

AGENDA

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Commission Meeting
#1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, KY
December 7, 2018
8:30am ET

- I. Call to Order
And Welcome
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Commission and Committee Minutes
 - A. Action Item: Approval of September 27, 2018
Special Called Commission Meeting Minutes
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 - B. Action Item: Approval of September 28, 2018
Commission Meeting Minutes
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 - C. Action Item: Approval of November 2, 2018
Administration, Education and Policy
Committee Meeting Minutes
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 - E. Action Item: Approval of November 2, 2018
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- IV. Old Business
- V. Approval of Consent Calendar Attachment 6

VI. Administration, Education, and Policy Issues

A. Action Item: Approval of July, August, September
2018 Financial Statements
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B. Action Item: Modification of 301 KAR 2:030
Commercial Guide Licenses
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VII. Update Regarding Access Structures on Buffer Property of Department-Owned Lakes

VIII. Action Item: Modification of 301 KAR 2:178
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IX. New Business Recommendation to Clarify the Deer Hunting Seasons and
Zones Regulation (301 KAR 2:172)
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X. Governance, Authority, Ethics, and Open Meetings/Open Records Training

XI. Executive Session: Personnel

Adjourn

Next Committee Meeting date: February 8, 2019

Next Commission Meeting date: March 8, 2019

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Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Special Called Commission Meeting
September 27, 2018
Frankfort, KY

Judge Thomas Wingate swore in newly appointed Commission member Jeff Eaton and reappointed member Rich Storm.

Invocation: Led by Jeff Eaton

Pledge: Led by Dr. James Rich

Commission Members: Rich Storm, Dr. Karl Clinard, Dr. Harry Carloss, Paul Horn, Kevin Knott, Kevin Bond, Jeff Eaton and Dr. James Rich.

Department Employees: Acting Commissioner Frank Jemley, Deputy Commissioner Karen Waldrop, Misty Judy, Colonel Eric Gibson, Steve Beam, Ron Brooks, Amber Arnett, Lisa Cox, Melissa Trent, Major Shane Carrier, Major Larry Estes, John Hast, Gabe Jenkins, Kevin Kelly, Jeff Ross, Brian Clark, Laura Burford, Major Larry Estes, Mike Hardin, Chris Garland, Amy Akers, Willie Cook, Nan Harnice,

Guests: Secretary Don Parkinson

Commission member Kenny Knott called the meeting to order. He then introduced Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Secretary Parkinson. Secretary Parkinson welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of his thoughts for the future of the Department. He stated there is so much positive going on that we need to be more aggressive on how we promote ourselves. He stated the Department will be working on a strategic plan with input from the Commission to help formulate a plan for the future.

Commission member Kenny Knott then opened the floor for nominations for the election of officers for the Commission. He stated the first nomination will be for Commission Chairman. Commission member Clinard nominated Rich Storm. With no other nominations, Commission Knott asked for a motion to approve the nomination. Commission member Kevin Bond made a motion to approve Commissioner Storm's nomination. Commission member Paul Horn seconded. The motion passed.

Commission Chairman Storm then asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commission member Horn made a motion to nominate Dr. Karl Clinard. This nomination was seconded by Kenny Knott. Commission Chairman asked for a vote. The motion passed.

Chairman Storm then asked for a nomination Secretary. Doc James Rich stated he is honored to serve as Secretary but feels it is time to step down. Chairman Storm thanked Dr. Rich for his

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many years of service. Commission member Knott nominated Paul Horn for Secretary. Commission member Carloss seconded the nomination. The motion passed.

Chairman Storm stated the next item on the agenda was the approval of the Special Called Commission meeting on August 17, 2018. He asked if there was any discussion. With there being no changes, he asked for a motion to approve the August 17th Special Called Commission minutes. Commission member Paul Horn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commission member Kenny Knott seconded. The motion to approve the minutes passed.

Chairman Storm stated the next item on the agenda is discussion of the Bylaws. Acting Commissioner Frank Jemley stated these are only proposed bylaws for their consideration. He stated they did just get them so it is their prerogative to vote on them today or later. He also stated these would replace the current Standing Orders that have been found to be deficient in several areas. Furthermore, he stated they had tried to minimize this proposed new draft, while giving the Commission the guidelines to run themselves properly. Acting Commissioner Jemley briefly went over the changes to the proposed bylaws. They did take out naming specific committees so that will be left up to the Commission members and did specific annual training for the Commission members. Tourism Cabinet Attorney Evan Jones also stated the Commission would select their Committee and Commission meeting dates at each prior meeting so they have more flexibility. Commission member Carloss suggested they construct a strong ethical statement rather than have bylaws.

Commission Chairman Storm also suggested immediate families of Commission members no longer be restricted from being able to put in for elk hunts, sanhill crane hunts, blinds in western Kentucky, etc. An independent agent now handles the draws so there is nothing unethical about family members being able to try and put in for these

Acting Commissioner Misty Judy suggested they could table the discussion before voting on the bylaws. Commission member Kevin Bond asked Commission member Carloss would distribute his ethics statements to Commission members.

Chairman Storm then asked to table the discussion of the bylaws so they can work on them and bring a complete version to the Commission at a later date. Commission member Bond made a motion to table the vote on the proposed bylaws. Commission member Paul Horn Seconded. The motion passed to table the bylaws.

Chairman Storm then asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. Commission member Kevin Bond made a motion to adjourn. Commission member Knott seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Horn, Secretary

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Quarterly Commission Meeting
September 28, 2018
Frankfort, KY

Invocation: Led by Jeff Eaton

Pledge: Led by Dr. Harry Carloss

Commission Members: Rich Storm, Dr. Karl Clinard, Dr. Harry Carloss, Paul Horn, Kevin Knott, Kevin Bond, Jeff Eaton and Dr. James Rich.

Department Employees: Acting Commissioner Frank Jemley, Deputy Commissioner Karen Waldrop, Misty Judy, Colonel Eric Gibson, Steve Beam, Ron Brooks, Amber Arnett, Lisa Cox, Melissa Trent, Major Shane Carrier, Major Larry Estes, John Hast, Gabe Jenkins, Kevin Kelly, Jeff Ross, Brian Clark, Laura Burford, Major Larry Estes, Mike Hardin, Chris Garland, Amy Akers, Willie Cook, Nan Harnice

Guests: Trevor Robertson (Green Co. Smokin Dragons), Devon Robertson (Green River Smokin Dragons), Stephen Hannan (catfish angler), Time Skirvin (Catfish Anglers), Rich Hahn (catfish conservation), Mike Hurst (catfish conservation), Michael Uhlig (catfish conservation), Dennis McDonalds (McDonald Fisheries), John Fuqua (catfish conservation), Jim Loudermilk (catfish conservation), Justin Browning (catfish conservation), Chris Lee (catfish conservation), Michael & Heather Dye (catfish conservation), Joyce Kinder (Commercial Fisherman West Ky), Jared May (commercial fisherman), Josh Cotrell (commercial fisherman)

Commission Chairman Rich Storm called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He then recognized two special guests, Representative DJ Johnson and Deputy Secretary of the Tourism Cabinet Regina Stivers. He then introduced Acting Commissioner Frank Jemley who also welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Commission Chairman Storm then introduced Commission member Knott who recognized Green County High School as the winners of the first annual Commissioner's Challenge for the State Trapshooting Tournament. Commission Chairman thanked Kenny Knott for all of his time and effort in getting this event organized. Commission member Knott thanked Paul Horn and all of the Commission members for their assistance in getting this to fruition.

