

AGENDA
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Commission Meeting
#1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, KY
June 7, 2019 8:30am (ET)

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Special Presentations:
 - Employee Recognition for Service to the Department
 - NASP Tournament Winners
- IV. Approval of Commission and Committee Minutes
 - A. Action Item: Approval of March 10, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes Attachment M-1
 - B. Action Item: Approval of May 10, 2019 Administration, Education & Policy Committee Meeting Minutes, Public Relations Committee Meeting Minutes, Fisheries Committee Meeting Minutes, and Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes Attachment M-2
- V. Old Business
- VI. Administration, Education, and Policy
 - A. Action Item: Approval of Quarterly Financial Statements Attachment AEP-1
 - B. Information Item: Fiscal Year 2020 Budget
 - C. Action Item: Amend 301 KAR 2:185, Hunter Education Attachment AEP-2
- VII. Fisheries
 - A. Action Item: Amend 301 KAR 1:201, Taking of Fish by Traditional Fishing Methods Attachment F-1

- B. Discussion Item: Update on Lake Malone and Lake Beshear Public Meetings Concerning Boat Docks and Access Structures

VIII. Wildlife

- A. Action Item: Amend 301 KAR 1:082, Frog Season; Limits Attachment W-1
- B. Action Item: Amend 301 KAR 2:090, Means by Which Migratory Game Birds May be Taken Attachment W-2
- C. Discussion Item: Amend 301 KAR 2:251, Hunting and Trapping Seasons and Limits For Furbearers
- D. Discussion Item: Amend 301 KAR 2:049, Small Game and Furbearer Hunting and Trapping on Public Areas and 301 KAR 2:122, Seasons, Methods, And Limits for Small Game
- E. Action Item: Amend 301 KAR 2:132, Elk Hunting Seasons, Permits, Zones, and Requirements Attachment W-3
- F. Action Item: Wildlife Division Research Proposals
 - o 3-year Elk Survey
 - o Eastern Hellbender Survey
 - o Survey of Public Shooting Range Interest and NeedAttachment W-4

IX. New Business

X. Special Commission Permits

Adjourn

Next Suggested Committee Meetings date: August 9, 2019
Next Suggested Commission Meeting date: September 13, 2019

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Administration, Education and Policy

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Cash Fund Balances - Fiscal Year 2019

As of March 31, 2019

	Beginning Balance (3/1/2019)	Revenue	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance (3/31/2019)
Agency Revenue Funds					
Restricted Fish & Game Fund (134R)	\$ 9,280,397.20	\$ 3,800,617.13	\$ 3,138,863.08		\$ 9,944,151.25
Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund (13NY)	\$ 25,777.73	\$ 96.92			\$ 25,874.65
Ky Heritage Land Conservation Mgmt Fund (13KR)	\$ 294,441.66				\$ 294,441.66
Fees in Lieu of ("FILO") Stream Mitigation Fund (134S)	\$ 116,573,640.52	\$ 32,034,017.04	\$ 109,240.25		\$ 148,498,417.31
Capital Fund					
Various Capital Funded Projects (FILO, Agency Maintenance, etc.)	\$23,006,513.84		\$ 577,184.98		\$ 22,429,328.86
Federal Fund					
F&W Federal Fund	\$ 17,089,177.59	\$ 2,421,687.69	\$ 1,016,865.91		\$ 18,493,999.37
Special Deposit Trust Fund					
FW-Commissioner's Office Fund	\$ 8,916.24				\$ 8,916.24
	<u>\$ 166,278,864.78</u>	<u>\$ 38,256,418.78</u>	<u>\$ 4,840,154.22</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 199,695,129.34</u>

Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources
 Income Statement - 3rd Quarter FY19 / March

