

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;

(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. 4-9-1975; Am. 4 Ky.R. 571; eff. 8-2-1978; 7 Ky.R. 782; 899; eff. 5-6-1981; 12 Ky.R. 29; eff. 8-13-1985; 1746; eff. 6-10-1986; 14 Ky.R. 36; eff. 8-5-1987; 2053; eff. 7-1-1988; 15 Ky.R. 2258; eff. 6-28-1989; 20 Ky.R. 604; 952; eff. 10-27-93; 21 Ky.R. 1168; eff. 12-12-94; 23 Ky.R. 3881; eff. 7-9-1997; 24 Ky.R. 2756; 25 Ky.R. 307; eff. 8-17-1998; 29 Ky.R. 520; 928; eff. 10-9-2002; 1325; eff. 1-16-2003; 30 Ky.R. 411; eff. 10-31-2003; 31 Ky.R. 843; eff. 1-4-2005; 48 Ky.R. 896; eff. 3-1-2022.)

RICH STORM, Commissioner

MIKE E. BERRY, Secretary

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PUBLIC HEARING AND 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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