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## Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission

### Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St, Wichita, Kansas, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.

A general discussion and workshop meeting on business of the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission will begin at 1:00 p.m., April 21 at the location listed above. The meeting will recess at approximately 5:00 p.m. then resume at 6:30 p.m. at the same location for the regulatory hearing and more business. There will be public comment periods at the beginning of the afternoon and evening meeting for any issues not on the agenda and additional comment periods will be available during the meeting on agenda items. Old and new business may also be discussed at this time. If necessary to complete business matters, the Commission will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. April 22 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 30-day notice period prior to the hearing constitutes a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed administrative regulation.

All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Chairman of the Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism, 1020 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612 or to [sheila.kemmis@ksoutdoors.com](mailto: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 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.

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

**K.A.R. 115-25-19.** This exempt regulation establishes the management unit, hunting season, shooting hours and bag and possession limits for doves. The proposed version of the regulation increases the number of allowable days for migratory dove season pursuant to changes in federal frameworks.

**Economic Impact Summary:** The proposed version of the regulation is 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 regulation and its 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.kdwpt.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwpt.state.ks.us), or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman

**115-25-19. Doves; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and**

**possession limits.** (a) The first segment of open season for the taking of doves shall begin on the first day of September and shall continue for 90 days, including the opening day. The second segment of open season shall begin on November 30 and shall continue through February 28 of the following year. The first segment of open season shall be for the taking of migratory and exotic doves. The second segment of open season shall be only for the taking of exotic doves.

(b) The entire state shall be open for the taking of doves during the dove season.

(c) Shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

(d) The aggregate daily bag limit for migratory doves during the first segment of open season shall be 15 migratory doves.

(e) The aggregate possession limit for migratory doves during the first segment of open season shall be 45 migratory doves.

(f) There shall be no aggregate daily bag limit or aggregate possession limit for exotic doves during any open season, except as provided in this regulation.

(g) Each exotic dove possessed in excess of the aggregate daily bag limit or aggregate possession limit for migratory doves during the first open segment shall retain a fully feathered wing.

(h) Each exotic dove possessed during the second open segment shall retain a fully feathered wing.

(i) For the purpose of this regulation, “migratory dove” shall mean any mourning dove or white-winged dove, and “exotic dove” shall mean a Eurasian collared-dove or ringed turtledove.

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 32-807.)

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**K.A.R. 115-25-19.** Doves; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, bag and possession limits.

**DESCRIPTION:** This exempt regulation establishes requirements for hunting doves. The proposed version of the regulation increases the number of allowable days for migratory dove season pursuant to changes in federal frameworks.

**FEDERAL MANDATES:** 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:** Other than to not adopt the proposed amendments, no other alternatives were considered.