REVENUE	FY19 Year-To-Date TOTALS				3rd Quarter, YTD	
	January	February	March	FY19 BUDGET	FY18	FY17
Restricted Fish and Game Fund and Nongame Fund						
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	\$ 417,725.50	\$ 370,809.00	\$ 2,433,114.00	\$ 32,700,000.00	\$ 18,083,662.95	\$ 17,469,592.00
Boat Registration Fees	\$ 8,808.53	\$ 9,009.40	\$ 932,599.53	\$ 5,920,000.00	\$ 603,911.85	\$ 560,411.47
Interest Income	\$ 88,824.30	\$ 54,680.87	\$ 102,532.28	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 164,310.87	\$ 52,834.15
Camp Income	\$ 96,740.00	\$ 118,233.00	\$ 213,169.45	\$ 685,000.00	\$ 410,686.53	\$ 470,346.15
General Sales	\$ 25,432.92	\$ 8,744.48	\$ 34,050.44	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 207,611.55	\$ 205,728.49
Other Creek Outdoor Recreation Area	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 18,879.18	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 168,023.23	\$ 213,676.30
Proceeds from Asset Disposition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,178.45	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 155,154.27	\$ 147,912.50
Fish and Game Fines & Forfeitures/ Restitution	\$ 13,285.31	\$ 14,444.96	\$ 23,848.41	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 116,101.42	\$ 97,678.94
Nongame (Includes Ky Wild and Income Tax Check-off)	\$ 3,152.50	\$ -	\$ 12,537.50	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 11,715.50	\$ 7,519.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 703,503.39	\$ 96,666.27	\$ 29,983.26	\$ 1,884,700.80	\$ 683,645.11	\$ 1,076,421.57
Sub-Total Restricted Fish and Game Fund and Nongame Fund	\$ 1,376,145.71	\$ 672,787.98	\$ 3,800,714.05	\$ 42,366,700.00	\$ 20,504,823.28	\$ 20,301,920.51
Sub-Total Federal Fish and Wildlife Fund	\$ 678,450.80	\$ 811,626.29	\$ 2,421,687.69	\$ 18,880,200.00	\$ 12,018,554.45	\$ 11,245,956.70
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,054,596.51	\$ 1,484,414.27	\$ 6,222,401.74	\$ 61,246,900.00	\$ 32,523,377.73	\$ 31,547,877.21
EXPENDITURES						
Commissioner's Office	\$ 172,955.11	\$ 216,025.47	\$ 133,194.22	\$ 2,179,600.00	\$ 1,318,656.54	\$ 1,249,104.86
Commission	\$ 1,734.91	\$ 2,862.97	\$ 6,185.57	\$ 32,800.00	\$ 18,347.44	\$ 19,518.63
Marketing Division	\$ 77,028.69	\$ 97,995.37	\$ 83,384.95	\$ 1,095,800.00	\$ 794,596.39	\$ 751,466.49
Administrative Services Division	\$ 495,795.05	\$ 303,103.66	\$ 249,514.60	\$ 3,475,300.00	\$ 2,148,739.09	\$ 2,364,465.76
Engineering Infrastructure and Technology Division	\$ 191,823.97	\$ 190,168.52	\$ 298,809.63	\$ 3,194,000.00	\$ 1,865,705.58	\$ 1,409,712.11
Wildlife Division	\$ 1,228,862.90	\$ 1,362,959.91	\$ 1,450,748.11	\$ 17,888,600.00	\$ 11,429,507.49	\$ 11,392,874.40
Fisheries Division	\$ 747,297.13	\$ 721,995.57	\$ 808,939.43	\$ 10,271,000.00	\$ 6,756,794.75	\$ 7,723,561.19
Information & Education	\$ 539,850.83	\$ 527,196.86	\$ 520,888.65	\$ 8,434,200.00	\$ 5,523,960.15	\$ 5,481,529.07
Law Enforcement	\$ 1,193,136.62	\$ 1,025,495.79	\$ 1,016,304.07	\$ 14,679,600.00	\$ 9,388,656.16	\$ 9,898,800.23
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,648,483.21	\$ 4,447,204.12	\$ 4,262,969.74	\$ 60,951,900.00	\$ 39,224,343.59	\$ 40,291,082.74
NET Gain/Loss Operating	\$ (2,593,886.70)	\$ (2,962,789.85)	\$ 1,959,432.50	\$ 295,000.00	\$ 6,719,313.30	\$ 8,762,674.16