Commission Chairman then stated the next item on the agenda is approval of the June 15th Commission Meeting Minutes. He asked for any discussion. There being no discussion, Commission member Harry Carloss made a motion to approve. Commission member Knott seconded. The motion to approve the June 15th Commission minutes passed.

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Next Chairman Storm introduced Administrative Services Director Lisa Cox to give the financial report. She went over the Annual Report of Expenditures and Receipts which will be sent to the Secretary of State's Office. Commission member Carloss asked for a report from the account under statute the Commission is responsible for and would like to know the balance and all expenditures from this account. Lisa Cox said she would look into this and email it to the Commission members before the next meeting. Commission member Carloss also requested all documents to be in their hand prior to their future meetings.

Chairman Storm then officially welcomed our new Commission member Jeff Eaton. He stated they are happy to have him on the team and look forward to working with him.

Action by the Commission: Chairman Storm then asked for any discussion on the next agenda item on the Consent Calendar. There being no comment, Commission member Carloss made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Commission member Clinard seconded. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar passed.

Action by the Commission: Chairman Storm then asked for any discussion for the minutes from Admin Ed & Policy Committee meeting from August 17, 2018. There being no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the minutes as written by Commission member Clinard. Commission member Carloss seconded. The motion to approve the August 17th Admin, Ed & Policy Committee minutes passed.

Law Enforcement

Chairman Storm then called upon Major Shane Carrier to present the modifications of 301 KAR 2:030, regarding Commercial Guide License. The first action item deals with removing the Guide Helper classification.

Action by the Commission: Chairman Storm asked for any discussion. There being none he asked for a motion. A motion was made by Commission member Horn and seconded by Commission member Clinard. The motion passed.

Action by the Commission: Major Carrier stated the second action item deals with Commercial Guide Accountability. Chairman Storm asked for any discussion. Commission member Carloss requested they approve this action item along with the following three action items (Items 2-5) as they have discussed all of them at length. The other three action items include License Revocation, Reporting Acres of Leased Property and Reporting Species of Wildlife Targeted. Commission member Clinard seconded the motion. The motion to approve the remaining four action items passed.

Action by the Commission: Commission member Horn brought up the permission issue for hunters who hunt on private property that was discussed at the last meeting but not resolved due to more research being needed. Deputy Commissioner Karen Waldrop said because this regulation will be open, they could make a motion today to at least require these hunters to carry the name and contact number of the person who gave them permission or the land they

are hunting on or have written permission. This helps the conservation officers a lot. There being no other discussion, Chairman Storm asked for a motion to require hunters who hunt on private land to have the name and contact information for a person that can confirm permission. Commission member Kenny Knott made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Commission member Kevin Bond. The motion passed

FISHERIES DIVISION

Chairman Storm then asked Director Ron Brooks to present the August 17, 2018 Fisheries Committee meeting minutes for approval.

Action Taken by the Commission: Commission member Knott made a motion to approve the August 17, 2018 Fisheries Committee meeting minutes as presented. Commission member Horn seconded. Motion Approved.

I. Pay Lake Regulation Proposals

Director Brooks presented the following recommendations for pay lakes omitting pay lakes owners or operators shall attend one KDFWR sponsored meeting annually where there will be roundtable discussion of fish holding and fish transportation policies and must report disposition of trophy fish removed (angler harvested or mortality).

- a) Definition of pay lakes: Pay lakes are ponds where a daily fee is charged to fish. No non-pay lakes shall qualify for pay lake licenses, except for those that have participated since at least 2007 through 2017, which shall be grandfathered until the first calendar year the licenses are not renewed.
- b) Pay lakes shall be required to have clearly visible signage of catfish origin and any associated consumption warnings.
- c) Pay Lakes that receive all fish from private hatcheries only:
 1. License fee of \$250 for first two acres plus \$50 per each additional 1.0 acre.
 2. Must receive and save receipts for all fish batches stocked including hatchery purchased from, dates, quantities, and species for a period of three years.
- d) Pay lakes purchasing or harvesting all or portions of catfish from public resources:
 1. License fee of \$600 for first 2.0 acres of ponds; \$50 for every additional 1.0 acre.
 2. There will be a limit of 35 pay lakes offering trophy catfish catch and release for fish harvested and transported from public resources. If more than 35 pay lakes existed prior to promulgation of this regulation, all will be grandfathered until they discontinue purchasing a pay lake license for one annual license period.

3. Must receive and save receipts for all fish batches and trophy catfish stocked including name of fishermen/driver purchased, origin of catfish, dates, quantities, and species for a period of three years.
4. Limited stocking of trophy catfish to 750 pounds per acre 3 times per year.
5. Pay lakes with catch and release options shall have fish handling policies placed in a manner of which all patrons will be aware.

Action by the Commission: A motion was made by Commission Member Carloss to approve the proposals for pay lakes with omissions. Commission Member Knott seconded the motion.

Motion Approved. Commissioner Carloss would like to see a video made on how to handle fish on our website and patrons to have a Kentucky license.

II. Recommendations for Catfish Tournaments

Director Brooks stated we initially were looking at recommendations for catfish tournaments as to how handling of fish but in doing so we realized we would have to look that all other tournaments (i.e. crappie, bass, etc.). We would like not to regulate the tournaments and allow them to be self-regulated and offer these suggestions: a) catfish tournament directors should have and enforce fish-handling policies to reduce stress related to catfish mortalities, b) catfish tournament directors should request information concerning best methods for handling fish. Commissioner Knott suggested a video of handling the fish during a tournament.

III. Commercial Fishing Regulation Proposals for Ohio River Catfish

Director Brooks presented the following recommendations for Ohio River catfish while commercial fishing omitting all trophy catfish commercially harvested from public resources must be tagged and appropriate information recorded that would allow the fish and its origin to be identified, commercial fishermen holding live catfish for more than 24 hours prior to selling must have live bait and dealer's licenses, Ohio River Trophy Catfish Commercial Harvest Program: Prior to fishing the Ohio River and its tributaries open to commercial fishing, commercial fishermen would be required to call in with the following information: Fishermen names, date nets or other gears were to be set and harvested, Ohio River pool where they were to be set, and boat ramp to be used, and live trophy catfish harvested from Kentucky public resources shall not be transported and sold across state boundaries.

- a) Free Trophy catfish harvest permit for Cannelton Pool and below remains in effect, except there shall be a maximum of 15 permits issued annually.
- b) A maximum of two licensed commercial fishermen per commercial fishing boat.
- c) A commercial boat shall not have more than the daily harvest limit of trophy catfish in possession while on the water or when trailering on the boat ramp.

Action by the Commission: A motion was made by Commission Member Carloss to approve the commercial fishing regulation proposals for the Ohio River with omissions. Commission Member Knott seconded the motion. **Motion Approved.** Commissioner Clinard commended Director Brooks for his time in this manner. Commissioner Carloss made a suggestion regarding the Monthly Commercial Harvest in Kentucky Waters report to remove the fishing pole column and a better way to monitor the hauling trucks (i.e. species, size, and delivery).

