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TO: Agency Staff, Parks and Wildlife Commissioners, and Members of the Public
FROM: Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager
RE: August 21-22, 2025 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary
DATE: August 25, 2025

At the August 21-22, 2025 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission heard proposed changes to regulations as follows. All final regulations approved at the meeting will go into effect on October 1, 2025 unless otherwise noted.

Updated chapters include P-01, P-02, P-08 and W-03.

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), and Chapter W- 16 (“Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules” - 2 CCR 406-16) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for annual consideration of 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 15: Chapter W-17 - “Damage Caused by Wildlife” 2 CCR406-17 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for review of regulations pertaining to allowing producers acting under the direction of a licensed veterinarian to receive reimbursement for labor expenses for the treatment of livestock and livestock guard and herding animals injured by gray wolves.

Agenda Item 16: Chapter P-7 - “Passes, Permits and Registrations” 2 CCR 405-7 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for consideration to increase the daily vehicle fees for the following state parks:

- Elkhead Reservoir, Pearl Lake, Stagecoach, and Steamboat Lake State Parks for the adoption of a \$2.00 Local Access fee pursuant to SB 23-059.

Agenda Item 17: Chapter W-0 - “General Provisions” 2 CCR 406-0 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 W-0 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for consideration of increasing the search and rescue fee to increase funding for the Backcountry Search and Rescue fund.



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Agenda Item 18: 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)

Open for 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 regulatory changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Prohibiting fishing around the George Creek Fish Barrier.
- Modifying the take regulations for tiger muskie at Lake Granby, Grand Lake and the Colorado River downstream of Shadow Mountain Reservoir.
- Modifying take regulations on current native Greenback Cutthroat Trout waters to protect declining populations.
- Modifying take regulations at Sloan Lake in Hinsdale County.
- Modifying the closure date on Tenmile Creek and Blue River upstream of Dillon Reservoir from September 1 to September 15.

CITIZEN PETITION

Agenda Item 12: Chapter W-1 - “Fishing” 2 CCR 406-1

The Commission denied the agency-supported petition to allow spearfishing in select bodies of water.

CONSENT AGENDA

Final Regulations

Agenda Item 24.2: [Chapter P-1 - “Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands”](#) 2 CCR 405-1

The Commission finalized changes necessary to:

- Updating the vehicle timed entry system at Eldorado Canyon State Park.
- Modifying the hunting reservation system at Sweitzer Lake State Park.

Agenda Item 24.3: [Chapter P-2 - “Boating”](#) 2 CCR 405-2

The Commission finalized changes necessary to:

- Adopting requirements for wearing an engine cutoff switch on Class A or Class 1 vessels operated above a wakeless speed to match federal requirements.
- Updating the fire extinguisher regulations to be consistent with federal requirements.

Agenda Item 24.4: [Chapter P-8 - “Aquatic Nuisance Species”](#) 2 CCR 405-8

The Commission finalized changes adding the Golden Mussel to the list of Aquatic Nuisance Species

Emergency Regulations

Agenda Item 24.5: Chapter W-3 - “Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds” 2 CCR 406-3:



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The Commission finalized emergency regulations to correct a clerical error to regulation #304 with the regulatory filings between the January and March 2025 commission meetings to remove the ability to hunt coyotes on an unfilled big game license.

*This change is in effect after the adoption of the emergency rules on August 22, 2025.

Citizen Petitions

Agenda Item 24.6: Chapter W-0 - “General Provisions” 2 CCR 406-0 and Chapter W-10 - “Nongame Wildlife” 2 CCR 406-10:

The Commission adopted the Director’s written recommendation to DENY two petitions for rulemaking related to reptiles, as follows:

- A citizen petition requesting a change in the possession regulations for captive-bred reptiles.
- A citizen petition requesting a change in the possession regulations for captive-bred hognose snakes.

Agenda Item 24.7: Chapter W-1 - “Fishing” 2 CCR 406-1:

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

- A citizen petition requesting a prohibition of the use of live baitfish.



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