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PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MINUTES
May 3 & 4, 2023

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A Hybrid meeting of the Parks and Wildlife Commission convened at 8:30am on May 3rd, 2023 in Glenwood Springs, CO and via Zoom

Chair	Carrie Besnette Hauser
Vice Chair	Dallas May
Secretary	Marie Haskett
	Taishya Adams
	Karen Bailey
	Betsy Blecha
	Gabriel Otero
	Duke Phillips, IV
	Richard Reading
	James Jay Tutchtton
	Eden Vardy

Parks and Wildlife Commission Roll Call Attendance Wednesday and Thursday, May 3rd and May 4th, 2023

May 3rd, 2023

Adams - Present
Bailey - Present
Blecha - Present
Haskett - Present
Besnette Hauser - Present
May - Present
Otero - Virtual
Phillips - Present
Reading - Present
Tutchtton - Present
Vardy - Present
Gibbs/Mauck - Absent/Present
Greenberg/East - Present/Present

May 4th, 2023

Adams - Present
Bailey - Virtual
Blecha - Present
Haskett - Present
Besnette Hauser - Present
May - Present
Otero - Absent
Phillips - Present
Reading - Present
Tutchtton - Present
Vardy - Present
Gibbs/Mauck - Present/Absent
Greenberg/East - Absent/Present

Director Jeff Davis and Staff.

Others in attendance were: Jake Matter, Lisa Reynolds, Dan Zimmerer, Jackie Miller, Adrian Varney, Donnie Dustin, Dan Gates and others as listed on the Blue Slips and Visitor's log

OA 23-027
Executive Session
IN

It was moved by Mr. Reading and seconded by Ms. Haskett to enter Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding implementation of Proposition 114, now codified at § 33-2- 105.8, CRS, as authorized by the Open Meetings Law, § 24-6-402(3)(a)(III) (allowing executive session to receive legal advice).

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 11-0.

OA 23-028
Executive Session
OUT

It was moved by Ms. Haskett and seconded by Mr. Phillips to exit from Executive Session.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0.

OA 23-029
Approve Minutes of the
March 15th-16th, 2023
Hybrid Parks and
Wildlife Commission
Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Reading and seconded by Ms. Bailey to adopt the March minutes as presented by staff.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0.

OA 23-030
Chapter W-10 -
"Nongame Wildlife" 2
CCR 406-10 and those
related provisions of
Chapter W-16 ("Parks
and Wildlife Procedural
Rules" 2 CCR 406-16)
necessary to
accommodate changes
to or ensure
consistency with
Chapter W-10

It was moved by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Tutchtton to adopt changes to Chapters W-10 and W-16 as proposed by staff.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 11-0.

OA 23-031
Chapter W-17 -
"Damage Caused by
Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-17

It was moved by Ms. Blecha and seconded by Mr. Vardy to adopt changes to Chapter W-17 as proposed by staff.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 11-0.

OA 23-032
Approval of the Final
Wolf Restoration and
Management Plan

It was moved by Ms. Haskett and seconded by Mr. Vardy to approve the final wolf restoration and management plan as proposed by staff.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 11-0.

OA 23-033
Adoption of Resolution
23-01 Regarding
Reintroduction of Gray
Wolves

It was moved by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Tutchtton to adopt Resolution 23-01 Regarding Reintroduction of Gray Wolves.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 11-0.

OA 23-034
Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2

It was moved by Ms. Haskett and seconded by Mr. Reading to approve the staff recommendations with 2 changes. The first change relates to license numbers for elk in E-2. Specifically, to reduce either-sex limited license numbers by 25% for archery and muzzleloader hunt codes EE00401A, EE00401M and EE01401M.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 11-0.

OA 23-035
Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2

It was moved by Ms. Haskett and seconded by Ms. Bailey to approve the staff recommendations with 2 changes. The second relates to season length in E-2 and E-6. Specifically, to reduce the duration of the 2nd and 3rd rifle seasons for over-the-counter bull elk for all GMUs in DAUs E-2 and E-6 to 5 days each.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 11-0.

OA 23-036
Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2

It was moved by Ms. Blecha and seconded by Ms. Bailey to adopt quota changes to black bear in Chapter W-2 as proposed by staff.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0.

OA 23-037
Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2

It was moved by Mr. Otero and seconded by Ms. Bailey to maintain the status quo allocation of 80% for residents and 20% for non-residents in high demand hunt codes, and to and to adopt an allocation of 75% for residents and 25% for nonresidents for all other hunt codes effective for the 2024 big game seasons for black bear, deer, elk and pronghorn..

Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote 7-3.

No: Blecha, Haskett, Vardy

Absent: Adams

OA 23-038
Chapter W-16 -"Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" 2 CCR 406-16 and those related provisions of Chapter P-7 ("Passes, Permits and Registrations" 2 CCR 405-7) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-16

It was moved by Mr. Vardy and seconded by Mr. Reading to adopt regulations to implement and administer the Search and Rescue program and to increase the price of the COSAR cards in Chapter W-16 and P-7 as proposed by staff.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 10-0.

Absent: Otero

OA 23-039
2024 OHV Trail Grant Funding Recommendations

It was moved by Ms. Adams and seconded by Ms. Blecha to approve the 2024 OHV Grant Funding Recommendations as presented by staff?.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 10-0.

Absent: Otero

OA 23-040
Approve Minutes of the April Wolf Plan meeting

It was moved by Mr. Reading and seconded by Ms. Haskett to adopt the April minutes as presented by staff.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 10-0.

Absent: Otero

OA 23-041
Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Haskett and seconded by Mr. Phillips to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 10-0.

Absent: Otero

OA 23-042
Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2

It was moved by Ms. Haskett and seconded by Mr. Phillips to reconsider the approval of motion OA 23-035 concerning season length in E2 and E6, to remove GMU 33, 34, 25 and 26 from that motion.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 10-0.

Absent: Otero

OA 23-043
Executive Session
IN

It was moved by Mr. Reading and seconded by Mr. Phillips to Executive Session pursuant to Open Meetings Law, §§ 24-6-402(3)(a)(I), (II) and (III), CRS for the Commission to consider the RFP Final Recommendations. The purpose of Executive Session is to consider the purchase of private property for public purposes, to receive legal advice, and to maintain the confidentiality of analyses and maps compiled or maintained by CPW related to private lands as required by § 24-72-204(3)(a)(XXI), CRS

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 10-0.

Absent: Otero

OA 23-044
Executive Session
OUT

It was moved by Mr. Vardy and seconded by Mr. Reading to exit Executive Session

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 10-0.

Absent: Otero

OA 23-045
Colorado Wildlife
Habitat Program - 2022
RFP - Final Approval

It was moved by Mr. Tutchtton and seconded by Mr. Reading to approve Leadership's final recommendations for the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program's 2022 RFP, excluding the SE Region project.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 10-0.

Absent: Otero

OA 23-046
Colorado Wildlife
Habitat Program - 2022
RFP - SE Project

It was moved by Mr. Tutchtton and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the pursuit of the SE Region project with stated stipulations.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 10-0.

Absent: Otero

OA 23-047
Colorado Wildlife
Habitat Program - 2023
RFP

It was moved by Mr. Reading and seconded by Mr. Vardy to approve Leadership's recommendations and move forward with the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program's 2023 RFP.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 10-0.

Absent: Otero

The Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting adjourned at 2:44pm on Thursday, May 4th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary
Marie Haskett
Parks and Wildlife Commission

APPROVED:

_____, Chair
Carrie Besnette Hauser
Parks and Wildlife Commission