



# COLORADO

## Parks and Wildlife

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**TO:** Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission  
**FROM:** Krista Heiner, Regulations Manager  
**RE:** Chapter W-0 Final Regulations for the April 30, 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting  
**DATE:** April 17, 2020

Final regulatory changes for 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) are summarized below. If there are questions about the agenda item below, or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 303-866-3203 x4609.

**Agenda Item 14.2: 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**

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**FINAL REGULATIONS- CHAPTER W-0 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE II - LICENSE TYPES AND REQUIREMENTS**

**#002 - License Requirements**

- A.** Except as otherwise provided by these regulations any person who takes or possesses any wildlife shall have in possession the appropriate and valid Colorado resident or non-resident license as provided in §33-4-102, C.R.S. and shall only take wildlife of the species and type as indicated on the license. In addition to the required license, the taking of some species may also require a permit.
- B.** Except as otherwise provided, any person who hunts or fishes in Colorado shall have in possession the appropriate and valid Colorado resident or nonresident hunting, fishing or furbearer license including a customer identification number.

A customer identification number is not required for the following license categories:

- 1. Senior Lifetime licenses issued prior to 1990.
  - 2. Senior Lifetime Low-Income licenses issued prior to 1994.
- C.** All telephone or internet license, pass or permit sales where a physical license, pass, or permit is requested to be mailed or picked up at an agent by the customer may be issued a Temporary Authorization Number (TAN). This number allows the license, pass or permit holder to exercise the benefits of that license, pass or permit prior to receiving or picking up the physical license, pass or permit, but not to exceed 45 days from the date of purchase. Any person who purchases a 1 or 5 day license by phone or internet will not be issued a physical license unless the valid dates for the license are more than fourteen days out from the date of purchase.
  - D.** All annual resident and nonresident licenses authorized in 33-4-102 (1.4), C.R.S., including fishing, small game hunting, furbearer, and combination fishing and small game hunting shall be valid and otherwise in effect from March 1st to March 31st of the following year.
    - 1. The Colorado wildlife habitat stamp shall be valid and otherwise in effect for the same license year as the license to which it was originally associated. If purchased independently of a license, the Colorado wildlife habitat stamp shall be valid and otherwise in effect from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.
  - E.** Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, any person who hunts or fishes in Colorado shall be physically present in the immediate vicinity of the activity. Internet or other computer-assisted remote hunting or fishing is prohibited.
  - F.** Any person who hunts big game or turkey in a game management unit, or portions thereof, for which the Wildlife Commission has established limited license quotas must have a limited license valid for that unit. General season, over-the-counter licenses may not be used in a limited license unit unless validated by the Division.
  - G.** Any person possessing a license or permit restricted to a specific game management unit or portions thereof, may only hunt that unit or area for which his license or permit is issued.
  - H.** Duplicate small game, fishing, furbearers, senior citizen lifetime licenses and combination small game licenses may be obtained from the Division by submitting an affidavit on forms provided by the Division and payment of a \$5.00 fee. All other license duplicates may be

obtained from the Division by submitting an affidavit on forms provided by the Division and payment of a fee of fifty percent of the cost of the original license, not to exceed \$25.00.

- I. All license exchanges will be charged a fee of fifty percent of the cost of the original license, not to exceed \$25.00.
- J. Any person who is authorized to hunt, fish or trap wildlife in Colorado pursuant to a permit issued by the Division shall comply with all of the terms and conditions of that permit.
- K. The Director is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses.
  - 1. Licenses for law enforcement investigative purposes to District Wildlife Managers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife (USFWS) Service Special Agents, or other persons cooperating with them or otherwise participating in a wildlife-related law enforcement activity authorizing them to hunt or fish as an appropriate element of an investigation of violation of Articles 1 through 6 of Title 33 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, regulations issued pursuant thereto, or federal wildlife laws; provided however, that no wildlife shall be taken with such a license if the taking would jeopardize the maintenance of populations at viable self-sustaining levels.

A written report shall be provided by the Director to the Wildlife Commission annually specifying the total number of licenses issued under this authority during the previous calendar year.

**L. Turning In Poachers (TIPS) Reward Program**

- 1. The Director is authorized to award licenses and preference points in accordance with this regulation to otherwise eligible persons that report the illegal take or possession or willful destruction of big game or turkey in Colorado to the Division.
- 2. Any person who voluntarily provides information that results in a person being charged with the illegal take or possession of big game or turkey may be awarded a preference point for the wildlife species of their choice or an over-the-counter license for the same species reported. As an alternative to the above reward options, and except as provided below, any person who voluntarily provides information that results in a person being charged with willful destruction of big game or turkey or assessment of a § 33-6-109(3.4), C.R.S., penalty may be awarded a limited license for the same species and unit reported.
  - a. In limited license units where less than 10 licenses (total) are allocated annually for all manners of take, only one reward license can be issued in any three year period.
  - b. In limited license units where less than 20 licenses (total) are allocated annually for all methods of take, only one reward license may be issued per year.
  - c. In limited license units where the reward license has already been issued the person may:
    - 1. wait until the next reward license in that unit is available, or
    - 2. select another limited license unit for which a reward license is available.
  - d. If the violation(s) reported occurred within a game management unit, which is closed to hunting the species reported, the person may select another limited license unit for which a reward license is available.

3. Limited licenses awarded as part of the TIPs Reward Program shall be in addition to the number of licenses generally available through or allocated as part of the Division's limited license draw.
4. Licenses for use on properties participating in the Division's Ranching for Wildlife program are not available as part of the TIPs Reward Program.
5. Licenses awarded as part of the TIPs Reward Program do not confer or otherwise guarantee access to any property for the purpose of exercising the benefits of the license. Securing such access is the responsibility of the license holder.
6. Except as provided in 2(c)(1), all licenses awarded as part of the TIPs Reward Program must be for a season occurring within 18 months of the final judicial disposition of the charges.
7. Licenses and preference points issued as part of the TIPs Reward Program are nontransferable.
8. For the purposes of the TIPs Reward Program, "charging" means the issuance of a penalty assessment or summons and complaint and such charging decision is at the sole discretion of the investigating officer or District Attorney.
9. While conviction is not necessary to support the awarding of a preference point or license, no applications for TIPs rewards will be accepted and no such rewards will be issued until final judicial disposition of the charges.
10. Only one TIPs reward will be issued per poaching incident, no matter how many animals are illegally taken. Further, if more than one person reports the violation(s) and files an application, the TIPs reward will be awarded to the person the Director finds to have provided the most pertinent information regarding the violation.
11. Applications for TIPs rewards must be made on forms provided by the Division, must be filed within 90 days of the judicial disposition of the charges and all applicants are subject to the following eligibility requirements:
  - a. To be eligible for a TIPs reward, a person must voluntarily come forward and report the violation, and must be willing to testify, and testify if requested, in any subsequent criminal prosecution. Information obtained through criminal investigation or court process is not considered "voluntary" for the purposes of the TIPs Reward Program.
  - b. A person is eligible for only one TIPs reward per year.
  - c. A person is ineligible to receive a TIPs reward if they have received any other reward for reporting the violation(s), including but not limited to a monetary payment under the Operation Game Thief program.
  - d. A person must be eligible to apply for, possess or exercise the benefits of any license or preference point conferred through the TIPs Reward Program and must otherwise comply with all other generally applicable hunting requirements and restrictions.
  - e. All Division employees, and peace officers that report violation(s) to the Division as part of their law enforcement duties, are ineligible for the TIPs Reward Program.