75.00%

Percent Expended/
Earned

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES
Operating Budget Review
For the Month of March 2019 (FY19)

	Month of March			Fiscal Year To Third Quarter		
	FY19	FY18	FY17	FY19	FY18	FY17
REVENUE						
Restricted Fish and Game Fund and Nongame Fund¹						
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	2,433,114.00	2,694,331.00	2,709,886.00	\$ 17,268,436.00	\$ 18,033,662.95	\$ 17,469,592.00
Boat Registration Fees	532,599.53	212,506.98	176,025.96	\$ 1,639,444.29	\$ 605,911.85	\$ 560,411.47
Interest Income	102,532.28	38,506.22	12,944.85	\$ 608,283.17	\$ 164,310.87	\$ 52,634.15
Camp Income	213,169.45	187,274.78	238,797.75	\$ 461,402.66	\$ 410,686.53	\$ 470,346.15
General Sales	34,050.44	27,537.34	31,355.39	\$ 215,797.77	\$ 207,611.55	\$ 205,728.43
Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area	18,879.18	79,200.13	11,644.00	\$ 139,692.61	\$ 168,023.23	\$ 213,676.30
Proceeds from Asset Disposition	-	-	-	\$ 84,178.45	\$ 155,154.27	\$ 147,912.50
Fish and Game Fines & Forfeitures/ Restitution	23,848.41	11,666.69	12,053.80	\$ 116,064.47	\$ 116,101.42	\$ 97,678.94
Nongame (includes KY Wild and Income Tax Check-off)	12,537.50	8,658.50	7,375.00	\$ 31,819.00	\$ 11,715.50	\$ 7,519.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	29,983.26	25,820.09	15,920.17	\$ 1,250,569.10	\$ 633,645.11	\$ 1,076,421.57
Sub-Total Restricted Fish and Game Fund and Nongame Fund	\$ 3,800,714.05	\$ 3,295,501.73	\$ 3,215,202.92	\$ 21,809,627.52	\$ 20,504,823.28	\$ 20,304,920.51
Sub-Total Federal Fish and Wildlife Fund	\$ 2,421,687.69	\$ 514,392.60	\$ 1,791,076.54	\$ 16,875,860.86	\$ 12,018,854.45	\$ 11,245,956.70
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 6,222,401.74	\$ 3,809,894.33	\$ 5,006,279.46	\$ 38,685,488.38	\$ 32,523,677.73	\$ 31,547,877.21
EXPENDITURES						
Commissioner's Office	133,194.22	127,140.31	142,153.49	\$ 1,363,595.16	\$ 1,318,656.54	\$ 1,249,104.86
Commission	6,185.57	3,499.28	1,594.00	\$ 21,760.97	\$ 18,347.44	\$ 19,518.63
Marketing Division	83,384.95	67,714.03	107,527.23	\$ 833,794.52	\$ 794,596.39	\$ 751,466.49
Administrative Services Division	249,514.60	(120,629.87)	165,500.74	\$ 2,896,018.22	\$ 2,148,739.09	\$ 2,364,465.76
Engineering Infrastructure and Technology Division	299,809.63	205,164.70	180,800.78	\$ 2,008,735.01	\$ 1,865,705.58	\$ 1,409,712.11
Wildlife Division	1,150,748.11	1,152,884.40	1,337,257.34	\$ 12,134,841.63	\$ 11,429,507.49	\$ 11,392,874.40
Fisheries Division	808,939.43	704,698.01	1,006,074.41	\$ 7,566,997.17	\$ 6,736,794.75	\$ 7,723,561.19
Information & Education	520,888.66	530,328.16	541,783.75	\$ 5,869,703.76	\$ 5,523,360.15	\$ 5,481,529.07
Law Enforcement	1,016,304.07	1,009,435.01	1,004,986.08	\$ 9,501,915.11	\$ 9,388,636.16	\$ 9,898,800.23
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,262,969.24	\$ 4,200,181.03	\$ 4,497,677.32	\$ 39,224,349.59	\$ 39,224,349.59	\$ 40,291,032.74
NET Gain / Loss Operating & Transfers	\$ 1,959,432.50	\$ (290,289.70)	\$ 508,601.64	\$ (3,510,573.17)	\$ (6,700,665.86)	\$ (8,743,155.53)
NET Gain / Loss Operating	\$ 1,959,432.50	\$ (320,289.70)	\$ 508,601.64	\$ (3,510,573.17)	\$ (6,700,665.86)	\$ (8,743,155.53)

