

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

**301 KAR 2:230. Shoot-to-retrieve field trial permits and procedures.**

RELATES TO: KRS 150.025(1), 150.170, 150.175(1)(p), 150.330

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 150.025(1), 150.175(16)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, pursuant to statutory authority to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the provisions of KRS Chapter 150 as established in KRS 150.025 and as an independent department of state government within the meaning of KRS Chapter 12 as established in KRS 150.021(1), promulgated by the Commissioner with approval of the Commission in accordance with KRS 150.010(1), does hereby certify this administrative regulation is promulgated in compliance with Section 8 of 2025 RS HB6.

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 150.175(16) authorizes the department to require permits for shoot-to-retrieve field trials. KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to set seasons and limits, and to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of KRS Chapter 150. This administrative regulation establishes seasons, permit application procedures, game bird marking, and other requirements for conducting a shoot-to-retrieve field trial.

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "Field trial" means an organized event at which hunting dogs are worked and judged.
- (2) "Game birds" means quail, chukar, mallard duck, or pheasant species.
- (3) "Shoot to retrieve field trial" means a field trail where game birds are taken.
- (4) "Take" is defined by KRS 150.010(42).

Section 2.

- (1) A person may conduct a shoot-to-retrieve field trial:
  - (a) From August 15 through May 15 for quail; and
  - (b) Year-round for other game birds.
- (2) Daily bag or possession limits shall not apply to birds taken during a shoot-to retrieve field trial.

Section 3. A person conducting a shoot-to retrieve field trial shall:

- (1) Apply for a permit at least thirty (30) days before the event to the:
  - (a) Department ~~law enforcement officer~~ game warden in the county where the event will be conducted; or
  - (b) Department's law enforcement captain in the wildlife district where the event will be conducted.
- (2) A permit application shall:
  - (a) Be made on the Shoot-to-Retrieve Field Trial Application; and
  - (b) Include:
    1. The annual permit fee as referenced at <https://fw.ky.gov/Licenses/Pages/Fees.aspx> and established in 301 KAR 5:022~~[fee specified in 301 KAR 3:022]~~; and
    2. Permission from the landowner or manager of public land where the event will be conducted.
- (3) Provide pen-raised game birds for the trial.
- (4) If the date or location of the trial changes:
  - (a) Notify the person from whom the permit application was obtained; and
  - (b) If the location changes, submit written permission to hold the trial at the new location.

Section 4. A person participating in a shoot-to-retrieve field trial shall not:

- (1) Knowingly take a game bird that was not:
  - (a) Raised in captivity; and
  - (b) Provided by the organizer of the event.
- (2) Hunt on land not specified in the permit.

Section 5. Incorporation by Reference.

- (1) "Shoot-to-Retrieve Field Trial Application", 2025 Edition~~[5/19 edition, is incorporated by reference]~~.
- (2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, from 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. eastern time on normal business days or at <https://fw.ky.gov/Licenses/Documents/Shoot-to-Retrieve-App.pdf>~~[<https://fw.ky.gov/Licenses/Documents/shootToRetrieveFieldTrialApplicationIncludesFees.pdf>]~~.

*Approved by the Fish and Wildlife Commission  
RICH STORM, Commissioner*

APPROVED BY AGENCY: June 27, 2025

FILED WITH LRC: June 27, 2025 at 2:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on September 30, 2025, at 1:00 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 September 30, 2025. 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, phone (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 seasons, permit application procedures, game bird marking, and other requirements for conducting a shoot-to-retrieve field trial.

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

This administrative regulation is necessary to specify the requirements for conducting shoot-to-retrieve field trials on department owned or controlled lands.

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

KRS 150.175(16) authorizes the department to require permits for shoot-to-retrieve field trials. KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to set seasons and limits, and to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of KRS Chapter 150.

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

This administrative regulation specifies the requirements necessary for conducting shoot-to-retrieve field trials on department owned or controlled lands. Also, this administrative regulation establishes seasons, permit application procedures, game bird marking, and other requirements for conducting a shoot-to-retrieve field trial.

**(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 removes any reference to fees and replaces them with a reference to the fee regulation, 301 KAR 5:022, and similarly updates any applicable material incorporated by reference. The regulation is also updated to reflect any reference to "game wardens" to be consistent with KRS 150 and KRS 235 statutory language.

