. The agency also discussed the proposed rule change with hunters, many of which were not aware that the current regulation is limited to the use of lead projectiles. Hunters expressed support for the proposed regulation change. The agency also consulted with businesses, many of which were also not aware that the current rule is limited to the use of lead projectiles. Businesses indicated that they do not anticipate much of an increase in sales because they do not currently sell many of the currently prohibited projectiles.

Section IV

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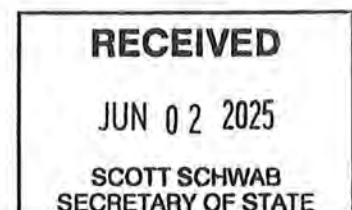
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These regulation changes extend the night vision coyote hunting season by approximately three months. The current season is from January 1 to March 31. The changes will allow hunters to use night vision hunting equipment from September 1 through March 31, except for antlered deer firearm seasons. The changes also include a three-year sunset provision that would revert the season back to its prior dates if the provision is not later removed.

The approach of contiguous states is mixed. Nebraska allows night vision hunting of coyotes all year, while Missouri permits it from February 1 to March 31. Oklahoma does not generally allow hunting of coyotes at night with night vision equipment, though it is permitted year round to control coyotes causing livestock damage. Colorado prohibits night vision hunting of coyotes. The federal government does not regulate coyote populations. The Wildlife and Parks Commission considered the approach of all 50 states, input from various department staff, and significant public input, and it decided a trial three-year extended season was the best option for Kansas hunters.

Section II

Explain whether the proposed rule and regulation is mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program and whether the proposed rules and regulations exceed the requirements of applicable federal law.

The proposed regulation is not mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally assisted program.

Section III

Agency analysis specifically addressing the following:

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

The regulation change will likely enhance business activities and growth through increased sales of night vision hunting equipment. However, based on data regularly collected by the Department, it is impossible to readily ascertain how much economic growth might occur.

- 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 will be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and on the state economy as a whole:

No quantifiable economic effect is anticipated. Changes to the length of the night vision coyote season will have an indirect effect on businesses that sell night vision coyote equipment. Otherwise, there will not be noticeable impacts on local businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, or local governments.

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C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s):

No businesses would be directly affected by the proposed regulation change. Sporting goods retailers who sell high-end hunting equipment could be indirectly affected. These retailers were consulted in the formulation of the rule change (see Section III.H. below).

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

There are no costs associated with this regulation because it is merely expanding hunting opportunities, and any indirect benefits are not quantifiable within a reasonable degree of certainty.

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;

Since no costs are being imposed, no such measures were necessary.

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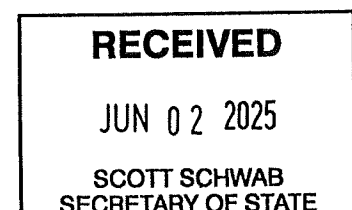
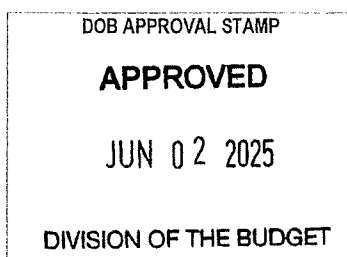
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This regulation change will not affect state revenues and expenditures for the implementation of the proposed rules and regulations.

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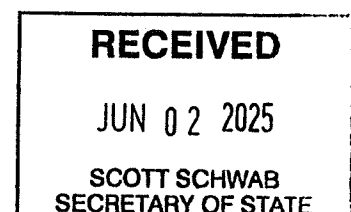
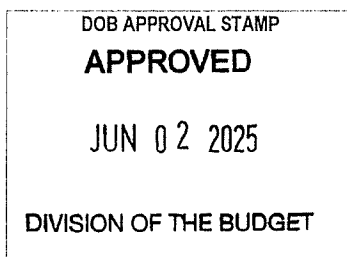
The Department engaged the public in several respects when formulating these regulation changes.

