



AGENDA
PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING
January 14-15, 2026
Hunter Education Building
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO 80216

Wednesday: January 14th

<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 November 2025 Hybrid Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting
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 Acting Director	Director's Comments
9	9:55	(I) Windi Padia, DNR Deputy Executive Director	CPW Director Hiring Process
	10:15		Break
10	10:30	(I) Dan Zimmerer	GOCO Update
11	10:50	(I) Justin Rutter, Chief Financial Officer	Financial Update
12	11:10	(I) Andrea Kurth, Outdoor Equity Grant Program Manager	Outdoor Equity Grant Program Update
13	11:55	(I) Andrea Kurth, Outdoor Equity Grant Program Manager	Award Ceremony: Outdoor Equity Grant Board Members
	12:10		Lunch
14	1:10	(A) Brian Dreher, Assistant Director - Terrestrial Branch	Species Conservation Trust Fund

15	1:25	(I)	Brian Sullivan, Wetland for Wildlife Program Coordinator F. Boyd Wright III, Native Aquatic Species Coordinator Mark Vieira, Carnivore and Furbearer Program Manager	Beaver Conservation and Management Strategy
16	2:40	(I)	Kris Wahlers, Park Manager	Chatfield State Park Update
	3:10			Break
17	3:25	(I)	Amanda Nims, Land Protection Specialist	Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program - 2025 RFP Update
18.a	3:50	(A)	Jake Matter, Senior Assistant Attorney General	Enter Executive Session
18.b	3:55	(I)	Kimberly Rogers, Real Estate Section Manager Frank McGee, Southeast Region Manager Chris Stork, Senior Assistant Attorney General Parks, Wildlife and Trust Lands	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 #25-064 - Disposition and Lease - SE Region
18.c	4:20	(A)	Jake Matter, Senior Assistant Attorney General	Exit Executive Session
18.d	4:25	(A)	Kimberly Rogers, Real Estate Section Manager Frank McGee, Southeast Region Manager Chris Stork, Senior Assistant Attorney General Parks, Wildlife and Trust Lands	Vote on Real Estate Project #25-064 - Disposition and Lease - SE Region
	4:30			Recess

Thursday, January 15th

19	8:30	(I)	Richard Reading, Chair	Welcome and Roll Call
<u>Final Regulations</u>				
20	8:35	(A)	Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager	Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0 (Step 2 of 2) Open for final review of the entire chapter, specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following: • Modifying the culpable mental state for luring or attracting wildlife. • Realigning the boundaries of game management units 97 and 99.
21	8:40	(A)	Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager	Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 2 of 2)

Andy Holland,
Big Game Manager

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

Statewide

- Annual changes to season dates, limited license areas, quotas and manner of take provisions for bighorn sheep and mountain goat (statewide). (Step 1 of 1)
- Annual changes to season dates, limited license areas, and manner of take provisions for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, moose and bear (statewide). (Step 1 of 1)

Deer

- Creating a first rifle season buck hunt code in data analysis unit D-30.
- Creating a private-land-only deer hunt code in game management unit 682.

Elk

- Modifying second and third rifle season bull elk licenses from unlimited over-the-counter to limited in game management units 54, 55, and 551.
- Removing antler point restrictions in game management unit 82.
- Modifying hunt codes for the first and fourth rifle seasons in data analysis unit E-2.
- Creating a private-land-only hunt code in data analysis unit E-13.
- Creating private-land-only archery hunt codes in data analysis units E-20 and E-35.

Pronghorn

- Creating pronghorn licenses in data analysis unit A-22.
- Creating a second antlerless season in data analysis unit A-3.

Bighorn Sheep

- Removing hunt code SMS7901R.
- Closing hunting in game management unit S-35 due to low population size.
- Combining sheep hunt codes in game management units S1 and S18.

22 9:40 (A) Hilary Hernandez,
Regulations Manager
Mark Vieira,
Carnivore & Furbearer Program
Manager

Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for final consideration of the following:

- Annual changes to season dates, and harvest limits for mountain lion (statewide). (Step 1 of 1)
- Updating the harvest limit groups to implement the East Slope Mountain Lion plan.
- Reorganizing the harvest limit groups for LE6001R and LE06201R.