¹ Receipts for FILO are not included, approximately \$1.1 million will be utilized for the administration of that program each year.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting
REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
June 7, 2019

Regulation Number:

Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Recommendation: Approval of the January, February, March 2019 Financial Statements

Justification:

Effective Date:

Action Requested of Commission:

File the Regulation

Other: _____

Action Taken by Commission:

File the Regulation

Other: _____

Motion made by: _____

Motion Seconded by: _____

Action: Approved Denied Referred back to Committee

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting
REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
June 7, 2019

Regulation Number: 301 KAR 2:185

Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Recommendation: Amend 301 KAR 2:185, Hunter Education

1. Add a subsection to 301 KAR 2:185 Section 4 that will allow a student to receive their Hunter Education Certification without having to complete an "in-person" course or live fire exercise.
2. Remove the "license exempt" portion of Section 2. This would make it a requirement that all hunters in Kentucky, born after January 1st 2002, pass a hunter education course before hunting.

Justification:

1. Allowing the Hunter Education Certification to be achieved via a free online learning course provides constituents with an additional opportunity to complete the Hunter Education requirement while still maintaining safety standards. The addition of an online only option allows KDFWR to reach constituents that may have limited time and resources to travel to a range day or in-person course. Given the busy schedules of many potential Hunter Education students, the online only option enables them to complete the course in a manner that works with their schedules. For those students that prefer an in-person course, that option will still be available. By eliminating barriers to completing the Hunter Education requirement, KDFWR is working to ensure that all hunters in the field have completed the Hunter Education requirement.
2. With the implementation of an online option, many of the barriers to complete an in-person course have been removed including travel costs, course availability, competition for students' time and others. With these barriers removed, KDFWR will maximize the proportion of hunters in the field who are trained in Hunter Education.

Effective Date: 1/1/2020; 3/1/2020

Action Requested of Commission:

File the Regulation
 Other: _____

Action Taken by Commission:

File the Regulation
 Other: _____

Motion made by: _____

Motion Seconded by: _____

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Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

Fisheries

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Regulation Number: 301 KAR 1:201

Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Recommendation: Amend 301 KAR 1:201, Taking of Fish by Traditional Fishing Methods

Justification: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Hatchery program had a surplus of cutthroat trout during spring 2019, and provided 38,000 to the Department at no cost, which were stocked in the Cumberland tailwater. Cutthroat trout are highly prized by serious trout anglers and will make an excellent addition to fishing in the tailwater. Because the USFWS Wolf Creek hatchery will only produce similar numbers annually in the future, and they are so highly revered, the Fisheries Division proposes a daily creel limit of one cutthroat trout that must be at least 20 inches in length. The trophy fish program will not recognize any cutthroat trout less than 20 inches.

