

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

**ARTICLE V – BLACK BEAR**

**#236 - BAITING**

A. It shall be unlawful to hunt black bear over bait as prohibited in §33-4-101.3, C.R.S.

**#237 - ARCHERY BLACK BEAR SEASONS – ONLY LAWFUL HAND-HELD BOWS MAY BE USED TO HUNT OR TAKE BLACK BEAR DURING THIS SEASON.**

**A. Archery Seasons**

**1. Hunt type, Dates, Units (as described in Chapter 0 of these regulations), Limited Licenses**

Unit(s)	Season Dates: 09/02/2023 – 09/30/2023 Unless Otherwise Shown	
	Hunt Code	Either-Sex Licenses (2023)
1	BE001O1A	5
2	BE002O1A	5
3, 11, 211, 301	BE003O1A	75
4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441	BE004O1A	300
7, 8, 9, 19, 191	BE007O1A	50
10	BE010O1A	5
12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 131, 231	BE012O1A	450
15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	BE015O1A	150
20, 29, 38	BE020O1A	80
21, 22, 30, 31, 32	BE021O1A	175
34	BE034O1A	60
35, 36, 44, 45, 361, 444	BE035O1A	280
39, 46, 51, 391, 461	BE039O1A	90
40	BE040O1A	30
41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	BE041O1A	550
43 - north and west of Capitol Creek and Capitol Peak, west and south of the Elk Mountains ridgeline between Capitol Peak and Snowmass Mountain, and west of Pitkin-Gunnison County lines	BE043O1A	145
43 - south and east of Capitol Creek and Capitol Peak, east and north of the Elk Mountains ridgeline between Capitol Peak and Snowmass Mountain, and east of Pitkin-Gunnison County lines, 47, 471	BE047O1A	145
48, 49, 56, 57, 481, 561	BE048O1A	110
50, 500, 501	BE050O1A	60
53, 63	BE053O1A	150
54, 55, 551	BE054O1A	130
58, 581	BE058O1A	75
59, 511, 591	BE059O1A	100
60, 70	BE060O1A	90
61	BE061O1A	10
62, 64, 65	BE062O1A	300
66, 67	BE066O1A	30

Unit(s)	Season Dates: 09/02/2023 – 09/30/2023 Unless Otherwise Shown	
	Hunt Code	Either-Sex Licenses (2023)
68, 76, 79, 80, 81, 681, 682, 791	BE068O1A	140
69, 84, 691	BE069O1A	50
71, 72, 73, 74, 711, 741	BE071O1A	120
75, 77, 78, 751, 771	BE075O1A	125
82, 86, 861	BE082O1A	60
83, 85, 140, 851 except Bosque del Oso SWA	BE083O1A	40
201	BE201O1A	5
851 Bosque del Oso SWA only	BE851O1A	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4194</b>

**2. Unlimited Licenses, Dates, Units (as described in Chapter 0 of these regulations), Licenses as shown by hunt code, concurrent with Archery Deer and Elk Seasons subject to season participation restrictions in #207.**

Unit(s)	Season Dates: 09/02/2023 – 09/30/2023 Unless Otherwise Shown	
	Hunt Code	Either-Sex Licenses (2023)
4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441	BE004U1A	Unlimited
12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 131, 231	BE012U1A	
15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	BE015U1A	
21, 22, 30, 31, 32	BE021U1A	
34	BE034U1A	
39, 46, 51, 391, 461	BE039U1A	
40	BE040U1A	
41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	BE041U1A	
50, 500, 501	BE050U1A	
53, 63	BE053U1A	
60, 70	BE060U1A	
62, 64, 65	BE062U1A	
71, 72, 73, 74, 711, 741	BE071U1A	
75, 77, 78, 751, 771	BE075U1A	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**#238 - MUZZLE-LOADING FIREARMS BLACK BEAR SEASON - ONLY LAWFUL MUZZLE-LOADING FIREARMS (RIFLES AND SMOOTHBORE MUSKETS) MAY BE USED TO HUNT OR TAKE BLACK BEAR**

