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TO: Agency Staff, Parks and Wildlife Commissioners, and Members of the Public
FROM: Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager
RE: August 22-23, 2024 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary
DATE: August 26, 2024

At the August 22-23, 2024 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission heard proposed changes to regulations as follows. All final regulations approved at the meeting will go into effect on October 1, 2024 unless otherwise noted.

Updated chapters include P-01, P-07, W-10 and W-14.

DRAFT REGULATIONS

Agenda Item 11: 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), and Chapter W- 16 (“Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules” - 2 CCR 406-16) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for annual 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.

Agenda Item 12: Chapter W-16 - “Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules” 2 CCR 406-16 and those related provisions of Chapter P-1 (“Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands” 2 CCR 405-1) Chapter P-7 (“Passes, Permits and Registrations” 2 CCR 405-7), Chapter W-8 (“Field Trials and Training of Hunting Dogs” 2 CCR 406-8), and Chapter W-9 (“Wildlife Properties” 2 CCR 406-9) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-16 (Step 2 of 3).

Open for consideration of changes to commercial use on state parks and state wildlife areas.

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

Agenda Item 13: Chapter P-7 - “Passes, Permits and Registrations” 2 CCR 405-7 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for consideration to increase the daily vehicle fees for the following state parks:

- Chatfield State Park for the adoption of a \$2.00 Water Quality fee pursuant to SB 23-267.
- State Forest State Park for the adoption of a \$2.00 Local Access fee pursuant to SB 23-059.
- Golden Gate Canyon State Park for the adoption of a \$2.00 Local Access fee pursuant to SB 23-059.



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Agenda Item 14: 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 (step 1 of 2)

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.

Specific regulatory changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Modifying the take regulations on current and planned native greenback cutthroat trout conservation waters.
- Modifying the white bass size limit at Boyd Lake State Park.
- Modifying the East River Fishing closure to improve fishing opportunity.
- Adopting a fall fishing closure on Fish Creek, a tributary to the Yampa River.
- Modifying the brown trout bag and possession limits on the Fryingpan River.
- Modifying the walleye bag, possession and size limits at Horsetooth Reservoir.
- Modifying the take regulations for lake trout and kokanee salmon on Lake Granby.
- Modifying the take regulations for all waters in the Sand Creek Drainage, Rito Hondo Reservoir and creek above the reservoir.
- Modifying the water specific restrictions on Rocky Fork Creek.
- Modifying wiper special regulations at Union Reservoir.
- Modifying take regulations on Wolf Creek.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda Item 3)

Final Regulations

Agenda Item 3.1: [Chapter P-1 - “Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands”](#) 2 CCR 405-1

The Commission finalized changes necessary to:

- Adopt a permanent timed entry reservation system at Eldorado Canyon State Park.
- Update the property specific hunting regulations at Fishers Peak State Park.
- Adopt a spring turkey hunting opportunity at Lone Mesa State Park.

Agenda Item 3.2: [Chapter P-7 - “Passes, Permits and Registrations”](#) 2 CCR 405-7

The Commission finalized changes necessary to:

- Extend the Keep Colorado Wild pass refund opportunity for accidental purchases.
- Modify the Aspen Leaf Lifetime pass program.
- *Remove Harmsen Ranch House from the Guest House Program at Golden Gate Canyon State Park.

*This regulation change goes into effect November 1, 2024.

Agenda Item 3.3: [Chapter W-14 - “Wildlife Rehabilitation”](#) 2 CCR 406-14

The Commission finalized changes modifying license distribution timing for wildlife rehabilitation.

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Agenda Item 3.4: 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, regulations pertaining to eligibility requirements and fees for individual and vehicle park passes, use permits, vessel, snowmobile and off-highway vehicle registrations and license agent requirements. Specific regulatory changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Removing salvage regulations on Bonny Reservoir.
- Modifying the take regulations for walleye and saugeye at Horseshoe Reservoir.
- Modifying take regulations for trout on Kerr Lake.
- Modifying take regulations on Los Pinos and Cochetopa Creeks.
- Removing Walker Lake State Wildlife Area from Chapter W-1 “Fishing.”

Agenda Item 3.5: Chapter W-3 - “Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds” 2 CCR 406-3

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

- Adding GMU 63 to the valid units for the Over-the-Counter Fall Turkey hunting opportunity.

Emergency Regulations

Agenda Item 3.6: Chapter W-10 - “Nongame Wildlife” 2 CCR 406-10:

*The Commission finalized emergency regulations to correct a clerical error and continue defining domestic bison as livestock.

*This change is in effect after the adoption of the emergency rules on August 22, 2024.