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Motion Seconded by: _____

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Wildlife

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REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
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Regulation Number: 301 KAR 1:082

Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Recommendation: Amend 301 KAR 1:1082, Frog Seasons; Limits

1. Move the bullfrog season from the 3rd Friday in May to the 1st Friday in July.

Justification: Concerned hunters have inquired as to actions that may enhance bullfrog populations, particularly in the western portion of the state. While there are no data indicating a population decline, shortening the harvest season in Kentucky could have a beneficial impact on bullfrog populations. This would protect the best breeders through the majority of the spawning season and ensure that many of the biggest females would remain in the ponds, river backwaters, and wetlands long enough into the summer to produce at least one large egg mass each. Among Kentucky and our seven border states, only two states (Kentucky, Tennessee) allow bullfrog harvesting in May, and only three states (Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia) allow frogs to be harvested through the entire month of June.

Per the request of the Wildlife Committee, attached is additional information on possible factors for amphibian population declines, as well as information on surrounding states' season structures.

Effective Date:

Action Requested of Commission: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> File the Regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Action Taken by Commission: <input type="checkbox"/> File the Regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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Motion made by: _____

Motion Seconded by: _____

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Attachment W-1

Bullfrog/Game Frog Harvest Regulations in Kentucky and Adjacent States

State Day/poss	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	MAY**	JUN**	JUL**	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
KY 15/30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed through 17 May	Open 18-31 only	Open 1-30	Open 1-31	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-31	Closed	Closed
MO 8/16	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 1-31	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-31	Closed	Closed
IL 8/16	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed through 14 June	Open 15-30 only	Open 1-31	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-15 only	Closed	Closed
IN 25/50	Open 1-31	Open 1-29	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Closed through 15 June	Open 16-30 only	Open 1-31	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-31
OH 15/15	Open 1-31	Open 1-29	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Closed through 7 June	Open 8-30 only	Open 1-31	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-31
WV 10/20	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 17-30 only	Open 1-31	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
WV (on KY border)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed through 18 May	Open 19-31 only	Open 1-30	Open 1-31	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-31	Closed	Closed
VA 15/15	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 1-30	Open 1-31	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Closed	Closed	Closed
TN 20/20	Open 1-31	Open 1-29	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-31	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-31	Open 1-30	Open 1-31
TN (on TWRA lakes) 20/20	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 1-30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
TOTAL	3 open	3 open	3 open	3 open	1 open 1 partly	3 open 4 partly	8 open	7 open	7 open	6 open	3 open	3 open

Bullfrog only = IL, KY, TN, VA. Bullfrog & Green Frog combined = IN, OH, MO, WV.

Primary breeding period: May (all states closed except KY, TN), June (7 states open for all or part of the month; MO closed), and July (all states open). Compiled 11/9/2018 by John MacGregor, KDFWR Wildlife Diversity Program.

Factors That May Impact Amphibian Populations

Disease (bacterial/viral)

Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis (Bd) is a fungus, known as the causative agent for chytridiomycosis ("chytrid fungus"). Chytrid fungus affects the animal by causing excessive sloughing or thickening of skin, which leads to difficulties in nutrient uptake, breathing, release of toxins, and lethargic behavior and ultimately death. There is no known "field cure" for this infection. It has been suggested that unnatural compounds in the environment such as pesticides (carbaryl) reduce skin peptide defenses and therefore make adult amphibians more susceptible to infection. Ironically, it has been suggested that the American bullfrog is relatively immune to the fungal infection from chytridiomycosis and may assist in the spread of this disease to other native amphibians.

Ranavirus is another widespread disease that has had heavy impacts on amphibian populations around the world. Clinical signs include swelling of legs and body, internal hemorrhaging, redness of legs and vent and discoloration of internal organs. Adults may clear the infection, but it is usually lethal to larvae and young individuals.

