

**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, June 18, 2026, at the J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center, 102 North Main Street, Lindsborg, KS 67456, to consider the approval and adoption of a proposed administrative regulation of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Other Commission business will follow and will include general discussions, which may include educational presentations, workshop sessions, and public comment opportunity following the public hearing. 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 constitutes the public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed administrative regulation. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Chair of the Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 South Kansas Avenue, Suite 200, Topeka, Kansas 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 regulation and economic impact statement may be obtained by writing the Chair of the Commission at the address above, by accessing them electronically on the Department's website at www.ksoutdoors.gov, 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 regulation and economic impact statement 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 regulation and its economic impact 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. 115-2-1:

This permanent regulation establishes the majority of the Department's fees. Due to the recently expanded night-vision coyote hunting season, which was extended from three months to approximately six months, the Department is adjusting its night-vision coyote fees. The Department is now delineating between residents and nonresidents in charging for a night-vision coyote hunting permit. The regulation also raises these fees from \$2.50 to \$52.50 for a nonresident permit and \$27.50 for a resident permit. The regulation will also impose a \$10 fee for duplicate vessel registrations.

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Economic Impact:

This regulation will have a total annual direct compliance cost of approximately \$184,100, or \$920,500 over the initial five-year period following adoption of the regulation.

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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
Resident senior hunting license (valid for five years from date of purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age)	50.00
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 permit85.00

Nonresident tenant: deer permit.....85.00

Nonresident: deer permit (antlered deer)400.00

Nonresident youth (under 16 years of age): deer permit (antlered deer)75.00

Nonresident: deer permit (antlerless only).....50.00

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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
Resident senior fishing license (valid for one year from date of purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age)	12.50

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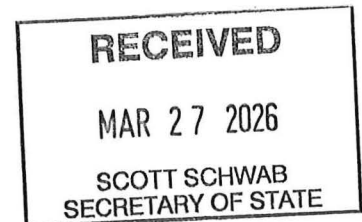
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Resident senior fishing license (valid for five years from date of purchase, 65 years of age through 74 years of age)50.00

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 license3.50

Nonresident calendar day fishing license10.00

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 permit25.00

Lifetime fishing license.....500.00

or eight quarterly installment payments of67.50

Five-day nonresident fishing license25.00

Institutional group fishing license.....100.00

Special nonprofit group fishing license50.00

Trout permit (valid for one year from date of purchase)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.

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

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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 license.....960.00

or eight quarterly installment payments of130.00

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

Lifetime furharvester license500.00

or eight quarterly installment payments of67.50

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 license100.00

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Nonresident fur dealer license	400.00
Field trial permit: furbearing animals	20.00
<u>Resident night hunting equipment permit (expiring at the end of that season)</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<u>Nonresident night hunting equipment permit (expiring at the end of that season).....</u>	<u>50.00</u>

(e) Commercial licenses and permits.

Controlled shooting area hunting license (valid for one year from date of purchase).....	25.00
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
Commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer permit.....	50.00
Prairie rattlesnake round-up event permit.....	25.00

(f) Collection, scientific, importation, rehabilitation, and damage-control permits.

Scientific, educational, or exhibition permit.....	10.00
Raptor propagation permit	0
Rehabilitation permit	0
Wildlife damage-control permit.....	0

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Wildlife importation permit10.00

Threatened or endangered species: special permits0

(g) Falconry.

Apprentice permit75.00

General permit75.00

Master permit.....75.00

Testing fee.....50.00

(h) Miscellaneous fees.

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

Duplicate vessel registration decal.....10.00

Special departmental services, materials, or supplies At cost

Vendor bond

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

For bond amounts of more than \$5,000.0050.00

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

(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

(Authorized by K.S.A. 20242025 Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 20242025 Supp. 32-988;

implementing K.S.A. 20242025 Supp. 32-807; K.S.A. 32-937; K.S.A. 20242025 Supp. 32-

988; and K.S.A. 32-9,101; effective Dec. 4, 1989; amended Sept. 10, 1990; amended Jan. 1,

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Kansas Administrative Regulations Economic Impact Statement (EIS)

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
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Contact Phone Number

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K.A.R. Number(s)

Permanent Temporary

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.

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 key changes to this proposed regulation establish two fees for resident and nonresident night-vision coyote hunting permits. The current cost of a night-vision coyote hunting permit for both residents and nonresidents is \$2.50, which is simply a processing fee. The new fee will be \$27.50 for a resident night-vision coyote hunting permit (an increase of \$25) and \$52.50 for a non-resident night-vision coyote hunting permit (an increase of \$50). The \$2.50 permit fee has been in place since 2021, which was the first year night-vision coyote hunting was authorized in Kansas.

If KDWP does not implement this regulation change, it will be unable to cover the law enforcement costs associated with implementing the new night-vision hunting season, which is especially important since the new season now takes place in the midst of three different deer rifle seasons where poaching concerns are heightened. In addition, KDWP needs the additional revenue to cover the costs of researching and monitoring coyote populations and their effects on the on other wildlife populations, such as deer and turkeys.

Approaches to night hunting of coyotes vary between contiguous states. Oklahoma does not have a separate night-vision coyote season, but coyotes can be hunted year-round with night-vision equipment with a free depredation permit. Nebraska allows residents and nonresidents to use night vision and thermal equipment to hunt coyotes, but nonresidents are required to have a small-game permit and are limited to 1,000 coyotes. Colorado does not have a separate coyote night-vision season; individuals can hunt coyotes year-round with artificial light and night-vision or thermal equipment, but specific regulations and permits are required, and use is prohibited during conflicts with big game seasons. Missouri has a specific period when night-vision and thermal equipment can be used for hunting coyotes: January 1 to September 30, excluding the spring turkey season. During this designated season, hunters can legally use night vision, infrared, or thermal imagery equipment, along with artificial lights, in conjunction with other legal hunting methods to pursue and take coyotes. Missouri does not charge a specific fee for using this equipment.

