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**PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MINUTES**
July 16-17, 2026


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A hybrid meeting of the Parks and Wildlife Commission convened at 8:00 am on July 16th, 2026 in Ignacio, CO and via Zoom.

Chair - James Jay Tutchton
Vice Chair - Gabriel Otero
Jess Beaulieu
Frances Silva Blayney
Tai Jacober
John Le Coq
Peter Maguire
Dallas May
Jack Murphy
Rebecca Niemiec
Richard Reading

Parks and Wildlife Commission Roll Call Attendance Thursday and Friday, July 16th and 17th 2026.

July 16th, 2026
Beaulieu – Present
Silva Blayney - Present
Jacober - Virtual
Le Coq - Virtual
May - Present
Murphy – Present
Niemiec - Present
Otero – Present
Reading – Present
Tutchton - Present
Gibbs – Virtual
Greenberg – Present

July 17th, 2026
Beaulieu - Present
Silva Blayney - Present
Jacober - Virtual
Le Coq - Virtual
May – Present
Murphy – Present
Niemiec - Present
Otero - Present
Reading – Present
Tutchton - Present
Brass – Present
East – Present

Director Laura Clellan and Staff.
Others in attendance were Jake Matter, and others as listed on the Zoom participant list, visitor's log, and blue slips.

**OA 26-041**
Approval of the Minutes of the May, 2026 Parks

It was moved by Mr. Reading and seconded by Mrs. Silva Blayney to adopt the meeting minutes as presented by staff.

**Motion Carried by Voice Vote 10-0**

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| and Wildlife Commission Meetings | **Abstained: Maguire** |
| **OA 26-042** Corrections to the Agenda - General Public Comment | It was moved by Mr. May and seconded by Mrs. Silva Blayney for general public comment for this meeting to end only after the last commenter has been given equal opportunity, including virtual commenters.<br><br>**Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 11-0** |
| **OA 26-043** Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 2 of 2) | It was moved by Mr. May and seconded by Mrs. Silva Blayney to postpone decision of this rulemaking, regarding the adoption of bag limits for avocational take of game furbearer species, indefinitely.<br><br>**Motion Failed by Roll Call Vote 2-9**<br>**Yes: May, Silva Blayney**<br>**No: Beaulieu, Jacober (virtual), Le Coq (virtual), Maguire, Murphy, Niemiec, Otero, Reading, Tutchton**<br><br>It was moved by Ms. Niemiec and seconded by Mr. Le Coq to adopt a bag limit of 2 per day of furbearer species.<br><br>**Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote 6-5**<br>**Yes: Beaulieu, Le Coq (virtual), Niemiec, Otero, Reading, Tutchton**<br>**No: Silva Blayney, Jacober (virtual), Maguire, May, Murphy** |
| **OA 26-044** Enter Executive Session | It was moved by Mr. Reading and seconded by Mrs. Silva Blayney to enter executive session to receive legal advice and annual training as required by § 24-3.7-102, C.R.S. (Best Practices for Boards and Commissions) and as authorized by the Open Meetings Law, § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II).<br><br>**Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 10-0**<br>**Absent: Jacober** |
| **OA 26-045** Exit Executive Session | It was moved by Mr. Reading and seconded by Mr. Otero to exit executive session.<br><br>**Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0** |
| **OA 26-046** Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 2 of 2) | It was moved by Mr. Jacober and seconded by Mr. Reading to adopt the changes relating to small game seasons and sealing requirements for avocational beaver harvest.<br><br>**Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 11-0** |

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| **OA 26-047**<br>Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0 and those related provisions of Chapter W-3 ("Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds") 2 CCR 406-3 necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0 | It was moved by Mrs. Silva Blayney and seconded by Mr. May to terminate rulemaking banning the sale of fur obtained from wild furbearer game species taken by avocational sportspersons in Colorado.<br><br>**Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote 6-5**<br>**Yes: Silva Blayney, Jacober (virtual), Maguire, May, Murphy, Otero**<br>**No: Beaulieu, Le Coq (virtual), Niemiec, Reading, Tutchton** |
| **OA 26-048**<br>Consent Agenda | It was moved by Mr. Reading and seconded by Ms. Beaulieu to approve the consent agenda as amended.<br><br>**Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0.** |
| **OA 26-049**<br>Citizen Petition - Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0 | It was moved by Mr. Reading and seconded by Mr. Murphy to adopt the Director's written recommendation to DENY a petition for rulemaking to prohibit the commercial sale, barter, and trade of insect and arachnid parts.<br><br>**Motion Carried by Voice Call Vote 10-1**<br>**Yes: Beaulieu, Silva Blayney, Jacober (virtual), Le Coq (virtual), Maguire, Murphy, Niemiec, Otero (virtual), Reading, Tutchton**<br>**No: May** |
| **OA 26-050**<br>Policy Change - Providing public comment to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission | It was moved by Mr. May and seconded by Mr. Tutchton to amend the revisions to the Parks and Wildlife Commission Public Comment Policy proposed by staff to retain the language in Section IV.B that states: "Commissioners may, in their discretion and as facilitated by the Chair, ask follow up questions of speakers. Such questioning does not count towards a speaker's allotted time."<br><br>**Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0**<br><br>It was moved by Mr. May and seconded by Mr. Tutchton to amend the revisions to the Parks and Wildlife Commission Public Comment Policy proposed by staff to strike the words "terminate public comment".<br><br>**Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0** |

It was moved by Mr. Reading and seconded by Mrs. Silva Blayney to approve the revisions to the Parks and Wildlife Commission Public Comment Policy as amended.

**Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0**

**OA 26-051**
Policy Change - Operations, Communications and Procedures

It was moved by Mrs. Silva Blayney and seconded by Mr. May to amend the Parks and Wildlife Commission Operations, Communications, and Procedures Policy to include the term "calendar year" to section 3.D.2: Attendance & Quorum.

**Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0**

It was moved by Mrs. Silva Blayney and seconded by Mr. Reading to adopt the revisions to the Parks and Wildlife Commission Operations, Communications, and Procedures Policy proposed by staff, as amended.

**Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0**

**OA 26-052**
Policy Change - Identifying and Managing Conflicts of Interest

It was moved by Mr. Jacober and seconded by Ms. Niemiec to adopt the revisions to the Identifying and Managing Conflicts of Interest Policy proposed by staff.

**Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote 9-1**
**Yes: Beaulieu, Jacober (virtual), Le Coq (virtual), Niemiec, May, Maguire, Murphy, Reading, Tutchton**
**No: Silva Blayney**
**Absent: Otero**

**The Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm on Friday, July 17th, 2026.**