IV. Sport Fishing Proposal of Catfish

Director Brooks presented the following recommendations for sport fishing of catfish.

- a) Possession limit of two daily harvest limits of trophy catfish statewide (traditional and non-traditional methods).
- b) Noodling or hand fishing regulations will follow statewide or waterbody-specific special sportfish regulations for trophy catfish.
- c) No gifting of catfish to businesses.
- d) Current Ohio River catfish regulations for sport-fish licensed anglers will be applied statewide.

Action by the Commission: A motion was made by Commission Member Knott to approve the sport fishing proposals of catfish. Commission Member Carloss seconded the motion. **Motion Approved.**

V. Access Structures on Buffer Property of Department-Owned Lakes

Director Brooks stated Mr. Urban would like to gather information and presented to the next Committee meeting in November. We suggest tabling this item.

VI. Proposal to Create a Special Non-resident Commercial License Fee for Participants of the Asian Carp Harvest Program

Director Brooks presented the proposal for a special non-resident commercial license fee for the Asian carp harvest program. Non-resident commercial fishermen have indicated a willingness to fish in Kentucky, but the current annual non-resident fee of \$600 is prohibitive to many of them. In the interest of attracting more commercial fishermen to Kentucky for removing Asian carp from the two reservoirs and other Kentucky waters, the Fisheries Division is proposing a \$150 non-resident, Asian carp harvest license. The license would require fishermen's monthly harvest weights to be at least 65% Asian carp, and no more than 35% scaled rough fish; no catfish or paddlefish will be harvested. Non-resident commercial fishermen with this license will be required to follow normal reporting requirements, and when fishing in waters normally restricted to commercial fishing, all regulations per 301 KAR 1:152 (Asian carp Harvest Program) shall be followed.

Action by the Commission: A motion was made by Commission Member Carloss to approve the proposal to create a special non-resident commercial license fee for participants of the Asian Carp Harvest Program. Commission Member Clinard seconded the motion. **Motion Approved.**

VII. Proposal to Allow 3-inch Gillnets for Participants of the Asian Carp Harvest Program

Director Brooks presented the proposal allowing 3-inch gillnets for participants of the Asian Carp Harvest Program. Currently, commercial fishermen fishing in the Asian Carp Harvest Program must not use gill nets with a mesh size smaller than 3.5 inches. Recent experimental netting effort conducted by the Fisheries Division's Critical Species Western Branch staff has shown that smaller mesh netting (3-inches) does not pose a threat of unintentional sportfish by catch. Since there are potentially substantial markets that have asked our staff about allowing harvest of smaller Asian carp (3 – 6 pounds), the smaller mesh netting may be adequate to service those markets. Removing large amounts of smaller Asian carp would be very beneficial to eventually reducing the number of adults in restricted waters such as Kentucky and Barkley lakes.

Action by the Commission: A motion was made by Commission Member Knott allowing 3-inch gillnets for participants of the Asian Carp Harvest Program. Commission Member Carloss seconded the motion. **Motion Approved.**

Wildlife Division:

Wildlife Division Director Steve Beam presented the minutes from the August 17, 2018 Wildlife Division Committee meeting for approval.

Action Taken by the Commission: Commissioner Carloss made the motion to approve the May 18, 2018 Wildlife Committee meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Clinard seconded the motion. **Motion Approved.**

Upcoming Research Projects

The Wildlife Division recommended the following upcoming research proposals:

1. Bobcat and River Otter Research Project

This is a project to evaluate data collected since 2012 for use in the abundance estimates of bobcat and river otter in Kentucky. Division staff will work with a statistician from the University of St. Thomas, St Paul MN to incorporate age data collected from tooth samples donated by trappers and hunter, catch-effort data from harvester surveys and analysis of bobcat survival from telemetry data into integrated population models. The cost of the project will be approximately \$5,000; the bobcat portion from Pittman-Robertson funds.

Action Taken by the Commission: Commissioner Carloss made the motion to approve the item. Commissioner Clinard seconded the motion. **Motion approved.**

2. Abundance and Density of Black Bears in the Big South Fork Population

Over the next 2 fiscal years, the Wildlife Division will collaborate with the TWRA on a M.S. project at the University of Tennessee on determining the abundance of black bear in a 16 county area surrounding the Daniel Boone National Forest and the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area.

The Wildlife Division would contribute \$214,399 over three years (\$95,302; \$90,855; \$28,242) to survey the Kentucky section of the project. The total project cost is \$351,769. The University of Tennessee is providing the non-federal match so all of KDFWR's Contribution would be Pittman-Robertson funds.

Action Taken by the Commission: Commissioner Clinard made the motion with the stipulation that a review will be done after the first year of the project and an update be made to the Commission before funding the second year of the project. Commissioner Carloss seconded the motion. **Motion approved.**

3. Elk Research Project – Purchase G.P.S. Collars and Other Needed Equipment

Currently the elk program has 19 working GPS collars on the air, with 12 collars on cows and 7 on bull elk. IN an effort to reach 100 GPS marked animals (50 male and 50 female) on the landscape, the elk program request spending \$90,000 for the purchase of additional GPS collars and hardware for the deployment this winter. Collar deployment will be coordinated during the helicopter capture efforts for Wisconsin and AWC. The Division will follow-up in fiscal year 2 & 3 with the Commission.

Action Taken by the Commission: Commissioner Carloss made the motion to approve the item. Commissioner Horn seconded the motion. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Carloss ask to consider developing an inter-department sub-committee to review and score future research projects once a year before the SEAFWA conference. This sub-committee would review staff science, project expenses and administration needs.

Commissioner Chairman Rich Storm asked for further questions or comments. There was none.

Commissioner Clinard made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Knott seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Horn, Secretary

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

Minutes of the November 2, 2018 Administration, Education and Policy Committee
Meeting

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

Commission Members present: Chairman Rich Storm, Kevin Bond, Kenny Knott, Dr. Harry Carloss, Ralph Swallows, and Dr. James Rich

Department Employees: Acting Commissioner Frank Jemley, Deputy Commissioner Karen Waldrop, Acting Deputy Commissioner Misty Judy, Steve Beam, Ron Brooks, Jeff Ross, Dave Dreves, Kevin Kelly, Brian Blank, Michael Scott, Nathan Brooks, Colonel Eric Gibson, Amy Akers, Willie Cook, Nan Harnice and Jessica Tyler.

Guests: Evan Jones (TAH), Doug Morgan (KHA), Judy Roberts (UBK), Chet Hayes (LKS), and Chris Urban.

Committee Chairman Clinard called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

Committee Chairman Clinard then asked Administrative Services Director Lisa Cox to go over the monthly financial report. She did address the specific fund report that was requested by Commission member Carloss for the account they are responsible for monitoring. She will send them that report, but asked if they want the entire financial report that includes that fund as well. After some discussion, they asked to be included in receiving the entire financial report. She stated she will start sending them the full report prior to their quarterly meetings.

Chairman Clinard then asked for Deputy Commissioner Karen Waldrop to address the next agenda item clarification regarding a Commercial Guide License and whether or not it is required for individuals who have a shooting area permit (hunting pen raised birds). After talking with both the Law Enforcement Division and Wildlife Division, the interpretation from both is that a Commercial Guide License is not required on any shooting preserve. They already have to have three different permits so this one will not be required.

