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PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MINUTES
September 2-3, 2026

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A hybrid meeting of the Parks and Wildlife Commission convened at 8:00 am on September 2nd, 2026 in La Junta, 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 Wednesday and Thursday, September 2nd and 3rd 2026.

September 2nd, 2026
Beaulieu – Present
Silva Blayney - Present
Jacober - Present
Le Coq - Present
May - Present
Murphy – Virtual
Niemiec - Virtual
Otero – Virtual
Reading – Virtual
Tutchton - Present
Gibbs – Present
Greenberg – Present

September 3rd, 2026
Beaulieu - Present
Silva Blayney - Present
Jacober - Present
Le Coq - Present
May – Present
Murphy – Virtual
Niemiec - Virtual
Otero - Virtual
Reading – Virtual
Tutchton - Present
Gibbs – Present
Greenberg – 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 26-053
Approval of the Minutes of the July, 2026 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meetings

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

Motion Carried by Voice Vote: 11-0

OA 26-054
Corrections to the Agenda

It was moved by Mr. May and seconded by Mrs. Silva Blayney to move items 25-27 (executive session) to where general public comment is listed (item 22) and move general public comment to the last item of the day. This motion also includes allowing elected officials 5 minutes of public comment time and the opportunity to speak at the outset of public comment. Public comment will allow for all those that have signed up for virtual comment and that have completed a blue slip to speak.

Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote: 6-5
Yes: May, Otero, Jacober, Silva Blayney, Murphy, Le Coq

No: Reading, Maguire, Beaulieu, Niemiec, Tutchton

OA 26-055
Citizen Petition - Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3

It was moved by Ms. Beaulieu and seconded by Ms. Niemiec to grant the petition for rulemaking with at least one alternative that is consistent with the proposed rule in the citizen petition.

Motion Carries by Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 11-0
Commissioners Silva Blayney and May withdrew their support.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Niemiec to have the first step of the rulemaking process begin at the November 2026 PWC meeting and final stage at the January 2027 PWC meeting.

Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote: 6-5
Yes: Murphy, Beaulieu, Niemiec, Reading, Le Coq, Tutchton
No: Silva Blayney, May, Otero, Jacober, Maguire.

It was moved by Mr. May and seconded by Mr. Jacober for the commission to reconsider the motion to initiate rulemaking on this petition.

Motion Failed by Roll Call Vote: 5-6
Yes: Maguire, May, Silva Blayney, Jacober, Otero
No: Reading, Le Coq, Niemiec, Beaulieu, Murphy, Tutchton

OA 26-056
Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 1 of 2)

It was moved by Mr. Jacober and seconded by Mrs. Silva Blayney to bring back the agency recommendation of the low preference point fee to the November 2026 meeting to consider for final approval.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 10-0
Absent: Reading

OA 26-057
2027 Commission Meeting Schedule (Step 2 of 2)

It was moved by Mr. Jacober and seconded by Ms. Niemiec to approve the 2027 commission meeting schedule as presented by staff.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote: 10-0
Absent: Reading

It was moved by Mrs. Silva Blayney and seconded by Mr. Murphy to put in a placeholder for the July 2027 meeting dates and location while CPW staff looks into options to avoid a conflict with the Gunnison Cattlemen's Days event.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote: 10-0
Absent: Reading

OA 26-058 Manner of Take Rule for Furbearers (C.R.S. 2 CCR 406-3-303.E)	It was moved by Ms. Niemiec and seconded by Mr. Le Coq to initiate rulemaking to ban electronic calls as a method of take of furbearers on public land. With first-step initiated at the January 2026 PWC meeting and the second step initiated at the March 2027 PWC meeting. **Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote: 8-3.** **Yes: Maguire, Murphy, Niemiec, Reading, Beaulieu, Le Coq, Otero, Tutchton** **No: Jacober, May, Silva Blayney**
OA 26-059 License Suspension Appeal - CPW-2025-48	It was moved by Mr. May and seconded by Mrs. Silva Blayney to adopt the Hearing Examiner's initial decision of suspension. **Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0**
OA 26-060 Enter Executive Session	It was moved by Ms. Beaulieu seconded by Mr. Reading to enter into executive session to discuss claims, defenses and legal questions related to Safari Club International and Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation letter alleging legal deficiencies in Commission's new furbearer bag limit rule as authorized by § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S. of the Open Meetings Law. Specifically, allegations that CPW failed to follow applicable notice and comment requirements and lacked statutory authority to adopt the new rules. **Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote 11-0.**
OA 26-061 Exit Executive Session	It was moved by Mrs. Silva Blayney and seconded by Mr. Jacober to exit Executive Session. **Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Call Vote 11-0**
OA 26-062 Citizen Petition - Chapter W-1 - "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1	It was moved by Mr. May and seconded by Mrs. Silva Blayney to adopt the Director's written recommendation to deny a petition for rulemaking related to prohibiting feeding fish on state waters. **Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0**
OA 26-063 Consent Agenda	It was moved by Mr. Jacober and seconded by Ms. Beaulieu to approve the consent agenda. **Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote 11-0**
	The Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting adjourned at 3:11pm on Thursday, September 3rd, 2026.