**AS APPROVED 03/04/2026**

**FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-3 - FURBEARERS AND SMALL GAME, EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS**

**ARTICLE II - Small Game Season Dates, Units (as Described in Chapter 0 of These Regulations), Bag and Possession Limits, Limited Licenses and Permits**

**#310 – Common Snapping Turtle**

A. Season Dates and Units

1. Statewide: April 1 - October 31 annually.

B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits

1. ~~There shall be no bag or possession limit.~~Daily Bag Limit - Three (3) turtles.

2. Possession Limit - Six (6) turtles.

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**Basis and Purpose**
**Chapter W-3 - Small Game – Furbearers**

**Basis and Purpose:**

**Updating the regulations for Herpetofauna possession**

With the adoption of a new Chapter W-7 covering Herpetofauna the regulations in Chapter W-3 needed to be updated to match the new Chapter W-7 regulations. Specifically, the changes to the common snapping turtle regulations needed to updated as live possession as pets is no longer allowed. Additionally, the bag and possession limits for these turtles has been updated to protect them from overharvest.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us or by visiting the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216.

**The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, C.R.S.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.**

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**OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RULES ADOPTED BY THE Colorado Parks and Wildlife (406 Series, Wildlife) ON 03/04/2026**

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The above-referenced rules were submitted to this office on 03/05/2026 as required by section 24-4-103, C.R.S. This office has reviewed them and finds no apparent constitutional or legal deficiency in their form or substance.

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