

September 30, 2025

**RULE-MAKING NOTICE
PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING
November 13-14, 2025**

In accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, section 24-4-103, C.R.S., the Parks and Wildlife Commission gives notice that regulations will be considered for adoption at their next meeting on **November 13-14, 2025 with a virtual participation option. The Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at Northeastern Junior College, 100 College Ave, Sterling, 80751. For up-to-date information on the meeting, please refer to the Parks and Wildlife Commission website:**

<https://cpw.state.co.us/committees/colorado-parks-and-wildlife-commission>. The public is encouraged to comment before the meeting by submitting written comments to the Commission's email address at: dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us.

Comment deadlines: Written comments will be accepted at any time. However, to ensure sufficient time for consideration prior to the meeting, **comments should be provided to the Division of Parks and Wildlife by noon on the following date:**

October 30, 2025, for mailing by the Division of Parks and Wildlife to the Parks and Wildlife Commission on **October 31, 2025**.

Comments received by the Division between noon on **October 30, 2025** and noon on **November 7, 2025**, will be provided to the Commission two business days before the meeting. Comments received after noon on **November 7, 2025** will be held and shared with the Commission as part of the subsequent meeting mailing.

More information on submitting public comments is available at:

<https://cpw.state.co.us/committees/colorado-parks-and-wildlife-commission>.

The following regulatory subjects and issues shall be considered pursuant to the Commission's authority in sections 33-9-101 to 111, C.R.S. ("Administration of Parks and Wildlife"), in sections 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S. (the "Wildlife Act"), and especially sections 33-1-104, 33-1-105, 33-1-106, 33-1-107, 33-1-108, 33-1-121, 33-2-104, 33-2-105, 33-2-106, 33-3-104, 33-4-101, 33-4-102 and 33-5.5-102, 33-6-107, 33-6-109, 33-6-112, 33-6-113, 33-6-114, 33-6-114.5, 33-6-117, 33-6-119, 33-6-121, 33-6-124, 33-6-125, 33-6-127, 33-6-128, 33-6-130, 33-6-205, 33-6-206, 33-6-207, 33-6-208, 33-6-209, C.R.S., and in sections 33-10-101 to 33-33-113, C.R.S. (the "Parks Act"), and especially sections 33-10-106, 33-10-107, 33-10.5-107, 33-11-109, 33-12-101, 33-12-103, 33-12-103.5, 33-12-106, 33-12.5-103, 33-13-103, 33-13-104, 33-13-106, 33-13-109, 33-13-110, 33-13-111, 33-14-107, 33-14.5-107, 33-32-103 and 33-33-105. C.R.S.

FINAL REGULATORY ADOPTION – November 13-14, 2025, beginning at 8:00 a.m.*

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGULATIONS approved during the November 2025 Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting: January 1, 2026, unless otherwise noted.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Chapter P-7 - "Passes, Permits and Registrations" 2 CCR 405-7

**Please reference the Commission agenda, to be posted on or after November 3, 2025, to ensure when each regulatory item will be addressed by the Commission. The agenda will be posted at <https://cpw.state.co.us/committees/colorado-parks-and-wildlife-commission>.*

Open for final consideration of regulations including, but not limited to, increasing the daily vehicle pass fees for Elkhead Reservoir, Pearl Lake, Stagecoach, and Steamboat Lake State Parks, pursuant to SB 23-059 Local Access Funding.

(Issue stage August 2025

https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/uww7va1ewc/Item.16_RouttCounty_Final.pdf?u=xyuvvu)

Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0, and those related provisions of Chapter W-2 ("Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2), Chapter W-3 ("Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3), Chapter P-7 ("Passes, Permits and Registrations" 2 CCR 405-7), and Chapter W-16 ("Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" 2 CCR 406-16) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0

Open for final consideration of regulations including, but not limited to, adjusting license fees and license agent commission rates according to adjustments to the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index and increasing the search and rescue fee.

