

Wildlife and Parks Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife and Parks Commission at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2011 at the Norton Community High School, 103 W. Woodsfield, Norton, Kansas, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

A general discussion and workshop meeting on business of the Wildlife and Parks Commission will begin at 1:30 p.m., June 23 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at 5:30 p.m. then resume at 7:00 p.m. at the same location for more business and the regulatory hearing. There will be public comment periods at the beginning of the afternoon and evening meetings for any issues not on the agenda and additional comment periods will be available during the meeting on agenda items. Old and new business may also be discussed at this time. If necessary to complete business matters, the Commission will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. June 24 at the location listed above.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting and may request the meeting materials in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the meeting should be made at least five working days in advance of the meeting by contacting Sheila Kemmis, Commission Secretary, at (620) 672-5911. Persons with a hearing impairment may call the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 1-800-432-0698 to request special accommodations.

This 60-day notice period prior to the hearing constitutes a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on proposed administrative regulations.

All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Chairman of the Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612 or to sheila.kemmis@ksoutdoors.com if electronically. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity at the hearing to express their views orally in regard to the adoption of the proposed regulations. During the hearing, all written and oral comments submitted by interested parties will be considered by the commission as a basis for approving, amending and approving, or rejecting the proposed regulations.

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

K.A.R. 115-1-1. This permanent regulation establishes definitions of certain terms used with department regulations. The proposed amendment would modify the definition of water set.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.



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K.A.R. 115-5-1. This permanent regulation establishes legal equipment, taking methods, and general provisions for furbearers and coyotes. The proposed amendments would allow the use of .17 caliber firearms, allow KDWP numbers to be used for identification purposes on traps, clarify terminology related to traps and restrict certain traps to water sets.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-5-2. This permanent regulation establishes general requirements for possession and disposal of furbearers and coyotes. The proposed amendments would require tagging of otter pelts and surrender of otter carcasses to the department.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-11. This exempt regulation establishes the open season and bag limits for various furbearers. The proposed version would open a limited otter season.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-9a. This exempt regulation establishes additional considerations for the open season, bag limit and permits for deer. The proposed version of the regulation sets the deer seasons on Fort Riley only in order to better accommodate the changing training mission at Fort Riley.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

Copies of the complete text of the regulations and their respective economic impact statements may be obtained by writing the chairman of the Commission at the address above, electronically on the department's website at www.kdwp.state.ks.us, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Kelly Johnston, Chairman



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

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

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

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

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

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

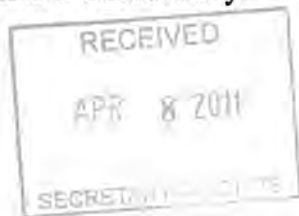
(6) "Bridle path" means an established, maintained, and marked pathway for the riding of animals.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

(17) "Drag event" means a competitive event in which hounds pursue a scent trail. The event may involve a caged, pen-raised furbearer that is not released from the cage during the event.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(36) "Length limit" means the minimum length of a fish allowed in order to take it and



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not release it to the waters immediately. For the purpose of this paragraph, the length of the fish shall be measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with the mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

(50) "Sanctioned or licensed coyote field trial" means a competitive event that involves only sight or trail hounds and that has been advertised in one of the national foxhound journals ~~no fewer than~~ at least 30 days before the event.

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

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

(53) "Set line" means a string or cord that is anchored at one point ~~that~~, does not have more than two hooks, and is not associated with a hand-operated mechanical reel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(62) "Transfer;" means any of the following:

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

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

(C) to carry another individual's license, permit, or other issue of the department when



that individual is not present.

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

(64) "Turkey" means wild turkey.

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

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

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

(68) "Water set" means any trapping device that has the gripping portion at least half-submerged when placed or set in flowing or pooled water and remains at least half-submerged in contact with the flowing or pooled water.

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

(1) The context requires a different definition.

(2) The defined term is specifically defined differently within the department's other regulations. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 32-807; effective Dec. 26, 1989; amended June 8, 1992; amended Sept. 19, 1997; amended Nov. 21, 2003; amended P-_____.)



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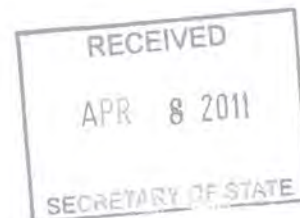
K.A.R. 115-1-1. Definitions.

DESCRIPTION: This administrative regulation establishes definitions of certain terms used with department regulations. The proposed change deals with the definition of water set when used in furharvesting.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses, or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.



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.

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

- (1) Smooth-jawed foothold traps;
- (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, or handheld lantern 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.

(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 conibear-type, body-gripping trap with a jawsread of eight inches or greater 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, may possess the fur, pelt, skin, or carcass of any furbearer or coyote removed from these devices located within these specified limits.

(12) A person shall not have in possession any equipment specified in subsection (a) while

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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 shall be used only in a water set. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807; implementing K.S.A. 32-807, K.S.A. ~~2008~~ 2010 Supp. 32-1002, and K.S.A. ~~2008~~ 2010 Supp. 32-1003; effective March 19, 1990; amended Nov. 15, 1993; amended July 19, 2002; amended Feb. 18, 2005; amended Sept. 4, 2009; amended P-
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K.A.R. 115-5-1. Furbearers and coyotes; legal equipment, taking methods, and general provisions.

DESCRIPTION: This administrative regulation establishes legal equipment, taking methods, and general provisions for the taking of furbearers and coyotes. The proposed amendments would clarify terminology related to foothold traps, allow the use of .17 caliber firearms, allow traps to be tagged with the user's KDWP number, and restrict foothold traps larger than 7 inches in jawsread to water sets only.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses, or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.



