

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources



Quarterly Commission Meeting

June 3, 2022 | 8:30 AM (ET)

In person: #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601

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

AGENDA

Opening

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

Action Items

- Minutes from April 22, 2022 quarterly meeting
Attachment A-1
- Minutes from May 12, 2022 special called meeting
Attachment A-2
- Quarterly Financial Reports
Attachment A-3
- FY23 Budget – Budget Working Group Recommendation
Attachment A-4
- Prohibit use of aircraft (drones, helicopters, airplanes, etc.) for taking fish or wildlife
 - Promulgate a new regulation under wildlife definition in KRS 150.010
 - Prohibit use in hunting, fishing, trapping, spotting, locating or reporting location of, harassing, taking, transporting, killing of fish or wildlife
 - Exempt department and its agents conducting research and authorized management activities

- Exempt landowners/their agents engaged in lawful wildlife damage control activities
- Exempt licensed commercial fishers for use in locating or removing Asian Carp
- Reduce Bag Limit of Fall Turkeys to 2 males (no more than 1 with ≥ 3 " beard)
 - Amend [301 KAR 2:144](#) – Fall Wild Turkey Hunting
 - Clean-up item in keeping with Dec. 2021 vote to protect hens
- Land Acquisition Project: Cumberland Forest

Discussion Items

- Clarify bear chase permit requirements
 - Amend [301 KAR 2:300](#) Black bear seasons and requirements and [302 KAR 3:022](#) License, tag and permit fees
 - Specify that all participants in a bear chase shall have a bear chase permit in addition to any valid Kentucky hunting license
 - Clarify that those attempting to harvest a bear shall have a bear permit in addition to a valid annual Kentucky hunting license and chase permit
 - Create nonresident bear chase permits
- Clarify Definition of Baiting for Wild Turkeys
 - Amend [301 KAR 2:144](#) – Fall wild turkey hunting.
 - Specify a set distance (600') from bait for hunting wild turkeys in fall to simplify regulation for hunters and conservation officers.

Attachment D-1
- Expansion of Falconry Waterfowl Hunting Opportunity
 - Amend [301 KAR 2:221](#) – Waterfowl seasons and limits.
 - Extend the end of falconry season from Feb. 15 to last Sunday of Feb.

Attachment D-2
- Remove Requirement for Sandhill Crane Hunters to Use Metal Leg Tags
 - Amend [301 KAR 2:228](#) – Sandhill Crane Hunting.
 - Remove the requirement for the department to issue and hunters to use metal leg-tags on harvested cranes. Instead, hunters will be able to conveniently print tags with their crane hunting permit.

Attachment D-3
- Informational Update: Fall 2021-22 Big Game and Spring 2022 Turkey Seasons
- Informational Update: WMA Tiering

- Informational Update: Wetland and Stream Mitigation (FILO) Program Update

Public Comments¹

Adjourn

Next Scheduled Quarterly Commission Meeting Date: August 26, 2022

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Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting

ACTION ITEM

DATE: June 3, 2022

Regulation Number: N/A

Regular or Emergency: N/A

Action Item: Approval of April 22, 2022 Quarterly Commission Meeting Minutes

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources



Quarterly Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Video recording: [YouTube.com/FishandWildlifeKY](https://www.youtube.com/FishandWildlifeKY)

April 22, 2022

#1 Sportsman's Lane

Frankfort, KY

8:30 AM (ET)

Commission Members in Attendance – Dr. Karl Clinard, Paul Horn, Brian Fisher, Josh Lillard, Doug Morgan, Jerry Ferrell, Dr. Robin Floyd, and Ralph Swallows.

Call to Order (Video: 05:03) – Chairman Clinard

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance (Video: 05:41) – Lisa Cox, Dr. Robin Floyd

Welcome and Chair's Remarks (Video: 7:26) - Chairman Clinard

Remarks by Commissioner Storm (Video: 8:35)

Public Comments (Video: 12:51) - Kevin Kelly, Chief Communications Officer, reviewed the guidelines and procedures for submission of public comments via email prior to, and in person at, each Commission meeting.