#### **M. Terrestrial Invasive Species**

1. The following terrestrial invasive species are hereby declared to be detrimental to Colorado's wildlife and habitat. They may be seized, captured or destroyed by the Division or its authorized agents whenever and wherever found.
  - a. Feral hog
  - b. Eurasian collared-dove
  - c. European starling
  - d. House (English) sparrow
2. No license is required for a person to hunt or take terrestrial invasive species. However, commercial hunting or taking of terrestrial invasive species is prohibited. No person shall receive compensation or attempt to receive compensation from the hunting of terrestrial invasive species in Colorado. Terrestrial invasive species may be taken year-round in any number by any method allowed for the take of big or small game. In addition, terrestrial invasive species may be taken at night with the use of artificial light and night vision equipment.
  - a. Except when counted as part of the bag and possession limit for doves in #508 of these regulations, while in the field and during transport all Eurasian collared-doves shall be fully feathered.
3. Except as authorized in writing by the Director when such release is determined to be biologically non-detrimental to Colorado's wildlife and habitats, no person shall release terrestrial invasive species or hybrids of terrestrial invasive species in Colorado for the purpose of allowing them to run at large or otherwise facilitate the distribution or abundance of these species in Colorado.

#### **N. Hunter Education**

1. For the purpose of this regulatory provision, the following terms have the following definitions:
  - a. **"Active Duty"** means a person who is a full time employee of a U.S. military service branch under the Department of Defense and can be deployed at any time.
  - b. **"National Guard"** means the Army National Guard or Air National Guard that is part of an organized militia of any state within the United States of America. National Guard members are not considered active duty military personnel.
  - c. **"Reserve Duty"** means a person who is trained and qualified by a U.S. military Reserve Component to be available for active duty in the armed forces when needed. Reserve members are not considered active duty military personnel.
  - d. **"Veteran"** means a person who served in the Active Duty or Reserve Duty military or the National Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.
2. As authorized and in accordance with §33-6-107(8) and §33-6-107(10) C.R.S, these regulations establish requirements for Colorado's hunter education certification program. Hunter education classes within this state must include a minimum of 10 hours of instruction, including, but not limited to, the topics of wildlife management, wildlife identification, firearms safety, ethics, and laws and regulations. A portion of the course curriculum must also include hands-on activities where students demonstrate, at a minimum, safe firearms handling and a live fire exercise. Students must also pass a written test to successfully complete the course. Except as provided in regulation #002(N)(3) below, any person born on or after January 1, 1949, must

have a valid hunter education certificate prior to hunting, trapping, or purchasing any hunting license in accordance with §33-6-107(8) and §33-6-107(10) C.R.S.

3. Allowable hunter education course delivery options and methods are as follows:
  - a. Traditional class- 10 hours, minimum, in a standard classroom setting that includes hands-on learning activities. Additional time beyond the 10 hour requirement is also necessary to complete the written test and live fire exercise.
  - b. Internet course with conclusion class- The internet portion of the class is credited with 6 hours of study. A 4-6 hour, in-person, conclusion class is required and will cover laws and regulations, wildlife identification, and hands-on firearms activities. Additional time beyond the 4-6 hour requirement is also necessary to complete the written test and live fire exercise.
  - c. A person age 50 and older may complete a one-time test-out of the hunter education certification requirements by passing a timed hunter education test online with a score of 90% or above. This online test can only be taken once.
  - d. U.S. military veterans, active duty, reserve duty and National Guard members may complete a one-time test-out of the hunter education certification requirements by passing a timed hunter education test online with a score of 90% or above. This online test can only be taken once. Military personnel must bring test certificate and military identification to a CPW office to verify military status and obtain a hunter education certificate. To qualify, a veteran must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Acceptable forms of military identification include:
    - i. DD 214;
    - ii. DD Form 2;
    - iii. DD Form 2765;
    - iv. Active, retired, veteran military identification card;
    - v. A current Colorado Drivers License or state issued identification card with the word "veteran" printed on it as specified in 42-2-303(5)(a) C.R.S.;
    - vi. VA medical card.
  - e. For 120 days from approval, CPW Hunter Education will make available a completely online delivery of a Hunter Education course.
4. Exceptions to the hunter education certification requirements are as follows:
  - a. A person 10 years of age or older who obtains an apprentice certificate. An apprentice certificate can only be obtained ~~twice~~ and is valid for a one year period, identified as ~~April~~ March 1-March 31 annually. Apprentice certificate holders must be personally accompanied by, and in voice and visual contact with a mentor while hunting. A mentor may oversee no more than 2 apprentices at a time and must carry proof of hunter education and age while in the field.

#### **O. Antler and Horn Collection**

These regulations govern the collection of shed antlers, shed horns, or antlers or horns naturally attached to skull plates.

1. On any lands east of I-25, any person may, with lawful access, collect shed antlers or horns at any time. On private lands west of I-25, any person may, with lawful access, collect shed antlers or horns at any time. Public lands west of I-25 are closed to collection from January 1 through April 30, annually. On public lands west of I-25, any person may collect shed antlers or horns from May 1 through December 31, annually, except in GMUs 54, 55, 66, 67, and 551 where the collection of shed antlers or horns shall further be prohibited between legal sunset and 10:00 AM from May 1 through May 15 annually.
2. Possession of antlers or horns on public lands west of I-25 from January 1 through April 30 is prohibited. Possession of antlers or horns on public lands in GMUs 54, 55, 66, 67,

and 551 between legal sunset and 10:00 AM from May 1 through May 15 annually is prohibited. Possession of antlers or horns on private property without lawful access is prohibited. Each antler or horn will be treated singularly for the purpose of this regulation, unless naturally attached together on a skull plate.