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115-5-2. Furbearers and coyotes; possession, disposal, and general provisions. (a) Legally taken raw furs, pelts, skins, carcasses, or meat of furbearers may be possessed without limit in time.

(b) Live furbearers legally taken during a furbearer season may be possessed only through the last day of the season in which taken.

(c) Legally acquired skinned carcasses and meat of furbearers may be sold or given to and possessed by another, and legally acquired raw furs, pelts, and skins of furbearers may be given to and possessed by another, if a written notice that includes the seller's or donor's name, address, and furharvester license number accompanies the carcass, pelt, or meat. A bobcat, otter, or swift fox tag as described in subsection (f) shall meet the requirements of written notice.

(d) Legally taken raw furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses of coyotes or legally taken live coyotes may be possessed without limit in time.

(e) Any person in lawful possession of raw furbearer or coyote furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses may sell or ship or offer for sale or shipment the same to licensed fur dealers or any person legally authorized to purchase raw furbearer or coyote furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses.

(f) Any bobcat, otter, or swift fox pelt legally taken in Kansas may be sold to any fur dealer or shipped from the state for the purpose of selling if an export tag provided by the department has been affixed to the pelt.

(1) The pelt of any bobcat or swift fox taken in Kansas shall be presented to the department for tagging within seven days following closure of the bobcat or swift fox hunting and trapping season.



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(2) The pelt and skinned carcass of any otter taken in Kansas shall be presented to the department for tagging within four days following the harvest of the otter. The skinned carcass of the otter shall be permanently surrendered to the department at the time of presentation.

(3) Each pelt presented for tagging shall be accompanied by the furharvester license number under which the pelt was taken.

(g) Properly licensed persons may legally salvage furbearers and coyotes found dead during the established open seasons for hunting or trapping of furbearers or coyotes. Salvaged furbearers and coyotes may be possessed or disposed of as authorized by this regulation. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-942; implementing K.S.A. 32-807, K.S.A. 32-942, and K.S.A. ~~2008~~ 2010 Supp. 32-1002; effective March 19, 1990; amended Oct. 17, 1994; amended Nov. 29, 1999; amended July 19, 2002; amended Sept. 4, 2009; amended P-_____.)

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ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-5-2. Furbearers and coyotes; possession, disposal, and general provisions.

DESCRIPTION: This administrative regulation establishes general requirements for possession and disposal of furbearers and coyotes. The proposed amendments to the regulation would require tagging of otter pelts and the carcass of any otter to be tagged to also be presented and surrendered to the department at the time of tagging.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.

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115-25-9a. Deer; open season, bag limit, and permits; additional considerations; Fort Riley. (a) In addition to the archery seasons specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9, the open archery season for the taking of deer in the Fort Riley subunit shall be September 1, 2011 through September 18, 2011 by individuals who possess the required authorization issued by Fort Riley to hunt for deer during the specified days.

(b) In addition to the season for designated persons specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9, in the Fort Riley subunit the season for designated persons shall be October 7, 2011 through October 10, 2011.

(c) In the Fort Riley subunit, the open firearm season for the taking of deer shall be November 25, 2011 through November 27, 2011 and December 15, 2011 through December 23, 2011.

(d) During the extended firearm season specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9, in the Fort Riley subunit, antlered deer may also be taken January 7, 2012 through January 8, 2012 by individuals who possess the required authorization issued by Fort Riley to hunt for antlered deer during the specified days.

(e) In addition to the archery season specified in K.A.R. 115-25-9, in the Fort Riley subunit, the open archery season for the taking of deer in the Fort Riley subunit shall be January 16, 2012 through January 31, 2012 by individuals who possess the required authorization issued by Fort Riley to hunt for deer during the specified days.

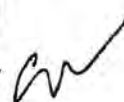
(f) This regulation shall be effective on and after July 1, 2011, and shall have no force and effect on and after March 1, 2012. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 32-937; implementing K.S.A. 32-807, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 32-937, and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 32-1002.)

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K.A.R. 115-25-9a. Deer; open season, bag limit, and permits; additional considerations.

DESCRIPTION: This exempt regulation establishes additional considerations for the 2011-2012 firearm, muzzleloader and archery deer seasons. The main items in the regulation set the deer seasons on Fort Riley only in order to better accommodate the changing training mission at Fort Riley.

FEDERAL MANDATES: None

ECONOMIC IMPACT: No significant economic impact to the department, state agencies, small businesses or the public is anticipated.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.



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115-25-11. Furbearers; open seasons and bag limits. (a) All hunting, trapping, and running seasons shall begin at 12:00 noon on the opening day and close at 12:00 midnight on the closing day.

(b) The open season for the taking of badger, bobcat, gray fox, red fox, swift fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, striped skunk, and weasel by hunting and trapping shall be from the first Wednesday after the second Saturday in November through February 15 of the following year. The bag limit for these species shall be unlimited.

(c) The open season for the taking of beaver by trapping shall be from the first Wednesday after the second Saturday in November through March 31 of the following year. The bag limit shall be unlimited.

(d) The open season for the taking of otter by trapping shall be from the first Wednesday after the second Saturday in November and either through March 31 of the following year or until the date on which the trapping mortality quota is met. The trapping mortality quota for the entire state shall be 100 otters. In addition, those otters lawfully harvested during the three-day period after the mortality quota is met shall be authorized for harvest. The season bag limit shall be two otters per trapper. Each individual trapping an otter shall contact designated department personnel within 24 hours.

(e) The open season for the running of bobcat, gray fox, red fox, opossum, and raccoon shall be from March 1 through November 1. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807; implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 32-1002.)



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K.A.R. 115-25-11. Furbearers; open seasons and bag limits.

DESCRIPTION: This exempt regulation establishes open seasons and bag limits for the various species of furbearers. This version of the regulation differs from previous versions in that it opens an otter trapping season.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.

