

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources



Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Commission Special Called Meeting

Live Video Teleconference Meeting –

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April 1, 2021, 3 p.m. (ET),

#1 Sportsman's Lane

Frankfort, KY

AGENDA

Opening

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

Action Items

- Proposal: Bear Zones Modification
Amend [301 KAR 2:300](#). Black bear seasons and requirements.
 - Hunters have requested that Leslie, Perry, and Pike counties be removed from East Zone 2 and each receive a 2-female bear quota per season.
Attachment A-1
- Proposal: Restrict anglers to use of single hooks only in Green River Lake stilling basin
Amend [301 KAR 1:201](#)
 - Some anglers have been illicitly snagging walleye and muskellunge using modified treble hooks attached to fishing lures while fishing in the concrete stilling basin immediately downstream of the dam on Green River Lake. KDFWR's Fisheries and Law Enforcement divisions propose to specify that only single hooks may be used by anglers fishing in the stilling basin.
Attachment A-2

- Proposal: Establish Sunny Brook WMA in Rowan County
 - Recent acquisition of a 142-acre tract of land for a Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program (FILO) project could provide hunting opportunities and additional public access to the adjacent Daniel Boone National Forest. If approved by the Commission, staff will mark boundaries, prepare signage, parking lot, and online map, then open the WMA for hunting under statewide regulations applicable to Rowan County. The tract would need to be temporarily closed at times for stream restoration construction activities in the future, which would be accomplished by locking the gate and through signage.

Public Comments*

Executive Session (per [KRS 61.810](#))

- Personnel Matter
 - Litigation Update by the Commission's Attorneys

Action Items

- Personnel Matter

Adjourn

Next Scheduled Quarterly Commission Meeting: June 4, 2021

*Submission of Public Comments: Because of the virtual livestream format of this meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic precautions, public comments for this meeting will be handled in the following manner. Those wishing to comment about a topic on the agenda may email their comments with "Public Comments" in the email's subject line to FW.PublicAffairs@ky.gov beginning March 30 and continuing through noon (12 p.m. ET) on April 1. Those comments will be read by KDFWR staff up to 3 minutes total per commenter during the Public Comments time on the agenda. Commenters must include their first and last name(s), Kentucky county(s) of residence (or state of residence if a nonresident), and organizational affiliation and position, if they are an officer or official representative for a particular organization. Note: Contact information is not required but will be helpful if information is requested and will not be publicly disclosed if provided. The Commission chair reserves the right to not read publicly any comments that are libelous, profane, derogatory of others, or not relevant to the meeting agenda.

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ACTION ITEM

DATE: April 1, 2021

Regulation Number: [301 KAR 2:300](#)

Regular or Emergency: Regular

Projected Effective Timeframe: Fall 2021

Action Item: Bear Hunting Zone Modification

Introduction: Hunters have requested that Leslie, Perry and Pike counties be removed from East Zone 2 and each county be made its own bear zone for the archery, modern gun, and bear hunt with dogs seasons. The female bear harvest quota would be 2 female bears in each county for each of the 3 hunting seasons.

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ACTION ITEM

DATE: April 1, 2021

Regulation Number: [301 KAR 1:201](#)

Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Effective Timeframe: Spring 2022

Action Item: Restrict anglers to use single hooks only in Green River Lake stilling basin

Introduction: The stilling basin (otherwise known as the “splash box”) below Green River Lake dam is an extremely popular fishing area. This is particularly the case during the winter and early spring when walleye and muskellunge congregate below the dam. It is already illegal to snag fish within 200 yards of a dam ([301 KAR 1:410](#)). However, for many years, this aggregation of fish has led some unscrupulous anglers to take fish by snagging with modified treble hooks attached to fishing lures. These activities have led to many complaints and a challenging enforcement situation for Conservation Officers. In the hope of remedying the problem, Fisheries and Law Enforcement divisions propose amending 301 KAR 1:201 to restrict anglers fishing in the stilling basin to use of single hooks only on artificial and live baits.