

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources



Commission Meeting

Live Video Teleconference*

Web link: [YouTube.com/FishandWildlifeKY](https://www.youtube.com/FishandWildlifeKY)

September 3, 2021

#1 Sportsman's Lane

Frankfort, KY

8:30 AM (ET)

ABBREVIATED AGENDA

Opening

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Chair's Remarks
- Commissioner's Remarks & Presentation

Action Items

- Election of Officers
- June 29th 2021 Special Called Commission Meeting Minutes
- Quarterly Financial Statement
- Black Bear Season Structure
Amend [301 KAR 2:300](#). Black bear seasons and requirements.
 - Consolidate black bear hunting zones and regulate bear harvest by setting seasons using hunt days rather than harvest quotas.

*A room for public viewing of the live-streamed video teleconference with chairs spaced for social distancing will be available beginning at 8:15am (EDT) at the Salato Wildlife Education Center at 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Masks are currently required in Executive Branch state buildings due to COVID-19.

- WMA Waterfowl Hunt Selections
 - Review and approve protocols for assigning hunt slots for Boatwright WMA per [301 KAR 2:222](#).
- Prohibition of Bow Fishing on Selected Small Lakes
 - Amend [301 KAR 1:410](#). Taking of fish by nontraditional fishing methods.
 - Fisheries Division recommends prohibiting bow fishing at 5 small lakes due to taking of grass carp stocked for vegetation control at these lakes, and concerns of lake residents/neighbors about disturbances caused by generators, boats, and lights used at night by bow fishers. These lakes are: Lake Carnico (Nicholas County), Carpenter Lake (Daviness County), Clear Creek Lake (Bath County), Greenbo Lake (Greenup County), and Lake Reba (Madison County).

Discussion Items

- Sport Fishing Regulations – Simplify, update, and add/remove special fishing regulations for black bass, trout, catfish and muskellunge
 - Amend [301 KAR 1:201](#) Taking of fish by traditional fishing methods.
 - Simplify size and daily creel limits for black bass species and add special regulations for select species where warranted in particular streams or lakes.
- Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area
 - Amend [301 KAR 3:012](#) to allow the public to use the area during spring turkey hunting hours
- Potential Measures to Enhance Wild Turkey Recruitment
Stakeholders have suggested a variety of measures in response to perceived declines in turkey numbers and/or reproduction. These and possibly other topics will be discussed:
 - Expand nighttime coyote hunting with rifles
 - Expand furbearer trapping
 - Reduce non-resident wild turkey bag limit
 - Change turkey regulations on WMAs
 - Change fall turkey hunting regulations
- Elk Management Working Group recommendations
 - Paul Horn, chair, will present statements of support on points of consensus reached by the Elk Working Group to date
- Elk Population Modeling Research Proposal
 - University of Kentucky wildlife researchers will present options for evaluating existing elk population parameters and data, and possible next steps for elk population modeling in Kentucky

- Elk Permit Quotas for 2022
 - The Wildlife Division recommends retaining the same elk permit quotas as 2021, with a total of 594 permits available in the 2022 Elk Hunt Drawing.
- WMAs Working Group recommendations
 - Doug Morgan, chair, will present statements of support on points of consensus reached by the WMAs Working Group to date
- Licensing – Update antiquated language and accommodate modernization efforts in applicable regulations
 - Amend [301 KRS 5:001](#) by updating definitions to remove antiquated language and accommodate licensing vendor-provided services.
 - Amend [301 KRS 5:010](#) by updating vendor language for consistency.
 - Amend [301 KAR 5:020](#) to update antiquated language and:
 - Add vendor-provided solution language
 - Add issuance fee and operational fee language
 - Alter agent commission amount to be based on percentage of sale rather than fixed per transaction amount.

New Business Items

- Simplify and update snagging, grabbing, and bowfishing regulations
 - Amend [301 KAR 1:410](#) - Taking of fish by nontraditional fishing methods.
 - Fisheries Division recommends simplifying and updating snagging and bow fishing regulations in the Cumberland River below Lake Barkley and the Tennessee River below Kentucky Lake.
 - Fisheries Division also recommends adding a hand-grabbing harvest restriction on large catfish at Carr Creek Lake.
- Hunter Education Courses
 - Amend [301 KAR 2:185](#) - Hunter Education
 - Define legal requirements for eligibility at an in-person hunter education course and in-person range exercise
 - Remove the requirement to carry a physical card as proof of certification
- Transferability of Special Commission Permits

Public Comments*

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

- Discussion – Land Acquisition Projects

Action Items

- Land Acquisition Projects

Adjourn

Next Scheduled Quarterly Commission Meeting Date: December 3, 2021

*Public comments may be submitted by email to FW.PublicAffairs@ky.gov between 8:00am (eastern) on the Monday preceding the meeting until 10:00am (eastern) on the day of the meeting, and those comments will be read by KDFWR staff up to 3 minutes total per commenter, time permitting. Commenters should include "Commission meeting" in their email subject line, and 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: A commenter's contact information is not required for emailed comments, but will be helpful if information is requested, and will *not* be publicly disclosed if provided. Anonymous comments will be reviewed by the Commission but may not be read during the meeting. 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. Questions will receive an email response.