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TO: Regulation Review Managers and Agency Staff
FROM: Danielle Isenhardt, Regulations Manager
RE: November 2018 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary
DATE: November 20, 2018

At the November 15-16, 2018 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission approved changes to regulations as follows:

CITIZEN PETITIONS (WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 9 - Chapter W-17 - "Damage Caused by Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-17

The Commission considered a Citizen Petition for Rulemaking requesting that dogs be allowed to haze geese year-round on private property in order to prevent or alleviate damage. The Commission directed staff and stakeholders to form a working group to consider the proposal and alternative strategies and to report back to the Commission in 2019.

FINAL REGULATIONS (PARKS and WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 10 - Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0, and those related provisions of Chapter W-2 ("Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2), Chapter W-15 ("License Agents" 2 CCR 406-15), and Chapter P-7 ("Passes, Permits and Registrations" - 2 CCR 405-7) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0

The Commission approved final regulations related to license fees adjustments based on implementation of the Hunting, Fishing, and Parks for Future Generations Act (Senate Bill 18-143) including, but not limited to, the following:

- Adjusting wildlife license fees based on prices provided in statute.
- Reducing the nonresident bear license price to \$100.
- Requiring a qualifying hunting license be purchased for the current year in order to apply for any big game license.
- Adjusting application and preference point fees. Application fees were increased from \$3 to \$7 for residents and \$9 for nonresidents. Previous preference point fees have been eliminated for deer, elk, pronghorn and bear applications, while new preference point fees have been added for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose applicants. The preference point fee for each of those species will be \$50 for residents and \$100 for nonresidents, regardless of what other licenses the applicant holds.
- Increasing the Wildlife Council surcharge from .75 cents to \$1.50.
- Adjusting commission rates applicable to the sale of licenses by license agents.

For more information on these approved changes please see the [news release](#).



Agenda Item 11 - Chapter W-1- “Fishing” 2 CCR 406-1

The Commission approved annual changes to fishing regulations, including but not limited to, the following:

- Extension of special fishing regulations on the upper Rio Grande River from Masonic Park to the Highway 149 bridge.
- Decreasing the bag and possession limit at Upper Seepage Lake in Mineral County, and limiting fishing to artificial flies and lures only.
- Implementing catch and release regulations at Dry Gulch in Clear Creek County.
- Adjusting the start date of the spring walleye spawning fishing closure on the dams at Chatfield, Cherry Creek, and Pueblo Reservoirs to March 1st. Also removing the time of day stipulations for the Pueblo Reservoir walleye spawning closure.
- Adjusting the bag and possession limit, and implementing a minimum size requirement for crappie at Pueblo Reservoir.
- Adjusting the bag and possession limit for wiper at Pueblo Reservoir, including allowing no more than one wiper greater than 21 inches to be taken per day.
- Implementing restrictive harvest regulations for soon to open Valco Pond #7.

Agenda Item 12 - Chapter W-3 - “Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds” 2 CCR 406-3

The Commission approved annual changes to regulations regarding turkey hunting, including but not limited to, license numbers, season dates, and adopting new preference point application hunt codes for the fall and spring turkey seasons.

Agenda Item 13 - Chapter P-1 - “Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands” 2 CCR 405-1 and those related provisions of Chapter W-9 (“Wildlife Properties” 2 CCR 406-9) and Chapter W-16 (“Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules” 2 CCR 406-16) necessary to accommodate changes to, or ensure consistency with, Chapter P-1

The Commission approved final regulations regarding the consumption, sale, and dispensing of alcohol in state parks, state wildlife areas, and on Division-leased state trust lands based on implementation of Senate Bill 18-243. Starting January 1, 2019, consumption of all alcohol on Division properties will be allowed by individuals of 21 years of age or older as long as it is not on any archery or firearms range or done in a manner that endangers oneself or others, damages property or resources, or interferes with the enjoyment of other visitors.

Agenda Item 14 - Chapter P-7 - “Passes, Permit, and Registrations” 2 CCR 405-7

The Commission approved final regulations regarding park fee increases related to the implementation of the Future Generations Act (senate Bill 18-143) including, but not limited to the following:

- Addition of a \$120 hang tag annual pass that is not permanently affixed to a vehicle, but assigned instead to an individual.
- Increasing fees for annual and daily passes in accordance with the Future Generations Act.
- Increasing camping, yurts, cabins and group picnic area fees.
- Expanding the individual daily pass program to fifteen additional state parks.
- Examining camping reservation fees, special activity fees, and replacement pass costs.

