Proposed Rules

3 CSR 10-20.805 Definitions. The commission proposes to amend section (13), add new section (22), re-number subsequent sections, and amend the authority section of this rule.

PURPOSE: This amendment removes common snapping and soft-shelled turtles as eligible species for commercial harvest, defines the words "established field trial area" as used in the Code, and corrects an inaccurate reference in the authority section of this rule.

(13) Commercial fish: All fish except endangered species as listed in 3 CSR 10-4.111(3) and game fish as defined in this rule. Includes those species for which sale is permitted when legally obtained. For purposes of this Code, packaged salt water species or freshwater species not found in waters of this state, when the processed fish are truly labeled as to content, point of origin, and name and address of the processor, are exempt from restrictions applicable to native commercial fish. Commercial fish include [common snapping and soft-shelled turtles and] crayfish taken from waters open to commercial fishing. In the Mississippi River and that part of the St. Francis River which forms the boundary between the states of Arkansas and Missouri, commercial fish also include channel, blue, and flathead catfish at least fifteen inches (15") in total length. In the Mississippi River only, commercial fish also include paddlefish at least twenty-four inches (24") in length (measured from eye to fork of tail) and shovelnose sturgeon twenty-four inches to thirty-two inches (24" - 32") in length (measured from tip of snout to fork of tail) upstream from Melvin Price Locks and Dam.

(22) Established field trial area: One (1) contiguous tract of privately-owned land that is fenced or enclosed in a manner to reasonably prevent dogs pursuing or chasing wildlife from leaving the area, where the primary use of the land is for training dogs to pursue and chase wildlife or to conduct field trials.

(23) Field trial: An organized event, contest, demonstration, or trial of dogs whether or not prizes or awards of any kind are offered, and where dogs may be used to chase, locate, pursue, or retrieve wildlife.

(24) Firearms: Pistols, revolvers, and rifles propelling a single projectile at one (1) discharge including those powered by spring, air, or compressed gas, and shotguns not larger than ten (10) gauge.

(25) Flies, lures, and baits: The following are authorized for use except where restricted in 3 CSR 10-6-415, 3 CSR 10-6-535, 3 CSR 10-11.205, 3 CSR 10-12.135, and 3 CSR 10-12.150:

(A) Natural and scented baits—A natural fish food such as bait fish, crayfish, frogs permitted as bait, grubs, insects, larvae, worms, salmon eggs, cheese, corn, and other food substances not containing any ingredient to stupefy, injure, or kill fish. Does not include flies or artificial lures. Includes dough bait, putty or paste-type bait, any substance designed to attract fish by taste or smell, and any fly, lure, or bait containing or used with such substances.

(B) Soft plastic bait (unscented)—Synthetic eggs, synthetic worms, synthetic grubs, and soft plastic lures.

(C) Artificial lure—A lure constructed of any material excluding soft plastic bait and natural and scented bait as defined in (A) or (B) above.

(D) Fly—An artificial lure constructed on a single-point hook, using any material except soft plastic bait and natural and scented bait as defined in (A) or (B) above, that is tied, glued, or otherwise permanently attached.

(26) Furbearing animals: Furbearers: Badger, beaver, black bear, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, long-tailed weasel, mink, mountain lion, muskrat, nutria, opossum, raccoon, red fox, river otter, spotted skunk, and striped skunk.

(27) Game birds: American coot, American woodcock, crows, ducks, Eurasian collared-dove, geese, gray partridge, mourning dove, northern bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasant, ruffed grouse, sora rail, Virginia rail, white-winged dove, wild turkey, and Wilson’s snipe.

(28) Game fish: Shall include the following in which the common names are to be interpreted as descriptive of, but not limiting, the classification by Latin names:

(A) Ambloplites, all species of goggle-eye (commonly known as Ozark bass, rock bass, shadow bass) and their hybrids.

(B) Esox, all species commonly known as muskellunge, tiger muskie, muskie-pike hybrid, northern pike, chain pickerel, grass pickerel.

(C) Ictalurus, all species except bullheads, commonly known as channel catfish, blue catfish, Mississippi cat, Fulton cat, spotted cat, white cat, willow cat, fiddler cat.

(D) Lepomis gulosus; commonly known as warmouth.

(E) Micropterus, all species of black bass and their hybrids, commonly known as largemouth bass, lineside bass, smallmouth bass, brown bass, Kentucky bass, spotted bass.

(F) Morone, all species and their hybrids, commonly known as white bass, yellow bass, striped bass.

(G) Oncorhynchus, Salvelinus, and Salmo, all species commonly known as salmon, char, and trout.

(H) Polyodon, all species, commonly known as paddlefish, spoonbill.

(I) Pomoxis, all species, commonly known as crappie, white crappie, black crappie.

(J) Pylodictis, commonly known as flathead catfish, goujon, yellow cat, river cat.

(K) Sander, all species and their hybrids, commonly known as walleye, pike perch, jack salmon, sauger.

(L) Scaphirhynchus placatorynchus, commonly known as shovelnose sturgeon, hackleback, sand sturgeon.

(29) Game mammals: Cottontail rabbit, deer, fox squirrel, gray squirrel, groundhog (woodchuck), jackrabbit, swamp rabbit, and furbearers as defined.

(30) Grab: The act of snagging or attempting to snag a fish by means of a pole, line, and hook manipulated by hand.

(31) Hook: Single- or multiple-pronged hooks and the ordinary artificial lures with attached single- or multiple-pronged hooks and dropper flies. A multiple-pronged hook or two (2) or more hooks employed to hold a single bait, shall be considered a single hook in counting the allowable total in use.

