

June 30, 2023

**RULE-MAKING NOTICE
PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING
August 24-25, 2023**

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 **August 24-25, 2023 with a virtual participation option. The Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at Colorado Mountain College, 1275 Crawford Ave, Steamboat Springs, 80487. For up-to-date information on the meeting, please refer to the Parks and Wildlife Commission website:**

<https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/CommissionMeetings.aspx>. 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:**

August 10, 2023, for mailing by the Division of Parks and Wildlife to the Parks and Wildlife Commission on **August 11, 2023**.

Comments received by the Division between noon on **August 10, 2023** and noon on **August 18, 2023**, will be provided to the Commission two business days before the meeting. Comments received after noon on **August 18, 2023** 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/aboutus/Pages/Submit-Public-Comments.aspx>.

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 – August 24-25, 2023, beginning at 8:00 a.m.*

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGULATIONS approved during the August 2023 Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting: October 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted.

FINAL REGULATIONS

PARK REGULATIONS

Chapter P-1 - "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1

**Please reference the Commission agenda, to be posted on or after August 14, 2023, to ensure when each regulatory item will be addressed by the Commission. The agenda will be posted at <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/CommissionMeetings.aspx>.*

Open for final consideration of regulations including, but not limited to, the following:

- Extending the pilot testing of the timed entry reservation system at Eldorado Canyon State Park.
- Updating the property specific regulations for Fishers Peak as the park is developed.

WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2

Open for consideration of any necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations previously adopted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission for the 2023 big game seasons, including, but not limited to, the season dates for over-the-counter hunt code BE087U6R from 09/01/2023 - 11/26/2023 to 09/02/2023 - 11/26/2023.

Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9

Open for consideration of any necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations previously adopted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission, including, but not limited to:

- Removing the public access prohibition from March 1-Aug. 14 at San Luis Hills SWA.
- Moving Williams Hill SWA back to #900 from #902.

DRAFT REGULATIONS

WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

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-15 ("Division Agents" 2 CCR 406-15), and Chapter P-7 ("Passes, Permits and Registrations" – 2 CCR 405-7) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0

Open for 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.

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

PARK REGULATIONS

Chapter P-3 – "River Outfitters" – 2 CCR 405-3

Open for annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, consideration of regulations regarding river outfitter requirements.

WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

Chapter W-0 – “General Provisions” – 2 CCR 406-0

Open for consideration of regulations including, but not limited to, importation, transportation, and possession of crayfish.

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-9 (“Wildlife Properties” 2 CCR 406-9) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-1

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.

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

Open for annual review of regulations regarding turkey hunting, including but not limited to, license areas, season dates, and manner of take provisions for the 2024 turkey hunting seasons.

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/aboutus/pages/commission.aspx> 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 **August 14, 2023**.