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**TO:** Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission  
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**RE:** Emergency Regulations for Chapter W-0, Chapter W-2, and Chapter W-5  
**DATE:** March 28, 2020

Emergency regulatory changes for Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" - 2 CCR 406-0, Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" - 2 CCR 406-2, and Chapter W-5 - "Small Game - Migratory Birds" - 2 CCR 406-5 are summarized below. Redline versions of these proposed emergency regulatory changes are included. If there are questions about the agenda items below, or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 303-866-3203 x4609.

- **Agenda Item 4: Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" - 2 CCR 406-2: Open for consideration of emergency regulations necessary to change the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep quota for the 2020 rifle season in S-9 [Sangre de Cristo, SMS0901R] from 10 to 8 for residents and from 0 to 2 for nonresidents.**

In January 2020, the Commission adopted rules to implement 2020 bighorn sheep license numbers. Subsequent to the adoption of the 2020 bighorn sheep license numbers, the Division identified an error that required administrative cleanup. A correction has been made to the regulations. These changes in no way alter the overall intent of the big game season structure as previously approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission or the big game season regulations adopted by the Commission in January of 2020.

Absent the emergency rules, the Division would be unable to run the bighorn sheep limited license drawing, and it is important to make this change prior to the drawing, which is scheduled for April 23, 2020. Accordingly, the emergency rules are necessary for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state.

- **Agenda Item 5: Chapter W-5 - "Small Game - Migratory Game Birds" - 2 CCR 406-5: Open for consideration of emergency regulations related to waterfowl and migratory bird hunting seasons and related provisions, including season dates, bag and possession limits and manner of take provisions, as well as expanding current youth waterfowl days to permit waterfowl hunting by veterans and active military members.**

These regulations reflect the upcoming 2020-2021 migratory bird seasons and are the result of an annual review of the entire chapter related to migratory birds. The established seasons are necessary to manage migratory bird populations in Colorado in accordance with federal laws regulating migratory birds. These regulations allow migratory birds to be harvested in a manner, which helps maintain the biological integrity of the migratory bird population while at the same time providing recreational opportunity for hunters and wildlife viewers. The

regulations are also consistent with Federal guidelines provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

These regulations also expand the current youth waterfowl days to permit waterfowl hunting by veterans and active duty military members. New federal regulations allow states to have up to two additional days to allocate to veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than training). To provide this extra opportunity to veterans/active duty military while minimizing the impact on the length of the regular waterfowl seasons, the existing youth waterfowl hunting weekends have been modified to also allow hunting by veterans and active military personnel on the same days. This includes members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for training.

In addition, these regulations update the current description of the San Luis Valley goose zone to include portions of Archuleta and San Juan counties east of the Continental Divide. Due to a historical oversight, there are small portions of Archuleta and San Juan counties east of the Continental Divide that were not included within this zone. The existing San Luis Valley goose zone description (#512.C.) has been modified to include areas of Archuleta and San Juan counties east of the Continental Divide.

These regulatory changes were scheduled to be considered at the March 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting, which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Absent the emergency rules, the Division would be unable to certify its 2020-2021 migratory bird seasons with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by its April 30 deadline. Accordingly, the emergency rules are necessary for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state.

- **Agenda Item 6: Chapter W-0 - “General Provisions” - 2 CCR 406-0: Open for consideration of emergency regulations necessary to:**
  - **Temporarily authorize the use of a TAN as proof of privilege for most of the Division’s products for up to 45 days.**

The TAN, or Temporary Authorization Number, was previously provided for all telephone or internet license or pass sales, except for licenses with carcass tags. This number allows the license or pass-holder to exercise the benefits of that license or pass prior to receiving or picking up the physical license or pass, but not to exceed 14 days from the date of purchase. TANs are unique to each customer order and are trackable in IPAWS.