Action Items

- Minutes from December 3, 2021 quarterly meeting
- Minutes from January 14, 2022 special called meeting
- Minutes from February 18, 2022 special called meeting
(Video: 16:14)
 - Commission member Morgan made a **motion to accept all the minutes**, seconded by Paul Horn. Votes were as follows: Yes: Brian Fisher, Paul Horn, Josh Lillard, Ralph Swallows, Doug Morgan, Dr. Robin Floyd, Jerry Ferrell and Dr. Clinard. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- Quarterly Financial Reports (Video: 17:30)
 - Lisa Cox, Administrative Services Director, presented the budget. Doug Morgan made a **motion to accept the financial statement as presented**, seconded by Ralph Swallows. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Floyd, Brian Fisher, Ralph Swallows, Josh Lillard, Jerry Ferrell, Paul Horn, Doug Morgan. ***The motion carried.***
 - Brian Fisher asked a question about the state budget recently passed during the 2022 session of the General Assembly which included a raise for state employees and how that will affect the department's budget. Discussion followed by Commission members and Mrs. Cox.
- Amend [301 KAR 1:410](#) - Taking of fish by nontraditional fishing methods (Video: 30:07)
 - Fisheries Division Director, Dave Dreves, recommended 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. Discussion and questions followed Mr. Dreves presentation. Doug Morgan ***made a motion to accept changes as written in the detailed agenda***, seconded by Dr. Robin Floyd. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Floyd, Brian Fisher, Ralph Swallows, Josh Lillard, Jerry Ferrell, Paul Horn, Doug Morgan. ***The motion carried.***
- Land Transfer (Video: 37:53)
 - Dr. Clinard explained a change in the agenda item from a land acquisition project to a land transfer. Department attorneys advised land transfers from the USACE do not fit the description to necessitate an executive session during this meeting. Dave Dreves then presented information on Barren River Lock and Dam #1 property transfer. There is no cost for KDFWR to receive the property from USACE. Questions and discussion followed. Brian Fisher ***made a motion to endorse acceptance of the transfer of property***, seconded by Dr. Robin Floyd. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Brian Fisher, Ralph Swallows, Josh Lillard, Jerry Ferrell, Paul Horn, Doug Morgan. ***The motion carried.***
- Amend [301 KAR 2:185](#) - Hunter Education (Video: 49:16)
 - Information and Education Director, Gabe Jenkins, presented information on a hunter education regulation. This amendment will remove the requirement to carry a physical card as proof of certification. Mr. Jenkins

also updated the Commission on the passage of Senate Bill 241, which exempts current and former members of the Armed Forces and active certified peace officers from the live-fire component of the hunter education course. This amendment will update the regulation to be consistent with new language of KRS 150.170. Brian Fisher *made a motion to approve the transfer of property*, seconded by Ralph Swallows. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Floyd, Brian Fisher, Ralph Swallows, Josh Lillard, Jerry Ferrell, Paul Horn, Doug Morgan. ***The motion carried.***

Discussion Items

- Prohibit use of aircraft (drones, helicopters, airplanes, etc.) for taking fish or wildlife (Video: 52:54)
 - Law Enforcement Division Director, Col. Gibson, recommends promulgating a new regulation under wildlife definition in KRS 150.010 to prohibit use of aircraft in hunting, fishing, trapping, spotting, locating or reporting location of, harassing, taking, transporting, killing of fish or wildlife. This regulation would exempt department and its agents conducting research and authorized management activities. It would also exempt landowners/their agents engaged in lawful wildlife damage control activities. Discussion followed. Paul Horn made a ***motion to move this topic forward as an action item at the next meeting***, seconded by Brian Fisher. The votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Brian Fisher, Josh Lillard, Jerry Ferrell, Paul Horn, Doug Morgan; No: Ralph Swallows. ***The motion carried.***
- Dr. Clinard asked Col. Eric Gibson to provide an update on law enforcement personnel. (Video 1:16:50)
- Clarify bear chase permit requirements (Video 01:34:31)
 - Col. Gibson and Deputy Commissioner Clark presented recommendations to amend [301 KAR 2:300](#), specifying that all participants in a bear chase shall have a bear chase permit. The amendment would also create nonresident permits. Paul Horn made a ***motion to table this item as a discussion item again for the June meeting***, seconded by Ralph Swallows. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Floyd, Brian Fisher, Ralph Swallows, Josh Lillard, Jerry Ferrell, Paul Horn, Doug Morgan. ***The motion carried.***