Committee Chairman Clinard asked for any discussion. There being no other discussion, he asked for a motion to approve this clarification to be moved to the Commission

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meeting on December 7, 2018. Commission member Paul Horn made a motion to approve. Commission member Eaton seconded. The motion passed to move the clarification to the Commission.

Committee Chairman Clinard then asked for any new business for the committee. There being no new business, he asked for a motion to adjourn the committee. Commission member Horn made a motion to adjourn. Commission member Eaton seconded. The motion passed to adjourn.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Fisheries Division

Minutes of the November 2, 2018 Fisheries Committee Meeting

Committee members present: Chairman Kenny Knott, Dr. Harry Carloss, Dr. Karl Clinard, and Ralph Swallows

Commission Members present: Paul Horn, Rich Storm, Kevin Bond, Jeff Eaton, and Dr. James Rich.

Department personnel attending: Acting Commissioner Frank Jemley, Deputy Commissioner Karen Waldrop, Acting Deputy Commissioner Misty Judy, Fisheries Division Assistant Director Jeff Ross, Fisheries Division Assistant Director Dave Dreves, Executive Staff Advisor Kevin Kelly, Marketing Division Director Brian Blank, Engineering Division Director Michael Scott, KY Afield Studio Branch Manager Nathan Brooks, and Law Enforcement Division Director Colonel Eric Gibson.

Other attendees: Evan Jones, Judy Roberts (UBK), Doug Morgan (KHA), Chet Hayes (LKS), and Chris Urban.

Fisheries Division Committee began at 9:48am.

Chairman Knott asked if there was any old business. None presented.

Access Structures on Buffer Property of Department-Owned Lakes

Jeff Ross gave a brief update from the August 2018 Committee meeting where the item was passed to the full Commission. Mr. Urban wanted to provide additional information to the Committee. He felt there should be a Tier IV for the additional steps and landings. He is developing a database of landowners around the lake. Commissioner Knott asked if the regulation only pertains to Lake Malone. Mr. Ross explained this regulation includes nine other lakes and would need a public meeting for each lake or make the changes only for Lake Malone. Commissioner Bond asked Mr. Urban how many lots he has left. Mr. Urban stated he has 23 lots left that he can make Tier III work. He asked for this change for the other landowners. Mr. Ross stated a public meeting would be scheduled December 3rd or 4th with Mr. Urban's regulation proposal. Mr. Urban also mentioned some other violations around the lake that he feels are ignored while he is being singled out. Deputy Commissioner Karen Waldrop suggested discussing that after the meeting.

Chairman Knott asked if there was any new business. Jeff informed the committee the Fish House will officially open January 1, 2019. There was a new state record blue catfish, 106.9 lbs, caught in West KY last week. We had another call thinking it broke that record but it was only 91 lbs, caught near Brandenburg.

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Commissioner Carloss stated that he read an article stating the \$3.5 million for the Fish House will be paid out of the boater registration. Deputy Commissioner Waldrop stated it was brought up during the last legislative session that the purpose of the boater registration increase would help with the Asian carp.

Commissioner Clinard moved to adjourn the Fisheries Committee.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swallows. Motion Approved.

The Fisheries Committee meeting concluded at 10:00am.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Wildlife Division

Minutes of the November 2, 2018 Wildlife Committee Meeting

Committee members present: Chairman Kevin Bond, Paul Horn, Dr. Harry Carlross

Commission members present: Kenny Knott, Ralph Swallows, Dr. Jeffrey Eaton, Rich Storm, Dr. Karl Clinard

Department personnel attending: Acting Commissioner Frank Jemley, Deputy Commissioner Karen Waldrop, Acting Deputy Commissioner Misty Judy, Wildlife Division Director Steve Beam, Fisheries Division Director Ron Brooks, Fisheries Division Assistant Director Jeff Ross, Fisheries Division Assistant Director Dave Dreves, Wildlife Program Coordinator Gabriel Jenkins, Administrative Division Director Lisa Cox, Wildlife Program Coordinator John Hast, Executive Staff Advisor Kevin Kelly, Colonel Eric Gibson, Marketing Division Director Brian Blank

Other attendees: Judy Roberts, United Bowhunters of Kentucky

Chairman Kevin Bond brought the Wildlife Committee meeting to order.

Steve Beam, Wildlife Division Director, opened up the discussion with the first agenda item.

Action Item: Modification of 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 maintaining quality hunts, but offer plenty of hunting opportunity.

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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 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 remain open under statewide regulations for all archery/crossbow hunters before and after the quota hunt periods.

Judy Roberts, United Bowhunters of Kentucky, stated Higginson and Henry WMA used to be a bow only hunt. She stated that crossbow hunting was allowed in 2017. She stated that currently there are too many deer harvested.

Commissioner Carloss made the motion to move the item to the full Commission.
Commissioner Horn seconded the motion. The item passed to the full Commission

- 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.

Commissioner Carloss made the motion to move the item to the full Commission.
Commissioner Horn seconded the motion. The item passed to the full Commission.

- 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. This proposal is to reduce the chances of a modern gun deer hunter potentially shooting a waterfowl hunter. Additionally, 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.

Commissioner Carloss made the motion to move the item to the full Commission and place the item on the Consent Calendar.
Commissioner Horn seconded the motion. The item passed to the full Commission and Consent Calendar.

- 4) Taylorsville Lake WMA:

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- 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.

Commissioner Carloss made the motion to move the item to the full Commission and place the item on the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Horn seconded the motion. The item passed to the full Commission and Consent Calendar.

- 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.

Commissioner Carloss made the motion to move the item to the full Commission.

Commissioner Horn seconded the motion. The item passed to the full Commission.

- 6) Create unmanned KDFWR-administered quota hunts on the following state resort parks:
 - a) Archery/Crossbow hunt on Dale Hollow Lake State Park
 - b) Archery/Crossbow hunt on Kenlake State Park
 - c) Modify the dates and weapon restrictions on the Kincaid State Park quota hunts.

Justification: Parks is currently revising their deer management efforts. In an effort to control the population, offer additional hunting opportunity and increase use of the parks, the following parks will be open for quota deer hunts. Quota hunt participants will check in and check out at an unmanned check station at the park headquarters.

Commissioner Horn made the motion to move the item to the full Commission.

Commissioner Carloss seconded the motion. The item passed to the full Commission.

- 7) Create a special hunt on Lake Barkley State Park.

Justification: State Parks is currently revising their deer management efforts and in an effort to control the population, offer additional hunting opportunity and increase use of the parks, the

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following parks will be open for deer hunting by a special hunt, which will be administered by State Park staff.

Commissioner Carloss made the motion to move the item to the full Commission. Commissioner Horn seconded the motion. The item passed to the full Commission.

Wildlife Committee Chairman Kevin Bond asked for any new business.

Acting Commissioner Frank Jemley stated the Appalachian Wildlife Center requested a review of the partnership contract. He stated this review has been scheduled for November 14, 2018. He stated that he would provide the contract in advance of the meeting to all Commissioners for review, as well as the Wisconsin partnership contract for review.