**A. Muzzle-loading Firearms Seasons**

**1. Hunt type, Dates, Units (as described in Chapter 0 of these regulations), Limited Licenses**

Unit(s)	Season Dates: 09/09/2023 – 09/17/2023 Unless Otherwise Shown	
	Hunt Code	Either-Sex Licenses (2023)
1	BE001O1M	5
2	BE002O1M	5
3, 11, 211, 301	BE003O1M	20
4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441	BE004O1M	100
7, 8, 9, 19, 191	BE007O1M	20
10	BE010O1M	5
12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 131, 231	BE012O1M	100
15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	BE015O1M	50
20, 29, 38	BE020O1M	35
21, 22, 30, 31, 32	BE021O1M	60
34	BE034O1M	50
35, 36, 44, 45, 361, 444	BE035O1M	180
39, 46, 51, 391, 461	BE039O1M	40
40	BE040O1M	15
41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	BE041O1M	150
43 - north and west of Capitol Creek and Capitol Peak, west and south of the Elk Mountains ridgeline between Capitol Peak and Snowmass Mountain, and west of Pitkin-Gunnison County lines	BE043O1M	45
43 - south and east of Capitol Creek and Capitol Peak, east and north of the Elk Mountains ridgeline between Capitol Peak and Snowmass Mountain, and east of Pitkin-Gunnison County lines, 47, 471	BE047O1M	45
48, 49, 56, 57, 481, 561	BE048O1M	45
50, 500, 501	BE050O1M	50
53, 63	BE053O1M	50
54, 55, 551	BE054O1M	105
58, 581	BE058O1M	30
59, 511, 591	BE059O1M	40
60, 70	BE060O1M	40
61	BE061O1M	10
62, 64, 65	BE062O1M	75
66, 67	BE066O1M	15
68, 76, 79, 80, 81, 681, 682, 791	BE068O1M	60
69, 84, 691	BE069O1M	20
71, 72, 73, 74, 711, 741	BE071O1M	35
75, 77, 78, 751, 771	BE075O1M	45
82, 86, 861	BE082O1M	30
83, 85, 140, 851 except Bosque del Oso SWA	BE083O1M	15
201	BE201O1M	5
851 Bosque del Oso SWA only	BE851O1M	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1599</b>

2. **Unlimited Licenses, Dates, Units (as described in Chapter 0 of these regulations), Licenses as shown by hunt code, concurrent with Muzzleloader Deer and Elk Seasons subject to season participation restrictions in #207.**

Unit(s)	Season Dates: 09/09/2023 – 09/17/2023 Unless Otherwise Shown	
	Hunt Code	Either-Sex Licenses (2023)
4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441	BE004U1M	Unlimited
12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 131, 231	BE012U1M	
15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	BE015U1M	
21, 22, 30, 31, 32	BE021U1M	
34	BE034U1M	
39, 46, 51, 391, 461	BE039U1M	
40	BE040U1M	
41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	BE041U1M	
50, 500, 501	BE050U1M	
53, 63	BE053U1M	
60, 70	BE060U1M	
62, 64, 65	BE062U1M	
71, 72, 73, 74, 711, 741	BE071U1M	
75, 77, 78, 751, 771	BE075U1M	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**#239 - RIFLE AND ASSOCIATED METHODS - BLACK BEAR**

**A. Limited Rifle Seasons**

**1. Season Dates and Units (as described in Chapter 0 of these regulations)**

Unit	Season Dates: 09/02 - 09/30 Annually Unless Otherwise Shown	
	Hunt Code	Either-Sex Licenses (2023)
1	BE001O1R	5
2	BE002O1R	5
3, 11, 211, 301	BE003O1R	150
4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441	BE004O1R	1200
7, 8, 9, 19, 191	BE007O1R	135
10	BE010O1R	5
12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 131, 231	BE012O1R	1100
15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	BE015O1R	200
20, 29, 38	BE020O1R	90
21, 22, 30, 31, 32	BE021O1R	775
34	BE034O1R	240
35, 36, 44, 45, 361, 444	BE035O1R	900
39, 46, 51, 391, 461	BE039O1R	275
40	BE040O1R	100
41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	BE041O1R	1700
43 - north and west of Capitol Creek and Capitol Peak, west and south of the Elk Mountains ridgeline between Capitol Peak and Snowmass Mountain, and west of Pitkin-Gunnison County lines	BE043O1R	245
43 - south and east of Capitol Creek and Capitol Peak, east and north of the Elk	BE047O1R	225