(10-minute recess; Reconvened 2:07:27)

New Business Items

- Clarify Definition of Baiting for Wild Turkeys (Video 2:08:00)

- Acting Wildlife Director, Ben Robinson, presented information to clarify the definition for baiting wild turkeys. Wildlife Division along with Col. Gibson would recommend an amendment to [301 KAR 2:140](#) to specify a set distance (600') from bait for hunting wild turkeys in fall to simplify regulation for hunters and conservation officers. This item will move to a discussion item for the June meeting.
- Expansion of Falconry Waterfowl Hunting Opportunity (Video 2:16:25)
 - Acting Wildlife Division Director, Ben Robinson, along with Dr. John Brunjes, Migratory Bird Program Coordinator, discussed recommendations to amend [301 KAR 2:221](#) – Waterfowl seasons and limits. They discussed an extension to the end of falconry season from Feb. 15 to last Sunday of Feb. and set falconry light geese season as Mar. 1-31. This item will move to a discussion item for the June meeting.
- Remove Requirement for Sandhill Crane Hunters to Use Metal Leg Tags (Video 2:19:25)
 - Ben Robinson, Col. Gibson and Dr. John Brunjes presented information on the tagging system. They suggested an amendment to [301 KAR 2:228](#) – Sandhill Crane Hunting, to remove the requirement for the department to issue and hunters to use, metal leg tags on harvested cranes. Instead, hunters will be able to conveniently print tags with their crane hunting permit. This item will move to a discussion item for the June meeting.
- Informational Update: Lake Cumberland Striped Bass status (Video 2:32:05)
 - Fisheries Division Director, Dave Dreves, provided an update to the Commission on Lake Cumberland Striped Bass fishery.

Public Comments (Video: 2:55:45)

- Kevin Kelly reminded the Commission and the public of the guidelines for public comments which was read at the beginning of the meeting. There were no public comments received via email and no requests to speak from attendees.

Adjourn (Video 2:57:19)

- Paul Horn made a ***motion to adjourn***, seconded by Ralph Swallows. Vote was taken by saying “aye”. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Next Scheduled Quarterly Commission Meeting Date: June 3, 2022

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting

ACTION ITEM

DATE: June 3, 2022

Regulation Number: N/A

Regular or Emergency: N/A

Proposed Effective Timeframe: N/A

Action Item: Approval of May 12, 2022 Special Called Commission Meeting Minutes

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources



Special Called Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Video Recording: [YouTube.com/FishandWildlifeKY](https://www.youtube.com/FishandWildlifeKY)

May 12, 2022

#1 Sportsman's Lane

Frankfort, KY

1:30 PM (EST)

Commission Members in Attendance – Dr. Karl Clinard (in-person); Paul Horn, Brian Fisher, Josh Lillard, Brian Mackey, Doug Morgan, Jerry Ferrell, Dr. Robin Floyd, and Ralph Swallows (virtual)

Call to Order (Video 05:03) – Chairman Clinard

Explanation of SB 217 (Video 7:32) – Scott Porter, Legal Counsel, KDFWR

- Mr. Porter introduced the topic of Senate Bill 217 and answered questions from Commission members about Model Procurement Code 45A and other statutes applicable to procurement and bidding. Commission members also asked questions of Lisa Cox, Administrative Services Director.

