

301 KAR 3:030. Year-round season for wildlife.

RELATES TO: KRS 150.010, 150.025, 150.360, 150.370, 150.990

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 150.025(1), 150.360(1)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to establish seasons and other administrative regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of KRS Chapter 150. This administrative regulation establishes hunting requirements for species that may be taken year-round and specifies species that are unprotected.

Section 1. Definition. "Exotic wildlife" means living terrestrial wildlife species that have never naturally existed in the wild in Kentucky, including starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*), English sparrows (*Passer domesticus*), and Eurasian collared doves (*Streptopelia decaocto*).

Section 2. Year Round Seasons. (1) A person may take coyotes, wild hogs and woodchucks year round.

(2) A person taking coyotes, wild hogs, or woodchucks, unless exempted by KRS 150.170, shall possess:

(a) A hunting license; and

(b) A hog permit issued by the National Park Service if he is hunting on the Big South Fork National River and Recreational Area.

Section 3. Unprotected Species. (1) Except for rare, threatened or endangered species protected by federal laws, a person may take year-round:

(a) Exotic wildlife, except pheasants released during department administered quota hunts pursuant to 301 KAR 2:251;

(b) Moles (*Scalopus aquaticus*, *Parascalops breweri*, *Condalyra cristata*);

(c) Mice (*Mus musculus*);

(d) Rats (*Rattus rattus*, *R. norvegicus*); and

(e) Terrestrial invertebrates.

(2) A person may take the species listed in subsection (1) of this section without a hunting license. (KFWR-G-94; 1 Ky.R. 600; eff. 4-9-75; Am. 4 Ky.R. 571; eff. 8-2-78; 7 Ky.R. 782; 899; eff. 5-6-81; 12 Ky.R. 29; eff. 8-13-85; 1746; eff. 6-10-86; 14 Ky.R. 36; eff. 8-5-87; 2053; eff. 7-1-88; 15 Ky.R. 2258; eff. 6-28-89; 20 Ky.R. 604; 952; eff. 10-27-93; 21 Ky.R. 1168; eff. 12-12-94; 23 Ky.R. 3881; eff. 7-9-97; 24 Ky.R. 2756; 25 Ky.R. 307; eff. 8-17-98; 29 Ky.R. 520; 928; eff. 10-9-2002; 1325; eff. 1-16-03; 30 Ky.R. 411; eff. 10-31-03; 31 Ky.R. 843; eff. 1-4-05.)