

EMERGENCY 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 ~~is required to take~~ 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. ~~Until March 1, 2021, a small game or a furbearer license is required to take those species defined in #300(B) as furbearers. Beginning March 1, 2021, a youth small game license, a furbearer license, or a furbearer harvest permit in addition to any variation of a small game license or small game and fishing combination license is required to take those species defined in #300(B) as furbearers, except coyotes. Coyotes may be taken with a small game license, a furbearer license, or without a license during any big game season provided that the hunter has an unfilled big game license for that season and unit. Manner of take must be the same as that of the big game license.~~ 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. ~~A turkey license is required to take wild turkey.~~ 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.
- ~~D.F.~~ Common snapping turtles may be taken with either a small game license or a fishing license.
- ~~E.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.
- ~~F.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.

AS APPROVED 08/21/2025
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 accidentally 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.

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 emergency regulations shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect for no more than 120 days or until permanent regulations take effect, whichever occurs first, or the emergency regulations are otherwise repealed, amended, or superseded.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 21ST DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

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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 08/21/2025**

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The above-referenced rules were submitted to this office on 08/22/2025 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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