



AGENDA
PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING
March 4-5, 2026
 DoubleTree by Hilton Denver-Westminster
 8773 Yates Dr.
 Westminster, CO 80216

Wednesday: March 4th

<u>#</u>	<u>Time</u>		<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>
1	8:30	(I) Richard Reading, Chair	Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call
2	8:35	(A) Richard Reading, Chair	Approve Minutes of the January 14-15, January 28, February 2, and February 23, 2026 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meetings
3	8:40	(I) Richard Reading, Chair	Corrections to Agenda/Removal of Consent Agenda Topics
4	8:45	(I) Richard Reading, Chair	Commissioner’s Questions and Comments
5	9:00	(I) Richard Reading, Chair	Comments from the Chair
6	9:15	(I) Dan Gibbs, DNR Executive Director	Department of Natural Resources Update
7	9:25	(I) Robert Sakata, Acting Dept. of Ag. Commissioner	Department of Agriculture Update
8	9:35	(I) Laura Clellan, CPW Director	Director’s Comments
9	10:00	(I) Emma Howard, Policy & Planning Project Manager Katie Lanter, Policy Section Manager Heather Hubbard, Statewide Education Coordinator Jacob Brey, Northwest Deputy Regional Manager Kristin Cannon, Northeast Deputy Regional Manager April Estep, Southeast Deputy Regional Manager	Draft Strategic Plan Presentation (Step 1 of 2)
	10:45		Break
<u>Final Regulations</u>			
10	11:00	(A) Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager	Chapter W-17 - “Damage Caused by Wildlife” 2 CCR 406-17 (Step 2 of 2)

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| 11 | 11:10 | (A) | Hilary Hernandez,
Regulations Manager | <p>Open for final review of regulatory changes to implement SB24-171 Restoration of Wolverines, specifically in relation to game damage regulations.</p> <p>Chapter W-7 - “Herpetofauna” - 2 CCR 406-7 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 (“General Provisions” 2 CCR 406-0), Chapter W-3 (“Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds” 2 CCR 406-3), Chapter W-10 (“Nongame” 2 CCR 406-10), and Chapter W-11 (“Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife” 2 CCR 406-11) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-7 (Step 2 of 2)</p> <p>Open for final review of the creation of a Herpetofauna regulatory chapter, including but not limited to, regulations pertaining to licensing, capture, collection, sale, purchase, possession, reporting, disposition, relocation and transportation of Herpetofauna.</p> |
| 12 | 11:55 | (I) | | Awards |
| | 12:05 | | | Lunch |
| 13 | 1:05 | (A) | Fletcher Jacobs,
Assistant Director Outdoor
Recreation and Lands | 2026 Non-Motorized Trails Grant Funding |
| 14.a | 1:20 | (I) | Mark Vieira,
Carnivore & Furbearer Program
Manager | CPW Furbearer Management Program |

Issues Identification

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| 14.b | 1:50 | (I) | Hilary Hernandez,
Regulations Manager | <p>Chapter W-3 - “Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds” 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 1 of 2)</p> <p>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, changes relating to CPW’s Beaver Conservation and Management Strategy and CPW’s Furbearer Stakeholder Process Management & Policy Recommendations, including regulations regarding bag limits for avocational take of furbearers and inspection and sealing of avocationally taken beavers.</p> |
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Citizen Petition

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| 14.c | 1:55 | (I) | Hilary Hernandez,
Regulations Manager | <p>Chapter W-3 - “Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds” 2 CCR 406-3</p> <p>At its March meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission will consider whether it should adopt the Director’s written recommendation to DENY two petitions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A citizen petition requesting mandatory checks for bobcats, swift fox and beaver. |
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- A citizen petition prohibiting the sale of furbearer furs with some exemptions.

14.d	2:00	(I)		Public Comment
	3:30			Break
14.e	3:45	(A)	Richard Reading, Chair	Commission Discussion & Vote
	4:45			Recess

Thursday, March 5th

15	8:30	(I)	Richard Reading, Chair	Welcome and Roll Call
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Issues Identification

16	8:35	(I)	Dan Coil, Firearms Safety Program Manager Kirk Teklits, Business Operations Manager	Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0 (Step 1 of 2) Open for consideration of regulatory changes to implement SB25-003 Semiautomatic Firearms & Rapid-Fire Devices.
	10:55			Break
17	11:10	(A)	Richard Reading, Chair	Livestock owner's appeal of Division denial of application for chronic depredation permit in Routt County
18	11:30	(A)	David Cooperstein, Senior Assistant Attorney General Reverse JL Bar Cattle Co., Claimants	Damage Caused by Gray Wolf Recommended for denial (\$34,094.71) in part, and approval (\$91,170.57), in part - 08-Y26-05
	12:00			Lunch
19	1:00	(I)		General Public Comment
	2:30			Break
20	2:45	(A)	Richard Reading, Chair	Approval of Consent Agenda
21	3:15	(I)	Richard Reading, Chair	Commission General Discussion
22.a	3:45	(A)	Jake Matter, Senior Assistant Attorney General	Enter Executive Session
22.b	3:50	(I)	Kimberly Rogers, Real Estate Section Manager Shannon Schaller, Northeast Regional Manager Lisa Gill, Barr Lake Park Manager	Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, § 24-6-402(3)(a)(I) and (II) for the Commission to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and to receive legal advice; Real Estate Project 25-070 - Barr Lake SP - Fee Title Acquisition - NE Region

