

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife

By Lisa Jackson

State legislators have approved a straightforward approach to the way license, tag, registration and permit fees charged by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will be adjusted in the future.

Following adjournment of the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Energy meeting on Nov. 6, 2025, that initiative (301 KAR 5:022) and several other pro-

posed changes to state administrative regulations were finalized and are now in effect.

Key changes include:

- A reduced-cost sportsman's license is now available for resident first-time buyers. Only individuals who have not purchased an annual Kentucky hunting or fishing license – or a combination license that includes an annual license – since 1996 are eligible. The \$35 license includes a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory bird and waterfowl permit and statewide deer permit.
- To hunt bobcats in Kentucky, hunters must purchase a \$10 permit. The permit was previously free.
- The motorboat registration fee structure has been simplified. Fees will now be based solely on vessel length.
- Amendments also changed fees for boat manufacturers

and dealers, as well as hunting and fishing guide and outfitter licenses.

Moving forward, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will make incremental price adjustments every other year for licenses, tags, registrations and permits based only on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the national measure of inflation calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The Federal Duck Stamp and application fees will be ex-

“We are a fee-based agency and the majority of funding comes from the sale of licenses and permits that have not seen a resident increase since 2018, and federal excise taxes. Implementing CPI price adjustments enhances transparency and will help the agency keep pace with industry costs to ensure fiscally sound operation of the agency and fulfillment of its mission for generations to come.”

Licenses, tags and permits



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empted from CPI adjustments.

All licenses, permits, tags and registrations sold by the department will be adjusted in January using the CPI rate from 2024 and 2025, following the expected BLS announcement of the CPI index.

The adjustment will affect the remaining 2025-26 license year through Feb. 28, 2026, and the 2026-27 license year starting March 1, 2026.

In the past, fees for licenses, tags, registrations and permits changed unpredictably. Under the new approach, price adjustments will be smaller and more consistent.

“Relying on a widely accepted federal economic indicator to determine price adjustments for user fees helps our customers know when to anticipate changes, and it's a common-sense way to adjust for inflation,” said Gabe Jenkins, deputy commissioner for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

for the 2026-27 license year go on sale Dec. 1, 2025. The 2026-27 license year starts March 1, 2026. Hunters and anglers can take advantage of lower pricing by buying their 2026-27 licenses and permits before the anticipated increase in January.

Purchases may be made on the My Profile app on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website (fw.ky.gov).

“We encourage our customers to not delay and consider buying their 2026-27 licenses and permits in December,” Jenkins said.

For questions, the public may refer to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Licenses webpage or type “Licenses” into the search bar on the agency website (fw.ky.gov) or contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 800-858-1549 or at info.center@ky.gov, weekdays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Eastern), except holidays.

Ruminations

By Al Owens

Your Adversary

Some things happen to us that we are not aware of until much later – after the fact. For instance, a person may have cancer for some time and not find out about it until near the end. Just like that every one of us was born with an adversary through no fault of our own, and that adversary wants to destroy us. Most of us did not learn about him until much later in life. This adversary especially hates the followers of Christ but truly has no love for any human.

The Apostle Peter warned us about him in I Peter 5:8-9, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

This warning is specifically given to the saints, but as verse nine indicates, it is generally true of everyone.

So, Peter tells us to be sober, that is “to abstain from wine, or to be calm and collected in spirit.” You might say we need to be serious minded about our

great adversary.

He also admonishes us to be vigilant or watchful, to stay on guard so to speak.

The Apostle also reminds us that the devil is that adversary or opponent. His designation as the devil means that he is a “slanderer or false accuser, an accuser of the brethren.” From the words of Christ and other Scriptures we also know that Satan is a liar, a murderer, and a deceiver.

Peter compares Satan to a roaring lion, walking about, seeking his prey. Jesus also seeks, but He seeks the lost to save their souls whereas the devil wants to destroy the souls of man.

I once visited the Fort Worth Zoo with some friends. We came to the lion cages. A big metal bar separated the sidewalk from the cages, but you could lean over the bar and touch the cages. A big, beautiful male African lion lay with his back to the cage where I stood, and I leaned over the bar and scratched that great lion on the back. I had seen a wildlife program on TV, and the commentator said that lions did not purr. He was wrong. That lion purred loudly, but then he turned his head and saw me

and turned quickly and came for me, and he roared. The roar was so loud it literally made the ground shake, and he put his paw between the cage bars and swiped at me, but I was able to avoid him just in time to get a tongue lashing from a zoo keeper. But the roar was so loud it shook the ground, and I couldn't believe it. Just like that the devil seeks the souls of mankind.

The word “devour” in the New Testament language means “to gulp down, to drink down, to swallow.”

Therefore, we are to resist the devil and stand against him, but we must do it in the faith.

Let us be aware anew that the devil prowls around looking for victims to devour and destroy. And remember, he delights in ruining Christians and anyone else that believes in God. He may be stalking you or me today. Thank the Lord that “greater is He that is in you (the Spirit of Christ), than he that is in the world. (Satan)” (I John 4:4). Remember that Peter said that the devil is “your” adversary, and we need to be on the lookout for his attempts to devour us.

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