



AGENDA
PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING
September 2-3, 2026
Otero College
1802 Colorado Ave.
La Junta, CO 81050

Wednesday: September 2nd

<u>#</u>	<u>Time</u>		<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>
1	8:00	(A) James Tutchton, Chair	Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call
2	8:05	(A) James Tutchton, Chair	Approve Minutes of the July 2026 Hybrid Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting
3	8:10	(I) James Tutchton, Chair	Comments from the Chair
4	8:20	(I) James Tutchton, Chair	Corrections to Agenda/Removal of Consent Agenda Topics
5	8:25	(I) James Tutchton, Chair	Commissioner's Questions and Comments
6	8:45	(I) Dan Gibbs, DNR Executive Director	Department of Natural Resources Update
7	8:55	(I) Kate Greenberg, Dept. of Ag. Commissioner	Department of Agriculture Update
8	9:05	(I) Laura Clellan, CPW Director	Director's Comments
9	9:25	(I) Justin Rutter, Chief Financial Officer	Financial Update
10	9:45	(I) David Porter, Deputy Chief Financial Officer Travis Long, Grant Administrator	Grant Program Highlights
	10:05		Break
11	10:20	(I) Eric Fetherman, Deputy Aquatic Research Manager	Aquatic Research Presentation

Issues Identification

12	11:00	(I) Matt Nicholl, Assistant Director - Aquatic Wildlife Branch Josh Nehring, Deputy Assistant Director - Aquatic Wildlife Branch, Fish Management Team Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager	Chapter W-1- "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) and Chapter W-7 ("Herpetofauna" 2 CCR 406-7) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-1 (Step 1 of 2)
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Open for annual review 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:

- Require aquatic nuisance species (ANS) inspection and management for aquatic wildlife production facilities in Chapter W-0, Article VII, #014 Aquatic Wildlife Health Management.
- Amend regulations to prohibit the use of any amphibian (alive or dead) as fishing bait.

11:50

Lunch

- 13 12:50 (A/I) Shannon Schaller,
Northeast Regional Manager
Frank McGee,
Southeast Regional Manager
Sherri Huwer,
Terrestrial Programs Supervisor
Hilary Hernandez,
Regulations Manager

Chapter W-3 “Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds” 2 CCR 406-3

Division recommendation concerning potential regulatory changes related to the avocational take of prairie dogs on public land and related citizen petition.

Draft Regulations

- 14 1:50 (I) Hilary Hernandez,
Regulations Manager
Danielle Isenhardt,
License, Reservations and
Customer Operations Section
Manager

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 W-11 (“Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife” 2 CCR 406-11), Chapter W-16 (“Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules” 2 CCR 406-16), Chapter P-1 (“Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands” 2 CCR 405-1), Chapter P-4 (“Snowmobile Regulations” 2 CCR 405-4), Chapter P-5 (“Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations” 2 CCR 405-5), and Chapter P-7 (“Passes, Permits, and Regulations” 2 CCR 405-7) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for consideration of regulations to implement the new licensing and registration system in June of 2027.

- 15 2:40 (I) Hilary Hernandez,
Regulations Manager

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), 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 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for annual 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.

3:30

Break

Issues Identification

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| 16 | 3:45 | (I) | Hilary Hernandez,
Regulations Manager
Andrea Gess,
Licensing Deputy - License,
Reservations, and Customer
Operations | Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for consideration of preference point fees for bear, elk,
deer, pronghorn, and turkey. |
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Recess

Thursday, September 3rd

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| 17 | 8:00 | (A) | James Tutchton,
Chair | Welcome and Roll Call |
| 18 | 8:05 | (I) | Sherri Huwer,
Terrestrial Programs Supervisor
Kristine Inman,
Beaver Conservation Program
Manager
Wayne East,
Ag/Wildlife Programs Manager for
CDA | Overview of Governor's Wildly Important Goal about
Beavers |
| 19 | 8:35 | (I) | James Tutchton,
Chair | Discussion of the Manner of Take Rule for Furbearers
(C.R.S. 2 CCR 406-3-303.E) |
| 20 | 9:35 | (A) | Steve Cooley,
CPW State Hearing Examiner
John Edwards,
Appellant | License Suspension Appeal - CPW-2025-48 |
| 21 | 9:50 | (A) | Katie Lanter,
Policy Section Manager | 2027 Commission Meeting Schedule (Step 2 of 2) |
| | 10:05 | | | Break |
| 22 | 10:20 | | | General Public Comment |
| 23 | 11:20 | (A) | James Tutchton,
Chair | Approval of Consent Agenda |
| 24 | 11:25 | (I) | James Tutchton,
Chair | Commission General Discussions |
| | 11:50 | | | Lunch |
| 25 | 12:50 | (A) | Jake Matter,
Senior Assistant Attorney General | Enter Executive Session to discuss claims, defenses and
legal questions related to Safari Club International and
Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation letter alleging legal
deficiencies in Commission's new furbearer bag limit
rule as authorized by § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S. of the
Open Meetings Law. |

