



# COLORADO

## Parks and Wildlife

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TO: Reg Review Managers  
FROM: Danielle Isenhardt, Regulations Manager  
RE: January 2015 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary  
DATE: January 14-15, 2015

At the January 14-15, 2015 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission approved changes to the regulations as follows:

### FINAL

#### Chapter W-0 - General Provisions

The Commission finalized regulations in its annual review of Chapter W-0 - General Provisions. Changes include the following:

- Allowing seropositive ungulates to be imported into Colorado for research purposes or for immediate slaughter after prior authorization from the Director.
- Removing the reporting requirements for stocking information by private aquaculture operations, except for specific non-native warm-water sport fish in private waters west of the continental divide.

#### Chapter W-2 - Big Game

The Commission finalized regulations in its annual review of Chapter W-2 - Big Game. Changes include the following:

- Annual changes to season dates, limited license areas and manner of take provisions for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, moose, mountain lion, and bear.
- 2015 annual quotas and season dates for sheep and goat.
- Annual changes to limited license application and drawing processes.
- Removal of the old landowner voucher regulations.
- Allowing lighted nocks on arrows and recording devices on bows during the archery season.
- Changing all bear licenses in B-11 from list A to list B.
- Exempting private ram licenses (not obtained through the public draw) from the 5-year waiting period after harvesting a ½ curl or larger ram.
- Increasing youth preference for antlerless mule deer licenses in the Gunnison Basin GMU's from 15% to 50% for 2015.
- Changes to youth and black bear season participation.
- Changes to license purchase cutoff dates for the concurrent rifle bear season from license agents.
- Prohibiting antler shed collection on public lands within the Eagle and Roaring Fork River watersheds, with dates and times consistent with the Gunnison Basin antler shed collection closure.
- Opening archery sheep hunting in Waterton Canyon.
- Opening ewe hunting in S-6.
- Opening hunting in S-55 as a part of the S-10 ram tag.



- Opening a portion of GMU S-26 to ram hunting with an S-13 ram tag.
- Opening limited ram hunting in BHS units S-24 and S-75 utilizing DBHS season dates.
- Creating a separate rifle season in S-37.
- Establishing two ewe huntcodes for novel seasons in GMU S-69.
- Adding clarification language for auction and raffle sheep and goat hunters.
- Modifying the G-05 unit restrictions on rifle hunters.
- Splitting G-11 into two sub-units to distribute hunting pressure and accommodate additional hunting opportunity.
- Establishing a nanny-only huntcode in G-12 with the same season dates as the existing either-sex huntcode.
- Creating an either-sex rifle mountain goat huntcode for G-18.
- Creating separate huntcodes in GMUs 1, 2, 10, and 201 for bear licenses.
- Creating separate huntcodes in GMUs 40, 61, 76, and Bosque portion of 851 for bear licenses during the concurrent rifle bear season.
- Changing season dates for the deer, elk and concurrent bear seasons on the Bosque del Oso SWA to match the current statewide west of I-25 season dates.
- Requiring that hunters be present at the time and place when hounds are released and continuously participate in the mountain lion hunt until it ends.
- Eliminating muzzleloader, 2nd season, and 3rd season doe licenses/huntcodes and converting the either sex archery licenses to buck only in GMUs 71, 72, 73, and 711.
- Creating new huntcodes for buck deer valid only in GMU 140 and removing GMU 140 from existing huntcodes.
- Adjusting the boundaries for the DE041P5A and DF041P5A huntcodes.
- Adding an early (September) high country buck season in GMU 65.
- Creating antlerless mule deer hunts for the second and third rifle seasons in GMUs 55 and 551.
- Reinstating fourth season buck hunts in the Gunnison Basin.
- Creating a fourth season rifle antlered deer hunt in GMU 201.
- Eliminating the fourth season doe deer huntcode from GMU 501.
- Adding a late season rifle doe deer hunt in GMUs 103 and 109.
- Shortening the PLO doe deer season in GMU 20 to coincide with the closing date of the PLO buck deer season.
- Shortening the PLO doe deer seasons in GMUs 29 and 38 to coincide with the closing date of the PLO buck deer seasons.
- Making huntcode DF075P5R valid on private lands south of Hwy 160 in GMUs 75 and 751.
- Splitting GMU 70 out from the other GMUs in E-24 in the following huntcodes: E-E-070-O1M, E-F-070-O1M, E-E-070-O1R, E-E-070-O4R, E-E-070-P1R, and EE-070-P4R.
- Removing GMU 128 from the eastern plains elk season and creating an alternative season structure.
- Expanding the boundaries of huntcode EF031P5R to include all of GMU 22.
- Eliminating huntcode EF055P5R.
- Expanding the boundaries for the EF391P5R huntcode, to include all private lands in GMU 391 and private lands within the Jefferson County portion of GMU 39.
- Eliminating huntcode EF054L2R.
- Replacing the two existing late cow seasons in GMUs 50, 500, and 501 with one late 9 day cow elk season beginning the last Saturday in December.
- Adding a late season public land antlerless elk hunt in GMU 61.
- Creating stand-alone bull and cow moose licenses in GMU 38.
- Establishing antlered moose huntcodes in GMUs 44 and 45.
- Establishing antlerless moose huntcodes for GMUs 66 and 67.
- Expanding bull moose hunting opportunities within low density areas of the Southwest Region.
- Creating stand-alone cow moose licenses in GMU 191.

