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Rulemaking Hearing Rule(s) Filing Form

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Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-229, any new fee or fee increase promulgated by state agency rule shall take effect on July 1, following the expiration of the ninety (90) day period as provided in § 4-5-207. This section shall not apply to rules that implement new fees or fee increases that are promulgated as emergency rules pursuant to § 4-5-208(a) and to subsequent rules that make permanent such emergency rules, as amended during the rulemaking process. In addition, this section shall not apply to state agencies that did not, during the preceding two (2) fiscal years, collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the cost of operating the board, commission or entity in accordance with § 4-29-121(b).

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Revision Type (check all that apply):

- Amendment
- New
- Repeal

Rule(s) Revised (ALL chapters and rules contained in filing must be listed here. If needed, copy and paste additional tables to accommodate multiple chapters. Please enter only **ONE Rule Number/Rule Title per row)**

Chapter Number	Chapter Title
1660-01-05	Rules and Regulations for Fishing
Rule Number	Rule Title
1660-01-05-.03(7)	TWRA Lakes

Amendment

1660-01-05-.03(7), TWRA Lakes, is amended by deleting "Firearms are prohibited on all areas except those open to hunting."

- (7) Hunting is permitted during the regular hunting season on the following lakes and adjacent state lands, except on areas posted as safety zones: Garrett Lake, VFW Lake, Whiteville Lake, Coy Gaither Bedford Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Carroll Lake (no big game hunting allowed on Carroll Lake and State owned land adjacent thereto), and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. Trapping is allowed on Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes as set out in statewide regulations. Waterfowl hunting is permitted from temporary or natural blinds only on Garrett Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. Blinds and decoys must be removed daily from Garrett Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. ~~Firearms are prohibited on all areas except those open to hunting.~~ Boats may be used for waterfowl hunting on Garrett Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes.

Authority: T.C.A. §§69-9-209, 70-1-206 and 70-4-107. Administrative History: Original rule certified May 8, 1974. Amendment filed June 9, 1978; effective July 10, 1978. Amendment filed May 19 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Repeal and new rule filed February 4, 1983; effective March 7, 1983. Amendment filed February 20, 1986; effective March 22, 1986. Amendment filed June 9, 1986; effective July 9, 1986. Amendment filed February 26, 1987; effective April 12, 1987. Amendment filed April 20, 1988; effective June 4 1988. Amendment filed December 18, 1989; effective February 1, 1990. Amendment filed January 14, 1991; effective February 28, 1991. Amendment filed September 26, 1996; effective December 10, 1996. Amendment filed February 27, 1998; effective May 13 1998. Amendment filed September 4, 1998; effective November 18, 1998. Amendment filed January 5, 2001; effective March 22, 2001. Amendment filed January 3, 2003; effective March 19, 2003. Amendment filed February 10, 2005; effective April 26, 2005. Amendment filed May 12, 2005; effective July 26, 2005. Amendment filed February 9, 2007; effective April 25, 2007. Amendment filed May 31, 2013; effective August 29, 2013. Amendment filed March 27, 2015; effective June 25, 2015. A six day stay of effective date filed March 27, 2015; new effective date July 1, 2015.

* If a roll-call vote was necessary, the vote by the Commission on these rulemaking hearing rules was as follows:

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Signature (if required)
Chad Baker					
Jim Bledsoe					
Harold Cannon					
Jeff Cook					
Bill Cox					
Kurt Holbert					
Connie King					
Jeff McMillan					
Jim Ripley					
Bill Swan					
Trey Teague					
David Watson					
Jamie Woodson					

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of rulemaking hearing rules, lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish & Wildlife Commission on 08/19/2016 (mm/dd/yyyy), and is in compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. § 4-5-222.