26	12:55	(I)	Jake Matter, Senior Assistant Attorney General	Executive Session
27	1:25	(A)	Jake Matter, Senior Assistant Attorney General	Exit Executive Session
	1:30			ADJOURN

(A) Consent Agenda

Proposed Parks and Wildlife Commission Consent Agenda September 2-3, 2026

In order to increase the Parks and Wildlife Commission's efficiency and allow more time for consideration of wildlife policy and contested issues, the listed items are noticed for action by the Commission as part of the September, 2026 "Consent Agenda."

Note: 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. Staff will provide written memos to the Parks and Wildlife Commission members explaining the matters on the Consent Agenda. Copies of the memos will be available to the public.

Matters on the Consent Agenda are noticed for hearing at the same time and in the same manner as other 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 and acted upon as determined by the Commission. The Consent Agenda may be voted on without the necessity of reading individual items. Any Commission member may request clarification from the Director for any matter on the Consent Agenda.

Final Regulations

23.1 (A) Chapter P-1 - "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1 (Step 2 of 2)

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

- Updating property-specific regulations for Cameo Shooting and Education Complex.
- Updating property-specific regulations for Fishers Peak State Park.

Issues Identification

23.2 (I) Chapter P-3 - "River Outfitters" 2 CCR 405-3 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for consideration to update river outfitter regulations to implement HB 26-1197, which revised the statutory definition of "vessel." Allowing the limited use of single-chamber vessels on regulated trips.

23.3 (I) Chapter W-1- "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for annual review 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:

- Modify bag and possession limits for walleye and saugeye, and remove the restriction limiting angler harvest to a single walleye or saugeye exceeding 21 inches at Boyd Lake.
- Update regulations at Buttonrock Reservoir to remove regulations not directed by CPW.
- Modify property-specific fishing regulations at Golden Park Ponds for largemouth and smallmouth bass for the use of artificial flies and lures.
- Update Lutz Reservoir regulations to establish a 10" minimum size limit on crappie, establish catch and release fishing regulations for largemouth and smallmouth bass, and establish an artificial fly and lure only regulation.
- Restrict harvest and manner of take regulations for cutthroat trout at Mill Creek.
- Update regulations at Willow Bend Natural Area Ponds (Willow Bend, Kingfisher, and Turtle) to implement special regulations for largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- Establish catch-and-release regulations for largemouth and smallmouth bass at the following Front Range locations: Arapahoe Bend Natural Area, Riverbend Ponds, Dixon Reservoir, Prospect Ponds, and Kyger Reservoir.

23.4 (I) Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for consideration to add game management unit 26 to the over-the-counter turkey hunt code.

Citizen Petition

23.5 (A/I) Chapter W-1 - "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1

At its September meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission will consider whether it should adopt the Director's written recommendation to DENY a petition for rulemaking related to prohibiting feeding fish on state waters.

Wildlife Damage Claim Recommended for Denial

23.6	(A)	04-Y26-02	\$5,340.00	Tree
		AWM: Patrick Prah	DWM: Brandon Muller	RM: Shannon Schaller

License Suspension Appeals

23.7	(A)	<u>Name</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Suspension</u>
		Jacob Lyttle	CPW-2025-75	5 Years
23.8	(A)	Gavriil Bobrov	CPW-2025-79	2 Years

Herd Management Plan

23.9 (A) Southwest Moose Herd Management Plan

Real Estate

23.10	(A)	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Project</u>
		23-007	Northeast	Road Easement Disposition
		25-038	Northeast	United States of America - Fee Title Donation Acquisition