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

This amendment is necessary to allow future fee changes to be promulgated in 301 KAR 5:022 without the need for promulgating matching amendments to this regulation.

**(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:**

KRS 150.025(1) grants authority for the department to promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of KRS Chapter 150. KRS 150.175 sets out licenses and tags to be sold by the department. KRS 150.195 requires the department to establish administrative regulations to provide for the control, design, issuance, distribution, and other matters related to licenses and permits issued by the department.

**(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:**

This amendment will consolidate any associated fees into a single fee regulation, 301 KAR 5:022.

**(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation:**

All individuals who wish to obtain the associated license or permit.

**(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 will be required to comply with the amendments, however, the individuals would need to look to 301 KAR 5:022 for the regulation which establishes the cost of the associated license or permit.

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

There will be no cost to comply with the amendments to this regulation.

**(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3):**  
Compliance with these amendments will allow individuals to obtain the associated license or permit.

**(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 implement these regulatory amendments initially.

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

There will be no continuing costs to implement these amendments.

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

The Fish and Game 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 increase in fees or funding necessary to implement these changes.

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

This administrative regulation does not establish any fees or directly or indirectly increase any fees. Any associated fees are addressed in 301 KAR 5:022.

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

Tiering is not applied as all individuals will need to look to 301 KAR 5:022 for the regulation which establishes the cost of the associated permit.

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**(1) Identify each state statute, federal statute, or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation:**

KRS 150.175(16) authorizes the department to require permits for shoot-to-retrieve field trials. KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to set seasons and limits, and to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of KRS Chapter 150.

**(2) State whether this administrative regulation is expressly authorized by an act of the General Assembly, and if so, identify the act:**

This amendment is not expressly authorized by an act of the General Assembly but is promulgated pursuant to KRS 150.025 and 150.195.

**(3)(a) Identify the promulgating agency and any other affected state units, parts, or divisions:**

The promulgating agency is the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. No other state agencies are affected.

**(b) Estimate the following for each affected state unit, part, or division identified in (3)(a):**

**1. Expenditures:**

**For the first year:**These amendments will not result in any additional expenditures for the department.

**For subsequent years:**These amendments will not result in any additional expenditures for the department.

**2. Revenues:**

**For the first year:**These amendments will not result in any change in revenues for the department.

**For subsequent years:**These amendments will not result in any change in revenues for the department.

**3. Cost Savings:**

**For the first year:**These amendments will not result in any cost savings for the department.

**For subsequent years:**These amendments will not result in any cost savings for the department.

**(4)(a) Identify affected local entities (for example: cities, counties, fire departments, school districts):**

No local entities should be affected by this amendment.

**(b) Estimate the following for each affected local entity identified in (4)(a):**

**1. Expenditures:**

**For the first year:**NA

**For subsequent years:**NA

**2. Revenues:**

**For the first year:**NA

**For subsequent years:**NA

**3. Cost Savings:**

**For the first year:**NA

**For subsequent years:**NA

**(5)(a) Identify any affected regulated entities not listed in (3)(a) or (4)(a):**

No other entities should be affected by this amendment.

**(b) Estimate the following for each regulated entity identified in (5)(a):**

**1. Expenditures:**

**For the first year:NA**

**For subsequent years:NA**

**2. Revenues:**

**For the first year:NA**

**For subsequent years:NA**

**3. Cost Savings:**

**For the first year:NA**

**For subsequent years:NA**

**(6) Provide a narrative to explain the following for each entity identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a)**

**(a) Fiscal impact of this administrative regulation:**

This amendment will not have any significant fiscal impact.

**(b) Methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:**

This amendment does not modify any fees or require affected entities to expend funds to comply with the amendments beyond those incidental to normal operations.

**(7) Explain, as it relates to the entities identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a):**

**(a) Whether this administrative regulation will have a "major economic impact", as defined by KRS 13A.010(13):**

This amendment will not have a major economic impact.

**(b) The methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:**

This amendment does not increase any fees or otherwise create a financial burden to state or local government agencies or to regulated entities.