

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources



Commission Meeting

Live Teleconference - Web link posted at fw.ky.gov

December 4, 2020

#1 Sportsman's Lane

Frankfort, KY

8:30 AM (ET)

AGENDA

Opening

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Chair's Remarks
- Deputy Commissioner's Remarks and Recognitions

Action Items

- Approve September 25 Commission Meeting Minutes
Attachment A-1
- Approve Quarterly Financial Statement (September)
Attachment A-2
- Approve FY2021 Budget (July 2020-June 2021)
 - Report of Budget Working Group regarding review of detailed budget documents
 - Overview of budgetary process and budget
Attachment A-3
- Veteran Days and Youth Waterfowl Seasons
Determine whether to implement optional "Veteran Waterfowl Days"
 - Results of Waterfowl Hunter Preferences Survey will be reported
 - Wildlife Division recommends that if veteran days are implemented, allow youths to hunt Saturdays and veterans Sundays of designated weekends
Attachment A-4

- Bobcat Seasons
301 KAR 2:251. Hunting and trapping seasons and limits for furbearers.
 - Recap of season dates, history, and ongoing research
 - Wildlife Division recommendation:
 - Require tooth (jaw section) submission from all harvested (by hunting or trapping) bobcats via current voluntary mail-in program; and
 - Require bobcats and otters taken under KRS 150.170 damage criteria to be Telechecked

Attachment A-5

- Bobcat Permit
301 KAR 3:022 License, tag, and permit fees
 - Wildlife Division recommendation:
 - Promulgate a \$5 Bobcat Hunting Permit
 - This would provide contact information needed to survey bobcat hunters each season to obtain needed hunter effort data

Attachment A-6

- Wanton Waste
 - Recap of research of other states' laws, recommendation from Wanton Waste Working group and resolution from LKS
 - Wildlife Division recommendation:
 - Promulgate a regulation requiring reasonable effort to retrieve game taken, harvest major usable portions, clearly define dumping of carcasses as littering, and exempt salvaged roadkills and lawful take in response to crop damage

Attachment A-7

- Captive Cervids
Amend 301 KAR 2:083 to reference the updated 302 KAR 22:150.
 - The Kentucky Department of Agriculture recently updated captive cervid regulations, moving them under 302 KAR 22:150 and repealing 20.066.
 - Wildlife Division recommendation:
 - Promulgate an emergency regulation amending 301 KAR 2:083 to reflect this change in order to allow KDFWR to cite individuals failing to comply with that regulation as part of captive cervid facility inspections or in joint operations with KDA on captive cervid violations.

Attachment A-8

- Addition of Robert J. Barth Lake (Campbell County) to the FINs program
Amend 301 KAR 1:201. Taking of fish by traditional fishing methods
 - Review of annual stocking numbers
 - Fisheries Division Recommendation:
 - Add Barth Lake to FINs with standard creel and length limits

Attachment A-9

- Largemouth Bass Size and Creel Limit at Highsplint Lake
Amend 301 KAR 1:201. Taking of fish by traditional fishing methods
 - Fisheries Division recommendation:
 - Enact 20” minimum size limit and 1-fish daily creel limit on largemouth bass
 Attachment A-10

- Clear Fork tributary of Gasper River – Fishing Regulation
Amend 301 KAR 1:201. Taking of fish by traditional fishing methods
 - Fisheries Division recommendation:
 - Enact catch-and-release only restriction to allow fishery to recover from recent fish kill on Clear Fork tributary of Gasper River.
 Attachment A-11

- Guist Creek Lake Concessionaire’s License
 - Shelby County Development Foundation has requested
 - Fisheries Division will report on public input regarding allowing restaurant on lake property to sell alcoholic beverages by the drink, similar to state parks/other venues
 - Determine whether to allow sale of alcohol by the drink in the Guist Creek Lake marina restaurant
 Attachment A-12

- Waterway Safety Enhancements
 - Law Enforcement Division recommends that the Commission:
 - Pass a resolution to endorse the Kentucky legislature’s amending KRS 235:285 to:
 - (1) Expand Boater Education Certification requirement to all motorized vessel operators born on or after January 1, 1975; and
 - (2) Create a 14-day temporary exemption certificate contingent on review of legal and safety requirements and passing a basic knowledge test
 Attachment A-13

Discussion Items

- Waterfowl Hunting Requirements
Amend 301 KAR 2:222. Waterfowl hunting requirements on public lands.
 - Boatwright WMA hunting strategy
 - Modify description of Ballard WMA Ohio River hunting exclusion zone
 - Change shotshell limits for Ballard, Boatwright and Sloughs WMAs
 - Change Sloughs WMA - Jenny Hole Unit quota hunt periods
 - Remove seasonally drawn blinds at Sloughs WMA Grassy Pond, Powell’s Lake and Highlands Creek Units
 - Remove blind requirement from South Shore WMA
 Attachment D-1

- Ballard Management Area Entry Rules
 - Incorporate 301 KAR 4:020 into 301 KAR 2:222, Repeal 301 KAR 4:020.
Attachment D-2
- Swan Lake Unit Entry Rules, Camping Rules and Firearms Restrictions
 - Incorporate 301 4:050 into 301 KAR 2:222, Repeal 301 KAR 4:050.
Attachment D-3
- Depredation Permits
Informational Item
 - Description of depredation permit process prescribed by Kentucky law and how Hunters for the Hungry could be promoted in administering these permits.
Attachment D-4
- Harvest and Sale of Asian Carp
Amend 301 KAR 1:152 – Asian Carp capturing and harvesting methods
 - Update on year-to-date commercial Asian Carp harvest
 - Fisheries Division recommendation:
 - Update regulation to reflect innovations in capture and harvest methods
Attachment D-5
- Fish Kills – Material Incorporated by Reference
Amend 301 KAR 1:400. Assessing fish kill damages
 - The reference cited in the regulation is an outdated American Fisheries Society publication
 - Fisheries Division recommendation:
 - Update the reference to the more recent AFS publication, which has current average fish replacement costs
Attachment D-6

New Business

- Informational Item: Investigate possible removal of Great Crossing Dam on North Fork Elkhorn Creek (Scott Co.)
Attachment NB -1
- Proposal: Bear Zones Modification
 - Hunters have requested that Leslie, Perry and Pike counties be removed from East Zone 2 and made their own zones with a 2-female bear quota each
Attachment NB -2

- Establish a fee-based test for deer hunters seeking Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing
 - Make available voluntary CWD testing outside standard surveillance protocolsAttachment NB-3

Public Comments*

Executive Session (per KRS 61.810)

- Discussion – Land Acquisition Projects

Action Items

- Approve Land Acquisition Projects

Adjourn

Next Suggested Commission Meeting Date: March 6, 2021

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