

AGENDA
PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING
April 30, 2020
 Virtual Meeting



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Thursday: April 30th

| <u>#</u> | <u>Time</u> | | <u>AGENDA ITEM</u> |
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| 1 | 1:00 | (I) | Welcome & Roll Call |
| 2 | 1:05 | (A) Michelle Zimmerman, Chair | Approve Minutes of the January 15-16, 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting, the March 30 and April 6 Emergency Rulemaking Conference Calls |
| 3 | 1:10 | (I) Michelle Zimmerman, Chair | Corrections to Agenda Corrections/Removal of Consent Agenda Topics |
| 4 | 1:15 | (I) Dan Gibbs DNR Executive Director | Department of Natural Resources Update |
| 5 | 1:30 | (I) Kate Greenberg, Dept. of Ag Commissioner | Department of Agriculture Update |
| 6 | 1:45 | (I) Dan Prenzlów, CPW Director | Director's Comments |
| <u>Final Regulations</u> | | | |
| 7 | 2:00 | (I) Krista Heiner, Regulations Manager | Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 1 of 1) Open for annual review and final consideration of the entire chapter, including but are not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibiting contests for black-tailed, white-tailed and Gunnison's prairie dogs, Wyoming (Richardson's) ground squirrels, and all furbearer species (p. 2-3). |
| <u>Citizen Petition</u> | | | |
| 8 | 2:20 | (I) Aubyn Royall, Colorado State Director, Humane Society of the United States Johanna Hamburger, Wildlife Attorney, Animal Wildlife Institute | Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 At its April meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission will consider a Citizen Petition for Rulemaking related to contests involving small game and furbearers, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Citizen Petition for Rulemaking requesting that the Commission prohibit all wildlife-killing contests. |

9 2:35 (A) Michelle Zimmerman, Wildlife Contests -
Chair Commission Discussion/Public Comment
(followed by a vote on the staff
recommendation and the petition)

3:35

Break

Final Regulations

10 3:50 (A) Krista Heiner, Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9
Regulations Manager (Step 2 of 2)
Brett Ackerman,
SE Regional Manager

Open for final review of regulations including, but not limited to:

- Requiring a valid hunting or fishing license for all persons 18 years of age and older to access all State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands leased by the Division.

11 4:00 (A) Krista Heiner, Chapter W-16 - "Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" 2
Regulations Manager CCR 406-16 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for final review of regulations including, but not limited to:

- Revising the process by which the Division and the Commission respond to citizen petitions for rulemaking (p. 1)

12 4:25 (A) Fletcher Jacobs, 2020 Non-Motorized Trail Grants Recommended Funding
State Trails Program Manager

13 4:40 (A) Fletcher Jacobs, LWCF Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant
State Trails Program Manager Recommended Funding

14 4:55 (A) Michelle Zimmerman, Consent Agenda
Chair

5:00

Adjourn

14 (A) Consent Agenda

Proposed Parks and Wildlife Commission Consent Agenda
April 30th, 2020

In order to increase the Parks and Wildlife Commission's efficiency and allow more time for consideration of wildlife policy and contested issues, the listed items are noticed for action by the Commission as part of the April, 2020 "Consent Agenda."

Note: The process for placing matters on the Consent Agenda is as follows:

The Director identifies matters where the recommended action follows established policy or precedent, there has been agreement reached or the matter is expected to be uncontested and non-controversial. Staff will provide written memos to the Parks and Wildlife Commission members explaining the matters on the Consent Agenda. Copies of the memos will be available to the public.

Matters on the Consent Agenda are noticed for hearing at the same time and in the same manner as other agenda items. If a member of the Commission requests further consideration of an item on the consent agenda, that item will be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and discussed and acted upon as determined by the Commission. The Consent Agenda may be voted on without the necessity of reading individual items. Any Commission member may request clarification from the Director for any matter on the Consent Agenda.

Final Regulations

- 14.1 (A) Chapter P-7 - "Passes, Permits and Registrations" 2 CCR 405-7 and those related provisions of Chapter P-1 ("Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter P-7 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for final review of regulations including, but not limited to:

- Expanding the Division's ability to issue Special Activity Permits to commercial users (p. 1-2, 6).