For more information on these approved changes please see the [news release](#).

ISSUE IDENTIFICATION (WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 16 - Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0

The Commission initiated its annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to:

- Adjusting the boundaries of GMUs 56, 57, 58, 581, 69, 691, and 86 to focus on the Arkansas River as a boundary rather than U.S. Hwy 50.
- Adjusting the boundaries of Units 3 and 301 by removing Moffat County Road 158 as part of the unit boundary.
- Adjusting the boundaries of GMU RBS-05 in accordance with the Herd Management Plan.

Agenda Item 17 - Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2

The Commission initiated its annual review of the entire chapter, including, but not limited to:

- Changing the big game leftover draw to a big game secondary draw for the 2020 season by removing application restrictions and including bear and pronghorn to the existing species list.
- Modifying big game application deadlines.
- Reclassifying Youth Outreach Hunting Licenses as Outreach Licenses with certain licenses available to novice hunters in addition to youth hunters.
- Accommodating adult hunting programs through the Ranching for Wildlife program, in addition to youth hunting programs.
- Adding a second Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunting season to S42 (Waterton Canyon Herd).
- Making all bear licenses in DAUs B2, B5, B10, B14, B15, B18 and B19 List B in 2019, and all PLO bear licenses in B1, B2, B4, B5, B10, B11, B14, B17, B18 and B19 List C.
- Separating GMU 9 antlered rifle deer hunts from GMUs 19 and 191.
- Eliminating late antlerless elk seasons in GMUs 68, 681, 79, 80, and 81.
- Including a portion of GMU 79 in the San Luis Valley damage elk hunt season.
- Including private lands in GMU 82 in the San Luis Valley damage elk hunt season, including an early bull season and an extended bull and cow season.
- Removing private land only designations from limited elk licenses in GMU 83.
- Changing first season (excluding private land only) and fourth season either sex elk licenses in DAU E-16 to antlered and antlerless limited licenses, and limiting over-the-counter archery in DAU E-12 to antlered only.
- Reopening pronghorn hunting in GMU 10.

CONSENT AGENDA (WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 32.1 - Chapter W-2 ("Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2)

The Commission initiated its annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to:

- Expanding the GMU 551 pronghorn archery hunt code to include GMU 55.
- Designating new hunt codes for GMU 142 and removing the GMU from hunt codes AM12801M and AF12801M.
- Adding GMU 12 to hunt codes AM023P5R and AF023P5R.
- Adding late season private land only hunt codes to portions of DAU PH13.
- Designating late season antlerless elk licenses, and all general rifle antlerless elk licenses in GMU 38 as list B.

- Modifying the lion harvest limit accounting by applying a single annual harvest limit to units open during April, thereby removing harvested lions from the accounting throughout the season in April and resuming harvest limit accounting with remaining balances in all open units in the November-March season.
- Creating a special GMU 581 and GMU 69 antlerless deer hunt code around the city of Canon City to alleviate urban deer issues.
- Creating a late antlerless rifle deer season in DAU D-4 (GMUs 7, 8, 9, 19, 191).
- Deleting the late season public land antlerless hunt code in GMU 61 (EF061L1R) and the late season private land hunt code in GMU 62 (EF062P5R).
- Splitting GMU 53 and GMU 63 combined first season hunt codes (EF053O1R & EM053O1R) into hunt codes applicable to the two GMUs.
- Eliminating either-sex private land only elk tags in GMU 54 (EE054P1R & EE054P4R).
- Converting GMU 55 & 551 fourth season either-sex rifle elk license hunt codes (EE055O4R and EE551O4R) to antlered only hunt codes in GMUs 55 and 551.
- Deleting the late season public land antlerless hunt code in GMU 70 (EF070L1R).
- Removing GMU 13-specific antlerless elk hunt codes in the second, third and fourth seasons and adding GMU 13 to hunt codes EF012O2R, EF012O3R and EF011O4R.
- Closing the early antlerless season in GMU 45.
- Creating a separate hunt code, EF025O1R, for GMUs 25, 26 and 34 for the first rifle antlerless season.
- Expanding the private land only elk harvest opportunity in DAU E-8 and E-13 to include E-7 for the September 1- January 31 private land only season.
- Changing all antlerless licenses (except private-land only licenses) in elk DAUs E-12 and E-16 to List A licenses.

Chapter W-0 and W-2 issue papers will be up for final consideration by the Commission in January 2019.