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TO: Regulation Review Managers and Agency Staff
FROM: Danielle Isenhart, Regulations Manager
RE: January 2019 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary
DATE: January 11, 2019

At the January 9-10, 2019 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission approved changes to regulations as follows:

FINAL REGULATIONS (PARKS and WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 9 - Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0

The Commission finalized regulations in its two-step annual review of Chapter W-0 - General Provisions including, but not limited to, the following:

- 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 10 - Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2

The Commission finalized regulations in its two-step annual review of Chapter W-2 - Big Game including, but not limited to, the following:

- Annual changes to 2019 season dates, limited license areas, quotas and manner of take provisions for bighorn sheep and mountain goat.
- Annual changes to 2019-2020 season dates, limited license areas, harvest limits and manner of take provisions for mountain lion.
- 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 one could apply for. (Pg. 21-22)
- Modifying big game application deadlines to 8:00 pm instead of midnight. (Pg. 12)
- Including a veteran's lifetime resident combination license as a qualifying license type for the purposes of applying for a big game limited license through the drawing. (Pg. 11)
- Adding an opt-out option for the preference point fee for moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, and mountain goat applicants, allowing unsuccessful first choice applicants to choose whether they want to pay to receive a preference point/weighted preference point per application. (Pg. 19-20)
- Adding a second Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunting season to S42 (Waterton Canyon Herd). (Pg. 39)



- Making all bear licenses in Data Analysis Units B2, B5, B10, B14, B15, B18 and B19 List B, and all private-land-only bear licenses in B1, B2, B4, B5, B10, B11, B14, B17, B18 and B19 List C. (Pg. 8-9)
- Separating GMU 9 antlered rifle deer hunts from GMUs 19 and 191, making one long extended season. (Pg. 82-83)
- Creating a special GMU 581 and GMU 69 antlerless deer hunt code around the city of Canon City to alleviate urban deer issues. (Pg. 91)
- Creating a late antlerless rifle deer season in DAU D-4(GMUs 7, 8, 9, 19, 191). (Pg. 90)
- Eliminating late antlerless elk seasons in GMUs 68, 681,79, 80, and 81. (Pg. 179)
- Including a portion of GMU 79 in the San Luis Valley damage elk hunt season. (Pg. 136, 174, 177)
- 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. (Pg. 136, 174, 167)
- Removing private land only designations from limited elk licenses in GMU 83. (Pg. 137, 167)
- Changing first season and fourth season either sex elk licenses in DAU E-16 to antlered and antlerless limited licenses, and creating an unlimited over-the-counter archery bull hunt code for this DAU with no archery cow licenses available. Deleting all either sex and antlerless PLO hunt codes in E-16 as well. (Pg. 111, 112, 129)
- Changing all antlerless licenses (except private-land only licenses) in elk DAUs E-12 and E-16 to List A licenses. (Pg.7)
- Designating late season antlerless elk licenses, and all general rifle antlerless elk licenses in GMU 38 as List B. (Pg. 7)
- Converting GMU 55 & 551 fourth season either-sex rifle elk license hunt codes (EE055O4R and EE551O4R) to antlered only hunt codes. (Pg. 131, 141)
- 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). (Pg. 160, 179)
- Splitting GMU 53 and GMU 63 combined first season hunt codes (EF053O1R and EM053O1R) into separate applicable hunt codes. (Pg. 131, 133)
- Eliminating either-sex private land only elk tags in GMU54 (EE054P1R and EE054P4R). (Pg. 157)
- Deleting the late season public land antlerless hunt code in GMU 70 (EF070L1R). (Pg. 179)
- Removing GMU 13-specific antlerless elk hunt codes in the second, third and fourth seasons and adding GMU 13to hunt codes EF012O2R, EF012O3R and EF011O4R. (Pg.123, 124)
- Closing the early antlerless cow elk season in GMU 45.(Pg. 117)
- Creating a separate hunt code, EF025O1R, for GMUs 25,26 and 34 for the first rifle antlerless season. (Pg. 126)
- 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. (Pg. 150)
- Expanding the GMU 551 pronghorn archery hunt code to include GMU 55. ((Pg. 182)
- Designating new hunt codes for GMU 142 and removing the GMU from hunt codes AM12801M and AF12801M. (Pg.186)
- Adding GMU 12 to hunt codes AM023P5R and AF023P5R.(Pg. 192)
- Adding late season private land only hunt codes to portions of DAU PH13. (Pg. 194)
- Reopening pronghorn buck hunting in GMU 10. (Pg. 187)
- Opening GMUs 53, 54, and 63 to limited bull moose hunting.

Agenda Item 11 - 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-15.

The Commission approved administrative changes to insert vendor commission rates for park products into the commission rate tables.

DRAFT REGULATIONS (WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 13 - Chapter W-11 - "Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-11

The Commission considered draft regulations concerning a potential wildlife education license with associated restrictions, as originally requested through a Citizen Petition for Rulemaking. The Commission directed staff to not move the draft forward in the regulatory process and to discontinue discussions with stakeholders.

ISSUE IDENTIFICATION (WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 14 - Chapter W-5 - "Small Game -Migratory Game Birds" 2 CCR 406-5

The Commission initiated its annual review of W-5 - Small Game -Migratory Game Birds related to waterfowl and migratory bird hunting seasons and related provisions, including season dates, bag and possession limits and manner of take provisions. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Whether or not to end the duck hunting seasons on January 31 annually in the Central Flyway and the Pacific Flyway Western Zone or continue to end the seasons on the last Sunday in January.
- Dividing the South Park/San Luis Valley goose zone in the Central Flyway portion of Colorado into separate South Park and San Luis Valley zones with different season dates.
- Managing Boyd Lake State Park waterfowl hunting on a first come, first served basis through the Hunting Reservation System.

Agenda Item 15 - Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9

The Commission initiated its annual review of W-9 - Wildlife Properties related to generally applicable and property-specific requirements for, or restrictions on use of, wildlife properties controlled by the Division of Parks and Wildlife, including State Trust Lands leased by the Division. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Allowing hunting reservations to be made online on a first come, first serve basis through the new Hunting Reservation System starting in the fall of 2019.
- Adding or removing site-specific regulations for outdated or missing State Wildlife Areas in the Gunnison Basin.
- Standardizing closure dates for State Wildlife Areas throughout the Gunnison Basin based on type of species protection.
- Standardizing public access dates for leased State Trust Lands within the Gunnison Basin.
- Removing duplicative property specific regulations, already covered by general SWA provisions.
- Creating regulations for the Hayden Shooting Range to increase public safety and reduce fire danger.

CONSENT AGENDA (WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 31.1 - Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9

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

- Requiring a reservation for turkey, small game and waterfowl hunting on Centennial Valley State Wildlife Area.
- Updating property use regulations on Webster State Wildlife Area, by reopening the property seasonally to hunting turkey, small game and waterfowl on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. Also prohibiting the use of center fire rifles and muzzleloaders on the property.
- Updating property use regulations on Brower State Wildlife Area to close the property seasonally and to allow access to the property to only those individuals who are hunting with a valid hunting license.
- Modifying Mitani-Tokuyasu State Wildlife Area closure and parking regulations.
- Updating the boat ramp closure regulations and hand-launched vessel restrictions for Jumbo Reservoir.
- Changing the opening date for the Bosque Del Oso State Wildlife Area from April 1 to May 1.