I further certify the following:

Notice of Rulemaking Hearing filed with the Department of State on: (mm/dd/yy)

Rulemaking Hearing(s) Conducted on: (add more dates). 08/19/2016

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name of Officer: Ed Carter

Title of Officer: Executive Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me on: _____

Notary Public Signature: _____

My commission expires on: 03/10/2019

All rulemaking hearing rules provided for herein have been examined by the Attorney General and Reporter of the State of Tennessee and are approved as to legality pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

Herbert H. Slatery III
Attorney General and Reporter

Date

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Secretary of State

Public Hearing Comments

One copy of a document containing responses to comments made at the public hearing must accompany the filing pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-222. Agencies shall include only their responses to public hearing comments, which can be summarized. No letters of inquiry from parties questioning the rule will be accepted. When no comments are received at the public hearing, the agency need only draft a memorandum stating such and include it with the Rulemaking Hearing Rule filing. Minutes of the meeting will not be accepted. Transcripts are not acceptable.

RULE: 1660-01-05-.03

New	_____
Amendment	_____X_____
Repeal	_____

There were no public comments to the above-described rule.

Attached hereto are the responses to public comments.

Regulatory Flexibility Addendum

Pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-401 through 4-5-404, prior to initiating the rule making process as described in T.C.A. § 4-5-202(a)(3) and T.C.A. § 4-5-202(a), all agencies shall conduct a review of whether a proposed rule or rule affects small businesses.

- (1) The type or types of small business and an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed rule that would bear the cost of, and/or directly benefit from the proposed rule;

- (2) The projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed rule, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record;

- (3) A statement of the probable effect on impacted small businesses and consumers;

- (4) A description of any less burdensome, less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose and/or objectives of the proposed rule that may exist, and to what extent, such alternative means might be less burdensome to small business;

- (5) A comparison of the proposed rule with any federal or state counterparts; and

- (6) Analysis of the effect of the possible exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed rule.

Impact on Local Governments

Pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-220 and 4-5-228 “any rule proposed to be promulgated shall state in a simple declarative sentence, without additional comments on the merits of the policy of the rules or regulation, whether the rule or regulation may have a projected impact on local governments.” (See Public Chapter Number 1070 (<http://state.tn.us/sos/acts/106/pub/pc1070.pdf>) of the 2010 Session of the General Assembly)

Will passage of this rule have a projected financial impact on local governments?

Please describe the increase in expenditures or decrease in revenues:

Additional Information Required by Joint Government Operations Committee

All agencies, upon filing a rule, must also submit the following pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-226(i)(1).

- (A) A brief summary of the rule and a description of all relevant changes in previous regulations effectuated by such rule;

- (B) A citation to and brief description of any federal law or regulation or any state law or regulation mandating promulgation of such rule or establishing guidelines relevant thereto;

This is a housekeeping measure on TWRA rules removing the prohibition against possession of a firearm on TWRA property, pursuant to the passage of Public Chapter No. 250 by the 109th General Assembly which allows persons with a handgun carry permit to **blah, blah, blah.**

- (C) Identification of persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities most directly affected by this rule, and whether those persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities urge adoption or rejection of this rule;

- (D) Identification of any opinions of the attorney general and reporter or any judicial ruling that directly relates to the rule;

- (E) An estimate of the probable increase or decrease in state and local government revenues and expenditures, if any, resulting from the promulgation of this rule, and assumptions and reasoning upon which the estimate is based. An agency shall not state that the fiscal impact is minimal if the fiscal impact is more than two percent (2%) of the agency's annual budget or five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), whichever is less;

- (F) Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives, possessing substantial knowledge and understanding of the rule;

Please include your phone number & e-mail address!

- (G) Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives who will explain the rule at a scheduled meeting of the committees;

Chris Richardson, TWRA Special Assistant to the Director/Policy and Legislation, will explain the rule at the scheduled meeting of the Government Operations Committee.

- (H) Office address, telephone number, and email address of the agency representative or representatives who will explain the rule at a scheduled meeting of the committees; and

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- (I) Any additional information relevant to the rule proposed for continuation that the committee requests.

