The following regulations have been adopted and published in the Kansas Register. They will become effective on the final date listed in the history section that follows each regulation. Regulations become effective 15 days after publication in the Kansas Register unless a later effective date is given in the body of the regulation.

State of Kansas
Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
Permanent Administrative Regulations

Article 5.—FURBEARERS

115-5-1. Furbearers and coyotes; legal equipment, taking methods, and general provisions. (a) Hunting equipment permitted during furbearer hunting seasons and during coyote hunting seasons shall consist of the following:

(1) Firearms, except fully automatic firearms;
(2) archery equipment;
(3) crossbows; and
(4) optical scopes or sights that project no visible light toward the target and do not electronically amplify visible or infrared light, except as specified in subsection (d).

(b) Trapping equipment permitted during furbearer and coyote trapping seasons shall consist of the following:

(1) Smooth-jawed foothold traps, except that all types of foothold traps may be used in water sets;
(2) body-gripping traps;
(3) box traps;
(4) cage traps;
(5) colony traps;
(6) snares; and
(7) deadfalls.

(c) The following general provisions shall apply to the taking of furbearers and coyotes:

(1) Calls may be used in the taking of furbearers and coyotes.
(2) Handheld, battery-powered flashlights, hat lamps, and handheld lanterns may be used while trapping furbearers or coyotes or while running furbearers.
(3) Any .22 or .17 caliber rimfire rifle or handgun may be used to take trapped furbearers or trapped coyotes when using a light to check traps.
(4) Any .22 or .17 caliber rimfire rifle or handgun may be used while using a handheld, battery-powered flashlight, hat lamp, or handheld lantern to take furbearers treed with the aid of dogs.
(5) Lures, baits, and decoys may be used in the taking of furbearers and coyotes.
(6) The use of horses and mules shall be permitted while hunting, trapping, or running furbearers and coyotes.
(7) The use of motor vehicles for taking coyotes shall be permitted while hunting coyotes, except as provided in subsection (d).
(8) The use of radios in land or water vehicles shall be permitted for the taking of coyotes.
(9) The use of dogs for hunting and during running seasons shall be permitted.
(10) Each body-gripping trap with an inside jawspread of eight inches or greater, when measured across the jaws at a 90-degree angle, shall be used only in a water set.

(11) Only landowners or tenants of land immediately adjacent to the right-of-way of a public road, or their immediate family members or authorized agents, may set slide-locking wire or snare-type cable traps as dryland sets within five feet of a fence bordering a public road or within 50 feet of the outside edge of the surface of a public road. Only these landowners or tenants, or their immediate family members or authorized agents, may possess the fur, pelt, skin, or carcass of any furbearer or coyote removed from these devices located within these specified limits.

(12) A person shall not have in possession any equipment specified in subsection (a) while pursuing or chasing furbearers with hounds during the running season.

(13) All trapping devices included in subsection (b) shall be tagged with either the user’s name and address or the user’s department-issued identification number and shall be tended and inspected at least once every calendar day.

(14) Each foothold trap that has an outside jawspread greater than seven inches, when measured across the jaws at a 90-degree angle, shall be used only in a water set.

(d) From January 1 through March 31, the following provisions shall apply to the hunting of coyotes:

(1) Artificial light, scopes and equipment that amplify visible light, and thermal-imaging scopes and thermal-imaging equipment may be used for hunting.
(2) The use of vehicles when hunting with the equipment specified in paragraph (d)(1) shall be prohibited.
(3) The use of the equipment specified in paragraph (d)(1) shall not be authorized on department lands and waters.

Article 6.—FUR DEALERS

115-6-1. Fur dealer license; application, authority, possession of furs, records, and revocation. (a) Each application shall be submitted on a form provided by the department. Each applicant shall provide the following information:

(1) Name of applicant;
(2) residential address;
(3) the address of each business location;
(4) an inventory of raw furs, pelts, skins, and carcasses of furbearing animals and coyotes on hand at time of application; and
(5) any other relevant information as required by the secretary.

(b) Each fur dealer license shall expire on June 30 fol-
lowing the date of issuance.

(c) Each fur dealer shall deal only with properly licensed persons and only at authorized fur dealer business locations.

(d) Any fur dealer may buy, purchase, or trade in the furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses of coyotes.

(e) Any fur dealer may possess legally acquired furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses of furbearing animals for no more than 30 days after the expiration date of the fur dealer’s license. Coyote furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses may be possessed without limit in time.

(f) Each fur dealer shall purchase or acquire only those bobcat, otter, and swift fox pelts that have been tagged with a department export tag or with the official export tag provided by the wildlife agency of another state, except for any legally harvested swift fox pelt originating from a state that does not require an official export tag.

(g) Each fur dealer shall maintain a furharvester record book and a fur dealer book provided by the department or shall use a department-approved electronic record system. Entries shall be made in the appropriate record book or electronic record system whenever receiving, shipping, or otherwise disposing of furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses of furbearing animals or coyotes. Each record book or electronic record system, all receipts, and all furs, pelts, skins, and carcasses in the fur dealer’s possession shall be subject to inspection upon demand by any conservation officer. Each record book or electronic record and all receipts shall be subject to copying upon demand by any conservation officer. Each fur dealer shall forward all record books or electronic records to the department annually on or before May 1.

(1) The furharvester record book or electronic record system shall include the following information:

(A) The name of the fur dealer;
(B) residential address;
(C) fur dealer license number;
(D) the date of each receipt of furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses;
(E) name, address, and license number of each person from whom furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses were acquired;
(F) name of the state where the furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses were harvested;
(G) number of each species of furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses acquired; and
(H) any other relevant information as required by the secretary.

(2) The fur dealer record book or electronic record system shall include the following information:

(A) The name of the fur dealer;
(B) residential address;
(C) fur dealer license number;
(D) date of each receipt or disposal of furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses;
(E) name, address, and fur dealer license number of each fur dealer from which furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses are acquired or to which they are sold;
(F) number and species of furs, pelts, skins, or carcasses acquired or sold; and
(G) any other relevant information as required by the secretary.

(h) In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, a fur dealer’s license may be refused issuance or revoked by the secretary under any of the following circumstances:

(1) The application is incomplete or contains false information.
(2) The fur dealer fails to meet reporting requirements.
(3) The fur dealer violates license conditions.
(4) The fur dealer has violated department laws or regulations or has had any other department license or permit revoked or suspended. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-942; effective March 19, 1990; amended Sept. 4, 2009; amended July 26, 2013; amended May 31, 2019; amended Sept. 18, 2020.)

Brad Loveless
Secretary