On February 28, 2025, the Department published a press release announcing it would hold public comment sessions across the State to collect public input on potential changes to the night vision coyote hunting season. The following hearings were held by Department staff:

- March 10, 2025 (El Dorado)
- March 24, 2025 (Junction City)
- March 25, 2025 (Hays)

The proposed changes were discussed extensively at the following Wildlife Commission meetings:

- October 3, 2024 (Bonner Springs)
- November 21, 2024 (Wichita)
- January 30, 2025 (Manhattan)
- March 27, 2025 (Topeka)
- April 26, 2025 (Fall River)



In addition, Department staff conducted an extensive survey of various Kansas citizens to measure their interest in potentially expanding the night vision hunting season. The survey randomly sampled 1,000 deer hunters, 1,000 landowners, 1,000 night vision hunters, 5,000 small game hunters, and 236 traditional coyote hunters. Highly summarized, a majority of all populations surveyed favored some expansion of the season.

Finally, Department staff solicited input from businesses it believed could be indirectly impacted through the sales of night vision coyote hunting, and their responses were generally positive, indicating that the change would likely enhance their businesses.

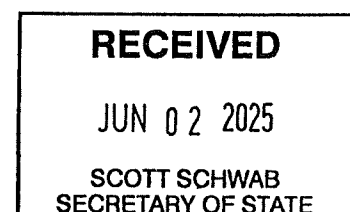
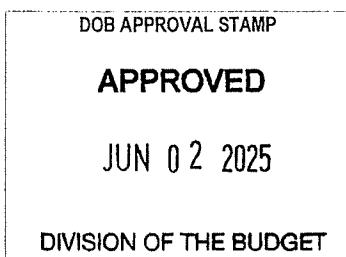
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This regulation sets the dates for statewide and management unit specific deer seasons, specifications for obtaining certain permits, and specifies the number of valid antlerless deer permits a hunter may use in each deer management unit.

Section II

Explain whether the proposed rule and regulation is mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program and whether the proposed rules and regulations exceed the requirements of applicable federal law.

Not Applicable

Section III

Agency analysis specifically addressing the following:

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

Potential increases in deer harvest in units with increases in antlerless deer permit availability may see reduced crop damage and deer car crashes, and increased number of deer taken to meat processors. Units with reduced antlerless permit availability could see future positive economic impact but may see reduced immediate economic benefits. Extent of impacts cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

- 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 will be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and on the state economy as a whole;

None

- C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s);

Meat processors that process hunter harvested deer and hunting guides and outfitters that allow their customers to harvest antlerless deer.

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

In deer management units with increasing antlerless permit availability greater numbers of deer may be harvested which may increase deer taken to meat processors and could reduce crop damage and deer car crash rates.

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In units with reduced antlerless permit availability, severely low deer herd sizes may increase with few deer being harvested by hunters which could increase economic benefits in future years with more sizable deer herds which can support greater numbers of permits increasing hunter activities in those areas. Failure to reduce antlerless permit availability in units with undesirably low deer herd sizes could result in loss of all economic benefits of deer hunting when overharvest reduces deer herds below harvestable or viable population levels.

- 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;

None needed

- F. An estimate of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governments, or individuals. *Note: Do not account for any actual or estimated cost savings that may be realized. Implementation and compliance costs determined shall be those additional costs reasonably expected to be incurred and shall be separately identified for the affected businesses, local governmental units, and individuals.*

Costs to Affected Businesses – \$0

Costs to Local Governmental Units – \$0

Costs to Individuals – \$0

Total Annual Costs – \$0

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

There is no mandatory implementation cost to this regulation. In deer management units with reduced antlerless permits hunters will not be able to buy additional antlerless permits, thus they have a reduced cost. KDWP expects to sell approximately 750 few antlerless permits in western deer management units with reduced antlerless permits. In deer management units with increased antlerless permit availability, hunters may voluntarily purchase more permits. KDWP expects to sell an additional 500-1,000 permits. These estimates are based on license sales data and permit purchasing trends.

