

*Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission Resolution –  
17-01*

*Support for Legislation that Allows CPW to Operate Like a Business  
Enterprise with Regard to the Price for Goods and Services*

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WHEREAS, Park fees can no longer be raised by the Commission because increasing revenues generated primarily by growing park visitation have reached the statutory cap, and

WHEREAS, Hunting and fishing license fees were set in statute in 2005 and have not changed since, and

WHEREAS, Despite being an enterprise state agency, the Division of Parks and Wildlife can only control some of its costs (other costs, like employee benefits and payments to other agencies, are not discretionary), and

WHEREAS, Division income is primarily constrained by state statute, and

WHEREAS, The current 7-year practice of reducing programs and services in response to increasing costs of doing business is not sustainable or desirable for the long-term benefit of the natural and outdoor recreational resources of Colorado, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission supports legislative relief that allows increased fees to address current and projected future demand and that the Commission be granted some flexibility to modify license and park pass fees to create new combinations, discounts and special opportunities, in other words to operate more like a true enterprise business and to maintain and increase customer participation and satisfaction.

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James Pribyl, Chairman

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission

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