Action Item

- Approve the Commissioner as the chief purchasing officer for the purposes of conducting procurements for the department (including development and

implementation of policies, procedures and practices consistent with all applicable statutes and regulations), and approve the department to perform its own bidding and procurement in accordance with the procedures established by KRS Chapter 45A, pursuant to [SB 217](#). (Video 22:24)

- Paul Horn made a **motion that the Commissioner shall be deemed the Chief Purchasing Officer for the purposes of conducting procurements for the department and shall have all of the authority and responsibility with regard to the department's procurements as the secretary for the Finance and Administration Cabinet has for procurements under KRS Chapter 45A;**” Mr. Horn added the language from the action item posted on the agenda to also say, **“and approve the department to perform its own bidding and procurement in accordance with the procedures established by KRS Chapter 45A, pursuant to SB 217.”** Josh Lillard seconded. Dr. Clinard called for a vote. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Brian Fisher, Ralph Swallows, Josh Lillard, Paul Horn, Doug Morgan; No: Jerry Ferrell. ***The motion carried.***

Adjourn (Video 27:27)

Josh Lillard made a **motion to adjourn**, seconded by Ralph Swallows. Votes were taken by a show of hands or verbal “aye.” ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Next scheduled quarterly meeting: June 3, 2022

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting

ACTION ITEM

DATE: June 3, 2022

Regulation Number: N/A

Regular or Emergency: N/A

Proposed Effective Timeframe: N/A

Action Item: Quarterly Financial Statements

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Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources
Income Statement - March 2022 (FY22)

	75.00%				FY22 Year To Date TOTALS	FY22 BUDGET	Percent Earned / Expended
	January	February	March				
REVENUE							
Restricted Fish and Game Fund							
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	\$ 753,465.00	\$ 542,261.00	\$ 3,109,236.50	\$ 22,226,178.75	\$ 35,500,000.00	62.61%	
Boat Registration Fees	\$ 7,279.79	\$ 8,148.12	\$ 1,252,097.18	\$ 1,870,023.54	\$ 6,000,000.00	31.17%	
Interest Income	\$ (185,599.61)	\$ (111,696.45)	\$ (352,530.03)	\$ (777,606.18)	\$ 600,000.00	-129.60%	
Camp Income	\$ -	\$ 106,427.67	\$ 349,130.87	\$ 449,843.71	\$ 685,000.00	65.67%	
General Sales	\$ 31,680.76	\$ 14,367.70	\$ 45,008.02	\$ 243,165.95	\$ 240,000.00	101.32%	
Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 34,300.44	\$ 5,412.28	\$ 201,692.08	\$ 350,000.00	57.63%	
Proceeds from Asset Disposition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270,000.00	0.00%	
Fish and Game Fines & Forfeitures/ Restitution	\$ 7,743.00	\$ 11,137.60	\$ 6,707.40	\$ 96,730.00	\$ 130,000.00	74.41%	
Nongame (includes Ky Wild and Income Tax Check-off)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	0.00%	
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 346,162.82	\$ 46,337.68	\$ 75,665.54	\$ 696,995.82	\$ 1,881,700.00	37.04%	
Sub-Total Restricted Fish and Game Fund	\$ 961,961.76	\$ 651,283.76	\$ 4,490,727.76	\$ 25,007,023.67	\$ 45,696,700.00	54.72%	
Sub-Total FILO Stream Mitigation Fund (matches FILO Fund Used for Operating Costs Only)	\$ 113,389.48	\$ 111,594.45	\$ 1,162,625.55	\$ 1,133,899.75	\$ 3,442,700.00	64.36%	
Sub-Total Federal Fish and Wildlife Fund	\$ 1,183,747.76	\$ 1,149,701.39	\$ 3,625,285.91	\$ 12,474,007.06	\$ 19,381,900.00	64.36%	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,259,099.00	\$ 1,912,579.60	\$ 8,227,639.22	\$ 38,614,930.48	\$ 68,521,300.00	56.35%	
EXPENDITURES							
Commissioner's Office	\$ 143,996.59	\$ 210,388.25	\$ 137,080.62	\$ 1,483,615.80	\$ 2,567,100.00	57.79%	
Commission	\$ 416.56	\$ 731.75	\$ 276.83	\$ 10,476.21	\$ 120,000.00	8.73%	
Marketing Division	\$ 71,756.49	\$ 52,847.91	\$ 87,516.13	\$ 720,449.48	\$ 1,350,000.00	53.37%	
Administrative Services Division	\$ 395,310.32	\$ 281,185.89	\$ 196,588.81	\$ 2,933,196.51	\$ 3,551,700.00	82.59%	
Engineering Infrastructure and Technology Division	\$ 217,684.13	\$ 235,339.30	\$ 203,634.70	\$ 2,118,007.98	\$ 3,230,300.00	65.57%	
Wildlife Division	\$ 1,362,164.10	\$ 1,331,030.82	\$ 1,417,926.90	\$ 12,556,237.18	\$ 18,700,000.00	67.15%	
Fisheries Division	\$ 1,069,498.49	\$ 1,005,586.44	\$ 927,087.57	\$ 8,846,598.48	\$ 14,900,000.00	59.37%	
Information & Education	\$ 498,738.79	\$ 474,144.18	\$ 562,608.33	\$ 5,594,813.86	\$ 8,368,500.00	66.86%	
Law Enforcement	\$ 1,186,571.64	\$ 1,098,418.32	\$ 1,296,440.89	\$ 10,684,285.17	\$ 15,200,000.00	70.29%	
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,946,137.11	\$ 4,689,672.86	\$ 4,829,160.78	\$ 44,947,680.67	\$ 67,987,600.00	66.11%	
NET Gain/Loss Operating	\$ (2,687,038.11)	\$ (2,777,093.26)	\$ 3,398,478.44	\$ (6,332,750.19)	\$ 533,700.00		

