

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

**301 KAR 5:022. License, tag, and permit fees.**

RELATES TO: KRS 150.025, 150.180, 150.183, 150.240, 150.275, 150.280, 150.290, 150.450, 150.485, 150.520, 150.525, 150.600, 150.603, 150.660, 150.720

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 150.175, 150.195(4)(f), 150.225, 150.620

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 150.175 authorizes the types of licenses, permits, and tags. KRS 150.195(4)(f) requires the department to promulgate an administrative regulation establishing the license and permit terms and the expiration date of licenses and permits. KRS 150.225 requires the department to promulgate administrative regulations establishing reasonable license fees relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping. KRS 150.620 authorizes the department to charge reasonable fees for the use of lands and waters it has acquired for wildlife management and public recreation. This administrative regulation establishes fees and terms for licenses, permits, and tags.

Section 1. Licenses, tags, and permits listed in this section shall be valid from March 1 through the last day of February the following year except the senior lifetime combination license shall be valid for the life of the license holder while they maintain Kentucky residency.

(1) Sport fishing licenses:

- (a) Statewide annual fishing license (resident): twenty-three (23) dollars;
- (b) Statewide annual fishing license (nonresident): fifty-five (55) dollars;
- (c) Joint married couple statewide fishing license (resident): forty-two (42) dollars;
- (d) Statewide three (3) year fishing license (resident): fifty-five (55) dollars; and
- (e) Trout permit~~[(resident or nonresident)]~~: ten (10) dollars.

(2) Commercial fishing licenses:

- (a) Commercial fishing license (resident), plus ten (10) resident commercial gear tags: \$150;
- (b) Commercial fishing license (nonresident), plus ten (10) nonresident commercial gear tags: \$600; and
- (c) Commercial fishing license for Asian carp and scaled rough fish (nonresident), plus ten (10) nonresident gear tags: \$150.

(3) Commercial fishing gear tags (not to be sold singly):

- (a) Commercial fishing gear tags (resident) block of ten (10) tags: fifteen (15) dollars;
- (b) Commercial fishing gear tags (nonresident) block of ten (10) tags: \$100; and
- (c) Commercial fishing gear tags for Asian carp and scaled rough fish (nonresident), block of ten (10) tags: fifteen (15) dollars.

(4) Hunting licenses:

- (a) Statewide hunting license (resident): twenty-seven (27) dollars;
- (b) Statewide hunting license (nonresident): \$150;
- (c) Statewide junior hunting license (resident): six (6) dollars;
- (d) Statewide junior hunting license (nonresident): ten (10) dollars;
- (e) Shooting preserve hunting license~~[(resident or nonresident)]~~: five (5) dollars; and
- (f) Migratory game bird and waterfowl permit~~[(resident or nonresident)]~~: fifteen (15) dollars.

(5) Combination hunting and fishing license (resident): forty-two (42) dollars.

(6) Sportsman's licenses:

- (a) Sportsman's license (resident), which includes a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory game bird

and waterfowl permit, and statewide deer permit: ninety-five (95) dollars;

(b) Junior sportsman's license (resident), which includes a statewide junior hunting license, a statewide youth deer permit, and two (2) youth turkey permits: thirty (30) dollars;

(c) Senior combination hunting and fishing licenses, which include a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory shore and upland game bird, waterfowl permit, and statewide deer permit. Senior licenses shall not be valid unless the holder carries proof of their Kentucky residency and proof of age on his or her person while performing an act authorized by the license:

1. Annual senior combination hunting and fishing license (resident): twelve (12) dollars; and

2. Senior lifetime combination hunting and fishing license (resident): \$180;

(d) Disabled combination hunting and fishing license (resident), which includes a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory shore and upland game bird, waterfowl permit, and statewide deer permit: twelve (12) dollars. [~~Senior or disabled combination hunting and fishing license (resident): twelve (12) dollars.~~]

(7) Trapping licenses:

(a) Trapping license (resident): twenty (20) dollars;

(b) Trapping license (resident landowner – tenant): ten (10) dollars;

(c) Trapping license (nonresident): \$130; and

(d) Junior trapping license (resident): five (5) dollars.

