

November 26, 2024

**RULE-MAKING NOTICE  
PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING  
January 8-9, 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 **January 8-9, 2024**. **The Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education Training Facility at 6060 Broadway, Denver, 80216 with a virtual participation option. 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](mailto: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:**

**December 19, 2024**, for mailing by the Division of Parks and Wildlife to the Parks and Wildlife Commission on **December 20, 2024**.

Comments received by the Division between noon on **December 19, 2024** and noon on **January 3, 2025**, will be provided to the Commission two business days before the meeting. Comments received after noon on **January 3, 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** – **January 8-9, 2025**, beginning at **8:00 a.m.\***

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGULATIONS** approved during the January 2025 Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting: March 2, 2025, unless otherwise noted.

*\*Please reference the Commission agenda, to be posted on or after December 23, 2024, 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>.*

## **FINAL REGULATIONS**

### **Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0), and Chapter W-3 ("Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2**

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

#### Statewide

- Annual changes to season dates, limited license areas, quotas and manner of take provisions for bighorn sheep and mountain goat (statewide).
- Annual changes to season dates, limited license areas, and manner of take provisions for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, moose and bear (statewide).
- Annual changes to season dates, harvest limits and manner of take provisions for mountain lion (statewide).
- Changes to implement the 2025-2029 big game season structure policy changes.
- Removing the ability to take coyotes by a hunter with an unfilled big game license.

#### Deer

- Creating a first rifle antlered deer season in data analysis unit D-3.
- Creating an early antlerless deer rifle season in data analysis unit D-3.
- Creating limited antlered and antlerless deer hunt codes in select units in data analysis units D-19, D-23, D-24, D-40 and D-57.
- Adding game management unit 512 to the over-the-counter white-tailed-only (DE048U6R) hunt code.

#### Elk

- Modifying the Ranching for Wildlife program to allow for management flexibility.
- Creating a private-land-only either-sex archery hunt code in data analysis unit E-10.
- Removing late antlerless elk seasons in data analysis unit E-13.
- Creating private-land-only archery hunt codes for limited archery elk data analysis units where over-the-counter archery licenses are valid on private land.
- Modifying the limited bull archery hunt code to a limited either-sex hunt code in data analysis unit E-16.
- Modifying the list B antlerless elk licenses to be list A licenses in the northwest elk data analysis units below population objective.
- Creating a local drawing limiting regular-season hunt participation in Baca National Wildlife Refuge.
- Combining antlerless elk license hunt codes in game management units 68 and 681.

#### Pronghorn

- Adding a second rifle season hunt code in data analysis unit PH-1.

#### Moose

- Adding a late cow moose season in select game management units.
- Adding wilderness only hunt codes to data analysis unit M-2.
- Splitting cow moose hunt codes under game management unit 44 into different hunt codes for units 44 and 45.
- Creating a regular rifle season for cow moose in data analysis unit M-5.

#### Bighorn Sheep

- Creating a bighorn sheep ram hunt in data analysis unit S-80.

- Adding a ewe license in data analysis unit S-22.

Bear

- Modifying the geographic boundaries for the BE084P5R hunt code to target bear harvest on private lands with the highest potential for human-bear conflicts.

Mountain Lion

- Modifying the harvest limits and group compositions for Mountain Lion hunting to implement the East Slope Mountain Lion plan.

(Issue stage November 2024 –

- [https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/vmophujxqx/21.W-2\\_issue\\_papers\\_Issue\\_Main.pdf?u=xyuvvu](https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/vmophujxqx/21.W-2_issue_papers_Issue_Main.pdf?u=xyuvvu)
- [https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/oerwmsr6wi/3.7.W-2\\_issue\\_papers\\_Consent.pdf?u=xyuvvu](https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/oerwmsr6wi/3.7.W-2_issue_papers_Consent.pdf?u=xyuvvu)
- [https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/m2csjozx2a/Item.22.b.Lion\\_Unit\\_Changes.pdf?u=xyuvvu](https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/m2csjozx2a/Item.22.b.Lion_Unit_Changes.pdf?u=xyuvvu)
- [https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/xlaroktww6/3.3.BGSS2025-2029\\_Final\\_Consent.pdf?u=xyuvvu](https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/xlaroktww6/3.3.BGSS2025-2029_Final_Consent.pdf?u=xyuvvu))

## **FINAL POLICY CHANGES**

At the January 2025 Commission meeting, the Commission will consider and is expected to adopt the policy framework to apply to the Draw starting in 2028. Then at the March 2025 Commission meeting, the Commission will consider formal regulations implementing the Draw changes for the 2028 draw.

Although the Draw policy changes are not codified in regulation, they do establish CPW's long-term framework for draw method, preference points and the draw reissue process.

(Initial stage

- **March 2024** – [https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/ncfuatp34j/Item.27\\_March\\_2024\\_DWG\\_Memo.pdf?u=xyuvvu](https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/ncfuatp34j/Item.27_March_2024_DWG_Memo.pdf?u=xyuvvu)
- **May 2024** – [https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/zldvpmaocv/Item.20\\_DWG\\_Commission\\_Workshop-Sheep\\_Goat\\_and\\_Moose.pdf?u=xyuvvu](https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/zldvpmaocv/Item.20_DWG_Commission_Workshop-Sheep_Goat_and_Moose.pdf?u=xyuvvu)
- **July 2024** – [https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/njeyry2ffp/Item.23\\_Commission\\_Memo\\_Draw\\_Working\\_Group\\_4.pdf?u=xyuvvu](https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/njeyry2ffp/Item.23_Commission_Memo_Draw_Working_Group_4.pdf?u=xyuvvu)
- November 2024 – [https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/pnaensjakf/16.DrawChanges\\_Issue\\_Main.pdf?u=xyuvvu](https://cpw.widen.net/view/pdf/pnaensjakf/16.DrawChanges_Issue_Main.pdf?u=xyuvvu))

## **ISSUES IDENTIFICATION**

**Chapter P-4 - "Snowmobile Regulations" 2 CCR 405-4 and those related provisions of Chapter P-7 ("Passes, Permit and Registrations" 2 CCR 405-7) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter P-4**

Open for annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, regulations pertaining to increasing registration fees and required safety equipment of snowmobiles.

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

Open for consideration of annual changes to game bird seasons, excluding turkey, and other small game seasons and related provisions, including season dates, bag and possession limits and manner of take provisions.

**Chapter W-5 - "Small Game - Migratory Game Birds" - 2 CCR 406-5 and those related provisions of Chapter W-9 ("Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9) and Chapter P-1 ("Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-5**

Open for consideration of annual changes to waterfowl and migratory bird hunting seasons and related provisions, including season dates, bag and possession limits and manner of take provisions.

**Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) and Chapter P-1 ("Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-9**

Open for annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, generally applicable and property-specific requirements for, or restrictions on use of wildlife properties controlled by the Division of Parks and Wildlife, including State Trust Lands leased by the Division. This includes regulations related to the requirements to access State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands leased by the Division.

**Chapter W-11 - "Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-11**

Open for annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, regulations pertaining to wildlife parks, sanctuaries and unregulated wildlife.

**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.**

**Viewing of Proposed Rules:** 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 Hilary Hernandez at [hilary.hernandez@state.co.us](mailto:hilary.hernandez@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.

**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](mailto: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 **December 23, 2024**.