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES
 Operating Budget Review
 For the Month of March 2022 (FY22)

	REVENUE		March		Fiscal Year To Third Quarter		
	FY22	FY21	FY21	FY20	FY22	FY21	FY20
Restricted Funds							
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	\$ 3,109,236.50	\$ 1,694,220.50	\$ 1,694,220.50	\$ 2,930,775.50	\$ 22,226,178.75	\$ 19,905,627.51	\$ 19,674,383.00
Boat Registration Fees	\$ 1,252,097.18	\$ 1,167,584.74	\$ 1,167,584.74	\$ 399,192.08	\$ 1,870,023.54	\$ 2,747,574.59	\$ 1,039,509.10
Interest Income	\$ (352,530.03)	\$ (1,931.88)	\$ (1,931.88)	\$ 176,914.40	\$ (777,606.18)	\$ 12,895.72	\$ 788,436.28
Camp Income	\$ 349,130.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142,999.00	\$ 449,843.71	\$ -	\$ 383,529.77
General Sales	\$ 45,008.02	\$ 15,107.82	\$ 15,107.82	\$ 37,641.70	\$ 243,165.95	\$ 176,146.97	\$ 226,141.53
Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area	\$ 5,412.28	\$ 4,987.04	\$ 4,987.04	\$ 15,122.44	\$ 201,692.08	\$ 110,441.45	\$ 81,085.54
Proceeds from Asset Disposition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,155.95	\$ -	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 283,759.95
Fish and Game Fines & Forfeitures/ Restitution	\$ 6,707.40	\$ 10,939.61	\$ 10,939.61	\$ 8,200.14	\$ 96,730.00	\$ 91,708.52	\$ 93,069.96
Miscellaneous Receipts ¹	\$ 75,665.54	\$ 22,706.25	\$ 22,706.25	\$ 113,605.61	\$ 696,995.82	\$ 853,375.60	\$ 814,534.14
Sub-Total Restricted Fish and Game Fund	\$ 4,490,727.76	\$ 2,913,614.08	\$ 2,913,614.08	\$ 3,826,606.82	\$ 25,007,023.67	\$ 23,975,770.36	\$ 23,384,449.27
Sub-Total FILO (=Operating Costs of FILO Fund)	\$ 111,625.55	\$ 165,578.99	\$ 165,578.99	\$ 104,480.40	\$ 1,133,899.75	\$ 1,091,621.83	\$ 1,006,398.72
Sub-Total Federal Fish and Wildlife Fund	\$ 3,625,285.91	\$ 752,657.69	\$ 752,657.69	\$ 655,373.30	\$ 12,474,007.06	\$ 12,853,336.55	\$ 14,910,065.87
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 8,227,639.22	\$ 3,831,850.76	\$ 3,831,850.76	\$ 4,586,459.52	\$ 38,614,930.48	\$ 37,920,728.74	\$ 39,300,913.86
EXPENDITURES							
Commissioner's Office	\$ 137,080.62	\$ 142,518.47	\$ 142,518.47	\$ 154,058.96	\$ 1,483,615.80	\$ 1,409,707.62	\$ 1,549,286.39
Commission	\$ 276.83	\$ 387.05	\$ 387.05	\$ 852.81	\$ 10,476.21	\$ 16,701.16	\$ 18,579.87
Marketing Division	\$ 87,516.13	\$ 129,640.44	\$ 129,640.44	\$ 80,784.71	\$ 720,449.48	\$ 721,146.03	\$ 686,399.10
Administrative Services Division	\$ 196,588.81	\$ 163,067.02	\$ 163,067.02	\$ 141,489.90	\$ 2,933,196.51	\$ 2,792,027.97	\$ 2,746,610.55
Engineering Infrastructure and Technology Division	\$ 203,634.70	\$ 216,121.44	\$ 216,121.44	\$ 204,414.25	\$ 2,118,007.98	\$ 1,954,489.32	\$ 1,858,858.24
Wildlife Division	\$ 1,417,926.90	\$ 1,353,799.68	\$ 1,353,799.68	\$ 1,640,489.03	\$ 12,556,237.18	\$ 11,661,486.07	\$ 12,031,670.32
Fisheries Division ⁵	\$ 927,087.57	\$ 977,596.92	\$ 977,596.92	\$ 1,005,277.97	\$ 8,846,598.48	\$ 8,432,795.02	\$ 8,816,757.37
Information & Education	\$ 562,608.33	\$ 483,317.20	\$ 483,317.20	\$ 568,459.79	\$ 5,594,813.86	\$ 4,823,534.50	\$ 5,824,024.69
Law Enforcement	\$ 1,296,440.89	\$ 1,000,701.03	\$ 1,000,701.03	\$ 1,007,700.43	\$ 10,684,285.17	\$ 9,861,887.87	\$ 9,975,323.19
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,829,160.78	\$ 4,467,149.25	\$ 4,467,149.25	\$ 4,803,527.85	\$ 44,947,680.67	\$ 41,673,775.56	\$ 43,507,509.72
NET Gain / Loss Operating	\$ 3,398,478.44	\$ (635,298.49)	\$ (635,298.49)	\$ (321,548.73)	\$ (6,332,750.19)	\$ (3,753,046.82)	\$ (4,206,595.86)