(8) Game permits:

(a) Bear permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars;

(b) Youth bear permit (resident): ten (10) dollars;

(c) Bear chase permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars;

(d) Youth bear chase permit (resident): ten (10) dollars;

(e) Combination bear permit (resident), which includes a bear permit and a bear chase permit: fifty (50) dollars;

(f) Bear permit (nonresident): \$250;

(g) Youth bear permit (nonresident): \$100;

(h) Bear chase permit (nonresident): fifty (50) dollars;

(i) Youth bear chase permit (nonresident): fifteen (15) dollars;

(j) Quota cow elk permit (resident): sixty (60) dollars;

(k) Quota cow elk permit (nonresident): \$400;

(l) Quota bull elk permit (resident): \$100;

(m) Quota bull elk permit (nonresident): \$550;

(n) Quota either sex archery and crossbow elk permit (resident): \$100;

(o) Quota either sex archery and crossbow elk permit (nonresident): \$550.

(p) Out-of-zone elk permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars;

(q) Out-of-zone elk permit (nonresident): \$400;

(r) Statewide deer permit (resident): thirty-five (35) dollars;

(s) Statewide deer permit (nonresident): \$185;

(t) Statewide youth deer permit (resident): ten (10) dollars;

(u) Statewide youth deer permit (nonresident): fifteen (15) dollars;

(v) Additional deer permit: fifteen (15) dollars;

(w) Spring turkey permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars;

(x) Spring turkey permit (nonresident): eighty-five (85) dollars;

(y) Fall turkey permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars;

(z) Fall turkey permit (nonresident): eighty-five (85) dollars;

(aa) Youth turkey permit (resident): ten (10) dollars;

(bb) Youth turkey permit (nonresident): fifteen (15) dollars;  
(cc) Quota youth elk permit (resident): thirty (30) dollars; and  
(dd) Quota youth elk permit (nonresident): \$200.

~~[(a)] [Resident bear: thirty (30) dollars;]~~

~~[(b)] [Resident youth bear: ten (10) dollars;]~~

~~[(c)] [Nonresident bear: \$250;]~~

~~[(d)] [Resident bear chase: thirty (30) dollars;]~~

~~[(e)] [Resident youth bear chase: ten (10) dollars;]~~

~~[(f)] [Resident quota cow elk permit: sixty (60) dollars;]~~

~~[(g)] [Nonresident quota cow elk permit: \$400;]~~

~~[(h)] [Resident quota bull elk permit: \$100;]~~

~~[(i)] [Nonresident quota bull elk permit: \$550;]~~

~~[(j)] [Resident either sex archery and crossbow elk permit: \$100;]~~

~~[(k)] [Nonresident either sex archery and crossbow elk permit: \$550.]~~

~~[(l)] [Resident out-of-zone elk permit: thirty (30) dollars;]~~

~~[(m)] [Nonresident out-of-zone elk permit: \$400;]~~

~~[(n)] [Resident deer permit: thirty-five (35) dollars;]~~

~~[(o)] [Nonresident deer permit: \$185;]~~

~~[(p)] [Resident youth deer: ten (10) dollars;]~~

~~[(q)] [Nonresident youth deer: fifteen (15) dollars;]~~

~~[(r)] [Additional deer permit (resident or nonresident): fifteen (15) dollars;]~~

~~[(s)] [Resident spring turkey: thirty (30) dollars;]~~

~~[(t)] [Nonresident spring turkey: eighty-five (85) dollars;]~~

~~[(u)] [Resident fall turkey: thirty (30) dollars;]~~

~~[(v)] [Nonresident fall turkey: eighty-five (85) dollars;]~~

~~[(w)] [Resident youth turkey: ten (10) dollars;]~~

~~[(x)] [Nonresident youth turkey: fifteen (15) dollars;]~~

~~[(y)] [Resident youth elk: thirty (30) dollars; and]~~

~~[(z)] [Nonresident youth elk: \$200.]~~

(9) Peabody individual permit: fifteen (15) dollars.