Issues Identification

23 10:00 (I) Hilary Hernandez,
Regulations Manager

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

				Open for review of creating an out-of-state daily vehicle parks pass.
24	10:15	(I)	Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager	Chapter W-5 - "Small Game - Migratory Game Birds" 2 CCR 406-5 (Step 1 of 2)
				Open for consideration of annual changes to waterfowl and migratory bird hunting seasons and related provisions, including season dates, bag and possession limits, and manner of take provisions.
	10:25			Break
25	10:40	(I)	Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager Dan Neubaum, Wildlife Biologist	Chapter W-7 - "Herpetofauna" - 2 CCR 406-7 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0), Chapter W-1 ("Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1), 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 1 of 2)
				Open for 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.
26	11:20	(I)	Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager	Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) and Chapter P-1 ("Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-9 (Step 1 of 2)
				Open for annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited 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. This includes regulations related to the requirements to access State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands leased by the Division. Specific changes include:
				Modifying property-specific regulations for Ralston Creek State Wildlife Area.
27	11:30	(I)	Bob Inman, Wolverine, Lynx, and River Otter Coordinator	Wolverine Reintroduction Plan
28	12:15	(I)	Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager	Chapter W-17 "Damage Caused by Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-17 (Step 1 of 2)
				Open for consideration of changes to game damage to compensate livestock owners for damages caused by wolverine.

	12:35			Lunch
29	1:35	(I)		General Public Comment
	3:05			Break
30	3:20	(A)	Richard Reading, Chair	Approval of Consent Agenda
31	3:25	(I)	Richard Reading, Chair	Commission General Discussions
	4:00			ADJOURN

(A) Consent Agenda

Proposed Parks and Wildlife Commission Consent Agenda January 14-15, 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 January, 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.

Wildlife Damage Claim Recommended for Denial

30.1	(A)	14-Y26-02	Alleged Mountain Lion Damage	1500.00
		DWM: Corey Adler	AWM: Tim Kroening	RM: Frank McGee
30.2	(A)	14-Y26-03	Alleged Bear Damage	900.00
		DWM: Bryan "Drew" Vrbenec	AWM: Tim Kroening	RM: Frank McGee

Final Regulations

30.3 (A) Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 2 of 2)

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

Statewide

- Expanding lifetime bag limits to include reward program licenses.

Deer

- Removing deer hunt codes DM004P5A and DF004P5A.
- Creating a private-land-only urban deer management hunt code in game management unit 84.
- Creating a limited fourth rifle season antlered hunt code in data analysis unit D-19.
- Creating a private-land-only doe hunt code in data analysis unit D-24.

Elk

- Modifying the antler point restrictions for Ranching for Wildlife enrolled ranches.
- Adding a cow late season to data analysis unit E-19.
- Converting antlerless hunt codes in data analysis unit E-16 to be list B.
- Converting bull rifle licenses to be either-sex licenses in data analysis unit E-10.
- Creating archery licenses in data analysis unit E-23 and converting antlerless licenses to be list B licenses.
- Creating new season dates for hunt code EF060P5R.

Pronghorn

- Creating muzzleloader private-land-only licenses in data analysis unit A-37.

Moose

- Creating a female-only moose hunt code in data analysis unit M-12.
- Creating a moose hunt code for game management unit 551 and splitting game management unit 55 into east and west subunits.
- Creating a bull-moose hunt code in game management unit 79.
- Adding wilderness only hunt codes to data analysis unit M-4.

Bear

- Creating a private-land-only bear hunt code in game management unit 211.

Bighorn

- Removing the second season ram hunt in Waterton Canyon.
- Adding a late season archery hunt to game management units S-23 and S-27.
- Adding archery licenses in game management unit S-03.
- Adding game management unit 67 to hunt codes SMS5901R and removing hunt code SMS6701R.
- Modifying the season dates for game management unit S-34.

Issue Identification

30.4 (I) Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited 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. This includes regulations related to the requirements to access State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands leased by the Division. Specific changes include:

- 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 SWA posted regulations and prohibitions in Chapter W-9.
- Removing Smith Lake SWA from Chapter W-9 regulations.
- Modifying the name of Teter-Michigan Creek SWA.

Naming Proposal

30.5 (A) Grove State Wildlife Area SWA - Southeast Region

Proposal to name newly acquired 113 acre property the Grove State Wildlife Area (SWA).

Real Estate

30.6	(A)	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Project</u>
		25-013	Southeast	Arkansas River State Wildlife Area - Right - of - Way
		25-037	Northwest	State Forest State Park - State Land Board - Fee Title Acquisition
		25-041	Southeast	Ramah State Wildlife Area - El Paso County - Fee Title Acquisition