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TO: Agency Staff, Parks and Wildlife Commissioners, and Members of the Public
FROM: Krista Heiner, Regulations Manager
RE: March 9-10, 2022 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary
DATE: March 15, 2022

At the March 9-10, 2022 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission heard proposed changes to regulations as follows. All final regulations approved at the March 9-10, 2022 meeting will go into effect on May 1, 2022 unless otherwise noted.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Agenda Item 11: [Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" - 2 CCR 406-0](#) (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission adopted regulations, including, but not limited to:

- Allowing the release of privately-owned game birds during an established season for falconry training under specific conditions.

Agenda Item 12: [Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" - 2 CCR 406-2](#) (Step 1 of 1)

The Commission approved corrections and administrative clean-ups to previously adopted regulations for the 2022 big game seasons, including, but not limited to, game management unit boundaries, season dates, limited license areas and manner of take provisions for bighorn sheep, mountain goat, deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bear and mountain lion, and regulations otherwise necessary for implementation of the 2022 big game seasons.

Agenda Item 13: [Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3](#) (Step 1 of 1)

The Commission adopted annual changes to game bird seasons, excluding turkey, and other small game seasons and related provisions, including season dates, bag and possession limits and manner of take provisions.

Agenda Item 14: [Chapter W-5 - "Small Game - Migratory Game Birds" - 2 CCR 406-5](#) (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission adopted final regulations in its annual review of waterfowl and migratory bird hunting seasons and related provisions, including season dates, bag and possession limits and manner of take provisions.

Agenda Item 15: [Chapter W-6 - "Raptors" - 2 CCR 406-6](#) (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission adopted regulations including, but not limited to the following:

- Adding a means by which leftover peregrine falcon capture permits could be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis.



Agenda Item 16: [Chapter W-9 - “Wildlife Properties” 2 CCR 406-9](#) (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission adopted final regulations in its annual review of 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. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Updating regulations for Creede State Wildlife Area (SWA).
- Creating a seasonal closure on Fish Creek SWA from December 1st - June 30th annually.
- Clarifying how to obtain an access permit for Higel SWA.
- Clarifying regulations on John Martin Reservoir SWA and Queens SWA.
- Updating regulations for San Luis Lakes SWA.
- Changing regulations for the Big Springs, Brett Gray Ranch, Karval, and Punkin Center State Trust Lands (STLs) to prevent overcrowding and provide consistency with other STLs.
- Changing the opening dates of recently enrolled STL properties in Moffat County to August 15th.

Agenda Item 17: [Chapter P-7 - “Passes, Permits and Registrations” - 2 CCR 405-7](#) (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission adopted final regulations including, but not limited to, the following:

- Setting the price of the Keep Colorado Wild annual pass.
- Updating the reference to the U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines applicable to the Centennial Pass to correspond with the requirements of other low-income licenses and passes offered by the Division.

Agenda Item 18: [Chapter P-8 - “Aquatic Nuisance Species \(ANS\)” - 2 CCR 405-8](#) (Step 1 of 1)

The Commission adopted final regulations including, but not limited to, the following:

- Amending the definition of “vessel or other floating device” and exempting vessels or other floating devices that are “hand-launched and human-powered” from mandatory aquatic nuisance species (ANS) inspections.

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

[Agenda Item 19: Chapter W-0 - “General Provisions” - 2 CCR 406-0 and those related provisions of Chapter W-11 \(“Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife” 2 CCR 406-11\) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0 \(Step 1 of 2\)](#)

The Commission considered regulations including, but not limited to, the following:

- Updating the disease testing requirements for cervids in commercial parks to maintain consistency with the revised requirements of the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

[Agenda Item 22: Chapter P-1 - “Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands” - 2 CCR 405-1 and those related provisions of Chapter P-7 \(“Passes, Permits and Registrations” 2 CCR 405-7\) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter P-1 \(Step 1 of 2\)](#)

The Commission considered regulations including, but not limited to, the following:

- Piloting a timed entry reservation system at Eldorado Canyon State Park.

CITIZEN PETITION

[Agenda Item 23](#): Chapter W-2 - “Big Game” 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-11 (“Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife” 2 CCR 406-11) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2 (Step 1 of 1/2/3)

The Commission adopted the Director’s written recommendation to DENY a petition for rulemaking related to big game, as follows:

- A Citizen Petition requesting that bison be reclassified as a big game species.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda Item 26)

Citizen Petition

[Agenda Item 26.1](#) - Chapter W-2 - “Big Game” 2 CCR 406-2

The Commission adopted the Director’s written recommendation to DENY a Citizen Petition for rulemaking requesting a prohibition on harvesting a cow moose with a calf.

PWC Policy Update

[Agenda Item 26.2](#) - Naming CPW Properties (removed from the Consent Agenda)

The Commission adopted an update for naming CPW properties.