(10) ~~[Sportsman's license (resident), which includes a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory game bird and waterfowl permit, and deer permit: ninety-five (95) dollars.]~~

~~[(11)] [Junior sportsman's license (resident), which includes a junior hunting license, junior deer permit, and two (2) junior turkey permits: thirty (30) dollars.]~~

~~[(12)]~~ Land Between the Lakes hunting permit: twenty ~~(25)~~~~[(20)]~~ dollars.

~~(11)~~ ~~[(13)]~~ Conservation permit: five (5) dollars.

(12) Bobcat hunting permit: Free.

(13) Commercial guide licenses:

(a) Commercial guide license (resident): \$150; and

(b) Commercial guide license (nonresident): \$400.

Section 2. Licenses, tags, and permits listed in this section shall be valid for the calendar year issued.

(1) Live fish and bait dealer's licenses:

(a) Live fish and bait dealer's license (resident): fifty (50) dollars; and

(b) Live fish and bait dealer's license (nonresident): \$150.

(2) Commercial taxidermist license: \$150.

~~[(3)] [Commercial guide licenses:]~~

~~[(a)] [Commercial guide license (resident): \$150; and]~~

~~[(b)] [Commercial guide license (nonresident): \$400.]~~

~~(3)~~ ~~[(4)]~~ Shooting area permit: \$150.

- (4) ~~5~~ Dog training area permit: fifty (50) dollars.
- (5) ~~6~~ Collecting permits:
  - (a) Educational wildlife collecting permit: twenty-five (25) dollars; and
  - (b) Scientific wildlife collecting permit: \$100.
- (6) ~~7~~ Nuisance wildlife control operator's permit: \$100.
- (7) ~~8~~ Pay lake license:
  - (a) Pay lakes obtaining all fish from private hatcheries only:
    - 1. Lakes with two (2) acres or less: \$250; and
    - 2. Each additional acre or part of an acre: Fifty (50) dollars; and
  - (b) Pay lakes obtaining all or a portion of catfish from public waters:
    - 1. Lakes with two (2) acres or less: \$600; and
    - 2. Each additional acre or part of an acre: fifty (50) dollars.
- (8) ~~9~~ Commercial captive wildlife permit: \$150.
- (9) ~~10~~ Commercial fish propagation permit: fifty (50) dollars.
- (10) ~~11~~ Wildlife rehabilitator's permit: twenty-five (25) dollars.
- (11) ~~12~~ Annual wildlife transportation permit: \$250.
- (12) ~~13~~ Peabody Wildlife Management Area annual event permit: \$250.
- (13) ~~14~~ Fish transportation permit: twenty-five (25) dollars.

Section 3. Licenses, tags, and permits listed in this section shall be valid for three (3) years from the date of issue.

- (1) Falconry permit: seventy-five (75) dollars.
- (2) Noncommercial captive wildlife permit: seventy-five (75) dollars.

Section 4. Licenses, tags, and permits listed in this section shall be valid for the date or dates specified on each.

- (1) Short-term licenses:
  - (a) One (1) day ~~resident~~ fishing license (resident): seven (7) dollars;
  - (b) One (1) day ~~nonresident~~ fishing license (nonresident): fifteen (15) dollars;
  - (c) Seven (7) day ~~nonresident~~ fishing license (nonresident): thirty-five (35) dollars;
  - (d) One (1) day ~~resident~~ hunting license (resident) (not valid for deer, elk, bear, or turkey hunting): seven (7) dollars;
  - (e) One (1) day ~~nonresident~~ hunting license (nonresident) (not valid for deer, elk, bear, or turkey hunting): twenty-five (25) dollars; and
  - (f) Seven (7) day ~~nonresident~~ hunting license (nonresident) (not valid for deer, elk, bear, or turkey hunting): sixty-five (65) dollars.
- (2) Individual wildlife transportation permit: twenty-five (25) dollars.
- (3) Special resident commercial fishing permit: \$600.
- (4) Special nonresident commercial fishing permit: \$900.
- (5) Commercial waterfowl shooting area permit: \$150.
- (6) Shoot-~~to~~-~~retrieve~~ field trial permits:
  - (a) Per trial (maximum four (4) days): seventy-five (75) dollars; and
  - (b) Single day: twenty-five (25) dollars.
- (7) Boat dock permit: \$100 per ten (10) year permit period beginning January 1, 2008, except that the fee shall be pro-rated for the number of years remaining in the ten (10) year period.
- (8) Shoreline use permit: Valid for a fifteen (15) year permit period beginning January 1, 2010 and shall contain three (3) tiers:
  - (a) Tier I: \$100;
  - (b) Tier II: \$200;
  - (c) Tier III: \$300; and
  - (d) The fees shall be pro-rated to the nearest five (5) year interval remaining in the fifteen (15) year permit period.