This regulation also establishes fees associated with duplicate boat registrations decals. The proposed change to this regulation would increase the cost from \$0 to \$10. By implementing this regulation change it would help cover the cost of boat registration decals, staff time, envelopes and postage. Missouri, Oklahoma, and Colorado charge small fees for duplicate boat registration decals.

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 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 regulation changes will have no impact on 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 will be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and on the state economy as a whole;

This regulation change will primarily impact those individuals who choose to hunt coyotes with night-vision equipment. Over the last five years, an average of 4,862 residents and 1,051 nonresidents—or 5,913 total individuals—purchased a night-vision equipment permit. The annual direct compliance cost for residents will be \$121,550 per year (\$25 x 4,862). The annual direct compliance cost for nonresidents will be \$52,550 per year (\$50 x 1,051). These two amounts total \$174,100.

The regulation will also impose a \$10 duplicate vessel registration decal fee. An average of 1,000 individuals request duplicate vessel registration decals per year. Thus, the annual direct compliance cost for this fee will be \$10,000 per year.

The total compliance costs of imposing all fees will be \$184,100 per year, or \$920,500 over the initial five-year period following adoption of the regulation.

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

Businesses will not be directly affected by the proposed regulation changes.

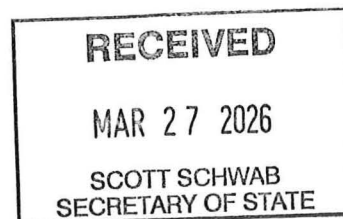
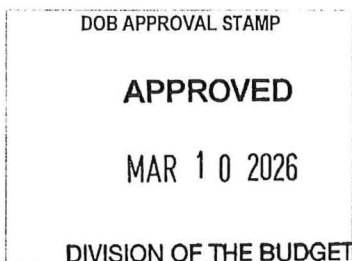
- D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;

The increase in revenue generated through fees will enable the Department to research, monitor, and survey the impact of the newly expanded night-vision coyote hunting season on coyote populations or their prey species, such as deer and turkeys. The revenue increase will also aid in law enforcement, which must now monitor hunters with more technologically advanced equipment and methods. Finally, the regulation change increasing the duplicate boat registration decals will enable the Department to cover its costs to reprint the decals, as well as cover staff time and postage in fulfilling these requests.

In all, the benefits to Kansas wildlife and operational fiscal responsibility outweigh the costs imposed by the new fees.

- 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 regulation changes will not hinder business and economic development. Instead, the increase in fee for night-vision coyote hunting accompanies an expanded night-vision season, which enhances business activity involving night-vision hunting equipment.



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 – \$184,100

Total Annual Costs – \$184,100

(sum of above amounts)

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

Over the last five years, an average of 4,862 residents and 1,051 nonresidents—or 5,913 total individuals—purchased a night-vision equipment permit. The annual direct compliance cost for residents will be \$121,550 per year (\$25 x 4,862). The annual direct compliance cost for nonresidents will be \$52,550 per year (\$50 x 1,051). These two amounts total \$174,100. In addition, an average of 1,000 individuals request duplicate vessel registration decals per year. At a fee of \$10, the annual direct compliance cost for this fee will be \$10,000 per year. The total compliance costs of imposing all fees will be \$184,100 per year.

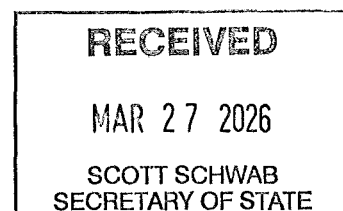
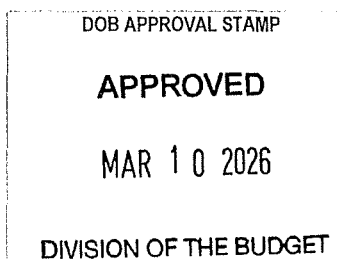
- Yes If the total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$1.0 million or more in implementation and compliance costs over the initial five-year period following adoption of such rule(s) and regulation(s) that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governmental 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

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 amended regulation will likely increase revenues to the Wildlife Fee Fund by approximately \$174,100 annually through the night-vision permit fee increases and \$10,000 for the duplicate boat registration decal fee increase for a total increase in revenue of \$184,100. No expenditures are currently planned.

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.

As previously detailed, the immediate and long-range impact on individuals is \$184,100 per year.



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 regulation 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 Department publicized and discussed the expanded night-vision coyote hunting season at six consecutive Wildlife and Parks Commission Meetings:

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

Following expansion of the night-vision coyote hunting season, the Department publicized and discussed the increased fees at two consecutive Wildlife and Parks Commission Meetings:

- November 20, 2025 (Great Bend)
- January 8, 2026 (Council Grove)

Since the proposed changes to the regulation impose costs on only individuals, businesses, business associations, local governmental units, and other state agencies were not consulted.

Section IV

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

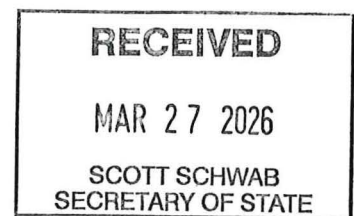
- Yes If yes, complete the remainder of Section IV.
- No If no, skip the remainder of Section IV.

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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