¹ Includes KY Wild Donations/Membership and Income Tax Check-off

Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Cash Fund Balances - March 2022 (FY22)

	Beginning Balance (3/1/2022)	Revenue	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance (3/31/22)
Agency Revenue Funds					
Restricted Fish & Game Fund (134R)	\$ 26,207,423.86	\$ 4,487,595.30	\$ (111,389.04)	\$ (3,690,758.20)	\$ 26,892,871.92
Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund (13NY)	\$ 32,138.00	\$ 3,132.46			\$ 35,270.46
Ky Heritage Land Conservation Mgmt Fund (13KR)	\$ 249,667.68				\$ 249,667.68
JC Williams WMA Management Funds (13QJ)	\$ 67,519.96	\$ (670.23)			\$ 66,849.73
Fees in Lieu of ("FILO") Stream Mitigation Fund (134S)	\$ 139,451,461.22	\$ (1,569,637.20)	\$ (3,571,287.71)	\$ (455,118.00)	\$ 133,855,418.31
Capital Fund					
Various Capital Funded Projects (FILO, Agency Maintenance, etc.)	\$ 47,329,975.76	\$ 65,996.00	\$ (1,796,467.96)	\$ 4,214,438.20	\$ 49,813,942.00
Federal Fund					
F&W Federal Fund	\$ 4,069,765.57	\$ 3,739,515.93	\$ (1,121,447.37)	\$ (68,562.00)	\$ 6,619,272.13
Special Deposit Trust Fund					
FW-Commissioner's Office Fund	\$ 8,916.24				\$ 8,916.24
	\$ 217,416,868.29	\$ 6,725,932.26	\$ (6,600,592.08)	\$ -	\$ 217,542,208.47

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting

ACTION ITEM

DATE: June 3, 2022

Regulation Number: N/A

Regular or Emergency: N/A

Proposed Effective Timeframe: N/A

Action Item: Budget for FY23 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources
Operating Budget - Fiscal Year 2023