- (9) Peabody individual event permit: twenty-five (25) dollars.
- (10) Commercial roe-bearing fish buyer's permit:
  - (a) Commercial roe-bearing fish buyer's permit (resident): \$500; and
  - (b) Commercial roe-bearing fish buyer's permit (nonresident): \$1,000.
- (11) Commercial roe-bearing fish harvester's permit:
  - (a) Commercial roe-bearing fish harvester's permit (resident): \$500; and
  - (b) Commercial roe-bearing fish harvester's permit (nonresident): \$1,500.
- (12) Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area:
  - (a) Daily Entry Permit: three (3) dollars, with children under twelve (12) free; and
  - (b) Daily Special Activities Permit: seven (7) dollars.
- (13) Commercial foxhound training enclosure permit: \$150.

Section 5. Licenses, tags, and permits listed in this section shall be valid on a per unit basis as specified.

- (1) Ballard waterfowl hunt (per person, per day): fifteen (15) dollars.
- (2) Pheasant hunt permit (per person, per day): twenty-five (25) dollars.
- (3) Horse stall rental (per space, per day): two (2) dollars.
- (4) Dog kennel rental (per dog, per day): fifty (50) cents.
- (5) Captive cervid permit (per facility, per year): \$150.
- (6) Noncommercial captive cervid permit (per facility, per three (3) years): seventy-five (75) dollars.

Section 6. The following licenses listed in this section shall be valid from April 1 through March 31 of the following year:

- (1) Fur processor's license (resident): \$150;
- (2) Fur buyer's license (resident): fifty (50) dollars; and
- (3) Fur buyer's license (nonresident): \$300.

Section 7. The following Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Act permits shall be valid from July 1 through June 30 of the following year:

- (1) Annual Entry Permit: thirty (30) dollars, with children under twelve (12) free; and
- (2) Annual Special Activities Permit: seventy (70) dollars.

*RICH STORM, Commissioner*

APPROVED BY AGENCY: January 13, 2023

FILED WITH LRC: January 13, 2023 at 11:35 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on March 28, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., at KDFWR Administration Building, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. 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 be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through March 31, 2023. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

CONTACT PERSON: Jenny Gilbert, Legislative Liaison, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, 1 Sportsman's Lane, (502) 564-3400, fax: (502) 564-0506, email: [fwpubliccomments@ky.gov](mailto:fwpubliccomments@ky.gov)

## REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

**Contact Person: Jenny Gilbert**

**(1) Provide a brief summary of:**

**(a) What this administrative regulation does:**

This administrative regulation establishes fees and terms for licenses, permits, and tags sold by the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

**(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:**

This administrative regulation is necessary for the department to establish reasonable license fees, permit terms, and the expiration dates of licenses and permits.

**(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:**

KRS 150.175 authorizes the types of licenses, permits, and tags that the department can issue. KRS 150.195(4)(f) requires the department to promulgate an administrative regulation establishing the license and permit terms and the expiration date of licenses and permits. KRS 150.225 requires the Department to prescribe reasonable fees for licenses, permits, and registrations authorized by Chapter 150. KRS 150.620 authorizes the department to charge reasonable fees for the use of lands and waters it has acquired for wildlife management and public recreation.

**(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:**

This administrative regulation fulfills the requirements and purposes of the statutes identified in (1)(c) by establishing reasonable fees and terms for licenses, permits, and tags issued by the Department.

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

**(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation:**

This amendment will align this regulation with 301 KAR 2:300 as to mirror the creation of a resident combination bear permit, a nonresident bear chase permit, a nonresident youth bear chase permit and a nonresident youth bear permit. The expiration date for commercial guide licenses changed from calendar year to license year to match hunting license expiration dates. Creates new and establishes price of new senior lifetime combination hunting and fishing license.