	<b>Season Dates: 09/02 - 09/30 Annually Unless Otherwise Shown</b>	
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Hunt Code</b>	<b>Either-Sex Licenses (2023)</b>
Mountains ridgeline between Capitol Peak and Snowmass Mountain, and east of Pitkin-Gunnison County lines, 47, 471		
48, 49, 56, 57, 481, 561	BE048O1R	250
50, 500, 501	BE050O1R	120
53, 63	BE053O1R	800
54, 55, 551	BE054O1R	125
58, 581	BE058O1R	90
59, 511, 591	BE059O1R	80
60, 70	BE060O1R	300
61	BE061O1R	200
61	BE061O2R 10/01/2023 - 10/07/2023	10
62, 64, 65	BE062O1R	700
66, 67	BE066O1R	65
68, 76, 79, 80, 81, 681, 682, 791	BE068O1R	250
69, 84, 691	BE069O1R	120
71, 72, 73, 74, 711, 741	BE071O1R	780
75, 77, 78, 751, 771	BE075O1R	700
82, 86, 861	BE082O1R	100
83, 85, 140, 851 except Bosque del Oso SWA	BE083O1R	95
201	BE201O1R	10
851 Bosque del Oso SWA only	BE851O1R 09/02/2023 - 09/19/2023	4
851 Bosque del Oso SWA only	BE851O2R 09/20/2023 - 10/04/2023	4
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12153</b>

**2. Limited Either-Sex Concurrent Rifle Season Dates and Units (as described in Chapter 0 of these regulations). Licenses as shown by hunt code concurrent with Regular Rifle Deer and Elk Seasons.**

	<b>Season Dates: 10/14/2023 – 10/18/2023 10/28/2023 – 11/05/2023 11/11/2023 – 11/17/2023 11/22/2023 – 11/26/2023 Unless Otherwise Shown</b>	
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Hunt Code</b>	<b>Either-Sex Licenses (2023)</b>
1	BE001O5R	5
2	BE002O5R	5
3, 11, 211, 301	BE003O5R	150
7, 8, 9, 19, 191	BE007O5R	160
10	BE010O5R	5
20, 29, 38	BE020O5R	160
35, 36, 43, 44, 45, 47, 361, 444, 471	BE035O5R	720

	<b>Season Dates:</b> <b>10/14/2023 – 10/18/2023</b> <b>10/28/2023 – 11/05/2023</b> <b>11/11/2023 – 11/17/2023</b> <b>11/22/2023 – 11/26/2023</b> <b>Unless Otherwise Shown</b>	
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Hunt Code</b>	<b>Either-Sex Licenses (2023)</b>
48, 49, 56, 57, 481, 561	BE048O5R	240
54, 55, 551	BE054O5R	85
58, 59, 511, 581, 591	BE058O5R	175
61	BE061O5R	10
66, 67	BE066O5R	45
68, 79, 80, 81, 681, 682, 791	BE068O5R	100
69, 84, 691	BE069O5R	60
76	BE076O5R	10
82, 86, 861	BE082O5R	90
83, 85, 140, 851 except Bosque del Oso SWA	BE083O5R	105
201	BE201O5R	10
851 Bosque del Oso SWA only	BE851O5R	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2140</b>

**B. Over the Counter Either-Sex Concurrent Rifle Season Dates and Units (as described in Chapter 0 of these regulations). Licenses as shown by hunt code, concurrent with Regular Rifle Deer and Elk Seasons.**

	<b>Season Dates:</b> <b>10/14/2023 – 10/18/2023</b> <b>10/28/2023 – 11/05/2023</b> <b>11/11/2023 – 11/17/2023</b> <b>11/22/2023 – 11/26/2023</b> <b>Unless Otherwise Shown</b>		
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Hunt Code</b>	<b>Either-Sex Licenses (2023)</b>	
4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441	BE004U5R	Unlimited	
12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 231	BE012U5R		
15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	BE015U5R		
21, 22, 30, 31, 32	BE021U5R		
39, 46, 51, 391, 461	BE039U5R		
40	BE040U5R		
41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	BE041U5R		
50, 500, 501	BE050U5R		
53, 63	BE053U5R		
60, 62, 64, 65, 70	BE060U5R		
71, 72, 73, 74, 711, 741	BE071U5R		
75, 77, 78, 751, 771	BE075U5R		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Unlimited</b>

**C. Over the Counter Plains Regular Rifle Season, Dates, Units (as described in Chapter 0 of these regulations), Over the Counter as shown by hunt code**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Season Dates:</b>	<b>Licenses (2023)</b>
87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123,	BE087U6R <del>09/01/2023</del> 09/02/2023 - 11/26/2023	Unlimited

124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Unlimited</b>

**D. Private Land Only Seasons**

**1. Over the Counter Private Land Only, Dates, Unit (as described in Chapter 0 of these regulations), and Unlimited Licenses as shown by hunt code.**