<u>REVENUE</u>	
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	\$ 39,000,000
Boat Registration Fees	\$ 7,000,000
Interest Income	\$ 100,000
Camp Fees	\$ 685,000
Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area	\$ 350,000
Proceeds from Asset Disposition	\$ 450,000
General Sales	\$ 240,000
Fish and Game Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 250,000
Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>\$ 1,900,000</u>
Sub-Total Restricted Fish and Game Fund	\$ 49,975,000
Sub-Total FILO Receipts required for FILO Operating Expenditures	\$ 10,837,800
Sub-Total Federal Fish and Wildlife Fund	<u>\$ 25,000,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 85,812,800
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Administration & Support	\$ 11,686,400
Marketing Division	\$ 1,389,000
Engineering Infrastructure and Technology Division	\$ 3,052,500
Wildlife Division	\$ 20,432,100
Fisheries Division	\$ 24,478,200
Information & Education	\$ 8,976,900
Law Enforcement	<u>\$ 15,797,700</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$ 85,812,800
NET Gain/Loss Operating	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION ITEM

DATE: June 3, 2022

Regulation Number: [301 KAR 2:144](#)

Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Effective Timeframe: Fall 2023

Discussion Item: Amend 301 KAR 2:144 – Fall wild turkey hunting

Introduction: The Department recommends establishing an objective standard for prohibition on hunting wild turkeys with aid of bait in fall: a person shall not knowingly hunt wild turkeys within 200 yards (600 feet) of bait/feed during fall turkey seasons.

Of the 8 states that do specify a distance to bait for lawful harvest in their turkey hunting regulations, distances range from bait vary from 100 to 400 yards, with the nearest states being Georgia and Louisiana (both specifying a 200-yard minimum).

This change would help clarify for both hunters and conservation officers specifically what constitutes unlawful baiting for fall turkey hunting.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION ITEM

DATE: June 3, 2022

Regulation Number: [301 KAR 2:221](#)

Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Effective Timeframe: Fall 2023

Discussion Item: Amend 301 KAR 2:221 – Waterfowl seasons and limits

Introduction: The Wildlife Division recommends extending the falconry duck season by moving the end date from February 15 to the last Sunday of February.

Harvest of ducks by Kentucky falconers is extremely low and has no significant impact on duck populations. The current falconry duck season opens Thanksgiving Day and closes Feb. 15.

The Department received in 2021 a request from the Kentucky Falconers Association to extend the regular duck season for falconers, and our review of implications resulted in no anticipated conflicts with other user groups, nor concerns in terms of state or federal laws. The extension falls within frameworks allowed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for falconry.

In summary, we recommend amending Section 7 – Falconry Waterfowl Hunting to include:

- The season for ducks shall be from Thanksgiving Day through the last day of February (instead of Feb. 15).

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DISCUSSION ITEM

DATE: June 3, 2022

Regulation Number: [301 KAR 2:228](#)

Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Effective Timeframe: Fall 2023

Discussion Item: Amend 301 KAR 2:228 – Sandhill crane hunting requirements

Introduction: The Wildlife Division recommends removing the requirements to issue and use metal tags for sandhill cranes.

The Eastern Population Sandhill Crane Plan requires hunters to “tag” harvested sandhill cranes in the Mississippi Flyway. That plan does not specify tag material. Kentucky currently issues locking, metal tags. These tags are mailed to hunters after they complete their crane identification test and are issued a permit. These mailed tags have created several logistical challenges for hunters in past seasons. As much as 20% of tags are either lost in the mail or misplaced by hunters after being received. This has created an unfortunate barrier to timely participation in some cases. Many have been forced to either drive to Frankfort to pick up tags or wait up to a week to receive replacement metal tags in the mail. Additionally, hunters who wait to complete their ID test discover at the last minute they can’t hunt because they don’t have tags.

The Wildlife Division recommends removing the requirement for metal tags. Instead, the permit issued by our online system would be modified to include appropriate number of printable leg tags. These tags could then be cut out and affixed to harvested sandhill cranes as required per the regulation.