**(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation:**

This amendment is necessary to create the license and permits mentioned above and establish pricing for each.

**(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of 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 affected by this administrative regulation:**

Nonresident bear hunters will be positively influenced by the regulation in that it will allow them to purchase the necessary permits to chase bears with the use of hounds.

Additionally, resident hunters will be able to save ten (10) dollars with the creation of the resident combination bear permit, which includes both a bear permit and a bear chase permit. For the 2022 bear season the following number of permits were sold: 1509 resident bear permits, 150 resident bear chase permits, 57 nonresident bear permits, 4 youth bear chase permits and 56 youth bear permits. Commercial guides are affected by adjusting the expiration date of guide permits. Senior residents sixty-five (65) years or older are eligible for an additional voluntary senior license option.

**(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:**

This will open up the bear chase season to nonresident hunters for a nominal fee. Additionally, resident bear hunters who both chase and harvest bears will save ten (10) dollars by purchasing the combination bear permit. Commercial guides will now need to renew licenses two months later.

**(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3):**

The creation of three new nonresident permits will allow nonresident hunters to chase bears for the following fees: nonresident bear chase permit: fifty (50) dollars, nonresident youth bear chase permit: fifteen (15) dollars, nonresident youth bear permit: \$100. Resident hunters will save ten (10) dollars with the creation of the combination bear permit. There is no change in price for commercial guides. There is no added cost to seniors. Senior residents are simply provided another voluntary licensing option for a lifetime rather than an annual permit.

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

Nonresident hunters will be given the opportunity to chase bears with hounds and resident hunters will save money with the newly created combination bear permit. Senior residents are simply provided another voluntary licensing option. Commercial guides will be able to renew their guide and hunting licenses simultaneously.

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

**(a) Initially:**

There will be no cost to the department to implement this administrative regulation.

**(b) On a continuing basis:**

There will be no additional cost to the department on a continuing basis.

**(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation:**

The source of funding is the State 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:**

There will be no need for fee increases at the state level.

**(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees:**

See (4)(b)

**(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied?**

No. Tiering is not applied because every eligible person will have to pay the same price for each particular license issued.

## FISCAL NOTE

**(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?**

The Department's Division of Administrative Services will be impacted by this amendment.

**(2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation.**

KRS 150.175, 150.195, 150.225, and 150.620.

**(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.**

**(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?**

This is unknown at this point as it will depend on the number of permits purchased by nonresident hunters for the 2023 bear hunting season, and the number of senior lifetime licenses sold.

**(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?**

This is unknown at this point as it will depend on the number of permits purchased by nonresident hunters for the 2023 bear hunting season, and the number of senior lifetime licenses sold.

**(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year?**

There will be a minimal cost to administer this program for the first year.

**(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years?**

There should 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:**

**(4) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and cost savings of regulated entities for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.**

**(a) How much cost savings will this administrative regulation generate for the regulated entities for the first year?**

Resident hunters have the ability to save ten (10) dollars with the purchase of the combination bear permit. Senior residents may opt to purchase lifetime licenses which over time could result in annual savings of twelve (12) dollars per year.

**(b) How much cost savings will this administrative regulation generate for the regulated entities for subsequent years?**

Resident hunters have the ability to save ten (10) dollars with the purchase of the combination bear permit.

**(c) How much will it cost the regulated entities for the first year?**

No additional costs will be incurred by resident bear hunters. This amendment will establish permits and associated fees for nonresident bear hunters. Senior residents that opt to purchase the lifetime license will pay \$180 instead of twelve (12) dollars for the annual version of the license.

**(d) How much will it cost the regulated entities for subsequent years?**

No additional costs will be incurred by resident bear hunters. This amendment will establish permits and associated fees for nonresident bear hunters. Seniors that opt to purchase the lifetime license will have no cost in subsequent years.

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

**Cost Savings (+/-):**

**Expenditures (+/-):**

**Other Explanation:**

**(5) Explain whether this administrative regulation will have a major economic impact, as defined below.**

"Major economic impact" means an overall negative or adverse economic impact from an administrative regulation of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or more on state or local government or regulated entities, in aggregate, as determined by the promulgating administrative bodies. [KRS 13A.010(13)]