Toxins

Developmental abnormalities have been linked to a number of chemical pollutants. Chemicals such as atrazine disrupts the production and secretion of hormones, therefore impacting reproduction. This compound is a widely used pesticide in row crop production. It has been shown that low levels negatively impact amphibian larval development, and exposure in adults leads to feminization and chemical castration in males, thereby negatively impacting reproduction in populations.

Glyphosate, malathion and carbaryl show significant increases in mortality rates in tadpoles. Non-active ingredients in certain shelf-available products such as POEA, which is a surfactant or substance that breaks down waxy surfaces or biological membranes, to increase uptake of glyphosate in plants. This action also breaks down natural skin barriers of amphibians and other aquatic animals which have exposed membranes or permeable skin, therefore increasing their susceptibility to manufactured chemical compounds in the environment.

Habitat

American bullfrogs prefer lightly vegetated, permanent water bodies with moderately sloped banks such as ponds, lakes, wetlands. In addition, when habitat becomes isolated, such as a pond isolated amidst large agricultural row-crop fields, frogs have a high degree of difficulty moving between sites. Lack of appropriate habitat leaves populations susceptible to predators, inbreeding, genetic drift or extirpation from areas.

Environment

Amphibians are extremely sensitive to small changes in temperature and moisture. UV-B radiation has also increased significantly over the past few decades. UV-B exposure can kill amphibians directly, and sublethal effects such as immune system dysfunction may be compounded with pathogens, contaminants and climate factors.

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Regulation Number: 301 KAR 2:090

Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Recommendation: Amend 301 KAR 2:090, Means By Which Migratory Game Birds
May be Taken

1. Remove 3-shell limit on shotguns for Snow Goose Conservation Order Season.

Justification: The Snow Goose Conservation Order Season is a special season created by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to reduce populations of continently overabundant snow geese. Rapidly growing populations of snow geese threaten to damage fragile arctic habitats where they nest. The Conservation Order Season, which occurs outside of normal hunting seasons, was designed to remove harvest restrictions that limit take of these birds. To increase harvest, the Conservation Order Season incorporates tools such as electronic calls, no bag limits, extended shooting hours and use unplugged guns. Kentucky disallowed the use of more than 3 shells while hunting with a shotgun by statute, so Kentucky was unable to take advantage of this and had to be more restrictive than federal law. Recent changes to the statute allows for unplugged guns while hunting snow geese during the Conservation Order Season. We recommend adding an exemption in regulation to allow for unplugged guns during the Conservation Order Season.

Effective Date:

Action Requested of Commission:
 File the Regulation
 Other: _____

Action Taken by Commission:
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Motion made by: _____

Motion Seconded by: _____

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Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting
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Regulation Number: 301 KAR 2:132

Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Recommendation: Amend 301 KAR 2:132, Elk Hunting Seasons, Permits, Zones, and Requirements

1. Keep the current 594 elk permits the same for the 2020-2021 season.

Justification: There is a need for consistency in permit numbers for the agency to properly analyze elk population data and trends. Adequate time is needed to use that same data along with research information to enhance the elk population model.

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Motion Seconded by: _____

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Regulation Number: N/A

Regular or Emergency: N/A

Proposed Recommendation:

1. 3-year Elk Survey

The department is proposing a three-year elk research project that will include collaring and tracking animals to determine calf survival and cow/yearling reproduction.

2. Eastern Hellbender Survey

The department is proposing a multiyear eastern hellbender research project. This project focuses on addressing distribution, reproduction and recruitment of the eastern hellbender throughout the state and provide valuable information on the species status and management decisions moving forward.

3. Survey of Public Shooting Range Interest and Needs

The department is proposing to contract with the University of Kentucky to survey our license holders and the general public on their interests and needs relating to public shooting ranges. This survey will assist us in future prioritization and planning for public shooting ranges.

Justification: These projects are needed to complete department objectives in regards to elk population modeling, distribution, reproduction and recruitment of a species of conservation concern and future planning and prioritization for shooting range opportunities in the state.

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