- 14.2 (A) Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0 and those related provisions of Chapter W-2 ("Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2) and Chapter W-3 ("Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0 (Step 1 of 1)

Open for final review of regulations including, but not limited to:

- Issuing an apprentice hunter education certificate twice (p. 5).
- Creating a new product that allows resident senior lifetime fishing customers the opportunity to upgrade to an annual combination fishing and small game hunting license at a discounted rate (p. 8).

- 14.3 (A) Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" - 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" - 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for consideration of any necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations previously adopted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission for the 2020 big game seasons, including, but not limited to, game management unit boundaries, season dates, limited license areas and manner of take provisions for bighorn sheep, mountain goat, deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bear and mountain lion, and regulations otherwise necessary for implementation of the 2020 big game seasons. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Adding the resident senior combination small game hunting and fishing license to the list of qualifying licenses for the big game limited license drawing (p. 11).
- Changing the resident bighorn sheep quota in S-9 [Sangre de Cristo, SMS0901R] from 10 to 8 and the nonresident quota from 0 to 2 (p. 25).

- 14.4 (A) Chapter W-5 - "Small Game - Migratory Game Birds" - 2 CCR 406-5 and those related provisions of Chapter P-1 ("Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1) and Chapter W-9 ("Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-5 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for annual review and final consideration of regulations 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:

- Necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations related to waterfowl hunting in the Grand Valley (throughout).
- Updating the current description of the San Luis Valley goose zone to include portions of Archuleta and San Juan counties east of the Continental Divide (p. 12).
- Expanding current youth waterfowl days to permit waterfowl hunting by veterans and active military members (p. 13-15).

- 14.5 (A) Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9 and those related provisions of Chapter P-1 ("Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-9 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for annual review and final consideration of regulations 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:

- Authorizing the Division Director to execute short-term housing leases (p. 7).
- Adjusting regulations related to the fishing closure at Banner Lakes State Wildlife Area (SWA) during waterfowl hunting seasons (p. 9).
- Changing the hours of operation for the Basalt SWA public shooting range (p. 9-10).
- Allowing public use of the Uncompahgre River corridor of Billy Creek SWA for hunting and fishing recreation only during the current seasonal closure period of January 1 through April 30 annually (p. 11).
- Managing limited hunting access at Collins Mountain Ranch SWA through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations (p. 17).
- Managing limited hunting access at Crooked Wash Ranch through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations (p. 18).
- Managing limited hunting access at Flanders Ranch SWA through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations (p. 22).
- Requiring non-exempt boats to launch from the CPW boat ramp at Groundhog Reservoir SWA (p. 25).
- Allowing night fishing during certain times of the year at Jackson Lake SWA (p. 28).
- Requiring hunting reservations for weekends and holidays during the teal season and the first split of the regular duck season at Jackson Lake SWA (p. 28).
- Managing limited hunting access at Louisiana Purchase Ranch through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations as required (p. 33).
- Prohibiting the discharge of firearms at Mount Shavano SWA from the upper end of the Mount Shavano SFU downstream to the Colo. Hwy 291 Bridge crossing (p. 35).
- Managing limited hunting access for the Grand Valley Wildlife Area Special Archery Hunts through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations as required (p. 36-37, 49-50).
- Managing limited hunting access at Pot Creek SWA through the Hunter Reservation System (HRS) and adopting property-specific regulations as required in the access easement (p. 39).
- Adding property-specific regulations for Pothook Ranch SWA conservation easement (p. 39).
- Removing Urad Lake SWA, Valmont Reservoir Administrative Area and Woodhouse SWA from regulations (p. 51, 54)
- Shortening the Gunnison sage grouse viewing season at Waunita Watchable Wildlife Area (p. 52).
- Adopting property-specific regulations on Yarmony Ranch SWA as required (p. 54-55).
- Prohibiting camping on State Trust Land (STL) properties for more than 14 consecutive days in a 45-day period or leaving a camp unattended for more than 48 hours (p. 55, 60, 72).

- Merging Nee Noshe STL and Neesopah STL with Queens STL and removing property-specific regulations for Nee Noshe and Neesopah STLs (p. 66).
- Establishing visitor management regulations at Turkey Track Ranch STL (p. 71).
- Adding Twenty Mile Pond SWA Fishing Easement to Appendix B.1 (p. 77).

Real Estate

14.6 (A) West Slope Recreation Lease between BOR and CPW

End of Consent Agenda