



NOTE: The following is a summary of action taken by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission at its special called meeting on Jan. 14, 2022. Official meeting minutes will be reviewed at a future meeting. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources provides this summary to enhance the public's awareness about potential changes to hunting, fishing, boating or other related regulations.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A new smartphone app, an autorenewal option for licenses and permits, and a “hard card” license option are among the next-generation features the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources would like to offer customers in the future.

Action taken by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission in a special-called video teleconference meeting on Jan. 14 moves the department a step closer to enhancing customer service through an improved license delivery model.

The Commission voted 5-3 to recommend amendments to three administrative regulations:

- Amend 301 KAR 5:001 by updating definitions to remove antiquated language and accommodate licensing vendor-provided services.
- Amend 301 KAR 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.

The changes proposed by the Commission for legislative review would allow for a third-party vendor to deliver licensing on contract with the department but are not effective immediately.

Commission recommendations are reviewed by legislative committees with jurisdiction over particular topics. By statute, proposed regulations are subject to a public comment

period before being reviewed by a legislative committee. Recommendations must receive legislative approval before they become law.

The Jan. 14 video teleconference meeting was live-streamed on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's YouTube channel, where [a replay of the meeting](#) is available on demand.

Although this business item had appeared on three previous Commission meeting agendas, the Commission tabled potential action in December to receive additional information on the matter to aid its deliberation and response to inquiries from stakeholders before a vote.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife made available a [timeline of public discussions on proposed modernization of licensing and IT solutions](#), as well as a [questions and answers document](#) before the Jan. 14 meeting. Those documents remain available via the "[Commission and Committee Meeting Dates](#)" page on the department's website (fw.ky.gov).

The next quarterly meeting of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission is scheduled for March 4. Agendas will be posted on the department's website when available.