Unit	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Either-Sex Licenses (2023)
4, 5, 14, 214, 441	BE004P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	Unlimited
12, 13, 23, 24	BE012P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
14	BE014P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
15, 27	BE015P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
15, 27	BE015P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
18, 28, 181	BE018P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
18, 28, 181	BE018P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
20, 29, 38	BE020P5R	09/02/2023 - 11/26/2023	
25, 26	BE025P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
25, 26	BE025P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
30	BE030P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
30	BE030P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
31, 32	BE031P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
31, 32	BE031P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
33	BE033P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
34	BE034P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
34	BE034P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
35, 36, 43, 44, 45, 47, 361, 444, 471	BE035P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
35, 36, 43, 44, 45, 47, 361, 444, 471	BE035P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
37, 371	BE037P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
37, 371	BE037P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
39, 46, 51, 104, 391, 461	BE039P5R	09/02/2023 - 11/26/2023	
40	BE040P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	BE041P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	BE041P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
48, 49, 56, 57, 481, 561	BE048P5R	09/02/2023 - 11/26/2023	
50, 500, 501	BE050P5R	09/02/2023 - 11/26/2023	
58, 581	BE058P5R	09/02/2023 - 11/26/2023	
59, 511	BE059P5R	09/02/2023 - 11/26/2023	
60, 70	BE060P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
60, 70	BE060P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
61	BE061P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
62, 64, 65	BE062P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
62, 64, 65	BE062P5R	10/01/2023 - 11/26/2023	
69, 84, 691	BE069P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
71, 72, 73, 74, 711, 741	BE071P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
75, 77, 78, 751, 771	BE075P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
83, 85, 140, 851	BE083P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
84	BE084P5R	09/02/2023 - 11/26/2023	
86, 861	BE086P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	

Unit	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Either-Sex Licenses (2023)
131	BE131P1R	09/02/2023 - 09/30/2023	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Unlimited</b>

**#240 - VACANT**

**#241 - SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS**

- A. No person shall hunt, take or harass a bear in its den.
- B. No cubs shall be killed nor shall any black bear accompanied by one (1) or more cubs be killed. As used herein a "cub" shall mean any black bear less than one (1) year of age.
- C. Inspection and Seal Required.
  - 1. Black bear taken by licensed hunters shall be personally presented to the Division or other official designated by the Division for inspection and sealing within 5 working days after the taking thereof. Bear heads and hides must be unfrozen when presented for inspection. If not unfrozen, the Division may retain heads and hides as necessary for thawing sufficient to extract a premolar tooth. No fee shall be required for the inspection and issuance of a legal possession seal, which shall remain attached to the hide until such hide is tanned.
  - 2. Black bears shall not be transported, shipped or otherwise taken out of Colorado until the hide and skull are inspected and sealed by authorized personnel of the Division. Possession of any bear hide not having a seal attached within the 5 working days shall be unlawful and such hide shall become the property of the State.
  - 3. Inspection and sealing shall be arranged by contacting the Division Officer or the Division office.
  - 4. A mandatory check report shall be completed at the time of inspection.
  - 5. At the time of the mandatory check, the Division shall be authorized to extract and retain a premolar tooth.
- D. Individuals taking black bear under authority of §33-3-106(3) shall report the bear within five (5) days after the taking thereof as required by said statute and the carcass, hide and other parts of the bear shall remain the property of the state.



**AS APPROVED 08/24/2023  
Basis and Purpose  
Chapter W-2 - Big Game**

**Basis and Purpose:**

Subsequent to the adoption of the 2023-2024 big game seasons, staff identified an item that required an administrative cleanup. The cleanup includes revising the season dates for over-the-counter hunt code BE087U6R from 09/01/2023 - 11/26/2023 to 09/02/2023 - 11/26/2023 to comply with state law § 33-4-101.3(2), CRS.

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 [dnr\\_cpw\\_planning@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us) or by visiting the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216.

**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.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE – THE REGULATIONS HEREIN SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023 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 ON THIS 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.**

**APPROVED:  
Dallas May  
Chair**

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**OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RENDERED IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE RULES ADOPTED BY THE  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife (406 Series, Wildlife)  
ON 08/24/2023**

**2 CCR 406-2  
CHAPTER W-2 - BIG GAME**

The above-referenced rules were submitted to this office on 08/25/2023 as required by section 24-4-103, C.R.S. This office has reviewed them and finds no apparent constitutional or legal deficiency in their form or substance.

**August 30, 2023 08:42:27 MST**

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