- 22.c 4:10 (A) Jake Matter, Exit Executive Session
Senior Assistant Attorney General
- 22.d 4:15 (A) Richard Reading, Commission Vote on Real Estate Project 25-070 - Barr
Chair Lake SP - Fee Title Acquisition - NE Region
- 4:20 **ADJOURN**

(A) Consent Agenda

Proposed Parks and Wildlife Commission Consent Agenda March 4-5, 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 March, 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.

License Suspension Appeal

20.1	(A)	Name	Case Number	Suspension
		Michael Duffy	CPW-2025-15	3 years

Wolf Damage Claims Over 20K Recommended for Approval

20.2	(A)	06-Y26-17	Wolf Damage: Ratio	\$24,904.88
		DWM: Ross McGee	AWM: Mike Swaro	RM: Travis Black
20.3	(A)	08-Y26-08	Wolf Damage: Ratio	\$28,514.62
		AWM: John Groves	AWM: Matt Yamashita	RM: Travis Black
20.4	(A)	08-Y26-09	Wolf Damage: Ratio	\$67,394.52
		DWM: Courtney Harris	AWM: Matt Yamashita	RM: Travis Black
20.5	(A)	09-Y26-05	Wolf Damage: Itemized	\$173,948.75
		WDS: Rhea Ebel-Childs	AWM: Jeromy Huntington	RM: Travis Black
20.6	(A)	09-Y26-06	Wolf Damage: Itemized	\$320,527.57
		DWM: Alex Bishard	AWM: Jeromy Huntington	RM: Travis Black

Wolf Damage Claims Recommended for Denial

20.7	(A)	08-Y26-03	Wolf Damage: Base	\$3,717.00
		DWM: Courtney Harris	AWM: Matt Yamashita	RM: Travis Black
20.8	(A)	09-Y26-03	Wolf Damage: Base	\$15,800.00

DWM: Clayton McCall AWM: Jeromey Huntington RM: Travis Black

Wildlife Damage Claims Over 20K Recommended for Approval

20.9	(A)	15-Y26-19	Elk Damage	25,139.00
		DWM: Andy Brown	AWM: Adrian Archuleta	RM: Cory Chick
20.10	(A)	15-Y26-20	Elk Damage	37,659.00
		DWM: Andy Brown	AWM: Adrian Archuleta	RM: Cory Chick
20.11	(A)	15-Y26-22	Elk Damage	29,659.00
		DWM: Ty Smith	AWM: Adrian Archuleta	RM: Cory Chick

Final Regulations

20.12 (A) Chapter P-7 - “Passes, Permits and Registrations” - 2 CCR 405-7 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 (“General Provisions” 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter P-7 (Step 2 of 2)

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

- Updating the reference to the U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines applicable to the income-eligible licenses and passes offered by the Division. (Step 1 of 1)
- Creating an out-of-state daily vehicle parks pass.

20.13 (A) Chapter W-2 - “Big Game” 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for final consideration of any necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations previously adopted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission for the 2026 big game seasons, including, but not limited to, game management unit boundaries, season dates, limited license areas and manner of take provisions for bighorn sheep, mountain goat, deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bear and mountain lion, and regulations otherwise necessary for implementation of the 2026 big game seasons.

20.14 (A) Chapter W-5 - “Small Game - Migratory Game Birds” - 2 CCR 406-5 (Step 2 of 2)

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

20.15 (A) Chapter W-9 - “Wildlife Properties” 2 CCR 406-9 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for annual review and final consideration of regulations related 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. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Adopting property-specific regulations for the new Boreas Pass Ranch Hunting Easement.
- Adopting property-specific regulations for the new Collard Ranch State Wildlife Area.
- Adopting property-specific regulations for the Georgetown State Wildlife Area.
- Modifying property-specific regulations for the Knight-Imler State Wildlife Area.
- Adopting property-specific regulations for the new Michigan Creek State Wildlife Area.
- Formalizing Nakagawa’s State Wildlife Area posted regulations and prohibitions in Chapter W-9.
- Modifying property-specific regulations for Ralston Creek State Wildlife Area.
- Removing Smith Lake State Wildlife Area from Chapter W-9 regulations.
- Modifying the name of Teter-Michigan Creek State Wildlife Area.

Herd Management Plans

20.16 (A) E-26 and E-32 Herd Management Plan Population Objective Adjustments

Real Estate

20.17	(A)	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Project</u>
		23-027	Southwest	State Habitat Area (SHA) 3rd Party Conservation Easement (CE)
		24-042	Northwest	State Wildlife Area (SWA) - 3rd Party CE/CPW CE Assignment/Consolidation