## CITIZEN PETITION

### Chapter W-11 - Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife

The Commission forwarded a citizen petition to add the Asian Water Buffalo to the list of domestic species in Colorado.

## DRAFT

### Chapter W-0 - General Provisions

The Commission forwarded draft regulations in its annual review of Chapter 0 - General Provisions, including but not limited to, allowing limited use of leashed dogs to recover wounded big game, excluding black bears and mountain lions.

## ISSUE

### Chapter P-1 - Park and Outdoor Recreation Lands

The Commission initiated its two-step annual review of Chapter P-1 - Park and Outdoor Recreation Lands and forwarded all issue papers for further consideration including, but not limited to:

- Allowing boats with electric or gas motors of 10 horsepower or less to be launched and operated at a wakeless speed on Blue Heron Reservoir at St. Vrain State Park.
- Prohibiting the use of portable grills and stoves outside of designated high-use pads at Eldorado State Park.
- Allowing the Park Manager to require bear proof containers in all or portions of Eleven Mile State Park.
- Updating Article II #103(a) regarding water restrictions to include Staunton State Park Ponds.
- Listing Highline Lake State Park under #106(a)(1)(c)(2), clarifying that the park is only open to waterfowl hunting on weekdays and as posted.

### Chapter P-7 - Passes, Permits and Registrations

The Commission initiated its two-step annual review of Chapter P-7 - Passes, Permits and Registrations and forwarded all issue papers for further consideration including, but not limited to:

- Adding the Overlook Event Facility at Ridgway State Park to the set fee schedule in regulation #708.
- Increasing the weekend and holiday rate at the Pa Co Chu Puk group event facility.

### Chapter W-2 - Big Game

The Commission forwarded CPW staff's preferred alternative to put in place a quarter-mile closure for moose hunting around Brainard Lake from the beginning of archery season until the USFS gate closes.

## Chapter W-9 - Wildlife Properties

The Commission initiated its two-step annual review of Chapter W-9 - Wildlife Properties and forwarded all issue papers for further consideration including, but not limited to:

- Adding new regulations for the Arikaree SWA.
- Modifying the winter range closure on Centennial SWA.
- Modifying public access restrictions at Dome Rock SWA.
- Closing Frank SWA to hunting and prohibiting public access north of the Poudre River.
- Allowing bow fishing at Rio Grande, Shriver-Wright, Russell Lakes, and Higel SWAs.
- Adding access restrictions to Mount Evans SWA.
- Modifying closure dates on Perins Peak and Bodo SWAs.
- Prohibiting big game hunting with muzzleloaders or rifles on Meeker Pastures SWA.
- Changing the age requirement for the Jumbo and Prewitt SWA permits.
- Allowing hand, wind, and electric powered craft at Runyon/Fountain Lakes SWA for fishing.
- Closing public access on Wellington #4 Reservoir.
- Creating regulations for Overland Trail STL.

## Chapter W-11 - Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife

The Commission forwarded an issue paper to include exemptions when wildlife sanctuaries can possess wildlife taken from the wild outside of Colorado.

Further information regarding these changes can be found in the documents on the Commission's January 2015 web page at: <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/CommissionMeeting2015-1.aspx>.