Commissioner Carloss stated vendors in his area have requested to establish a regulation to hunt coyotes at night. He stated this is currently done in Illinois and it would require a different set of equipment for this type of hunt. The vendors want to sell this equipment.

Doug Morgan, KY Houndsmen, stated he worked on the current bill to hunt coyotes at night with shotgun only. He stated it was a good bill and passed easily. The only problem encountered would be a fear of poaching deer at night. He is for revisiting the bill and possibly changing from shotgun to rifle for the hunt.

Col. Eric Gibson, Law Enforcement Division Director, asked to consider possible problems of other hunters in the woods night hunting and the increase in officer's demands with the additional burden of possible poaching.

Commissioner Carloss stated an experimental area in the 1st District could be done.

Col. Gibson stated that a small season with a 30-day trial window during low hunting months without a lot of pressure, such as January or February, might be considered. He stated the possible hunt would need study and discussions with the Wildlife Division.

Steve Beam stated this would be considered.

Karen Waldrop stated that night hunting would need specific night vision equipment. This is a safety issue as not all equipment is equal. A certain generation of night vision should be required.

Col. Gibson asked to consider several aspects of a narrow season hunt such as later generation night vision as well as the type of firearm use.

Chairman Bond, asked for further discussion – there was none.

Commissioner Horn made a motion to adjourn the Wildlife Division Committee meeting. Commissioner Carlos seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

Consent Calendar: December 7, 2018 Commission Meeting
(From the November 2, 2108 Committee Meeting)

| REGULATION | PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION | MOTION | COMMITTEE |
|---------------|--|--|--------------------|
| 301 KAR 2:178 | <p><u>Modification of 301 KAR 2:178, Deer Hunting on Public Land</u></p> <p>Sloughs WMA</p> <p>all deer hunting on Crenshaw and Duncan II tracts starting Nov 1</p> <p>Close</p> <p>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. This proposal is to reduce the chances of a modern gun deer hunter potentially shooting a waterfowl hunter. Additionally, 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.</p> | <p>Commissioner Carloss made the motion to move the item to the full</p> <p>Commission and place on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>Commissioner Horn seconded the motion.</p> <p>The item moved to the consent calendar.</p> | Wildlife Committee |
| 301 KAR 2:178 | <p><u>Modification of 301 KAR 2:178, Deer Hunting on Public Land</u></p> <p>Taylorsville Lake WMA</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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</p> | <p>Commissioner Carloss made the motion to move the item to the full</p> <p>Commission and place on the Consent Calendar.</p> | Wildlife Committee |

Consent Calendar: December 7, 2018 Commission Meeting
(From the November 2, 2108 Committee Meeting)

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| | <p>points is popular with hunters and provides a nice incentive to harvest female deer in places where a reduction in the herd is needed.</p> | <p>Commissioner Horn seconded the motion.</p> <p>The item moved to the consent calendar.</p> | |
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Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources
Cash Statement - Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund (13NY)
State Fiscal Year 2019
As of October 31, 2018

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance - July 1, 2018 | \$ | 25,350.50 |
| July Receipts | | 44.15 |
| August Receipts | | 60.99 |
| September Receipts | | 19.72 |
| October Receipts | | <u>37.92</u> |
| Ending Balance - October 31, 2018 | \$ | <u><u>25,513.28</u></u> |

Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources
Income Statement - FY19 / 1st QTR

REVENUE

Restricted Fish and Game Fund

| | 11.28% July | 19.61% August | 27.94% September | FY19 Year To Date TOTALS | FY19 BUDGET | Percent Expended/Earned 11.28% | FY18 1st Qtr | FY17 1st Qtr |
|--|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Hunting and Fishing Licenses | \$ 1,132,694.00 | \$ 1,040,212.00 | \$ 2,044,953.00 | \$ 4,217,859.00 | \$ 32,700,000.00 | 12.90% | \$ 4,372,364.00 | \$ 3,400,312.00 |
| Boat Registration Fees | \$ 388,365.74 | \$ 169,677.40 | \$ 61,451.08 | \$ 619,494.22 | \$ 5,920,000.00 | 10.46% | \$ 352,470.84 | \$ 332,013.40 |
| Interest Income | \$ 88,821.63 | \$ 66,765.14 | \$ 19,420.83 | \$ 175,007.60 | \$ 150,000.00 | 116.67% | \$ 96,900.20 | \$ 11,412.88 |
| Camp Income | \$ 3,680.10 | \$ (913.50) | \$ - | \$ 2,766.60 | \$ 685,000.00 | 0.40% | \$ 37,196.46 | \$ 20,211.40 |
| General Sales | \$ 33,329.80 | \$ 26,769.81 | \$ 14,146.50 | \$ 74,246.11 | \$ 350,000.00 | 21.21% | \$ 72,276.62 | \$ 60,977.01 |
| Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area | \$ 25,660.55 | \$ 17,075.75 | \$ 11,597.30 | \$ 54,333.60 | \$ 270,000.00 | 20.12% | \$ 59,267.51 | \$ 65,884.85 |
| Proceeds from Asset Disposition | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 240,000.00 | 0.00% | \$ - | \$ - |
| Fish and Game Fines & Forfeitures/ Restitution | \$ 11,842.34 | \$ 11,925.37 | \$ 16,126.07 | \$ 39,893.78 | \$ 130,000.00 | 30.69% | \$ 57,627.04 | \$ 26,637.11 |
| Income Tax Check-off (Fund 13NY) | \$ 2,068.00 | \$ 4,425.00 | \$ 3,171.00 | \$ 9,664.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | 24.16% | \$ 2,160.50 | \$ 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous Receipts ¹ | \$ 4,983.94 | \$ 31,438.86 | \$ 83,288.64 | \$ 119,711.44 | \$ 1,881,700.00 | 6.36% | \$ 53,426.97 | \$ 157,360.73 |
| Total Restricted Fish and Game Fund | \$ 1,691,446.10 | \$ 1,367,375.83 | \$ 2,254,154.42 | \$ 5,312,976.35 | \$ 42,366,700.00 | 12.54% | \$ 5,103,690.14 | \$ 4,074,819.38 |
| Total Federal Fish and Wildlife Fund | \$ 1,271,642.99 | \$ 1,425,088.39 | \$ - | \$ 2,696,731.38 | \$ 18,880,200.00 | 14.28% | \$ 2,509,543.75 | \$ 2,994,252.51 |
| FLO Administrative Fee | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,000,000.00 | 0.00% | \$ - | \$ - |
| Closed Capital Projects | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ 68,560.71 |
| Other Transfers | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Transfers In | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,000,000.00 | 0.00% | \$ - | \$ 68,560.71 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 2,963,089.09 | \$ 2,792,464.22 | \$ 2,254,154.42 | \$ 8,009,707.73 | \$ 62,246,900.00 | 12.87% | \$ 7,613,233.89 | \$ 7,137,632.60 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| Commissioner's Office | \$ 159,077.72 | \$ 153,091.93 | \$ 175,112.91 | \$ 487,282.56 | \$ 2,179,600.00 | 22.36% | \$ 450,021.90 | \$ 432,685.90 |
| Commission | \$ (110.00) | \$ - | \$ 4,092.35 | \$ 3,982.35 | \$ 32,800.00 | 12.14% | \$ 5,528.75 | \$ 5,059.42 |
| Marketing Division | \$ 73,119.14 | \$ 72,591.40 | \$ 97,711.86 | \$ 243,422.40 | \$ 1,096,800.00 | 22.19% | \$ 288,292.77 | \$ 290,914.30 |
| Administrative Services Division | \$ 943,451.47 | \$ 179,211.47 | \$ 13,994.56 | \$ 1,136,657.50 | \$ 3,475,300.00 | 32.71% | \$ 1,103,105.50 | \$ 1,252,444.67 |
| Engineering Infrastructure and Technology Division | \$ 284,747.01 | \$ 274,895.72 | \$ 204,607.20 | \$ 764,249.93 | \$ 3,194,000.00 | 23.93% | \$ 674,290.58 | \$ 309,998.88 |
| Wildlife Division | \$ 1,662,426.38 | \$ 1,290,196.59 | \$ 1,467,157.43 | \$ 4,419,780.40 | \$ 17,888,600.00 | 24.71% | \$ 3,977,142.51 | \$ 3,758,571.85 |
| Fisheries Division | \$ 1,021,743.15 | \$ 826,249.37 | \$ 853,250.05 | \$ 2,701,242.57 | \$ 10,271,000.00 | 26.30% | \$ 2,458,915.14 | \$ 3,227,324.08 |
| Information & Education | \$ 1,066,097.57 | \$ 876,935.79 | \$ 683,514.82 | \$ 2,626,548.18 | \$ 8,134,200.00 | 32.29% | \$ 2,586,972.28 | \$ 2,455,253.47 |
| Law Enforcement | \$ 1,293,915.52 | \$ 1,186,343.85 | \$ 1,075,290.09 | \$ 3,555,549.46 | \$ 14,679,600.00 | 24.22% | \$ 3,465,879.56 | \$ 3,201,852.81 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | \$ 6,504,467.96 | \$ 4,859,516.12 | \$ 4,574,731.27 | \$ 15,938,715.35 | \$ 60,951,900.00 | 26.15% | \$ 15,010,148.99 | \$ 14,934,105.38 |
| Agency and Boating Access Capital Projects | \$ 172,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 242,000.00 | \$ 1,600,000.00 | - | \$ 101,500.00 | \$ 510,369.07 |
| Land Acquisition Projects | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Other Transfers | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 175,000.00 | \$ 175,000.00 | \$ - | - | \$ 2,816,265.00 | \$ - |
| Total Transfers Out | \$ 172,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 225,000.00 | \$ 417,000.00 | \$ 1,600,000.00 | 26.06% | \$ 2,917,765.00 | \$ 520,369.07 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$ 6,676,467.96 | \$ 4,879,516.12 | \$ 4,799,731.27 | \$ 16,355,715.35 | \$ 62,551,900.00 | 26.15% | \$ 17,927,913.99 | \$ 15,454,474.45 |
| NET Gain/Loss Operating & Transfers | (\$3,713,378.87) | (\$2,087,051.90) | (\$2,545,576.85) | (\$8,346,007.62) | \$ (305,000.00) | -13.28% | (\$10,314,680.10) | (\$8,316,841.81) |
| NET Gain/Loss Operating | (\$3,541,378.87) | (\$2,067,051.90) | (\$2,320,576.85) | (\$7,929,007.62) | \$ 1,295,000.00 | - | (\$7,396,915.10) | (\$7,796,472.78) |

