

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION POLICY

Title: **COMMISSION RULEMAKING PROCESS**
Effective Date: January 10, 2013

POLICY STATEMENT

As defined by state law, a major function of the Commission shall be to establish and maintain *rules, regulations, and orders concerning parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs*. To meet this requirement the Commission shall, whenever possible, exceed the minimum requirements of the State Administrative Procedures Act pursuant to 24-4-103(7). C.R.S., by adhering to a two-step process in scoping and finalizing rules, regulations and orders.

This two-step approach shall serve to:

1. Provide Division staff and stakeholders ample opportunity to identify the issue or regulation, and
2. Develop proposals and recommendations and, provide the Commission the opportunity to make final decisions with the best available information.

The Commission recognizes the importance of establishing regulations that remain in place for an extended period of time, where possible, to allow for the public to become familiar with the regulations, to allow the regulations to have the desired effect, and to allow the Division time to monitor effects.

The Commission reserves the right to minimize the rulemaking process and to limit public testimony in some circumstances under the authority of the State Administrative Procedures Act.