3. For the purpose of this regulatory provision, the following terms have the following definitions:
  - a. **“Antlers”** means the bony, deciduous appendages protruding from the heads of members of the deer family (Cervidae), including deer, elk, and moose.
  - b. **“Collect”** means to search for, locate, stockpile, or possess shed antlers, shed horns, or antlers or horns naturally attached to skull plates of big game animals on public land or attempt to search for, locate, stockpile, or possess shed antlers, shed horns, or antlers or horns naturally attached to skull plates of big game animals on public land.
  - c. **“Horns”** means the hard, permanent or deciduous appendages protruding from the heads of bighorn sheep, mountain goats, or pronghorn.
  - d. **“Public land(s)”** means federal lands and lands owned or administered by the Division.
  - e. **“Shed antler”** or **“shed horn”** means one or more antlers and/or horns having become naturally separated from the skull.

#### **P. Wildlife License Prices**

Upon the effectiveness of SB 18-143, wildlife license prices will remain at the price provided in Appendix F, until further amended by regulation.

#### **Q. Lifetime Resident Licenses**

1. **Veterans Resident Lifetime License** - Any resident of the state who has received a purple heart for service in the United States armed forces or who is a disabled veteran as defined in state statute 33-4-104 (3) (b) may obtain, free of charge, a veterans resident lifetime combination small game hunting and fishing license, pursuant to 33-4-104 (3), C.R.S. The lifetime license will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-1-102 (38) (a), C.R.S.
  - a. In order to qualify for a veterans resident lifetime combination license, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:
    - i. A letter from the Veterans Administration indicating a 60% or greater overall-combined rating for service connected disability; or
    - ii. A Purple Heart award certificate; or
    - iii. A DD214 Form from the United States Defense Department showing decoration of a Purple Heart.
  - b. Proof of hunter education certification is also required for the small game hunting component of this license. A veterans resident lifetime fishing license alone will be issued in the absence of hunter education certification, until such certification is provided to the Division.
2. **Disabled Resident Lifetime Fishing License** – Any resident of the state who is totally and permanently disabled may obtain, free of charge, a disabled resident lifetime fishing license. The lifetime license will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-1-102 (38) (a), C.R.S.



- a. In order to qualify for a disabled resident lifetime fishing license, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:
  - i. A “Final Admission of Liability” form from the Division of Workers Compensation that indicates a total and permanent disability; or
  - ii. A fully completed Division “Physician’s Affidavit” signed by a licensed physician attesting that the resident meets the definition of a total and permanent disability. A “**total and permanent disability**” shall mean any physical or mental impairment which prevents substantial gainful employment, but only if it is reasonably certain that such a disability will continue throughout the lifetime of the disabled person.
  
3. **First Responder Resident Lifetime License** - Any resident of the state who is a first responder with a permanent occupational disability as defined in state statute 33-4-104.5 (2) may obtain, free of charge, a lifetime resident combination small game hunting and fishing license. The lifetime license will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-1-102 (38) (a), C.R.S.
  - a. In order to qualify for a first responder lifetime combination license, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:
    - i. The “Initial Disability Administration Decision” form from the Fire and Police Pension Association that specifies a permanent occupational disability; or
    - ii. For residents that are not members of the Fire and Police Pension Association, a fully completed Division “First Responder Affidavit” signed by the applicant attesting to the fact that their permanent disability or disease was obtained while on active-duty.
  
  - b. Proof of hunter education certification is also required for the small game hunting component of this license. A first responder resident lifetime fishing license alone will be issued in the absence of hunter education certification, until such certification is provided to the Division.

## Appendix F - Wildlife License Prices

(1) Resident and nonresident licenses

License	Residency	Fees
3-year possession/hunting raptor license	Resident	\$ 151.93***
Annual possession/hunting raptor license	Nonresident	\$ 81.03***
Peregrine falcon capture license	Resident	\$ 303.86***
Extra rod stamp	Resident	\$ 9.12**
Extra rod stamp	Nonresident	\$ 9.12**
Fishing - 1 day	Resident	\$ 12.15**
Fishing - 1 day	Nonresident	\$ 15.19**
Fishing - additional day	Resident	\$ 5.06**
Fishing - additional day	Nonresident	\$ 5.06**
Fishing - 5 day	Nonresident	\$ 30.39**
Fishing- annual	Resident	\$ 33.42**
Fishing - annual	Nonresident	\$ 96.22**
Youth (ages 16-17) annual fishing	Resident	\$ 8.10**
Senior annual fishing	Resident	\$ 8.10**
Small game hunting	Resident	\$ 28.36**
<u>Senior lifetime fishing upgrade to annual combination fishing and small game hunting^</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>\$19.90**</u>
Small game hunting	Nonresident	\$ 81.03**
Small game - 1 day	Resident	\$ 12.15**
Small game - 1 day	Nonresident	\$ 15.19**
Small game - additional day	Resident	\$ 5.06**
Small game - additional day	Nonresident	\$ 5.06**
Furbearer license	Resident	\$ 28.36**
Furbearer license	Nonresident	\$ 81.03**
Turkey, fall	Resident	\$ 23.30**
Turkey, fall	Nonresident	\$ 151.93**
Turkey, spring	Resident	\$ 28.36**
Turkey, spring	Nonresident	\$ 151.93**
Turkey (youth)	Resident	\$ 14.18**
Turkey (youth)	Nonresident	\$ 101.29**
Combination fishing and small game hunting	Resident	\$ 48.62**
Senior (ages 65 and older) combination fishing and small game hunting	Resident	\$ 28.00**
Pronghorn	Resident	\$ 38.49**
Pronghorn	Nonresident	\$ 400.08**
Bear, fall	Resident	\$ 38.00**
Bear, fall	Nonresident	\$ 100.00**
Bear, fall (youth)	Resident	\$ 14.00*
Bear, fall (youth)	Nonresident	\$ 50.00*
Deer	Resident	\$ 38.49**
Deer	Nonresident	\$ 400.08**
Elk	Resident	\$ 53.68**
Elk (antlered or either sex)	Nonresident	\$ 668.50**
Elk (antlerless)	Nonresident	\$ 501.37**
Mountain goat	Resident	\$ 303.86**
Mountain goat	Nonresident	\$ 2,238.45**
Moose	Resident	\$ 303.86**
Moose	Nonresident	\$ 2,238.45**
Mountain lion	Resident	\$ 48.62**
Mountain lion	Nonresident	\$ 350.00**
Rocky mountain bighorn sheep	Resident	\$ 303.86**
Rocky mountain bighorn sheep	Nonresident	\$ 2,238.45**

Desert bighorn sheep	Resident	\$ 303.86**
Desert bighorn sheep	Nonresident	\$ 2,238.45**

Resident low-income senior lifetime fishing	Resident	\$ 8.10**
Youth big game (deer, elk, pronghorn)	Resident	\$ 14.18 each*
Youth big game (deer, elk, pronghorn)	Nonresident	\$ 101.28 each*
Youth small game hunting	Resident	\$ 1.26
Youth small game hunting	Nonresident	\$ 1.26
Colorado wildlife habitat stamp, purchased in conjunction with the purchase of a hunting or fishing license	Resident	\$ 10.13
Colorado wildlife habitat stamp, purchased in conjunction with the purchase of a hunting or fishing license	Nonresident	\$ 10.13
"Lifetime" Colorado wildlife habitat stamp	Resident	\$ 303.86***
"Lifetime" Colorado wildlife habitat stamp	Nonresident	\$ 303.86***

\*Plus additional surcharge of \$1.50 for the Wildlife Management Public Education Fund.

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^Valid only for resident senior Lifetime Disability and Low Income Fishing license holders.

License prices established in this table are the actual license price. Some license prices have discounts applied from the statutory maximum price as provided for in Chapters W-2 and W-3.

(2) Special licenses

License	Fees
Scientific collecting license	\$ 28.00
Importation license	\$ 75.00
Field trial license	\$ 23.00
Commercial lake license	\$ 200.00
Private lake license	\$ 14.00
Commercial wildlife park license	\$ 150.00
Noncommercial park license	\$ 28.00
Wildlife sanctuary license	\$ 150.00
Zoological park license	\$ 150.00

(3) The fee for each migratory waterfowl stamp is \$10.13.

(4) The nonrefundable application-processing fee for each limited license is \$7.00 for resident applications and \$9.00 for nonresident applications.

**Basis and Purpose:**

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The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing Krista Heiner at [krista.heiner@state.co.us](mailto:krista.heiner@state.co.us). The statements of basis and purpose are not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order D 2020 017.

**The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, C.R.S. and 33-4-102, C.R.S.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020.**

**APPROVED:**  
**Michelle Zimmerman**  
**Chair**

**ATTEST:**

**FINAL REGULATIONS- CHAPTER W-2 - BIG GAME**

**ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**#206 - APPLICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR LIMITED LICENSES**

- A. Exceeding of Quota: The Division shall only exceed the number of licenses authorized by the Commission:
1. If there is proof of Division error in the application for or issuance of a limited license, provided that the director or his designee determines there will be no detrimental impact to the subject wildlife population.
  2. To issue licenses to hunters with mobility impairments or United States Armed Services Wounded Warrior hunters, who qualify for such licenses in accordance with regulation #206(B)(4)(e) or #206(B)(4)(f), provided there is no detrimental impact to the established herd population and sex ratio objectives. For each of these two programs:
    - no more than 100 limited antlerless deer, 100 limited doe pronghorn, and 200 limited antlerless elk licenses may be issued each year.
    - no more than 100 total antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses in the aggregate may be issued each year.Provided further, that limited license numbers for wildlife ranching properties cannot exceed the levels established by the Division and the landowner on the Ranching for Wildlife Seasons Form.
- B. Application and Drawing Provisions and Restrictions:
1. General Provisions and Restrictions
    - a. Number of Applications: No person may submit more than one application per year for the regular drawing process for a limited license for any big game species, or more than one application per year for a leftover limited license draw for any species.
    - b. Additional Choice Applications: Any additional choice on any application must be for the same species as the first choice.
    - c. Valid Applications: Only complete and correct application forms will be accepted. Any forms involved in a violation of (a) or (b) above will be considered to be incorrect. Any incorrect application by one member of a group will invalidate the entire application.
    - d. To be eligible for any big game license draw an individual must have first purchased either a veterans lifetime resident combination license, a first responder lifetime resident combination license, a senior lifetime fishing upgrade to an annual combination small game/fishing combination license, an annual small game license, an annual small game/fishing combination license, or an annual spring turkey license valid for the same license year as the big game license for which they are applying. Individuals that do not hold one of these qualifying licenses may not apply.

- e. Group Applications: Group applications are accepted for the regular drawing for all species except moose and desert bighorn sheep, with no limit on the number of applicants per group except as follows:

Bighorn Sheep                                      2 applicant maximum

Mountain Goat                                      2 applicant maximum

Provided further that residents and nonresidents may not apply for the sheep or mountain goat on same group application.

- f. Ranching for Wildlife: Non-residents are not eligible to apply for public Ranching for Wildlife licenses for any big game species.
- g. Bighorn Sheep Access Program: Non-residents are not eligible to apply for public Bighorn Sheep Access Program licenses.

2. Restrictions by Species

- a. Bighorn Sheep: Any person who harvests a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram, one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) curl or larger, except one taken on a Division auction or raffle license or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272, shall not be eligible to apply for, or participate in the drawing for a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram license for the five years following the year in which the harvest occurred. During this five-year period a person may apply for a ewe license, but if unsuccessful will not receive preference points or chances. Any person who harvests a desert bighorn sheep, shall never again be eligible to apply for or participate in a desert bighorn sheep license drawing.
- b. Mountain Goat: Any person who harvests a mountain goat, except one taken on an auction or raffle license, a special goat management license, or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272, shall not be eligible to apply for or participate in the drawing for a mountain goat license for the five years following the year in which the harvest occurred.
- c. Moose: Any person who harvests an antlered moose, except one taken on an auction or raffle license, or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272 shall never again be eligible to apply for or participate in an antlered or either-sex moose license drawing.

3. Application Submittal

- a. Applications for limited licenses will be accepted only by methods (on-line or by phone) provided by the Division.
- b. Application submittal shall include a \$7.00 non-refundable application fee for residents and a \$9.00 non-refundable application fee for nonresidents.
- c. Applications for the regular drawing must be submitted appropriately no later than 8:00 PM Mountain Time on the first Tuesday in April. Applications not submitted by this deadline are void.

4. Preference Systems

Note: see also §33-4-103, C.R.S.

a. Landowner Preference: General Provisions

1. Preference for hunting licenses under the Landowner Preference Program shall only be given to eligible landowners who apply using the Landowner registration form(s) provided by the division. Only complete and correct registration forms will be accepted. Except for the carryover registration provided in § 33-4-103(2)(c), C.R.S., registration in the Landowner Preference Program is valid for 5 years. All landowners shall re-register their properties every 5 years (or on or before July 1, 2016 for carryover registrations) to continue participation, if desired, in the Landowner Preference Program.
2. As a condition of registration and participation in the Landowner Preference Program, landowners shall provide and maintain accurate ownership information with the division for all lands registered in the Program. During the statutory period of carryover registration provided in §33-4-103(2)(c), C.R.S., and any five-year registration period, landowners shall notify the division of any changes to required registration information in writing within 30 days.
3. Landowner preference is species specific and available only in units that are totally limited for all rifle licenses for deer, elk or pronghorn and vouchers will be allocated to eligible landowners by unit, species, sex and season. In units where vouchers remain after the initial allocation, eligible landowners may apply for the unused vouchers and shall pay \$25 for each reallocated female (antlerless/doe) and \$40 for each either-sex or male (antlered/buck) voucher. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a refund check.
4. Vouchers not otherwise allocated to landowners as part of the Landowner Preference Program shall be made available as licenses to the general public in the remaining limited licenses draws or sales.
5. All landowners and hunters participating in the Landowner Preference Program shall file reports using the forms provided by the division. Reports must be complete and correct, and submitted to the Division by within 30 days after the close of the season.
6. Landowners and their registered properties may be audited for compliance with eligibility requirements of the Landowner Preference Program during any carryover or 5-year registration period. Notice of any noncompliance will be provided in writing to the landowner and the landowner shall have 30 days to resolve the noncompliance or withdraw the property from the Landowner Preference Program.

b. Landowner Preference: Voucher Requirements and Restrictions

1. Vouchers shall only be transferred by the landowner or the landowner's land manager, if any, directly to an individual to be used by that individual for the purchase of a license. Landowners may only designate one land manager for all lands registered in the Landowner Preference Program in any one unit.
2. The transfer of any voucher must include permission to access and hunt all lands in the unit registered in the Landowner Preference Program for the entire season for which the voucher was awarded. Such access

shall be allowed without discrimination between hunters accessing the property, and without restriction other than manner of access restrictions (foot, horseback, vehicular) that are reasonably necessary to prevent damage to property.

3. The transfer of a voucher by any person other than the landowner or the landowner's land manager to any person other than an individual for purchase of a license is prohibited. Violation of this prohibition shall void the voucher and any license purchased with it.
4. No person shall broker a voucher on behalf of any landowner or person, or use or possess any brokered voucher. Violation of this prohibition shall void the voucher and any license purchased with it.

c. Landowner Preference: Disqualification

1. Landowners, or the landowner's land manager, who fail to comply with any requirements of the Landowner Preference Program, may be disqualified from participation in the Program from one to five years. Disqualification of a joint or co-owner of property registered with the Landowner Preference Program shall disqualify all other joint or co-owners of the registered properties from participation in the Program.
2. Disqualification of a landowner from the Landowner Preference Program shall invalidate all preference points associated with property registered by the landowner in the Program.
3. Any landowner, or the landowner's land manager, that has been disqualified from the Landowner Preference Program shall not register properties, apply for vouchers or acquire or use any vouchers during the term of disqualification. Landowners that have been disqualified from participation in the Landowner Preference Program shall be required to re-register at the end of their period of disqualification and prior to further participation, if desired, in the Program.
4. Any other person that fails to comply with any requirements of the Landowner Preference Program may also be disqualified from participation in the Landowner Preference Program from one to five years. Any person disqualified shall not participate in the Landowner Preference Program in any manner, including, but not limited to, as a landowner, as a landowner's land manager, enrolling properties in any name, submitting applications for vouchers, receiving vouchers, transferring vouchers, redeeming vouchers or using licenses obtained with vouchers.
5. Any person convicted of a violation of the Landowner Preference Program will be given notice in writing of their possible disqualification from the Landowner Preference Program and the opportunity to appear and show cause why they should not be disqualified from participation in the Program. Any such disqualification hearing shall be held in the Denver office of the division, or at another location acceptable to the division. Notice of any resulting disqualification shall be sent to the person by certified mail, return receipt requested.

d. Youth Preference - a minimum of 15 percent of the number of the limited doe pronghorn licenses, limited either-sex and antlerless deer licenses and limited



antlerless elk licenses established for each GMU shall be made available for purchase by qualified youth applicants. Licenses shall be available through application and computer selection from the Division headquarters, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216. Licenses not allocated to youth shall be made available to the general public in the remaining drawings.

1. Any eligible hunter, ages 12-17 is entitled to youth hunt preference for all seasons and methods of take for the license types listed in the preceding paragraph, except that public Ranching for Wildlife and Air Force Academy licenses shall not be included in this preference. The applicant must submit an individual application for the desired, eligible license on forms provided by the Division. Group applications will not be accepted for youth preference. Where more than one (1) hunt code choice is shown on the application, all hunt codes must be youth preference-eligible hunt codes.
  2. Youth preference will be set at 50% for all antlerless deer licenses in GMUs 55, 66, 67, and 551.
- e. Youth Outreach Hunting Licenses – The Director may make additional youth outreach program deer, elk and pronghorn licenses available to qualified organizations sponsoring youth hunting activities.
1. There will be no more than 300 elk licenses (50 antlered or either-sex, 250 antlerless), no more than 200 deer licenses (50 antlered or either-sex, 150 antlerless) and no more than 200 pronghorn licenses (30 buck or either-sex, 170 doe) issued annually under this subsection.
  2. Licenses in game management units with at least one hunt code requiring 6 or more resident preference points to draw, excluding Ranching for Wildlife properties, will not be authorized for use under this subsection unless the request is for a hunt exclusively on private land.
  3. Licenses are issued on a first come, first served basis to qualified organizations. No more than 10 licenses may be issued per event to any single requesting organization.
  4. Requested dates for hunting events must occur between August 15 and January 31 each year.
  5. Organizations who wish to request a Youth Outreach license must submit the request in writing to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, State Hunter Outreach Coordinator, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216 no later than 60 days prior to the planned hunting event.
  6. Licenses are limited to youth hunters 12 to 17 years of age.
- f. Novice Adult Outreach Hunting Licenses – The Director may make additional novice adult outreach program deer, elk and pronghorn licenses available to qualified organizations sponsoring novice adult hunting activities.
1. For the purpose of these regulations a novice adult hunter is defined as a Colorado resident 18 years of age or older, who has either: no big game license purchase history, only held a big game hunting license(s) in the

previous year, or has no big game license purchase history in the previous five years.

2. There will be no more than 300 elk licenses (50 antlered or either-sex, 250 antlerless), no more than 200 deer licenses (50 antlered or either-sex, 150 antlerless) and no more than 200 pronghorn licenses (30 buck or either-sex, 170 doe) issued annually under this subsection.
  3. Licenses in game management units with at least one hunt code requiring 6 or more resident preference points to draw, excluding Ranching for Wildlife properties, will not be authorized for use under this subsection unless the request is for a hunt exclusively on private land.
  4. Licenses are issued on a first come, first served basis to qualified organizations. No more than 10 licenses may be issued per event to any single requesting organization.
  5. Requested dates for hunting events must occur between August 15 and January 31 each year.
  6. Organizations who wish to request a Novice Adult Hunter Outreach license must submit the request in writing to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, State Hunter Outreach Coordinator, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216 no later than 60 days prior to the planned hunting event.
- g. Hunting Licenses for Hunters with Mobility Impairments - The Director may make certain deer, elk, and pronghorn licenses available to qualified hunters with mobility impairments.
1. Applicants for hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments must have a mobility impairment resulting from permanent medical conditions, which makes it physically impossible for them to hunt without the assistance of an attendant. Evidence of an impossibility to participate in the hunt without the assistance of an attendant may include, but is not limited to, prescribed use of a wheel chair; shoulder or arm crutches; walker; two canes; or other prescribed medical devices or equipment.
  2. Applications for antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses for hunters with mobility impairments shall be made on the form available from, and submitted with the applicable license fee to, the Division, Limited License Office, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado, 80216. Applications for antlered deer and elk and pronghorn buck licenses for hunters with mobility impairments shall be made on the form available from, and submitted with the applicable license fee to, the applicable Division regional service center. Hunters may apply from the Monday after the May Commission meeting through the last day of the rifle seasons.
  3. Applications for hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments shall contain a statement from a licensed medical doctor or a certified physical, occupational, or recreational therapist describing the applicant's mobility impairment and the permanent medical condition which makes it impossible for the applicant to hunt without the assistance of an attendant. Additional documentation may be required if necessary to

establish the applicant's eligibility for a hunting license for hunters with mobility impairments. For the 2001 seasons and thereafter, once certified by the Division as mobility-impaired according to these regulations, applicants will not be required to submit the medical statement.

4. Antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses will be available in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlerless deer or 100 antlerless elk or 50 doe pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in #250, #257, and #262 of these regulations. For any one game management unit no more than 10 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlerless deer or elk or doe pronghorn licenses for the game management unit, whichever number is greater, shall be issued as hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments for the species in question.
  5. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be private land only licenses and will be available for hunt codes requiring four or fewer resident preference points to draw in the previous year in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlered or either-sex deer, 100 antlered or either-sex elk, or 50 buck pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in #250, #257 and #262 of these regulations. For any one game management unit no more than 5 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlered, either-sex or buck licenses for the game management unit, whichever is greater, shall be issued as hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments for the species in question.
  6. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager on a case-by-case basis for hunters who qualify as mobility-impaired in instances where an organization assisting hunters with mobility impairments has coordinated a hunting opportunity specifically for this program and where all other avenues of obtaining a license have been exhausted.
  7. Hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments will be valid only for the season dates and any units included in the authorized hunt code. Licenses for hunters with mobility impairments may not be issued for Ranching for Wildlife properties unless otherwise provided in the ranch contract.
- h. Wounded Warrior Hunting Licenses - The Director may make certain deer, elk, and pronghorn licenses available to qualified participants in any United States Armed Services Wounded Warrior programs.
1. Applicants must be members of the United States Armed Forces, who are residents of, or stationed in, Colorado returning from post-September 11, 2001 overseas contingency operations who have been so severely injured during combat, including combat-related support activities, that they will require years of intense, ongoing care or assistance. Additionally, applicants must be members of a United States Armed Services Wounded Warrior program, as defined in 33-4-102(1.9) C.R.S., and must be assigned to a military medical treatment facility at the time of application for this program.

2. Applications shall contain a statement from a licensed medical doctor certifying the applicant's eligibility under the criteria in 1 above. Additional documentation may be required if necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility under this program.
3. Applications for antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses shall be made on the form available from the Division, Limited License Office, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado. Applications for antlered deer and elk and pronghorn buck licenses shall be made on the form available from the applicable Division regional service center. Hunters may apply from the Monday after the May Commission meeting through the last day of the rifle seasons. Licenses issued under this program shall be issued as free licenses.
4. Antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses will be available in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlerless deer or 100 antlerless elk or 50 doe pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in 250, 257, and 262 of these regulations. Licenses issued for military installations will be exempted from these minimum license requirements. Wounded Warrior licenses issued for military installation property will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager. For any one game management unit no more than 10 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlerless deer or elk or doe pronghorn licenses for the game management unit, whichever number is greater, shall be issued as Wounded Warrior hunting licenses for the species in question.
5. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be private land only licenses and will be available for hunt codes requiring four or fewer resident preference points to draw in the previous year in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlered or either-sex deer, 100 antlered or either-sex elk, or 50 buck pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in #250, #257 and #262 of these regulations. Licenses issued for military installations will be exempted from these preference point and minimum license requirements. Wounded Warrior licenses issued for military installation property will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager. For any one game management unit no more than 5 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlered, either-sex or buck licenses for the game management unit, whichever is greater, shall be issued as Wounded Warrior hunting licenses for the species in question.
6. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager on a case-by-case basis for hunters who qualify under this program in instances where an organization assisting Wounded Warrior hunters has coordinated a hunting opportunity specifically for this program and where all other avenues of obtaining a license have been exhausted.
7. Wounded Warrior hunting licenses will be valid only for the season dates and any units included in the authorized hunt code. Wounded Warrior hunting licenses may not be issued for Ranching for Wildlife properties unless otherwise provided in the ranch contract.

- i. Dream Hunt Hunting Licenses – The Director may make available additional deer, elk, pronghorn, mountain lion and black bear licenses to individuals qualified under this subsection.
  - 1. Applicants for Dream Hunt licenses must be at least 12 and under 22 years of age, and must have a terminal illness or a life-threatening disease or injury.
  - 2. A request for a Dream Hunt license must be made, in writing, by a sponsoring organization, documenting the individual's life-threatening or terminal condition, desired, hunt experience, desired location, time frame and logistical considerations. Requests should be sent to the Division of Parks and Wildlife, Hunter Outreach Coordinator, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216.
  - 3. Requested dates for hunting events must occur between August 15 and January 31 each year, with preferred dates occurring during an existing season for the requested species. However, alternate dates may be approved by the Director on a case-by-case basis as an applicant's condition requires.
  - 4. Written landowner permission must be obtained prior to issuance of a license under this subsection if the individual will be hunting on private land.
  
- j. Preference Points and Chances
  - 1. Preference will be given for qualifying applications for first choice hunt codes only and shall be subject to the following provisions:
    - aa. Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, and Bear: one preference point will be awarded to each person who qualifies for and fails to draw a limited license for deer, elk, pronghorn, or bear as a first choice in the regular drawing or who applies using a first choice hunt code established for the purpose of accumulating a preference point only. Preference points will be used in future drawings for the same species and will accumulate until the applicant obtains a first choice license. When an applicant obtains a first choice license, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant both fails to apply for a species and has not purchased a license for that same species during any given 10-year period, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant accepts a first choice license that has been returned and reissued manually, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. No preference points are required for purchasing a returned license placed on the leftover list. In those hunt codes requiring 10 or more resident preference points to draw, up to 20 percent of available licenses for deer, elk, pronghorn and bear shall be issued through a random drawing. The number of preference points required to draw shall be determined by a three-year average for the 2007, 2008, and 2009 limited license draws. A minimum of five individual preference points is required for an applicant to participate in the random drawing. Group applications shall not be eligible to participate in the random drawing.

- bb. Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose: One preference point will be awarded to each person who qualifies for and fails to draw a first choice license, until three preference points have been accumulated. Each time an applicant with three (3) points qualifies for and fails to draw a first choice license for rocky mountain bighorn sheep, mountain goat or moose the applicant will be awarded one (1) weighted preference point to be used in future drawings for that species. Applicants with at least three (3) preference points or any number of weighted preference points will be given weighted preference during the license drawings for each applicable species. Weighted preference is calculated by converting the applicant's original application number into a new random application number, then dividing that random application number by the number of weighted preference points the applicant currently has for that species plus one. The resulting number is the applicant's final and only application number. Final application numbers are sorted from lowest number to highest number, with licenses awarded to applicants starting on the top of the list (lowest number), working down the list until no licenses for that species remain. When an applicant obtains a first choice license, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant both fails to apply for a species and has not purchased a license for that same species during any given 10-year period, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant accepts a first choice license that has been returned and reissued, all accumulated preference points for that species become void.
- cc. In addition to the \$7 application fee, a resident applicant who is unsuccessful on their first choice (except youth as defined by 33-4-117 C.R.S., lifetime license holders, and Colorado resident military personnel on active duty outside Colorado), or a resident who applies using a first choice hunt code established for the purpose of accumulating a preference point or weighted preference point only, for moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or mountain goat will be assessed a \$50 fee to receive a preference point or weighted preference point. In addition to the \$9 application fee, a nonresident applicant who is unsuccessful on their first choice (except youth as defined by 33-4-117 C.R.S.), or a nonresident who applies using a first choice hunt code established for the purpose of accumulating a preference point or weighted preference point only, for moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or mountain goat will be assessed a \$100 fee to receive a preference point or weighted preference point. The fee, per species, shall entitle the hunter to preference points or weighted preference points for any unsuccessful first choice moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or mountain goat application in that year. If the applicant chooses to not pay the preference point fee, the applicant will not receive a preference point or weighted preference point for that application.
- dd. Applications receiving preference points will be given priority over all applications with fewer points. Group applications will receive preference at the level of the group member with the fewest accumulated preference points, and, where applicable, the fewest accumulated chances, except that group applications will not be successful, regardless of preference point level or number of

chances, when there are fewer licenses remaining in the hunt code quota than the number of applicants in the group.

ee. In lieu of applying through the regular limited license draw, any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is stationed at any military facility in Colorado and actively deployed outside the United States, or any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is a Colorado resident and is deployed outside the United States, shall, upon their return to the United States, be eligible to apply for preference points for any regular limited license draw that occurred during their absence. Applications for preference points shall be made on forms provided by the Division and filed within six months upon the member's return to the United States.

## 5. Drawing Processes

- a. Applications using landowner preference and youth preference shall be drawn, in that order, prior to drawing general public applications for the same species.
- b. Except as otherwise provided, applicants who applied properly for deer, elk, or pronghorn in the regular drawing and are unsuccessful will be given the option to apply for a leftover drawing.
- c. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified of their accumulated preference points on their on-line account.
- d. Nonresident hunter drawing limitations (first choice applications only)
  1. Nonresidents hunters shall receive no more than 10% of available moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat licenses for all hunt codes. In the event there are an insufficient number of nonresident applications for the allocated number of moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat licenses in any hunt code, the excess nonresident licenses will be issued to residents through the regular drawing process. These drawing limitations do not apply to the issuance of Bighorn Sheep Access Program (BSAP) licenses.
  2. Unless there is an insufficient number of resident applications, nonresident hunters shall receive no more than 35% of available deer and elk licenses for hunt codes requiring fewer than six preference points for resident hunters to draw in the regular drawing, and no more than 20% of available deer and elk licenses for hunt codes requiring six or more preference points for resident hunters to draw in the regular drawing as calculated using a three-year average for the 2007, 2008, and 2009 limited license draws. These drawing limitations do not apply to the issuance of Private Land Only and Ranching for Wildlife licenses.

## 6. Leftover Licenses, Drawing Provisions and Restrictions

- a. Elk, deer, pronghorn and bear licenses which are not issued through the regular drawing will be issued as "leftover" licenses, (through one "leftover" drawing process if the number of "leftover" licenses is sufficient to justify the administrative cost).

- b. Only persons who apply for a limited license and who are unsuccessful are eligible for the leftover license drawing. Applicants for the leftover drawing may only apply for the same species that they applied for in the initial drawing.
  - c. Any eligible hunter, ages 12 – 17 shall receive preference for leftover deer and elk licenses.
  - d. Any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces stationed at any military facility in Colorado and actively deployed outside the United States, or any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is a Colorado resident and is deployed outside the United States, shall be allowed a preference for the purchase of leftover licenses prior to their sale to the general public.
  - e. Group applications are not accepted for leftover licenses.
  - f. Applicants must apply on-line or over the phone following the regular drawing.
  - g. Applications must be submitted no later than 8:00 PM Mountain Time on the first Tuesday in July, annually. Applications not submitted by this deadline are void.
  - h. Leftover Ranching for Wildlife licenses will not be available through the standard over-the-counter leftover process. For information regarding the availability of these licenses on a first-come, first-served basis, please refer to the big game drawing brochure or call the Division at (303) 297-1192.
7. 2020 Secondary Draw, Leftover Licenses, Drawing Provisions and Restrictions
- a. Starting in 2020, elk, deer, pronghorn and bear licenses which are not issued through the regular drawing will be issued through a secondary drawing process if the number of remaining licenses is sufficient to justify the administrative cost.
  - b. Any eligible hunter, ages 12 – 17 shall receive preference for the secondary draw for elk, deer, pronghorn and bear licenses.
  - c. There is no landowner preference for the secondary draw.
  - d. Any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces stationed at any military facility in Colorado and actively deployed outside the United States, or any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is a Colorado resident and is deployed outside the United States, shall be allowed a preference for the purchase of leftover licenses prior to their sale to the general public.
  - e. Group applications are not accepted for the secondary draw.
  - f. Applicants for the secondary draw must apply on-line or over the phone following the regular drawing.
  - g. Secondary draw applications must be submitted no later than 8:00 PM Mountain Time the first Tuesday in July. Applications not submitted by this deadline are void.
  - h. Secondary draw applications not submitted by 8:00 PM Mountain Time the first Tuesday in July, will become void.



- i. Except for Ranching for Wildlife licenses, any licenses remaining after the secondary draw, will be placed on the leftover license list and will become available through the standard over-the-counter leftover process. For information regarding the availability of leftover Ranching for Wildlife licenses available on a first-come, first-served basis, please refer to the big game drawing brochure or call the Division at (303) 297-1192.

**Basis and Purpose:**

**Creating senior lifetime fishing upgrade to annual combination fishing and small game hunting license**

In January 2020, the Commission adopted rules to create the annual resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license priced at \$28. In 2020, the resident annual senior fishing license is priced at \$8.10 and the resident annual small game hunting license is priced at \$28.36. In the Integrated Parks and Wildlife Licensing System (IPAWS), customers are restricted from purchasing licenses or passes which provide them the same benefit as something they already hold to reduce customer errors, refund requests and to make reporting clearer. As a result, resident senior customers who hold a lifetime fishing license or lifetime low income fishing license have to pay \$0.36 more for an annual small game hunting license than other senior customers who can purchase the newly created annual combination fishing and small game hunting license.

Creating a new product that allows resident senior lifetime fishing customers to upgrade to an annual combination fishing and small game hunting license priced at \$19.90, allows these customers to receive a similar discount as other resident senior customers. The price of \$19.90 equals the difference between the annual resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license (\$28) and resident annual senior fishing license (\$8.10). This annual upgrade product counts as a qualifying license (#206.B.d). This only affects Lifetime Fishing and Lifetime Low-Income License holders as VA Fishing and First Responder Fishing License holders may upgrade to a free combination license at any time.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing Krista Heiner at [krista.heiner@state.co.us](mailto:krista.heiner@state.co.us). The statements of basis and purpose are not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order D 2020 017.

**The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, C.R.S. and 33-4-102, C.R.S.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020.**

**APPROVED:  
Michelle Zimmerman  
Chair**

**ATTEST:  
James Vigil  
Secretary**

**FINAL REGULATIONS- CHAPTER W-3 - FURBEARERS and SMALL GAME, EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS**

**ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**#301 - LICENSE FEES**

**A. Furbearer License Fee**

**1. Furbearer License Fee Reduction:**

In accordance with the provisions of §33-4-102, C.R.S., the following furbearer license fees shall be reduced to the fee specified herein, from the level set forth in §33-4-102, C.R.S.:

License Type	License Fee
Nonresident Furbearer	\$81.03

**B. Resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license fee**

**1. Resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license fee reduction:**

In accordance with the provisions of §33-4-102, C.R.S., the following combination licenses shall be created with a reduced fee specified herein, from the level set forth in §33-4-102, C.R.S.:

License Type	License Fee
Resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license	\$28.00
<u>Resident senior lifetime fishing upgrade to annual combination fishing and small game hunting license*</u>	<u>\$19.90</u>

\*Valid only for resident senior Lifetime Disability and Low Income Fishing license holders.

Chapter W-3 – Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds

**Basis and Purpose:**

**Creating senior lifetime fishing upgrade to annual combination fishing and small game hunting license**

In January 2020, the Commission adopted rules to create the annual resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license priced at \$28. In 2020, the resident annual senior fishing license is priced at \$8.10 and the resident annual small game hunting license is priced at \$28.36. In the Integrated Parks and Wildlife Licensing System (IPAWS), customers are restricted from purchasing licenses or passes which provide them the same benefit as something they already hold to reduce customer errors, refund requests and to make reporting clearer. As a result, resident senior customers who hold a lifetime fishing license or lifetime low income fishing license have to pay \$0.36 more for an annual small game hunting license than other senior customers who can purchase the newly created annual combination fishing and small game hunting license.

Creating a new product that allows resident senior lifetime fishing customers to upgrade to an annual combination fishing and small game hunting license priced at \$19.90, allows these customers to receive a similar discount as other resident senior customers. The price of \$19.90 equals the difference between the annual resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license (\$28) and resident annual senior fishing license (\$8.10). This annual upgrade product counts as a qualifying license (#206.B.d). This only affects Lifetime Fishing and Lifetime Low-Income License holders as VA Fishing and First Responder Fishing License holders may upgrade to a free combination license at any time.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing Krista Heiner at [krista.heiner@state.co.us](mailto:krista.heiner@state.co.us). The statements of basis and purpose are not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order D 2020 017.

**The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, C.R.S. and 33-4-102, C.R.S.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020.**

**APPROVED:  
Michelle Zimmerman  
Chair**

**ATTEST:  
James Vigil  
Secretary**