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

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

#304 – License Requirements

Except as provided in 33-6-107(9) C.R.S., the following license requirements shall apply:

A. A small game license authorizes the take of coyotes and those species defined in #300(D) as small game, except wild turkey. A turkey license is required to take wild turkey.

B. A small game license combined with the purchase of a furbearer harvest permit authorizes the take of those species defined in #300(D) as small game, except wild turkey, and authorizes the take of all species defined in #300(B) as furbearers. An annual furbearer harvest permit can be purchased for $10.00.

C. Any small game and fishing combination license combined with the purchase of a furbearer harvest permit authorizes the take of those species defined in #300(D) as small game, except wild turkey, and authorizes the take of all species defined in #300(B) as furbearers.

D. A furbearer license authorizes the take of all species defined in #300(B) as furbearers.

E. A youth small game license authorizes the take of all species defined in #300(D) as small game and all species identified in #300(B) as furbearers.

F. Common snapping turtles may be taken with either a small game license or a fishing license.

G. Each hunter must register their intent to hunt migratory birds, small game or coyotes by completing a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey online (www.cpwshop.com) or by calling (1-855-521-3050) prior to their first hunting trip of the season. For the purposes of this regulation, “season” means the period March 1 through March 31 of the following year.

H. Beginning with the 2025 greater sage-grouse, mountain sharp-tailed grouse and ptarmigan hunting seasons, no hunter shall take any greater sage-grouse, mountain sharp-tailed grouse, or white-tailed ptarmigan unless at the time of such taking they have purchased one (1) greater sage-grouse, mountain sharp-tailed grouse, and white-tailed ptarmigan permit in addition to a small game license. An annual greater sage-grouse, mountain sharp-tailed grouse and white-tailed ptarmigan permit can be purchased for $5.00.

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

Basis and Purpose:

These changes are to cleanup a clerical error that happened when the March 2025 regulatory changes were filed. When they were filled an older version of the regulations was accidently filed which removed the regulation changes that were adopted and approved by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission during their January 2025 commission meeting to remove the ability to take coyotes with an unfilled big game license. These regulations will replace the temporary emergency regulations that were adopted at the August 2025 commission meeting.

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 DECEMBER 1, 2025 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 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

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The above-referenced rules were submitted to this office on 10/10/2025 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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