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TO: Agency Staff, Parks and Wildlife Commissioners, and Members of the Public
FROM: Krista Heiner, Regulations Manager
RE: November 18-19, 2021 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary
DATE: November 24, 2021

At the November 18-19, 2021 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission heard proposed changes to regulations as follows. All final regulations approved at the November 18-19, 2021 meeting will go into effect on January 1, 2022 unless otherwise noted.

FINAL 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), 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 - (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission adopted final regulations adjusting license fees and license agent commission rates according to adjustments to the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index. The Commission opted to increase all wildlife license fees and associated license agent commission rates pursuant to the annual percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index, except for the daily State Wildlife Area Pass.

Agenda Item 12: Chapter W-1- "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1 (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission finalized regulations in its annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, the following:

- Removing the prohibition on fishing on the South Prong of Hayden Creek.
- Removing the Wakara Lease property from regulations pertaining to the White River in Rio Blanco County.
- Removing duplicative regulations regarding mountain whitefish.

These changes to Chapter W-1 will go into effect on April 1, 2022.

Agenda Item 13: Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission finalized regulations in its annual review and final consideration of regulations regarding turkey hunting, including but not limited to, license areas, season dates, and manner of take provisions for the 2022 turkey hunting seasons. Specific changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Creating Novice Adult Outreach Hunting Licenses for turkey.
- Creating an over-the-counter fall turkey season in Game Management Unit 23.

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Agenda Item 14: Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9 (Step 1 of 1)

The Commission adopted the following final regulations:

- Exempting the following properties or portions of the property from public access license requirements:
  - Bayfield Lion's Club Range
  - Bellaire Lake State Wildlife Area
  - Buena Vista State Wildlife Area
  - Chesmore State Wildlife Area Cottonwood Creek State Wildlife Area
  - Dowdy Lake State Wildlife Area
  - Granby Ranch Conservation Easement
  - Grand Junction West Lake State Wildlife Area
  - Groundhog Reservoir State Wildlife Area
  - Home Lake State Wildlife Area
  - Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area
  - Lake Beckwith State Wildlife Area
  - Love Meadow Watchable Wildlife Area
  - Narraguinnep Reservoir State Wildlife Area
  - North Fork State Wildlife Area
  - Orient Mine State Wildlife Area
  - Poudre River State Wildlife Area
  - Portions of Russell Lakes State Wildlife Area
  - Sawhill State Wildlife Area
  - Sharptail Ridge State Wildlife Area
  - Shriver and Wright State Wildlife Area
  - Storm Mountain Access Road
  - Totten Reservoir State Wildlife Area
  - West Lake State Wildlife Area
  - Windy Gap Watchable Wildlife Area
- Adding the following properties to Chapter W-9:
  - Bill Patterson State Wildlife Area
  - Blanca State Wildlife Area
  - Cottonwood Creek State Wildlife Area
  - Cross Canyon State Wildlife Area
  - Eagle Rock State Wildlife Area
  - Frying Pan State Wildlife Area
  - Hereford Haven Ranch State Wildlife Area
  - Jackson State Wildlife Area
  - Masonic Park Fishing Easement
  - Orient Mine State Wildlife Area
  - Saguache Park State Wildlife Area
  - Willow Creek Reservoir State Wildlife Area
- Authorizing the Division of Parks and Wildlife to issue permits to commercial users of properties controlled by the Division.
- Clarifying seasonal closures at Perins Peak State Wildlife Area.

Agenda Item 15: Chapter W-16 - "Park and Wildlife Procedural Rules" - 2 CCR 406-16 (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission adopted regulations including, but not limited to, modifying general refund procedures, the restoration of preference points, and the Director's disaster relief authority.

These changes to Chapter W-16 will go into effect on February 1, 2022.

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

Agenda Item 16: Chapter P-1 - "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" - 2 CCR 405-1 (Step 1 of 2)

The Commission heard and forwarded-on the following proposed changes:

- Requiring reservations for big game and small game hunting in the Jefferson County portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park where hunting is permitted.
- Permitting kiteboarding through special activity permits at Navajo State Park.