On Monday March 23, 2020, Aspira, CPW’s licensing vendor, started experiencing significant delays in fulfillment of CPW products due to “shelter-in-place” orders related to COVID-19. This created a significant backlog in printing and mailing licenses, passes, or other CPW products. In order to address lengthy delays and a possible closure of the Aspira fulfillment centers, these emergency regulations were passed to allow the use of a TAN for proof of privilege for most of the Division’s products. This includes small game licenses, combination small game and fishing licenses, fishing

licenses, waterfowl stamps, habitat stamps, annual state park passes and OHV permits. These emergency regulations also extended the timeframe for which a TAN is valid from 14 days to 45 days.

Additionally, for the 2020 spring season only, a TAN will also be allowed for proof of privilege for OTC spring turkey licenses and April mountain lion licenses, which have a carcass tag. Therefore, the regulation was modified to remove the carcass tag language to allow CPW the flexibility to use a TAN for certain licenses with carcass tags. A printed copy of the receipt/confirmation email will be used as the carcass tag in these isolated situations.

Absent the emergency rules, customers who do not receive a physical license in the mail after 14 days would not be able to use the TAN as proof of privilege for small game licenses, combination small game and fishing licenses, fishing licenses, waterfowl stamps, habitat stamps, state park passes and off-highway vehicle permits. In addition, customers who do not receive a physical 2020 OTC spring turkey license or a 2020 April mountain lion license in the mail would not be able to use a TAN as proof of privilege and a printed copy of the receipt/confirmation email as the carcass tag. Accordingly, the emergency rules are necessary for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state.

- **Issue an apprentice hunter education certificate twice and to temporarily make hunter education classes available completely online.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division's in-person Hunter Education courses have been suspended through May 11. To permit apprentice hunters who have not yet completed the Division's Hunter Education course to be able to do so prior to the big game limited license drawing application deadline on April 7, regulation #002.N.4 has been modified to allow the Division to issue an apprentice certificate twice. The dates of the apprentice certificate have also been modified to correspond with the new 13-month time period for annual licenses from March 1 - March 31. Additionally, regulation #002.N.3.e has been added to temporarily allow the Division to offer its hunter education course completely online. The course will be approved by International Hunter Education Association standards and hosted by a third party vendor already in place.

Absent the emergency rules, the Division would be unable to offer its hunter education courses until May 11 and many novice and apprentice hunters would be unable to apply for the big game limited license drawing. Accordingly, the emergency rules are necessary for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state.

The Division has, to the extent it could, given notice of its emergency rulemaking. Notice of the proposed emergency rulemaking was posted online on the CPW website, indicating the Commission would consider the emergency regulations on March 30, 2020 and written comment would be accepted prior to that date. The notice was not posted at the State Capitol, at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters, Regional Service Centers, and Area Service Centers (area offices) due to the closure of

these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order D 2020 017, which orders Coloradans to stay at home through April 11, 2020.

**EMERGENCY REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-2 - BIG GAME****ARTICLE III - BIGHORN SHEEP****#218 - SEASON DATES, HUNT TYPE, UNITS (AS DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 0 OF THESE REGULATIONS), AND LICENSE NUMBERS.**

- A. All rams taken shall be one half (1/2) curl or larger unless otherwise specified in these regulations.

<b>1. Archery Season Dates, Units, License Types and Numbers</b>							
Unit #/Unit Name	Hunt Code	Date Open	Date Closed	Resident Licenses (2020)		Nonresident Licenses (2020)	
				Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe
<b>S06</b> Pike's Peak and <b>S46</b> Dome Rock	SMS06O1A	11/10/2020	11/30/2020	1		0	
<b>S09</b> Sangre De Cristo	SMS09O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	8		2	
<b>S12</b> Buffalo Peaks and <b>S78</b> Ten Mile	SMS12O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	7		1	
<b>S20</b> Marshall Pass	SMS20O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	2		0	
<b>S26</b> Taylor River	SMS26O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	2		0	
<b>S32</b> Georgetown - Except within ¼ mile north of I-70 or within ¼ mile of US 6 or US 40	SMS32O1A	08/01/2020	08/16/2020	3		1	
<b>S32</b> Georgetown - Except within ¼ mile north of I-70 or within ¼ mile of US 6 or US 40	SMS32O2A	08/22/2020	09/06/2020	4		0	
<b>S32</b> Georgetown - Except within ¼ mile north of I-70 or within ¼ mile of US 6 or US 40	SFS32O2A	08/22/2020	09/06/2020		5		0
<b>S34</b> Rampart Range	SMS34O1A	10/15/2020	10/31/2020	2		0	
<b>S34</b> Rampart Range	SFS34O1A	10/01/2020	10/14/2020		2		0
<b>S34</b> Rampart Range	SMS34O2A	12/01/2020	12/15/2020	3		0	
<b>S35</b> Greenhorns	SMS35O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	2		0	
<b>S37</b> St. Vrain	SMS37O1A	11/01/2020	11/30/2020	1		0	
<b>S38</b> Apishapa	SMS38O1A	12/01/2020	12/31/2020	1		0	
<b>S39</b> Mt Silverheels	SMS39O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	2		0	
<b>S44</b> Basalt	SMS44O1A	08/27/2020	09/22/2020	4		1	
<b>S49</b> Grape Creek - Copper Ridge	SMS49O1A	09/08/2020	09/30/2020	3		0	
<b>S51</b> Spanish Peaks	SMS51O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	1		0	
<b>S54</b> West Elk - Dillon Mesa	SMS54O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	1		0	
<b>S57</b> Big Thompson	SMS57O1A	12/01/2020	12/31/2020	2		0	
<b>S57</b> Big Thompson	SFS57O1A	12/08/2020	12/31/2020		2		0
<b>S66</b> Mount Elbert	SMS66O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	2		0	
<b>S69</b> Lower Cochetopa Canyon	SMS69O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	1		1	
<b>S69</b> Lower Cochetopa Canyon	SMS69O2A	10/15/2020	11/15/2020	2		0	
<b>S71</b> West Needles	SMS71O1A	08/29/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>55</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

2. Rifle and Associated Methods Season Dates, Units, License Types and Numbers							
Unit #/ Unit Name	Hunt Code	Date Open	Date Closed	Resident Licenses (2020)		Nonresident Licenses (2020)	
				Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe
<b>S01</b> Poudre River and <b>S18</b> Rawah	SMS01O1R	09/01/2020	10/04/2020	1		1	
<b>S01</b> Poudre River	SMS01O2R	10/10/2020	11/01/2020	2		0	
<b>S01</b> Poudre River and <b>S18</b> Rawah	SFS01O1R	09/01/2020	10/04/2020		2		0
<b>S02</b> Gore-Eagles Nest- Except within ½ mile north of I-70 from Bighorn Creek to Spraddle Creek	SMS02O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	3		0	
<b>S03</b> Mount Evans	SMS03O1R	08/10/2020	08/26/2020	2		1	
<b>S03</b> Mount Evans	SMS03O2R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
<b>S03</b> Mount Evans	SFS03O2R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020		5		1
<b>S04</b> Grant	SMS04O1R	08/10/2020	08/26/2020	1		0	
<b>S04</b> Grant	SMS04O2R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>S04</b> Grant	SFS04O2R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020		1		0
<b>S05</b> Beaver Creek and <b>S60</b> Shelf Rd	SMS05O1R	10/01/2020	10/31/2020	2		0	
<b>S06</b> Pikes Peak	SMS06O1R	09/08/2020	09/22/2020	1		0	
<b>S06</b> Pikes Peak	SMS06O2R	09/25/2020	10/09/2020	1		0	
<b>S06</b> Pikes Peak	SFS06O2R	09/25/2020	10/09/2020		2		0
<b>S07</b> Arkansas River	SMS07O1R	10/01/2020	10/31/2020	2		0	
<b>S08</b> Huerfano	SMS08O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
<b>S09</b> Sangre de Cristo	SMS09O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	<del>840</del>		<del>20</del>	
<b>S09</b> Sangre de Cristo	SFS09O1R	09/14/2020	10/08/2020		4		1
<b>S10</b> Trickle Mountain and <b>S55</b> Natural Arch	SMS10O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>S11</b> Collegiate North	SMS11O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	5		1	
<b>S11</b> Collegiate North	SFS11O1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		2		0
<b>S12</b> Buffalo Peaks and <b>S78</b> Ten Mile	SMS12O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	5		1	
<b>S12</b> Buffalo Peaks and <b>S78</b> Ten Mile	SFS12O1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		2		0
<b>S13</b> Snowmass East	SMS13O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		1	
<b>S15</b> Sheep Mountain	SMS15O1R	08/29/2020 and 09/26/2020	09/09/2020 and 10/11/2020	2		1	
<b>S15</b> Sheep Mountain	SFS15O1R	09/26/2020	10/11/2020		5		1
<b>S15</b> Sheep Mountain	SMS15O2R	09/12/2020	10/11/2020	2		0	
<b>S16</b> Cimarron Peak	SMS16O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	4		0	
<b>S16</b> Cimarron Peak	SFS16O1R	09/26/2020	10/08/2020		4		0
<b>S17</b> Collegiate South	SMS17O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	5		1	
<b>S17</b> Collegiate South	SFS17O1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		2		0
<b>S19</b> Never Summer Range	SMS19O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>S20</b> Marshall Pass	SMS20O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
<b>S21</b> Cow Creek - Wetterhorn Peak	SMS21O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	5		1	
<b>S21</b> Cow Creek - Wetterhorn Peak - East of Hwy 550 only	SFS21O1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		4		2

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Unit #/ Unit Name	Hunt Code	Date Open	Date Closed	Resident Licenses (2020)		Nonresident Licenses (2020)	
				Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe
<b>S21</b> Cow Creek- Wetterhorn Peak – West of Hwy 550 only	SFS21S1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		2		0
<b>S22</b> San Luis Peak	SMS22O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	4		0	
<b>S23</b> Kenosha and <b>S27</b> Tarryall	SMS23O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
<b>S24</b> Battlement	SMS24O1R	11/01/2020	11/30/2020	2		0	
<b>S25</b> Snowmass West	SMS25O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>S28</b> Vallecito	SMS28O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
<b>S29</b> Alamosa Canyon and <b>S30</b> Conejos River	SMS29O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>S29</b> Alamosa Canyon	SFS29O1R	09/12/2020	11/30/2020		1		0
<b>S31</b> Blanca River	SMS31O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	4		0	
<b>S32</b> Georgetown - Except within ¼ mile north of I-70 or within ¼ mile of US 6 or US 40	SMS32O1R	09/12/2020	10/04/2020	7		1	
<b>S32</b> Georgetown - Except within ¼ mile north of I-70 or within ¼ mile of US 6 or US 40	SFS32O1R	09/12/2020	10/04/2020		5		1
<b>S33</b> Lake Fork/Pole Mtn	SMS33O1R	09/08/2020	09/24/2020	4		1	
<b>S33</b> Lake Fork/Pole Mtn - North of Lake Fork River, Cottonwood Creek, Cuba Gulch, Minnie Gulch; west and north of CO 110	SFS33O1R	09/12/2020	09/24/2020		1		0
<b>S33</b> Lake Fork/Pole Mtn - South of Lake Fork River, Cottonwood Creek, Cuba Gulch and Minnie Gulch; east and south of CO 110	SFS33S1R	09/12/2020	09/24/2020		1		0
<b>S33</b> Lake Fork/Pole Mtn	SMS33O2R	09/25/2020	10/08/2020	4		1	
<b>S33</b> Lake Fork/Pole Mtn - North of Lake Fork River, Cottonwood Creek, Cuba Gulch, Minnie Gulch; west and north of CO 110	SFS33O2R	09/28/2020	10/08/2020		1		0
<b>S33</b> Lake Fork/Pole Mtn - South of Lake Fork River, Cottonwood Creek, Cuba Gulch and Minnie Gulch; east and south of CO 110	SFS33S2R	09/28/2020	10/08/2020		1		0
<b>S35</b> Greenhorns	SMS35O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>S36</b> Bellows Creek	SMS36O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
<b>S37</b> St. Vrain	SMS37O1R	09/08/2020	10/09/2020	1		0	
<b>S39</b> Mount Silverheels	SMS39O1R	09/08/2020	09/23/2020	2		0	
<b>S39</b> Mount Silverheels	SFS39O1R	09/08/2020	09/23/2020		3		0
<b>S39</b> Mount Silverheels	SMS39O2R	09/24/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	

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Unit #/ Unit Name	Hunt Code	Date Open	Date Closed	Resident Licenses (2020)		Nonresident Licenses (2020)	
				Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe
<b>S40</b> Lone Pine and <b>S58</b> Lower Poudre	SMS40O1R	09/01/2020	10/04/2020	1		0	
<b>S40</b> Lone Pine and <b>S58</b> Lower Poudre	SFS40O1R	09/01/2020	10/04/2020		1		0
<b>S40</b> Lone Pine and <b>S58</b> Lower Poudre	SMS40O2R	10/10/2020	11/01/2020	1		0	
<b>S41</b> Peru Creek	SMS41O1R	09/21/2020	10/24/2020	1		0	
<b>S41</b> Peru Creek	SFS41O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020		3		0
<b>S42</b> Waterton Canyon Except within 200 yards of the Waterton Canyon Road.	SMS42O1R	12/07/2020 Weekdays Only	12/11/2020 Weekdays Only	1		0	
<b>S42</b> Waterton Canyon Except within 200 yards of the Waterton Canyon Road.	SFS42O1R	12/07/2020 Weekdays Only	12/11/2020 Weekdays Only		1		0
<b>S42</b> Waterton Canyon Except within 200 yards of the Waterton Canyon Road.	SMS42O2R	12/14/2020 Weekdays Only	12/18/2020 Weekdays Only	1		0	
<b>S42</b> Waterton Canyon Except within 200 yards of the Waterton Canyon Road.	SFS42O2R	12/14/2020 Weekdays Only	12/18/2020 Weekdays Only		1		0
<b>S44</b> Basalt	SMS44O1R	09/25/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
<b>S47</b> Browns Canyon	SMS47O1R	10/01/2020	10/31/2020	2		0	
<b>S48</b> Carrizo Canyon	SMS48O1R	12/01/2020	12/31/2020	1		0	
<b>S49</b> Grape Creek - Copper Ridge	SMS49O1R	10/01/2020	10/31/2020	2		0	
<b>S50</b> Mount Mestas	SMS50O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
<b>S51</b> Spanish Peaks	SMS51O1R	09/19/2020	10/18/2020	2		0	
<b>S51</b> Spanish Peaks - West of Hwy 12 only	SFS51O1R	08/29/2020	09/07/2020		2		0
<b>S51</b> Spanish Peaks	SMS51O2R	10/24/2020	11/11/2020	2		0	
<b>S53</b> Bristol Head	SMS53O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>S53</b> Bristol Head	SFS53O1R	09/18/2020	10/08/2020		1		0
<b>S54</b> West Elk-Dillon Mesa bound on the north by Gunnison CR 12 (Kebler Pass Rd.); on the east by Hwy 135; on the south by N boundary T50N; on the west by Curecanti Ck & Coal Ck.	SMS54O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>S59</b> Derby Creek	SMS59O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>S61</b> Purgatory Canyon	SMS61O1R	09/01/2020 and 12/01/2020	9/20/2020 and 12/31/2020	4		0	
<b>S66</b> Mount Elbert	SMS66O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	5		1	
<b>S66</b> Mount Elbert	SFS66O1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		2		0
<b>S67</b> Flattops	SMS67O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>S68</b> Northern Sangre de Cristos	SMS68O1R	09/08/2020	10/31/2020	1		0	



