

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

301 KAR 11:003. Commission Districts.

RELATES TO: KRS 150.010, 150.022(1), 150.025

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 150.022, 150.025

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 150.025 authorizes the department to regulate fish and wildlife resources. KRS 150.022 authorizes commission~~[wildlife]~~ districts. This administrative regulation designates the counties within each wildlife district.

Section 1. Commission ~~[Wildlife]~~ Districts. For the purposes of representation on the Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission, each county in Kentucky shall be assigned to a commission~~[wildlife]~~ district as established in subsections (1) through (9) of this section.

- (1) District I - Fulton, Hickman, Carlisle, Ballard, McCracken, Graves, Calloway, Marshall, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg, Caldwell, Crittenden, and Christian.
- (2) District II - Union, Webster, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Todd, Henderson, McLean, Logan, Simpson, Allen, Warren, Butler, Ohio, Daviess, and Hancock.
- (3) District III - Meade, Bullitt, Jefferson, Spencer, Oldham, Breckinridge, and Shelby.
- (4) District IV - Hardin, Grayson, Nelson, Washington, Marion, Larue, Taylor, Adair, Cumberland, Monroe, Barren, Green, Hart, Edmonson, and Metcalfe.
- (5) District V - Carroll, Owen, Grant, Harrison, Robertson, Bracken, Pendleton, Gallatin, Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Trimble, and Henry.
- (6) District VI - Franklin, Scott, Anderson, Woodford, Fayette, Mercer, Jessamine, Boyle, Casey, Lincoln, Garrard, Rockcastle, Lee, Estill, Powell, Clark, and Madison.
- (7) District VII - Lawrence, Magoffin, Johnson, Martin, Pike, Floyd, Breathitt, Knott, Perry, Letcher, Leslie, Harlan, and Owsley.
- (8) District VIII - Mason, Lewis, Greenup, Carter, Boyd, Morgan, Wolfe, Menifee, Montgomery, Bath, Rowan, Fleming, Nicholas, Bourbon, and Elliott.
- (9) District IX - Clinton, Russell, Wayne, Pulaski, McCreary, Whitley, Laurel, Clay, Knox, Bell, and Jackson.

Approved by the Fish and Wildlife Commission
RICH STORM, Commissioner

APPROVED BY AGENCY: July 13, 2026

FILED WITH LRC: July 14, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on September 29, 2026, at 10:30 a.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, 2026. Send written notification of intent to be heard at 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:Jenny Gilbert, **Phone:** 502-564-3400, **Email:** fw.publicaffairs@ky.gov

Subject Headings:Fish and Wildlife, Hunting, Fishing, Conservation

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does:

This administrative regulation designates the counties within each district.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:

This administrative regulation is necessary to inform the public of their representation on the Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission by county of residence.

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

This administrative regulation conforms to the authorizing statutes by providing adequate information for the identification of commission districts by county in the commonwealth.

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

Same as (c)

(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 change the term “wildlife districts” to “commission districts” consistent with language used in KRS 150 and KRS 235.

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

This amendment is necessary to mirror the same terms used in statute.

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

Same as (b).

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

This amendment will ensure regulations reference correct title of commission districts and will not be confused with other terms used by the department.

(3) Does this administrative regulation or amendment implement legislation from the previous five years? {If yes, provide the year of the legislation and either the bill number or Ky Acts chapter number being implemented.} Yes, 2022 SB 217 EO

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

Hunters, anglers, trappers and boaters in Kentucky who are regulated by KDFWR.

(5) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (4) 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 (4) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment:

n/a

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (4):

n/a

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (4):

n/a

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

(a) Initially:

There is no cost to KDFWR to implement this administrative regulation.

(b) On a continuing basis:

n/a

(7) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation or this amendment:

The Fish and Game Fund

(8) 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 is no increase to fees or funding in the implementation of this regulation.

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

No fees are established in his regulation.

(10) TIERING: Is tiering applied?

n/a

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 150.010, 150.022(1), 150.025

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

Yes, 2022RS SB 217 EO

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

KDFWR

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

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

2. Revenues:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

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

N/A

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

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

2. Revenues:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

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

Hunters, anglers, trappers and boaters in Kentucky who are regulated by KDFWR and represented by commission members based on county of residence.

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

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

2. Revenues:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

(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:

N/A

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

This is a simple change in terms. There is no fiscal impact to the department or license holders of this amendment.

(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(14):

N/A

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

N/A