(32) Invertebrate: Any animal lacking a backbone; this includes all animal phyla other than Chordata. (Examples include insects and other arthropods, flatworms, roundworms, segmented worms, and mollusks.)

(33) Length of fish: Total length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with the fish laid flat on the rule with mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together. The length of paddlefish is measured from the eye to the fork of the tail. The length of sturgeon is measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

(34) Lessee: Any Missouri resident who resides on and leases at least five (5) acres of land in one (1) continuous tract owned by others, or any member of the immediate household whose legal residence
and domicile is the same as the lessee’s for at least thirty (30) days last past.

(34)(35) Limit: The maximum number or quantity, total length, or both, of any wildlife permitted to be taken or held in possession by any person within a specified period of time according to this Code.

(36) Managed deer hunt: A prescribed deer hunt conducted on a designated area for which harvest methods, harvest quotas, and numbers of participants are determined annually and presented in the deer hunting rules (3 CSR 10-7.431 and 3 CSR 10-7.436).

Mouth of stream or ditch: The point at which a line projected along the shore of a main stream or ditch at the existing water level at time of measurement crosses any incoming stream or ditch.

Mussels: All species of freshwater mussels and clams. Includes all shells and alive or dead animals. Two (2) shell halves (valves) shall be considered one (1) mussel.

Muzzles: Any firearm capable of being loaded only from the muzzle.

Night vision equipment: Optical devices (that is, binoculars or scopes) using light amplifying circuits that are electrical or battery powered.

Open season: That time when the pursuing and taking of wildlife is permitted.

Other fish: All species other than those listed as endangered in 3 CSR 10-4.111 or defined in this rule as game fish.

Persons with disabilities: a person who is blind, as defined in section 8.700, RSMo, or a person with medical disabilities which prohibits, limits, or severely impairs one’s ability to ambulate or walk, as determined by a licensed physician as follows: The person cannot ambulate or walk fifty (50) or less feet without stopping to rest due to a severe and disabling arthritic, neurological, orthopedic condition, or other severe and disabling condition; or the person cannot ambulate or walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device; or the person is restricted by a respiratory or other disease to such an extent that the person’s forced respiratory expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mmHg on room air at rest; or the person uses portable oxygen; or the person has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person’s functional limitations are classified in severity as class III or class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association. (A person’s age, in and of itself, shall not be a factor in determining whether such person is physically disabled.)

Poisons, contaminants, pollutants: Any substances that have harmful effect upon wildlife.

Pole and line: Fishing methods using tackle normally held in the hand, such as a cane pole, casting rod, spinning rod, fly rod, or ice fishing tackle commonly known as a tip-up, to which not more than three (3) hooks with bait or lures are attached. This fishing method does not include snagging, snaring, grabbing, or trotlines or other tackle normally attached in a fixed position.

Possessed and possession: The actual and constructive possession and control of things referred to in this Code.

Public roadway: The right of way which is either owned in fee or by easement by the state of Missouri or any county or municipal entity, or which is used by the general public for travel and is also regularly maintained by Department of Transportation, federal, county, or municipal funds or labor.

Pursue or pursued: Includes the act of trying to find, to seek, or to diligently search for wildlife for the purpose of taking this wildlife.

Resident landowner: Any Missouri resident who is the owner of at least five (5) acres in one (1) contiguous tract, or any member of the immediate household whose legal residence or domicile is the same as the landowner’s for at least thirty (30) days last past. In the case of corporate ownership, only registered officers of corporations meet this definition.

Sell: To exchange for compensation in any material form, and the term shall include offering for sale.

Snare: A device for the capture of furbearers in a water-set by use of a cable loop. Snares must be constructed of cable that is at least five sixty-fourths inch (5/64”) and no greater than one-eighth inch (1/8”) in diameter, and must be equipped with a mechanical lock and anchor swivel.

Speargun: A mechanically powered device that propels a single- or multiple-pronged spear underwater.

Store and storage: Shall also include chilling, freezing, and other processing.

Take or taking: Includes killing, trapping, snaring, netting, or capturing in any manner, any wildlife, and also refers to pursuing, molesting, hunting, wounding; or the placing, setting, or use of any net, trap, device, contrivance, or substance in an attempt to take; and every act of assistance to every other person in taking or attempting to take any wildlife.

Transgenic: Any organism, or progeny thereof, that contains DNA from a species that was not a parent of that organism.

Transport and transportation: All carrying or moving or causing to be carried or moved from one point to another, regardless of distance, vehicle, or manner, and includes offering or receiving for transport or transit.

Underwater spearfishing: The taking of fish by a diver while underwater, with the aid of a manually or mechanically propelled, single- or multiple-pronged spear.

Ungulate: Hoofed animals.

Waters of the state: All rivers, streams, lakes, and other bodies of surface water lying within or forming a part of the boundaries of the state which are not entirely confined and located completely upon lands owned or leased by a single person or by two (2) or more persons jointly or as tenants in common or by corporate shareholders, and including waters of the United States lying within the state. Waters of the state will include any waters which have been stocked by the state or which are subject to movement of fishes to and from waters of the state.

Zoo: Any publicly owned facility, park, building, cage, enclosure, or other structure or premises in which live animals are held and exhibited for the primary purpose of public viewing.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. and section 252.240, 252.040, RSMo [2000] 2016. This rule previously filed...

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars ($500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will cost private entities an estimated annual aggregate between three thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars ($3,759) and four thousand nine hundred twenty-four dollars and fifty cents ($4,924.50).

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with Regulations Committee Chairman, Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180, or via the department’s website at http://short.mdc.mo.gov/Z49. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Missouri Register. No public hearing is scheduled.