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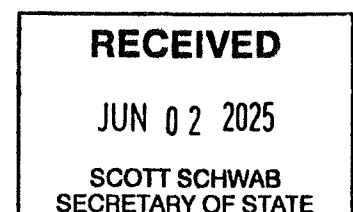
KDWP could see a change in license sales revenues under the proposed regulation. Estimates are based on prior permit sales data and permit purchasing trends. In deer management units with reduced antlerless permit availability, a decrease of approximately \$32,325 in revenue is expected with a reduction of approximately 750 permits. In deer management units with increasing availability of antlerless deer permits, KDWP expects an increase in antlerless permit sales of approximately 500-1,000 additional permits sold. This would result in an increase in revenues of approximately \$21,550 - \$43,100. Thus, the net change to KDWP revenues is likely to be between a decrease in revenue of \$10,775 to an increase of revenue of \$10,775. This change would be expected to be the same for the next fiscal year if comparing no regulation change to implementation of the new regulation.

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No estimate is possible. In units with increased antlerless permit availability, hunters may voluntarily purchase more permits if they desire to harvest more deer, but no estimate of the number of additional permits that may be purchased is available nor are estimates of how crop damage, deer car crashes, or increases in deer taken to processors are available. In units with decreased antlerless permit availability, some hunters will spend less on permits and may result in reduced immediate economic effects, but with adequate habitat and conditions, reduced harvest now will increase deer herd size providing greater positive economic impacts in the future when greater herd size supports increased permit availability increasing hunter activity in those areas. Most economic effects are dependent on individuals' voluntary actions.

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Not Applicable



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KDWP receives comments from hunters and landowners that are provided as part of the annual deer harvest survey and as part of the periodically implemented landowner deer opinion survey. KDWP discussed permit changes with some guides and outfitters by phone. KDWP also discussed and took public comments about this regulation change during public meetings on Aug. 29, 2024; Oct. 3, 2024; Nov. 21, 2024; Jan. 30, 2025; and March 27, 2025.

Section IV

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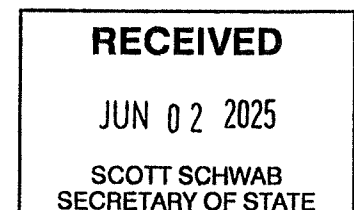
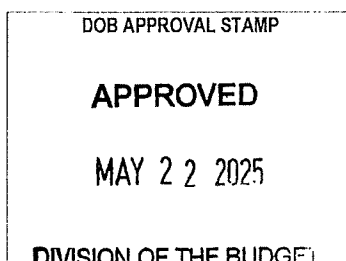
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Is/Are the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) mandated by the federal government as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program?

- ☐ Yes If yes, continue to fill out the remaining form to be included with the regulation packet submitted in the review process to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. Budget approval is not required; however, the Division of the Budget will require submission of a copy of the EIS at the end of the review process.
- ☒ No If no, do the total annual implementation and compliance costs for the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), calculated from the effective date of the rule(s) and regulation(s), exceed \$1.0 million or more in implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governmental units and individuals as a result of the proposed rule and regulation over the initial five-year period following adoption of such rule(s) and regulation(s) (as calculated in Section III, F)?
- ☐ Yes If "Yes," then the agency shall not adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s) until the rule(s) and regulation(s) has been ratified by the Legislature with a bill, unless the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are: 1) mandated by the federal government as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program, as described in K.S.A. 77-416(b)(1)(B), and amendments thereto; 2) temporary rule(s) and regulation(s) adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-722, and amendments thereto; or 3) rules and regulations adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 2-3710 (Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board). Continue to fill out the remaining EIS form to be included with the regulation packet in the review process to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. The submitted EIS will be independently analyzed by the Division of the Budget for approval.
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Section I

Analysis, brief description, and cost and benefit quantification of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s). If the approach chosen by the Kansas agency to address the policy issue is different from that utilized by agencies of contiguous states or of the federal government, the economic impact statement shall include an explanation of why the Kansas agency's rule and regulation differs.