(Draft stage August 2025

https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/hsspcvxrli/Item.11_CPI-FINAL.pdf?u=xyuvvu

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https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/c6wvvnxxoh/Item.17_BSARSurchargeFINAL.pdf?u=xyuvvu)

Chapter W-1- "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1

Open for final consideration of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, consideration of regulations regarding season dates, bag and possession limits, licensing requirements, manner of take provisions and special conditions or restrictions applicable to waters of the state. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Prohibiting fishing around the George Creek Fish Barrier.
- Modifying the take regulations for tiger muskie at Lake Granby, Grand Lake and the Colorado River downstream of Shadow Mountain Reservoir.
- Modifying take regulations on Herman Gulch and Dry Gulch to protect declining populations of native Greenback Cutthroat Trout.
- Modifying take regulations at Sloan Lake in Hinsdale County.
- Modifying the closure date on Tenmile Creek and Blue River upstream of Dillon Reservoir from September 1 to September 15.
- Cleanup to Rito Hondo Reservoir and Creek, and Yampa River.

These Chapter W-1 - Fishing regulations will become effective April 1, 2026.

(Issue stage August 2025

https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/1a0mvn7tp6/Item.18_ChW-1.pdf?u=xyuvvu)

Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3

Open for annual review and final consideration of regulations regarding turkey hunting, including but not limited to, license areas, season dates, and manner of take provisions for the 2026 turkey hunting seasons.

Chapter W-11 - "Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-11, and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0), Chapter W-2 ("Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2), and Chapter W-17 ("Damage Caused by Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-17) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-11

Open for final review of regulatory changes to implement SB 25-053, including rules differentiating between wild bison as big game and domestic bison, the future regulated hunting of wild bison, and the payment of compensation for damage caused by wild bison.

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0

Open for annual review of the entire chapter, including but not limited to, Game Management Unit boundary modifications, regulations relating to fish management, health, importation, prohibited species, and other annual changes.

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

Open for annual review of the entire chapter, including, but not limited to:

- Annual changes to season dates, limited license areas and manner of take provisions for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion, and bear.
- Annual changes to limited license application and drawing processes.

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

Open for review of regulatory changes to implement SB24-171 Restoration of Wolverines, specifically in relation to game damage regulations.

Except for the day and time indicated for when the meeting is scheduled to begin, the order indicated for each agenda item is approximate and subject to change when necessary to accommodate the Commission's schedule.

For Viewing of Proposed Rules or Questions: copies of the proposed rules (together with a proposed statement of basis and purpose and specific statutory authority), will be available for inspection online at <https://cpw.state.co.us/committees/colorado-parks-and-wildlife-commission> and copies can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing **dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us** at least five (5) days prior to the date of hearing. Such copies, however, are only proposals to be submitted to the Commission by the Division of Parks and Wildlife. Questions may be sent to the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing **dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us** as well.

Modification of Proposed Rules prior to adoption: subject to the provisions of Section 24-4-103, C.R.S., modification of these proposals may be made by the Division of Parks and Wildlife or the Commission before the Commission promulgates final rules and regulations on the above topics.

Opportunity to submit alternate proposals and provide comment: the Commission will afford all interested persons an opportunity to submit alternate proposals, written data, views or arguments and to present them orally, if time permits, at the meeting unless it deems such oral presentation unnecessary. Written alternate proposals, data, views or arguments and other written statements should be e-mailed to **dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us**.

Use of Consent Agenda:

In order to increase the Parks and Wildlife Commission's efficiency and allow more time for consideration of parks and wildlife policy and contested issues, some or all of this regulatory agenda may be listed for action by the Commission as part of a "Consent Agenda" for this meeting.

The process for placing matters on the Consent Agenda is as follows:

The Director identifies matters where the recommended action follows established policy or precedent, there has been agreement reached or the matter is expected to be uncontested and non-controversial.

Regulatory Matters on the Consent Agenda are noticed for hearing at the same time and in the same manner as other Consent Agenda items. If a member of the Commission requests further consideration of an item on the Consent Agenda, that item will be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and discussed at the end of the meeting or at the next meeting. The Consent Agenda may be voted on without the necessity of reading individual items. Any Commission member may request clarification from the Director of any matter on the Consent Agenda.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS: The Parks and Wildlife Commission may consider and make policy, program implementation, and other non-regulatory decisions, which may be of public interest at this meeting. A copy of the complete meeting agenda can be viewed on the Division of Parks and Wildlife's internet home page at **<https://cpw.state.co.us>**, on or after **November 3, 2025**.