

TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET
Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
(Amendment)

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 2:249~~[54]~~;

(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.

RICH STORM, Commissioner

MIKE E. BERRY, Secretary

APPROVED BY AGENCY: July 14, 2021

FILED WITH LRC: August 5, 2021 at 9:22 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on October 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in the Commission Room of the Arnold L. Mitchell Building, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky. Individuals interested in attending this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five business days prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to

attend the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation through October 31, 2021. Send written notification of intent to attend the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Contact Person: Beth Frazee

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What the administrative regulation does: This administrative regulation establishes hunting requirements for species that may be taken year-round and specifies species that are unprotected. (b) The necessity of the administrative regulation: This administrative regulation is necessary to establish requirements for the take of species with year round seasons or are unprotected.

(c) How does this administrative regulation conform to the authorizing statute: KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to establish seasons and other administrative regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of KRS Chapter 150.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation will establish hunting requirements for unprotected or year round take species.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change the existing administrative regulation: This amendment cleans up and simplifies language in the existing regulation.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: The amendment is necessary as part of the agencies continued efforts to update and simplify our regulations,

(c) How does the amendment conform to the authorizing statutes: See (1)(c) above.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: See (1)(d) above.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations or state and local governments that will be affected: Individuals hunting/fishing wildlife.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: No action needed to comply with this amendment.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): This amendment does not alter any costs for the entities in question (3).

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): Compliance with regulations.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: There will be no additional cost to the agency to implement this administrative regulation.

(b) On a continuing basis: There will be no additional cost to the agency on a continuing basis.

(6) What is the source of funding to be used for implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The source of funding is the KDFWR Game and Fish Fund.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment. Additional fees or funding for direct implementation of this regulation are not necessary as the regulation already exists.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees directly or indirectly increases any fees. This administrative regulation does not establish any fees nor does it indirectly increase any fees.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? No.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) What units, parts, or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? No state or local government units will be impacted by this change.

(2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 150.025(1), 150.360(1)

(3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect. No revenue will be generated for the state or local government.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? No revenue will be generated for state and local governments.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? No revenue will be generated for state and local governments.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? There will be no additional costs for the first year.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? There will be no additional costs incurred for subsequent years.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-):

Expenditures (+/-):

Other Explanation: