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TO: Agency Staff, Parks and Wildlife Commissioners, and Members of the Public
FROM: Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager
RE: March 4-5, 2026 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary
DATE: March 5, 2026

At the March 4-5, 2026 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission heard proposed changes to regulations as follows. All final regulations approved at the March 4-5, 2026 meeting will go into effect on May 1, 2026 unless otherwise noted.

Updated chapters include: P-7, W-0, W-2, W-3, W-5, W-7, W-9, W-10, W-11, W-17

FINAL REGULATIONS

Agenda Item 10: Chapter W-17 - "Damage Caused by Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-17 (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission finalized regulations to implement SB24-171 Restoration of Wolverines, specifically in relation to game damage regulations.

Agenda Item 11: Chapter W-7 - "Herpetofauna" 2 CCR 406-7 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0), 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 2 of 2)

The Commission finalized regulations to create 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.

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

Agenda Item 14.b: Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 1 of 2)

The Commission considered 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, changes relating to CPW's Beaver Conservation and Management Strategy and CPW's Furbearer Stakeholder Process Management & Policy Recommendations, including regulations regarding bag limits for avocational take of furbearers and inspection and sealing of avocationally taken beavers.

Agenda Item 16: Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0 (Step 1 of 2)

The Commission considered regulatory changes to implement SB25-003 Semiautomatic Firearms & Rapid-Fire Devices.

CITIZEN PETITION

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Agenda Item 14.c: Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3

The Commission adopted the Director's written recommendation to DENY the petition for rulemaking related to requiring a mandatory check for bobcats, swift fox, and beaver.

The Commission approved a petition to initiate rulemaking to prohibit the sale of furbearer furs with exemptions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Final Regulations

Agenda Item 20.12: Chapter P-7 "Passes, Permits and Registrations" - 2 CCR 405-7 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter P-7 (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission finalized regulations including the following:

- Updating the reference to the U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines applicable to the income-eligible licenses and passes offered by the Division. (Step 1 of 1)
- Creating an out-of-state daily vehicle parks pass.

Agenda Item 20.13: Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" - 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission finalized regulations including any necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations previously adopted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission for the 2026 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 2026 big game seasons.

Agenda Item 20.14: Chapter W-5 - "Small Game - Migratory Game Birds" - 2 CCR 406-5 (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission finalized regulations including annual changes to migratory bird season dates, bag and possession limits and manner of take provisions.

Agenda Item 20.15: Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9 (Step 2 of 2)

The Commission finalized regulations related 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. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 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.
- Modifying property-specific regulations for Ralston Creek State Wildlife Area.
- Removing Smith Lake SWA from Chapter W-9 regulations.
- Modifying the name of Teter-Michigan Creek SWA.

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