

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife recently amend regulations

Changes to several Kentucky Administrative Regulations now effective

In accordance with KRS 150.025, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is providing updated information about proposed fish and wildlife-related regulation amendments that have received final legislative approval and are now in effect.

The following is an overview of changes:

CHAPTER 1 — FISH
301 KAR 1:001. Definitions for 301 KAR Chapter 1.

This administrative regulation is necessary to avoid confusion when interpreting the meaning of terms used in 301 KAR Chapter 1.

This amendment adds definitions for “Gill net” and “Trammel net,” which are sampling gears used while commercial fishing. The phrase “commercial fisherman” was changed to “commercial

fisher” throughout the regulation as well. These definitions will help clarify the specifications of each gear type and assist in enforcement of commercial fishing regulations.

Effective Nov. 5, 2024.

301 KAR 1:152. HARVEST AND SALE OF INVASIVE (ASIAN) CARP.

This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for the Invasive Carp and Scaled Rough Fish Harvest Program and Experimental Commercial Fishing Methods Program and is necessary to provide two important mechanisms for the removal of invasive carp from waters critical to sport fishing and recreational boating.

This amendment adds the eligibility and participation requirements for the new voluntary

Experimental Commercial Fishing Methods Program. This program allows commercial fishers to use special commercial fishing gear and methods to further the goal of invasive carp harvest in mass quantities. This amendment also removes the definitions section due to the creation of 301 KAR 1:001. Definitions for 301 KAR Chapter 1. Finally, this amendment changes all references of “Asian carp” to “invasive carp.”

Effective Nov. 5, 2024.

301 KAR 1:410. TAKING OF FISH BY NONTRADITIONAL FISHING METHODS.

This administrative regulation establishes the procedures for taking sport and rough fish by nontraditional fishing methods and is necessary to effectively manage the fish populations

of Kentucky and to provide for reasonable recreational fishing opportunities.

This amendment clarifies the dates when it is illegal to possess a gig, adds a shovelnose sturgeon possession limit of two fish, adds a possession limit of two fish for sportfish taken by trot line, jug line, or set line, requires sport fishing trot lines to be tagged at both ends with the angler’s customer identification number, and prohibits hand grabbing on lakes less than 500 acres owned or managed by the department, except Ballard, Peale, and Swan Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA) lakes in Ballard County. This language conforms to restrictions used in the language of 301 KAR 1:082. Frog season; limits.

Effective Nov. 7, 2024.

CHAPTER 5 — LICENSING
301 KAR 5:022. License, tag, and permit fees.

This administrative regulation establishes fees and terms for licenses, permits, and tags sold by the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and is necessary for the department to establish reasonable license fees, permit terms, and the expiration dates of licenses and permits.

This amendment creates a resident and nonresident experimental commercial fishing methods program permit that is tiered into a tier I and tier II category. It also moves the fish transportation permit to the correct section based on KRS 150.180(6). This amendment would increase nonresident hunting license by \$10, increase nonresident deer permit by \$50, and

increase nonresident spring and fall turkey permits by \$25. Amended language will also clarify provisions for the youth sportsman’s license.

Effective Nov. 5, 2024.

For updated information about proposed and recently enacted amendments to administrative regulations, visit fw.ky.gov.

Another way to stay abreast of changes to administrative regulations is to sign up with RegWatch, a free service that enables users to register to be notified of changes to existing administrative regulations or to receive notice of newly-proposed regulations. Notifications are sent for four years after initial sign-up. More information about the service is available via the KAR FAQs online at legislature.ky.gov.

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AAA: Gas prices continue to fall in Western Kentucky

Gas prices in West Central Kentucky are six cents lower this week at \$2.675, according to AAA East Central’s Gas Price Report.