The proposed regulation sets the dates for deer hunting seasons on military subunits, which differ from the statewide seasons. This regulation is updated annually because KDWP must work with the U.S. Department of Defense each year to determine the dates to allow deer hunting activities to occur on military bases while minimizing or eliminating conflicts with DoD mission objectives. The proposed regulation will not impose any additional cost on KDWP and will benefit active-duty service members by permitting them to continue to harvest deer in these subunits.

Section II

Explain whether the proposed rule and regulation is mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program and whether the proposed rules and regulations exceed the requirements of applicable federal law.

The proposed regulation is not mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program.

Section III

Agency analysis specifically addressing the following:

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

The proposed regulation will not restrict business activities. It may slightly enhance business activities through increased purchases of sporting goods at local sporting goods stores, but any amount is de minimis.

- 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 will be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and on the state economy as a whole;

The proposed regulation does not impose any compliance costs on businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, or local governments. It may slightly enhance business activities through increased purchases of sporting goods at local sporting goods stores, but any amount is de minimis.

- C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s);

There are no businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed regulation. Some businesses may be affected indirectly.

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

The primary benefit of the proposed regulation is that it grants active-duty service members the opportunity to harvest deer on military bases. There are no implementation costs associated with the regulation.

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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;

Because the proposed regulation imposes no implementation costs, no such action is necessary.

- F. An estimate of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governments, or individuals. *Note: Do not account for any actual or estimated cost savings that may be realized. Implementation and compliance costs determined shall be those additional costs reasonably expected to be incurred and shall be separately identified for the affected businesses, local governmental units, and individuals.*

Costs to Affected Businesses – \$0

Costs to Local Governmental Units – \$0

Costs to Individuals – \$0

Total Annual Costs – \$0
(sum of above amounts)

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

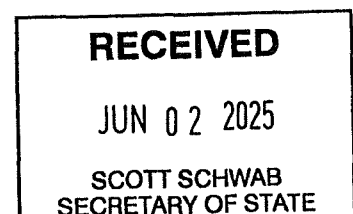
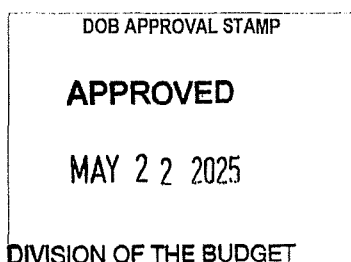
The proposed regulation does not impose any implementation costs—it simply allows active-duty military members the opportunity to harvest deer on military bases.

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- ☐ No
- ☒ Not Applicable

If applicable, click here to enter public hearing information.

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The proposed regulation neither increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts, nor does it impose functions or responsibilities on cities, counties, or school districts.

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KDWP works with environmental program staff at Ft. Riley, Ft. Leavenworth, and Smoky Hill ANG Range to determine what dates deer seasons can occur with minimal or no impact to DOD missions. KDWP solicited information from the public on this proposed regulation during the Wildlife Commission meeting on January 27, 2025. Historically, KDWP has annually solicited input from the public on this topic at Wildlife Commission meetings and has received support from businesses and individuals in maintaining military subunit seasons.

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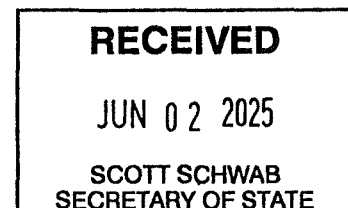
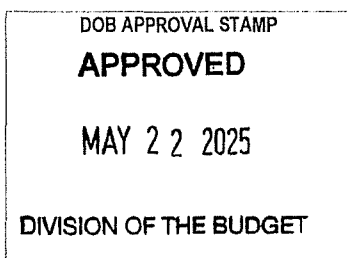
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