Agenda Item 18: Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2

The Commission initiated its annual review of the entire chapter, including, but not limited to:

Multiple Species

- Amending season timing and/or fluorescent orange/pink requirements during the overlapping archery and muzzleloader seasons.
- Decreasing the fee charged for exchanged licenses.

Deer

- Creating new deer hunt codes for Game Management Units 122, 125, 126, 127, 129, 130, 132, 137, 138, 139, 143, 144, 145, and 146.
- Adding 2nd and 3rd rifle season doe hunt codes DF054O2R and DF054O3R.
- Adding Private Land Only doe hunt codes for Game Management Unit 72.

Elk

- Removing over the counter antlerless hunt codes for Game Management Units 14 and 214.
- Limiting archery elk licenses in Game Management Units 80, and 81.
- Extending the E-3 antlerless elk Private Land Only season dates for hunt code EF006P5R.

Bear

- Creating an unlimited private land only rifle bear season for units 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 33, 214, and 441 from October 1 through the end of the concurrent 4th rifle season.

Moose

- Removing Game Management Units 51, 59, 511, and 581 from current hunt codes MM050 and MF050 and creating new moose hunt codes including GMUs 51, 59, 511, and 581.
- Adding antlered moose hunt codes for Game Management Units 4 and 5.
- Adding a cow moose hunt code for Game Management Unit 55.

Bighorn Sheep

- Replacing the individual ram bighorn sheep hunt code for S19 with an either sex hunt code.
- Modifying the sheep Game Management Unit S54 hunt codes by shifting archery season to be a later and changing the rifle sub-unit boundary to match the West Elk Wilderness boundary.
- Creating two ram sheep seasons in sheep Game Management Unit S16.

Mountain Goat

- Extending the boundary of mountain goat Game Management Unit G12.

Agenda Item 19: Section #1000.A of Chapter W-10 - "Nongame Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-10 and those related provisions of Chapter W-10 ("Nongame Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-10) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Section #1000.A (Step 1 of 2)

The Commission heard and forwarded-on new and amended regulations authorizing livestock owners and their agents to haze gray wolves to prevent or reduce injury to livestock.

Agenda Item 20: Section #1001 of Chapter W-10 - "Nongame Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-10 and those related provisions of Chapter W-10 ("Nongame Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-10) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Section #1001 (Step 1 of 2)

The Commission heard and forwarded-on new and amended regulations making it unlawful for any person to place any olfactory attractant with the intent to lure any threatened or endangered species unless permitted by the division.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

Agenda Item 26: Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 1 of 2/3)

The Commission heard and forwarded-on a Citizen Petition for Rulemaking requesting that the Commission increase the maximum allowable let-off percentage for handheld compound bows.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda Item 33)

FINAL REGULATIONS

Agenda Item 33.1 - Chapter P-7 - "Passes, Permits and Registrations" - 2 CCR 405-7 (Step 1 of 1)

The Commission adopted the following final regulations:

- Changing the replacement fee for an additional Aspen Leaf annual vehicle pass to half the cost of the original pass, if proof of eligible replacement need is not provided.
- Removing previously omitted regulations regarding the cancellation fee for group camping reservations.

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

Agenda Item 33.2 - Chapter W-2 - Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2 (Step 1 of 2)

The Commission initiated its annual review of the entire chapter, including, but not limited to:

- Excluding five preference point or more licenses and public Ranching for Wildlife licenses returned or not paid for in the Primary Draw from the secondary draw.
- Clarifying that youth only hunt codes also fall into the youth preference draw and the same hunt code choice stipulations for youth preference apply.
- Modifying game management unit boundaries for units 22, 23, 211, 11, 12, 13, 3, 301, 4, 32 and 33.
- Clarifying regulations related to National Wildlife Refuge hunting permits.
- Modifying regulations related to the process and application deadline for the hunting access permit drawing on the James M. John SWA.
- Eliminating hunt codes EF073P5R, EF077P5R, and EM74104R.
- Modifying the hunt code structure for muzzleloader season in pronghorn DAU PH30.