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES
Operating Budget Review
For the Month of September 2018 (FY19)

| | September | | | Fiscal Year To Date | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | FY19 | FY18 | FY17 | FY19 | FY18 | FY17 |
| REVENUE | | | | | | |
| Restricted Fish and Game Fund | | | | | | |
| Hunting and Fishing Licenses ¹ | \$ 2,044,953.00 | \$ 1,591,254.00 | \$ 1,669,365.50 | \$ 4,217,859.00 | \$ 4,372,364.00 | \$ 3,400,312.00 |
| Boat Registration Fees | \$ 61,451.08 | \$ 33,294.85 | \$ 29,750.99 | \$ 619,494.22 | \$ 352,470.84 | \$ 332,013.40 |
| Interest Income | \$ 19,420.83 | \$ 3,449.46 | \$ 25,019.62 | \$ 175,007.60 | \$ 96,900.20 | \$ 11,412.88 |
| Camp Income ² | \$ - | \$ 23,291.25 | \$ (525.00) | \$ 2,766.60 | \$ 37,196.46 | \$ 20,211.40 |
| General Sales | \$ 14,146.50 | \$ 16,198.86 | \$ 20,476.41 | \$ 74,246.11 | \$ 72,276.62 | \$ 60,977.01 |
| Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area | \$ 11,597.30 | \$ 36,064.82 | \$ 14,972.70 | \$ 54,333.60 | \$ 59,267.51 | \$ 65,884.85 |
| Proceeds from Asset Disposition | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Fish and Game Fines & Forfeitures/ Restitution | \$ 16,126.07 | \$ 29,819.94 | \$ 7,801.40 | \$ 39,893.78 | \$ 57,627.04 | \$ 26,637.11 |
| Income Tax Check-off (Fund 13NY) | \$ 3,171.00 | \$ 84.00 | \$ - | \$ 9,664.00 | \$ 2,160.50 | \$ 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous Receipts ³ | \$ 83,288.64 | \$ 24,923.64 | \$ 47,062.06 | \$ 119,711.44 | \$ 53,426.97 | \$ 157,360.73 |
| Sub-Total Restricted Fish and Game Fund | \$ 2,254,154.42 | \$ 1,758,380.82 | \$ 1,813,923.68 | \$ 5,312,976.35 | \$ 5,103,690.14 | \$ 4,074,819.38 |
| Sub-Total Federal Fish and Wildlife Fund | \$ - | \$ 667,277.38 | \$ 685,702.98 | \$ 2,696,731.38 | \$ 2,509,543.75 | \$ 2,994,252.51 |
| FIL0 Administrative Fee | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Closed Capital Projects | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 39,549.92 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 68,560.71 |
| Other Transfers | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sub-Total Transfers | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 39,549.92 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 68,560.71 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 2,254,154.42 | \$ 2,425,658.20 | \$ 2,539,176.58 | \$ 8,009,707.73 | \$ 7,613,233.89 | \$ 7,137,632.60 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
| Commissioner's Office | \$ 175,112.91 | \$ 106,995.93 | \$ 158,062.82 | \$ 487,282.56 | \$ 450,021.90 | \$ 432,685.90 |
| Commission | \$ 4,092.35 | \$ 2,132.43 | \$ 3,108.12 | \$ 3,982.35 | \$ 5,528.75 | \$ 5,059.42 |
| Marketing Division | \$ 97,711.86 | \$ 141,454.81 | \$ 153,216.56 | \$ 243,422.40 | \$ 288,292.77 | \$ 290,914.30 |
| Administrative Services Division ⁴ | \$ 13,994.56 | \$ 163,009.13 | \$ 200,077.59 | \$ 1,136,657.50 | \$ 1,103,105.50 | \$ 1,252,444.67 |
| Engineering Infrastructure and Technology Division | \$ 204,607.20 | \$ 201,265.94 | \$ 101,809.58 | \$ 764,249.93 | \$ 674,290.58 | \$ 309,998.88 |
| Wildlife Division | \$ 1,467,157.43 | \$ 1,200,998.19 | \$ 1,170,196.95 | \$ 4,419,780.40 | \$ 3,977,142.51 | \$ 3,758,571.85 |
| Fisheries Division | \$ 853,250.05 | \$ 771,611.03 | \$ 726,553.24 | \$ 2,701,242.57 | \$ 2,458,915.14 | \$ 3,227,324.08 |
| Information & Education | \$ 683,514.82 | \$ 546,076.92 | \$ 574,001.21 | \$ 2,626,548.18 | \$ 2,586,972.28 | \$ 2,455,253.47 |
| Law Enforcement | \$ 1,075,290.09 | \$ 1,043,521.85 | \$ 977,283.81 | \$ 3,555,549.46 | \$ 3,465,879.56 | \$ 3,201,852.81 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | \$ 4,574,731.27 | \$ 4,177,066.23 | \$ 4,064,309.88 | \$ 15,938,715.35 | \$ 15,010,148.99 | \$ 14,934,105.38 |
| NET Gain / Loss Operating & Transfers | (\$2,545,576.85) | (\$4,474,173.03) | (\$1,637,402.37) | (\$8,346,007.62) | (\$10,314,680.10) | (\$8,316,841.85) |
| NET Gain / Loss Operating | (\$2,320,576.85) | (\$1,751,408.03) | (\$1,525,133.30) | (\$7,929,007.62) | (\$7,396,915.10) | (\$7,796,472.78) |

