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TO: Agency Staff, Parks and Wildlife Commissioners, and Members of the Public
FROM: Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager
RE: August 24-25, 2023 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary
DATE: August 28, 2023

At the August 24-25, 2023 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission heard proposed changes to regulations as follows. All final regulations approved at the August 24-25, 2023 meeting will go into effect on October 1, 2023 unless otherwise noted.

Updated chapters include: P-1, W-2, W-9.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Agenda Item 10: [Chapter P-1 - "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1](#) (Step 2 of 2)

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

- Extending the pilot testing of the timed entry reservation system at Eldorado Canyon State Park.
- Updating the property specific regulations for Fishers Peak as the park is developed.

DRAFT 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 1 of 2)

The Commission considered regulations including, but not limited to, adjusting license fees and license agent commission rates according to adjustments to the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index.

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

Agenda Item 12: Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0 (Step 1 of 2)

The Commission considered regulations regarding red swamp crayfish possession and licensing requirements.

Agenda Item 13: Chapter W-1 - "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) and Chapter W-9 ("Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-1 (Step 1 of 2)



The Commission initiated its annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, consideration of regulations regarding season dates, bag and possession limits, licensing requirements, manner of take provisions and special conditions or restrictions applicable to waters of the state. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Removing two special fishing restrictions on the Upper Arkansas River.
- Adopting special condition regulations for artificial flies and regulations for trout fishing on the Upper Square Top Lake, Lower Square Top Lake, Duck Creek to Duck Lake, West Fork Clear Creek, and Williams Gulch.
- Modifying regulations on the Blue River, Tenmile Creek and Dillon Reservoir in response to a decline in brown trout.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda Item 24)

Final Regulations

Agenda Item 24.1: [Chapter W-2 - “Big Game” 2 CCR 406-2](#) (PERMANENT REGULATIONS) (Step 1 of 1)

- Cleanup of season dates for over-the-counter hunt code BE087U6R from 09/01/2023 - 11/26/2023 to 09/02/2023 - 11/26/2023.

Agenda Item 24.2: [Chapter W-9 - “Wildlife Properties” 2 CCR 406-9](#) (Step 1 of 1)

- Cleanup regulations for Chapter W-9 that were adopted at the June 2023 Commission meeting.

Emergency Regulations

Agenda Item 24.3: [Chapter W-9 - “Wildlife Properties” 2 CCR 406-9](#) (Step 1 of 1)

- Removing John Martin Reservoir SWA from the Chapter W-9 regulations.

Issue Identification

[Agenda Item 24.4](#): Chapter W-1 - “Fishing” 2 CCR 406-1 (Step 1 of 2)

- Adopting regulations prohibiting fishing around the Hermosa Creek Confluence Fish Barrier.