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<b>S69</b> Lower Cochetopa Canyon	SMS69O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	3		0	
<b>S69</b> Lower Cochetopa Canyon	SFS69O1R	09/12/2020	09/18/2020		1		0
<b>S69</b> Lower Cochetopa Canyon	SFS69O2R	09/19/2020	09/25/2020		1		0
<b>S70</b> Fossil Ridge	SMS70O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
<b>S71</b> West Needles	SMS71O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
<b>S73</b> Mt. Zirkel	SMS73O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		1	
<b>S73</b> Mt. Zirkel	SFS73O1R	10/18/2020	10/31/2020		2		1
<b>S74</b> Glenwood	SMS74O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
<b>S75</b> Main Canyon	SMS75O1R	11/01/2020	11/30/2020	1		0	
<b>S77</b> Gore Canyon	SMS77O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>

**Basis and Purpose:**

At the March 30, 2020 emergency rulemaking hearing, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted emergency rules affecting Chapter W-2 (Big Game, 2 CCR 406-2). The emergency rules changed the resident bighorn sheep quota for the rifle season in S-9 [Sangre de Cristo, SMS09O1R] from 10 to 8 and the nonresident quota from 0 to 2.

The Commission adopted the foregoing rules on an emergency basis as authorized by the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act (APA), CRS § 24-4-103(6)(a). This section authorizes emergency rules where “the agency finds that immediate adoption of the rule is imperatively necessary ... for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare and compliance” where the APA’s standard rulemaking requirements “would be contrary to the public interest.” The Commission finds such standards are satisfied here.

The Commission is required to manage wildlife and their environment for “the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state and its visitors” (CRS, § 33-1-101(1)) and it has the responsibility to “...develop, manage, and maintain sound programs of hunting, fishing, trapping, and other wildlife-related outdoor recreational activities.” C.R.S § 33-1-104(2). In addition, the Commission has the authority to “[d]etermine under what circumstances, when, in which localities, by what means, what sex of, and in what amounts and numbers the wildlife of this state may be taken...” C.R.S § 33-1-106(1)(a).

In January 2020, the Commission adopted rules to implement 2020 bighorn sheep license numbers. Subsequent to the adoption of the 2020 bighorn sheep license numbers, the Division identified an error that required administrative cleanup. A correction has been made to the regulations. These changes in no way alter the overall intent of the big game season structure as previously approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission or the big game season regulations adopted by the Commission in January of 2020.

Absent the emergency rules, the Division would be unable to run the bighorn sheep limited license drawing, and it is important to make this change prior to the drawing, which is scheduled for April 23, 2020. Accordingly, the emergency rules are necessary for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state.

The Division has, to the extent it could, given notice of its emergency rulemaking. Notice of the proposed emergency rulemaking was posted online on the CPW website, indicating the Commission would consider the emergency regulations on March 30, 2020 and written comment would be accepted prior to that date. The notice was not posted at the State Capitol, at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters, Regional Service Centers, and Area Service Centers (area offices) due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order D 2020 017, which orders Coloradans to stay at home through April 11, 2020.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be viewed online at <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/pages/commission.aspx> and copies can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing Krista Heiner at [krista.heiner@state.co.us](mailto:krista.heiner@state.co.us). The statement of basis and purpose is not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order D 2020 017, which orders Coloradans to stay at home through April 11, 2020.

**The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-104, C.R.S. and 33-1-106, C.R.S.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR NO MORE THAN 120 DAYS OR UNTIL PERMANENT REGULATIONS TAKE EFFECT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, OR THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS ARE OTHERWISE REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 30H DAY OF MARCH, 2020.**

**APPROVED:  
Michelle Zimmerman  
Acting Chair**

**ATTEST:  
James Vigil  
Secretary**