THIS WEEK’S AVERAGE PRICES:

Western Central Kentucky Average \$2.675

Average price during the week of Feb. 17, 2025 \$2.732

Average price during the week of Feb. 26, 2024 \$2.947

AVERAGE PRICES OF UNLEADED SELF-SERVE GASOLINE IN VARIOUS AREAS:

\$2.683 Bowling Green

\$2.606 Elizabethtown

\$2.801 Louisville

\$2.589 Owensboro

\$2.697 Paducah

TREND ANALYSIS:

There was a slight change at the pump this past week, as the national average for a gallon of gas dipped two cents to \$3.14. Today’s

national average is one cent more than a month ago and 12 cents lower than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gasoline demand decreased from 8.57 million barrels per day last week to 8.23. Total domestic gasoline supply dropped from 248.1 million barrels to 247.9. Gasoline production also decreased last week, averaging 9.2 million barrels per day.

At the close of last Wednesday’s formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased 40 cents to settle at \$72.25 a barrel. The EIA reports that crude oil inventories increased by 4.6 million barrels from the previous week. At 432.5 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 3% below the five-year average for this time of year.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and countywide at gasprices.aaa.com.

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PSC encouraging utilities to up their cybersecurity game

State and Federal offices can assist utilities in assessment and training

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) is encouraging Kentucky utilities to be cyber threat aware.

Cybersecurity is crucial for utilities because a breach in their systems can lead to significant disruptions in essential services like electricity and water, potentially impacting public safety, causing economic losses, and even leading to environmental damage, making it a critical aspect of state and national security and reliable energy supply. Therefore, robust cybersecurity measures are paramount for utilities to protect critical infrastructure and maintain opera-

tional stability.

Fortunately, Kentucky utilities have outstanding low- or no-cost options for assistance with their cybersecurity issues and questions. The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) offers cybersecurity training, exercises, information regarding grants, and incident assistance and coordination. More information can be found here: <https://homelandsecurity.ky.gov/Pages/Cybersecurity.aspx>.

Also, the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) offers no-cost cybersecurity services including general cybersecurity train-

ing, external vulnerability scans, assessments and surveys, incident response tabletops, assistance with development of plans and policies, cybersecurity consulting, and other technical assessments. For more information, you can go to the CISA website at <https://www.cisa.gov/> or contact Colin Glover, Kentucky’s CISA representative, at colin.glover@cisa.dhs.gov.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,100 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky and has approximately 90 employees.

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Kentucky officials announce March 17-21 as Ag Education Week

In a bipartisan announcement, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman, Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell and Commissioner of Education Robbie Fletcher announced that March 17-21, 2025, will be the first statewide Agriculture Education Week in Kentucky. Gov. Andy Beshear will sign a proclamation that week to officially mark this historic event.

“In today’s political climate, it’s not often you see a Democratic Lt. Governor, a Republican Agriculture Commissioner and the head of an independent entity like the Department of Education come together for this important cause,” Coleman said. “We have found common ground in our shared value of providing our children with opportunities that will allow all Kentuckians to thrive for generations to come. We do that by bringing two of the most important sectors — agriculture and education — together in a way that’s never been done before.”

Agriculture Education Week delivers an all-encompassing learning experience for students, equips educators with ready-to-use lessons and fosters community involvement to create hands-on learning opportunities on the diverse world of agriculture for students.

“Ag Education Week is about more than just



Kentucky Department of Agriculture
Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell, back row center, joined Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman, to his right, and Commissioner of Education Robbie Fletcher, to his left, in a bipartisan announcement of the first statewide Agriculture Education Week in Kentucky, which will take place March 17-21. Students and staff from Second Street School in Frankfort and Creekside Elementary School in Sonora participated in the announcement and displayed agricultural exhibits in the Capital Rotunda.

teaching kids where their food comes from. It’s about showing them the opportunities agriculture offers and inspiring them to be a part of its future,” Shell said. “Agriculture touches every aspect of our lives — from the clothes we wear to the fuel that powers our communities. By engaging students early, we’re not only fostering appreciation but also preparing the next generation of farmers, scientists, business leaders and innovators who will keep Kentucky agriculture strong. Investing in education today ensures a thriving sustainable industry for tomorrow.”