¹ Reflects rate increase.
² Camp canteen sales will post in October when reconciliation is complete
³ \$50,000 Reimbursement for Bath Co., \$13,050 Daniel Boone National Forest Cost Share Position, Forestry Agreement \$7,959, Kentucky Wild \$4,425
⁴ Defined Calculation Distribution - Statewide Allocation Posted to Admin Services then distributed to all other divisions.

| | Current Period Exp | YTD Agency Exp | YTD Federal Exp | YTD Exp | YTD Budget | YTD Remaining | % |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 660 - Kentucky Fish And Wildlife Resources | 4,574,731.27 | 11,681,700.54 | 4,257,014.81 | 15,938,715.35 | 60,951,900. | 45,013,184.65 | 73.85 |
| <u>ADMIN - Administration & Support</u> | 193,199.82 | 1,627,922.41 | 0.00 | 1,627,922.41 | 5,687,700. | 4,059,777.59 | 71.38 |
| 1 - Personnel Costs | 33,370.2 | 1,248,217.81 | 0.00 | 1,248,217.81 | 4,325,100. | 3,076,882.19 | 71.14 |
| 3 - Operating Expenses | 159,829.62 | 379,704.6 | 0.00 | 379,704.6 | 1,345,300. | 965,595.4 | 71.78 |
| 6 - Capital Outlay | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 17,300. | 17,300. | 100. |
| <u>FISH - Fisheries Division</u> | 853,250.05 | 1,368,073.1 | 1,333,169.47 | 2,701,242.57 | 10,271,000. | 7,569,757.43 | 73.7 |
| 1 - Personnel Costs | 735,632.13 | 1,178,570.54 | 1,202,407.98 | 2,380,978.52 | 8,398,500. | 6,017,521.48 | 71.65 |
| 3 - Operating Expenses | 117,617.92 | 189,446.49 | 130,593.26 | 320,039.75 | 1,512,000. | 1,191,960.25 | 78.83 |
| 4 - Grants, Loans, Benefits | 0.00 | 56.07 | 168.23 | 224.3 | 330,500. | 330,275.7 | 99.93 |
| 6 - Capital Outlay | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 30,000. | 30,000. | 100. |
| <u>INFO - Information & Education Division</u> | 683,514.82 | 2,165,093.7 | 461,454.48 | 2,626,548.18 | 8,134,200. | 5,507,651.82 | 67.71 |
| 1 - Personnel Costs | 553,380.6 | 1,778,721. | 303,699.28 | 2,082,420.28 | 6,264,040. | 4,181,619.72 | 66.76 |
| 3 - Operating Expenses | 130,134.22 | 386,372.7 | 157,755.2 | 544,127.9 | 1,870,160. | 1,326,032.1 | 70.9 |
| <u>LAWX - Law Enforcement Division</u> | 1,075,290.09 | 3,121,663.16 | 433,886.3 | 3,555,549.46 | 14,679,600. | 11,124,050.54 | 75.78 |
| 1 - Personnel Costs | 823,702.56 | 2,503,022.04 | 341,292.56 | 2,844,314.6 | 10,470,200. | 7,625,885.4 | 72.83 |
| 3 - Operating Expenses | 196,565.53 | 553,392.58 | 92,593.74 | 645,986.32 | 3,344,400. | 2,698,413.68 | 80.68 |
| 6 - Capital Outlay | 55,022. | 65,248.54 | 0.00 | 65,248.54 | 865,000. | 799,751.46 | 92.46 |
| <u>MARK - Marketing</u> | 97,711.86 | 243,422.4 | 0.00 | 243,422.4 | 1,096,800. | 853,377.6 | 77.81 |
| 1 - Personnel Costs | 67,487.21 | 189,941.44 | 0.00 | 189,941.44 | 621,300. | 431,358.56 | 69.43 |
| 3 - Operating Expenses | 30,224.65 | 53,480.96 | 0.00 | 53,480.96 | 475,500. | 422,019.04 | 88.75 |
| <u>TECH - Engineering, Infrastructure & Technology</u> | 204,607.2 | 635,425.89 | 128,824.04 | 764,249.93 | 3,194,000. | 2,429,750.07 | 76.07 |
| 1 - Personnel Costs | 187,503.21 | 603,942.85 | 113,201.4 | 717,144.25 | 2,777,800. | 2,060,655.75 | 74.18 |
| 3 - Operating Expenses | 17,103.99 | 31,217.54 | 15,622.64 | 46,840.18 | 371,200. | 324,359.82 | 87.38 |
| 6 - Capital Outlay | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 45,000. | 45,000. | 100. |
| 7 - Capital Projects Outlay | 0.00 | 265.5 | 0.00 | 265.5 | 0.00 | -265.5 | 0.00 |
| <u>WILD - Wildlife Division</u> | 1,467,157.43 | 2,520,099.88 | 1,899,680.52 | 4,419,780.4 | 17,888,600. | 13,468,819.6 | 75.29 |
| 1 - Personnel Costs | 1,206,715.43 | 2,119,467.87 | 1,657,832.42 | 3,777,300.29 | 13,665,500. | 9,888,199.71 | 72.36 |
| 3 - Operating Expenses | 260,442. | 392,516.88 | 209,428.44 | 601,945.32 | 3,443,600. | 2,841,654.68 | 82.52 |
| 4 - Grants, Loans, Benefits | 0.00 | 8,115.13 | 32,419.66 | 40,534.79 | 319,000. | 278,465.21 | 87.29 |
| 6 - Capital Outlay | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 460,500. | 460,500. | 100. |

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Administration, Education and Policy Division
December 7, 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 to be required for commercial shooting areas, but our proposed guide license regulations, 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 and Wildlife Resources
Wildlife Division
December 7, 2018

Recommendation to Modify Deer Hunting on Public Areas (301 KAR 2:178)

Higginson-Henry WMA

Background

Higginson-Henry 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 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 Higginson-Henry to hunt when Big Rivers is closed. The quota hunt on Big Rivers has shown to be effective in maintaining 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 are proposing the implementation 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 remain open under statewide regulations for all archery/crossbow hunters before and after the quota hunt periods.

