

**Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources Commission
Committee Meetings
November 2, 2018, 8:30 AM (ET)
1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, Kentucky**

Meeting Schedule

- I. Administration, Education & Policy Committee**
- II. Wildlife Committee**
- III. Fisheries Committee**
- IV. Report of Public Relations Committee**

**Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources Commission
Administration, Education & Policy Committee Meeting
November 2, 2018
1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, KY**

AGENDA

Committee Members: Chairman Dr. Karl Clinard, Paul Horn, Jeff Eaton, and Ralph Swallows

- I. Call to Order & Welcome** Chairman Clinard
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Old Business**
- IV. Information Item:** **Review of Monthly Financials
Attachment**
- V. Action Item:** **Clarify that a Commercial Guide License
is not required for shooting area permit
holders**
- VI. New Business**
- VII. Adjourn**

**Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission
Administration, Education, and Policy Committee
November 2, 2018**

**Recommendation to Clarify the Proposed Commercial Guide License Regulation (301 KAR
2:030) Adopted on August 17, 2018**

Background

Our current and proposed commercial guide license regulations do not make clear that a commercial guide license is unnecessary for individuals holding a commercial shooting area permit in order to operate a shooting preserve.

Shooting preserves allow customers to shoot pen-raised birds. Operators of those facilities are already required to keep daily records of the individuals using the preserve; receipts for birds and eggs purchased; and to maintain applicable permits.

Commercial guide licenses are not intended to be required for commercial shooting areas, but our proposed guide license regulation, adopted by the Commission at its August 17 meeting, is unintentionally silent on this point and therefore ambiguous.

Recommendation

The Commission should revise its proposed requirements for a commercial guide license in 301 KAR 2:030 to clearly exclude commercial shooting area permit holders from those requirements.

**Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources Commission
Wildlife Committee Meeting
November 2, 2018
1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, KY**

Committee Members: Chairman Kevin Bond, Paul Horn, Dr. Harry Carloss

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order** Chairman Bond
- II. Old Business**
- III. Action Item:** Modification of 301 KAR 2:178, Deer Hunting on Public Areas Attachment 1
- IV. New Business**
- V. Adjourn**

301 KAR 2:178: Deer Hunting on Public Areas

1) Higginson-Henry WMA:

- a. Implement a quota archery hunt starting the Monday after the 3rd Saturday in October through November 30
- b. Implement a quota modern gun hunt on the first weekend in November

Justification: The WMA has been a popular destination for deer hunting for many decades and is nationally renowned for quality bucks. As Kentucky and the WMA have gained in notoriety for quality buck production, more hunters have come to the area. The area is currently open under statewide regulations for archery and crossbow hunting and record harvests have been recorded in the recent years. The archery/crossbow hunters are harvesting too many deer to maintain the quality the area is known to produce. The highest harvest is centered around the last week of October and the entire month of November. Due to this fact, staff believe that the implementation of an archery/crossbow quota hunt is necessary. Since 2015, Big Rivers WMA has had a similar hunting format and hunters not aware of the restriction on Big Rivers will simply make the short drive from Big Rivers to H&H to hunt when Big Rivers is closed. The quota hunt on Big Rivers has shown to be effective in maintain quality hunts, but offer plenty of hunting opportunity.

In addition, we try to remain consistent between management styles, when possible and since we are proposing a similar hunting format as Big Rivers we also are proposing the implantation of a 2-day quota gun hunt the first weekend of November. With this proposal, we expect to lessen deer hunting pressure, allowing for a quality hunt and still offering some gun hunting on the area. However, the area will still remain open under statewide regulations for all archery/crossbow hunters before and after the quota hunt periods.

2) Big Rivers WMA:

- a. Shorten the archery quota by 1 week. To run as proposed at H&H as stated in 1a above.

Justification: Currently the archery quota hunt starts the Monday after the second weekend in October. This week traditionally is very underutilized by drawn quota archery hunters and staff feel we can offer another week of open archery/crossbow hunting on the area and it will not impact the population. Additionally, this timeframe will also match what is proposed at Higginson-Henry WMA.

3) Sloughs WMA:

- a. Close all deer hunting on Crenshaw and Duncan II tracts starting Nov 1

Justification: Previously waterfowl hunters could only hunt from known blinds. Now, waterfowl hunters can move around the entire hunt unit and those waterfowl hunters will not be wearing hunter orange. Archery deer hunting was also allowed during this time, but as more emphasis on quality waterfowl opportunities has been made on the area any additional disturbances could affect waterfowl numbers

on these tracts. The remaining tracts of the WMA will still be open for archery/crossbow and modern gun hunting for deer.

4) Taylorsville Lake WMA:

- a. Implement an earn-a-point for the harvest of female deer on both quota hunts (1 point each for up to and including 4 does)

Justification: Deer surveys still indicate an extremely high population level. A herd health check was performed in 2017 indicating a highly over populated area. The point system is used at Veterans Memorial and Clay WMA and regional staff report the reward of additional points is popular with hunters and provides a nice incentive to harvest female deer in places where a reduction in the herd is needed.

5) Grayson Lake WMA:

- a. Discontinue the first weekend of Nov open Youth gun hunt
- b. Create an open quota mentor hunt during the 16 day statewide modern gun season

Justification: In an effort to create more opportunity for new hunters and youth, we propose the removal of the open youth quota hunt on first weekend in November and open the entire WMA for a mentor hunt during the 16-day modern gun season.

**Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources Commission
Fisheries Committee Meeting
November 2, 2018
1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort KY**

**Committee Members: Chairman Kenny Knott, Dr. Harry Carloss,
Dr. Karl Clinard, and Ralph Swallows**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order Chairman Knott**
- II. Old Business**
- III. Information Item: Access Structures on Buffer Property of
Department-Owned Lakes
Attachment 1**
- IV. New Business**
- V. Adjourn**

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**Information Item – Access Structures on Buffer Property of
Department-Owned Lakes**

A land developer who is selling property located around Lake Malone has requested permission to discuss amending 301 KAR 1:016 passed in 2010. The amendments would be regarding the number of steps and platforms allowable on the KDFWR 50-foot buffer sandwiched between private properties and the lake. He wishes to elaborate on his discussion during the August 2018 Fisheries Committee meeting. If warranted, he would prefer that KDFWR begin the process of reaching out to the local community around the lake by holding a public meeting to discuss his proposals.