Agriculture has a nearly \$50 billion impact on Kentucky. There are nearly 70,000 farms in Kentucky (7th

most in the United States) that compose more than 12.4 million acres of land, making up nearly 50% of Kentucky’s total acreage. Kentucky is the top beef-producing state east of the Mississippi River, and 95% of the world’s bourbon is produced in the commonwealth.

“During Ag Education Week, every elementary student throughout the commonwealth will be engaged in learning more about agriculture,” Fletcher said. “Kentucky’s K-2 students will be learning about pollination through an agricultural lens, and our students in grades 3-5 will be learning about erosion. These lessons are aligned to Kentucky’s science standards while also connecting to read-

ing, writing and math.

“While our students are learning about science and agriculture, they’ll also have the opportunity to explore the many professions that are related to agriculture in Kentucky. Students will be able to see videos of the many people who are connected to the state’s agriculture industry — from a large animal vet to an auctioneer to a sheep shearer. They all tell their stories about what a day in the life looks like for them. This is a great opportunity for our students and our state.”

The key initiatives of Ag Education Week are broadening access to ag education to help students understand where their food, fuel and fiber come from; support for teachers by providing accessible and easy-to-use lesson plans and resources; and connecting agriculture to real life-skills by teaching about nutrition, sustainability and how agriculture intersects with nearly every career field in Kentucky.

For more information on Agriculture Education Week, the history and diversity of Kentucky agriculture lesson plans and resources, and to learn how to get involved in this initiative, visit <https://www.kyagr.com/marketing/ag-education-week.html>.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The City of Leitchfield Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in regard to the following request along with their regular monthly meeting on Monday, 3/10/2025; 5:00 p.m. (CST) at Leitchfield City Hall, 515 South Main Street. The hearing will be for the following:

RZ-25-136

Owner: Scotty Hack
Applicant: Scotty Hack
Location: 617 Johnson St.
Request: Zone Change from R-2 (Single Family Medium Density) to C-1 (Highway Commercial)

The City of Leitchfield Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing in regard to the following request along with their regular monthly meeting on Monday, 3/10/2025; 5:30 p.m. (CST) at Leitchfield City Hall, 515 South Main Street. The hearing will be for the following:

CU-25-007

Owner: Bratcher & Farris Inc
Applicant: Bratcher & Farris Inc
Location: 200 block of Kelly St.
Request: Condominium/Town Home

Questions or concerns should be directed to Tyler Harrell, Zoning Administrator, (270)-259-6363 at Leitchfield City Hall.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID
The Grayson County Board of Education is requesting sealed bids for a Wire Electrical Discharge Machine (EDM) to include all required components and startup kits at the Grayson County Technology Center. Complete specifications can be obtained by contacting Matt Hayes at the Grayson County Technology Center at 270.259.3195 or 252 Schoolhouse Road, Leitchfield, KY 42754. Items equal to that named, or described in the specifications, may be bid if at least equal in quality, durability, strength and design, and their criteria deemed appropriate and that will perform at least equally the function of items above described and conform substantially to the detailed requirements for the item in the specifications. The Bid Award shall be made on the basis of the lowest evaluated bid price. Reciprocal preference for resident bidders will be given as required by KRS 45A.495. All bids must be received in writing in the Board office at 790 Shaw Station Road, Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754, no later than March 10th, 2025 at 10:00AM CST, the location and time of bid opening. Bids are to be identified as ‘SEALED BID’ and sent to the attention of Erin Embry, Finance Director. Bids must be valid for 60 days from the date of opening. Grayson County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. This advertisement was paid for by Grayson County Schools using taxpayer dollars in the amount of \$47.27.

Doug Robinson, Superintendent,
Grayson County Board of Education