Recommendation

The Commission should implement a quota archery hunt starting the Monday after the 3rd Saturday in October through November 30 and implement a quota modern gun hunt on the first weekend in November at Higginson-Henry WMA.

Big Rivers WMA

Background

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.

Attachment 9

Recommendation

The Commission should shorten the archery quota by 1 week to run in concurrence with the proposed recommendation for Higginson-Henry WMA.

Grayson Lake WMA

Background

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.

Recommendation

The Commission should discontinue the first weekend of the November open youth gun hunt and create an open quota mentor hunt during the 16-day statewide modern gun season.

Recommendation to Modify Deer Hunting on Public Areas (301 KAR 2:178) to create unmanned Department-administered quota hunts

Department-Administered Quota Hunts on State Resort Parks

Background

Parks is currently revising their deer management efforts. In an effort to control the population, offer additional hunting opportunity and increase use of the parks, the following parks will be open for quota deer hunts. Quota hunt participants will check in and check out at an unmanned check station at the park headquarters.

Recommendation

The Commission should create unmanned KDFWR-administered quota hunts on the following state resort parks:

- a) Archery/Crossbow hunt on Dale Hollow Lake State Park
- b) Archery/Crossbow hunt on Kenlake State Park
- c) Modify the dates and weapon restrictions on the Kincaid State Park quota hunts.

Lake Barkley State Park

Background

State Parks is currently revising their deer management efforts and in an effort to control the population, offer additional hunting opportunity and increase use of the parks, the following parks will be open for deer hunting by a special hunt, which will be administered by State Park staff.

Recommendation

The Commission should create a special hunt on Lake Barkley State Park.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Wildlife Division
December 7, 2018

Recommendation to Clarify the Deer Hunting Seasons and Zones Regulation (301 KAR 2:172)

Background

The new format for the deer hunting zones and seasons in the guide has led to some confusion regarding zone 4 and when it is legal to use archery or crossbow equipment to harvest a doe. Until this year, the guide always listed that for archery and crossbow seasons you could harvest a doe in zone 4 counties except during the early muzzleloader, modern gun, or the first 6 days of the late muzzleloader seasons. For those date exceptions, you could only harvest a buck with archery or crossbow equipment because hunters are required to follow all firearms restrictions during deer firearms seasons. A hunter cannot harvest a doe during firearms seasons in zone 4 counties (except the last three days of the late muzzleloader season or youth gun seasons); therefore, a hunter cannot use archery or crossbow equipment to harvest a doe during those seasons either.

In this year's guide, we removed that detailed table in an effort to include the new changes to deer seasons. This resulted in some confusion because the table now reads:

"A hunter may harvest no more than two deer in Zone 4. Only one can be antlerless. Antlerless deer can be harvested during archery season, crossbow season, youth gun seasons, or the last three days of December muzzleloader season."

While it does not state that a hunter shall not use archery/crossbow equipment to harvest a doe during modern gun, early muzzleloader, and the first 6 days of December muzzleloader, listing that does can be harvested during youth gun seasons or the last three days of December muzzleloader season implies this rule. Furthermore, the section stating that hunters using archery or crossbow equipment during firearms seasons must follow all firearms season restrictions is still printed in the guide. The language is problematic for our hunters, officers, and information center staff.

When reviewing the regulation on this matter (301 KAR 2:172), we discovered that language regarding this rule should also be clarified to meet the intent of restrictive doe harvest in zone 4 counties. Please also note that the Commission did not vote to change this requirement.

Recommendation

The Commission should revise 301 KAR 2:172 to clarify that does cannot be harvested in zone 4 counties with archery or crossbow equipment during early muzzleloader, modern gun, or the first 6 days of December muzzleloader seasons. This will ensure decreased doe harvest in these counties with lower deer densities, as well as help our law enforcement officers enforce the law of no doe harvest with firearms in these counties.

Table as it appears in the 2017-2018 hunting guide:

| DEER | Zone 1 | Zone 2 | Zone 3 | Zone 4 |
|--------------------|--|--------|-------------------------------|---|
| Modern Gun | Nov. 11-26, 2017 (either sex) | | Nov. 11-20, 2017 (either sex) | Nov. 11-20, 2017 (antlered only) |
| Archery | Sept. 2, 2017 – Jan. 15, 2018 (either sex) | | | Sept. 2, 2017 – Jan. 15, 2018 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 21-22, Nov. 11-20 and Dec. 9-14) |
| Crossbow | Oct. 1-22 and Nov. 11 – Dec. 31, 2017 (either sex) | | | Oct. 1-22 and Nov. 11 – Dec. 31, 2017 (either sex, except antlered only Oct. 21-22, Nov. 11-20 and Dec. 9-14) |
| Muzzleloader | Oct. 21-22 and Dec. 9-17, 2017 (either sex) | | | Oct. 21-22 and Dec. 9-14 (antlered only) and Dec. 15-17, 2017 (either sex) |
| Youth-only Gun | Oct. 14-15, 2017 (either sex) | | | |
| Free Youth Weekend | Dec. 30-31, 2017 (either sex) | | | |

Notes: During modern gun deer season, hunters may hunt with modern guns, muzzleloaders, and archery and crossbow equipment, and must follow season restrictions, zone guidelines and other requirements. During the free youth weekend, hunters ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm without a license or deer permit, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Table as it appears in this year's hunting guide:

| DEER | Early Season | Late Season |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Archery | Sept. 1, 2018 - Jan. 21, 2019 | |
| Crossbow | Oct. 1-21, 2018 | Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2018 |
| Youth-only Gun | Oct. 13-14, 2018 | |
| Muzzleloader | Oct. 20-21, 2018 | Dec. 8-16, 2018 |
| Modern Gun | Nov. 10-25, 2018 | |
| Free Youth Weekend | Dec. 29-30, 2018 | |

| DEER BAG LIMITS | |
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| Only one antlered deer may be harvested statewide, regardless of zone, method or season. | |
| ZONE 1 | A hunter may harvest an unlimited number of antlerless deer in Zone 1 using the statewide deer permit and additional deer permits. |
| ZONE 2 | A hunter may harvest no more than four deer in Zone 2. |
| ZONE 3 | A hunter may harvest no more than four deer in Zone 3. A firearm cannot be used to take more than one antlerless deer. |
| ZONE 4 | A hunter may harvest no more than two deer in Zone 4. Only one can be antlerless. Antlerless deer can be harvested during archery season, crossbow season, youth gun seasons or the last three days of the December muzzleloader season. The statewide bag limit of one antlered deer still applies. |

ARCHERY SEASON

Hunters using archery equipment during a deer firearms season must follow all firearms season restrictions, zone guidelines and other hunting requirements, and must wear hunter orange clothing. The only exception is on state-owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited.