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TO: Agency Staff, Parks and Wildlife Commissioners, and Members of the Public  
FROM: Krista Heiner, Regulations Manager  
RE: January 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary  
DATE: January 21, 2020

At the January 15-16, 2020 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission heard proposed changes to regulations as follows:

### FINAL REGULATIONS (PARKS and WILDLIFE):

#### Agenda Item 10 - Chapter P-7 - "Passes, Permits, and Registrations" - 2 CCR 405-7

The Commission approved proposed regulations including, but not limited to, the following:

- Increasing fees for daily vehicle park passes by \$1.

#### Agenda Item 11 - Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0 and those related provisions of Chapter W-3 ("Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3), Chapter W-5 ("Small Game - Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-5) and Chapter W-2 ("Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2) necessary to accommodate changes to, or ensure consistency with, Chapter W-0

The Commission finalized regulations in its two-step annual review of the entire chapter, and regulatory changes based on a Citizen Petition for Rulemaking. Specific regulatory changes include, but are not limited to the following:

- Creating a resident senior (age 65 and older) small game and fishing combination license priced at \$28.
- Adding electronic licenses to the definition of a license, to allow for the future issuance of electronic licenses.
- Adding the letter X to the list of hunt code manners of take to denote season choice licenses.
- Authorizing the use of a TAN number as valid documentation of Colorado Waterfowl and Federal Duck Stamp purchase for up to 14 days from date of purchase.
- Updating the counties listed for the boundary description of Game Management Units (GMUs) 20 and 521.
- Modifying the GMU boundaries for S-11, S-13, S-17 and S-26 to follow roads and trails rather than river drainages.
- Combining mountain goat units G-3 and G-13 into a single GMU that matches the current boundary for sheep unit S-11 and updating the related hunt codes.

#### Agenda Item 12 - Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2

The Commission finalized regulations in its two-step annual review of the entire chapter, and regulatory changes based on the approved 2020-2024 Big Game Season Structure Framework. Specific regulatory changes include, but are not limited to the following:



- Annual changes to season dates, limited license areas, quotas and manner of take provisions for bighorn sheep and mountain goat.
- Annual changes to season dates, limited license areas, and manner of take provisions for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, moose and bear.
- Annual changes to season dates, limited license areas, harvest limits and manner of take provisions for mountain lion.
- Adding a ram bighorn sheep archery season to S-66 (p. 36).
- Adding a second archery season for bighorn sheep in S-69 (p. 36).
- Adding a rifle hunt code for ram bighorn sheep in S-70 and removing S-70 from the current archery hunt code (p. 36, 41).
- Creating two ram bighorn sheep rifle seasons in S-15 and changing the dates of the ewe bighorn sheep season in S-15 accordingly (p. 38).
- Eliminating the ewe bighorn sheep season in S-35 (p. 39).
- Creating nanny-only mountain goat licenses for all rifle seasons in G-10 (p. 44).
- Combining the four individual nanny-only mountain goat rifle seasons in G-15 into one nanny-only season concurrent with the four either-sex mountain goat rifle seasons in G-15 (p. 45-46).
- Designating all general bear licenses in B-6 as list B, and all private-land-only bear licenses as list C (p. 8).
- Opening GMU 471 to mountain lion hunting, combining GMU 45 and 44 into one hunt code, and combining GMUs 47, 43 and 471 into one hunt code (p. 64).
- Splitting GMU 76 from GMUs 79 and 791 to create two separate mountain lion hunt codes (p. 65).
- Converting archery deer licenses in D-15 from either-sex to antlered (p. 68).
- Adding second and third season rifle antlerless deer hunt codes in GMUs 55, 66, 67 and 551 (p. 85-86).
- Amending the boundary description for the private-land-only deer hunt codes in GMU 38 (p. 99-100).
- Adding private-land-only, either-sex deer hunt codes for GMUs 62, 64, 65 and 411 (p. 103-106, 113).
- Creating list B, private-land-only, mule-deer-only, antlered rifle licenses for a subunit of GMU 951 (p. 5, 115).
- Adding GMU 591 to the list of elk antler point restricted units (p. 116).
- Removing the elk 4-point antler restriction for all San Luis Valley game damage hunt codes. (p. 116)
- Creating limited, sex-specific (limited bull/limited cow) licenses for archery elk hunting in E-16, E-24, E-30, and E-31 (p. 116-118).
- Limiting second and third rifle elk seasons in GMU 83 (p. 124 & 142).
- Converting certain antlered elk hunt codes in E-2 to either-sex elk hunt codes, and creating a separate hunt code for GMU 214 (p. 127, 143, 149).
- Removing the GMU boundary split for antlerless elk in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th rifle seasons in GMU 521, and updating the applicable hunt codes (p. 146).
- Extending the closing date for the private-land-only antlerless elk hunt in GMUs 3, 4, 5, 301 and 441 to December 31st, removing GMU 214 from EF003P5R and removing GMU 441 from EF014P5R (p. 149, 152).
- Removing the private-land-only either-sex elk hunt code in GMU 38 (p. 160).
- Adding a private-land-only late antlerless elk season in GMU 42 (p. 161).
- Separating GMUs 59 and 581 for private-land-only antlerless elk hunt codes and eliminating unnecessary hunt codes for E-23 (p. 166, 179, 180).
- Expanding the Rabbit Mountain antlerless elk hunt code boundary (p. 183).
- Increasing the late antlerless elk hunt season length in the Jefferson County portion of GMU 38 from December 1st to January 31st to September 1st to January 31st (p. 184).
- Extending the pronghorn season in GMUs 9 and 191 to the end of January (p. 196).

- Separating GMUs 50 and 501 from current moose hunt codes and creating new moose hunt codes that include GMUs 50, 51, 59, 501, 511, and 581 (p. 202, 203, 215).
- Adding archery, muzzleloader and rifle antlerless moose hunt codes east of the Peak-to-Peak Highway in GMU 38 (p. 203).
- Separating GMU 361 from GMU 36 for antlered moose hunt codes and creating antlerless moose hunt codes for both units (p. 203, 215).
- Creating antlerless moose licenses for GMU 76 (p. 204).
- Converting the antlered moose license in GMU 65 to an either-sex license (p. 215).

#### ISSUE IDENTIFICATION (PARKS and WILDLIFE):

**Agenda Item 15 - 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**

The Commission heard and forwarded-on proposed regulations including, but not limited to:

- Expanding the Division's ability to issue Special Activity Permits to commercial users.

**Agenda Item 16 - 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:

- Expanding current youth waterfowl days to also permit waterfowl hunting by veterans and active military members.

**Agenda Item 17 - 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**

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:

- 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.
- Authorizing the Division Director to execute short-term housing leases.
- Adjusting regulations related to the fishing closure at Banner Lakes State Wildlife Area (SWA) during waterfowl hunting seasons.
- Allowing night fishing during certain times of the year at Jackson Lake SWA.
- Requiring hunting reservations for weekends and holidays during the teal season and the first split of the regular duck season at Jackson Lake SWA.
- 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.
- Managing limited hunting access at Collins Mountain Ranch SWA through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations as required in the access easement.
- Managing limited hunting access at Crooked Wash Ranch through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations.
- Managing limited hunting access at Flanders Ranch SWA through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations as required.

- Managing limited hunting access for the Grand Valley Wildlife Area Special Archery Hunts through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations as required.
- Managing limited hunting access at Louisiana Purchase Ranch through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations as required.
- Adopting property-specific regulations on Yarmony Ranch SWA.
- Changing the hours of operation for the Basalt SWA public shooting range.
- Permitting hunting from August 15 until the end of February at Box Creek STL.
- Establishing visitor management regulations at Turkey Track Ranch STL.
- 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.
- Shortening the Gunnison sage grouse viewing season at Waunita Watchable Wildlife Area.
- Requiring non-exempt boats to launch from the CPW boat ramp at Groundhog Reservoir SWA.

#### **Agenda Item 18 - Chapter W-16 - "Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" 2 CCR 406-16**

The Commission heard and forwarded-on proposed regulations including, but not limited to:

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (PARKS and WILDLIFE):**

##### **ISSUES IDENTIFICATION**

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

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

- 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.
- Necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations related to waterfowl hunting in the Grand Valley.

#### **Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9**

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

- Allowing public use of the Uncompahgre River corridor of Billy Creek SWA for wildlife-related recreation purposes during the current seasonal closure period of January 1 through April 30 annually.