

AGENDA
PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING
March 18-19, 2020
Summit Conference and Event Center
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Wednesday: March 18th

<u>#</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>
	7:00	Commissioners Breakfast Summit Conference and Event Center
	7:30	Financial Sub-Committee Meeting Summit Conference and Event Center
1	8:00 (I)	Pledge of Allegiance
2	8:05 (A) Michelle Zimmerman, Chair	Approve Minutes of the January 15-16, 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting
3	8:10 (I) Michelle Zimmerman, Chair	Corrections to Agenda Corrections/Removal of Consent Agenda Topics
4	8:15 (I) Michelle Zimmerman, Chair	Commissioner's Questions and Comments
5	8:30 (I) Dan Gibbs, DNR Executive Director	Department of Natural Resources Update
6	8:40 (I) Kate Greenberg, Dept. of Ag. Commissioner	Department of Agriculture Update
7	8:50 (I) Dan Prenzlów, CPW Director	Director's Comments
8	9:05 (I) Justin Rutter, AD for Financial Services	Financial Update
9	9:25 (I) Michelle Zimmerman, Chair	CLfT Update
	9:35	Break
<u>Final Regulations</u>		
10	9:50 (A) Krista Heiner, Regulations Manager	Chapter P-7 - "Passes, Permits and Registrations" 2 CCR 405-7 and those related provisions of Chapter P-1 ("Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter P-7 (Step 2 of 2)

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Open for final review of regulations including, but not limited to:

- Expanding the Division’s ability to issue Special Activity Permits to commercial users (p. 8-9, 13).

11 9:55 (A) Krista Heiner,
Regulations Manager

Chapter W-2 - “Big Game” - 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for consideration of any necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations previously adopted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission for the 2020 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 2020 big game seasons. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Adding the resident senior combination small game hunting and fishing license to the list of qualifying licenses for the big game limited license drawing (p. 11).

12 10:00 (A) Krista Heiner,
Regulations Manager

Chapter W-5 - “Small Game - Migratory Game Birds” - 2 CCR 406-5 and those related provisions of Chapter P-1 (“Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands” 2 CCR 405-1) and Chapter W-9 (“Wildlife Properties” 2 CCR 406-9) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-5 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for annual review and final consideration of regulations related to waterfowl and migratory bird hunting seasons and related provisions, including season dates, bag and possession limits and manner of take provisions. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations related to waterfowl hunting in the Grand Valley.
- Updating the current description of the San Luis Valley goose zone to include portions of Archuleta and San Juan counties east of the Continental Divide (p. 12).
- Expanding current youth waterfowl days to also permit waterfowl hunting by veterans and active military members (p. 13-15).

13 10:10 (A) Krista Heiner,
Regulations Manager

Chapter W-9 - “Wildlife Properties” 2 CCR 406-9 and those related provisions of Chapter P-1 (“Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands” 2 CCR 405-1) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-9 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for annual review and final consideration of 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:

- Authorizing the Division Director to execute short-term housing leases (p. 7).
- Adjusting regulations related to the fishing closure at Banner Lakes State Wildlife Area (SWA) during waterfowl hunting seasons (p. 9).
- Changing the hours of operation for the Basalt SWA public shooting range (p. 9-10).
- Allowing public use of the Uncompahgre River corridor of Billy Creek SWA for hunting, fishing and trapping recreation only during the current seasonal closure period of January 1 through April 30 annually (p. 11).
- Managing limited hunting access at Collins Mountain Ranch SWA through the Hunter Reservation System (HRS) and adopting property-specific regulations (p. 17).
- Managing limited hunting access at Crooked Wash Ranch through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations (p. 18).
- Managing limited hunting access at Flanders Ranch SWA through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations (p. 22).
- Requiring non-exempt boats to launch from the CPW boat ramp at Groundhog Reservoir SWA (p. 25).
- Allowing night fishing during certain times of the year at Jackson Lake SWA (p. 28).
- Requiring hunting reservations for weekends and holidays during the teal season and the first split of the regular duck season at Jackson Lake SWA (p. 28).
- Managing limited hunting access at Louisiana Purchase Ranch through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations as required (p. 33).
- Prohibiting the discharge of firearms at Mount Shavano SWA from the upper end of the Mount Shavano SFU downstream to the Colo. Hwy 291 Bridge crossing (p. 35).
- Managing limited hunting access for the Grand Valley Wildlife Area Special Archery Hunts through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations as required (p. 36-37, 49-50).
- Managing limited hunting access at Pot Creek SWA through the HRS and adopting property-specific regulations as required in the access easement (p. 39).
- Adding property-specific regulations for Pothook Ranch SWA fishing easement (p. 39).
- Removing Urad Lake SWA and Valmont Reservoir Administrative Area from regulations (p. 51).
- Shortening the Gunnison sage grouse viewing season at Waunita Watchable Wildlife Area (p. 52).
- Adopting property-specific regulations on Yarmony Ranch SWA as required (p. 54-55).
- Prohibiting camping on State Trust Land (STL) properties for more than 14 consecutive days in a 45-day period or leaving a camp unattended for more than 48 hours (p. 55, 60, 72).

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- Permitting hunting from August 15 until the end of February at Box Creek STL (p. 58).
- Merging Nee Noshe STL and Neesopah STL with Queens STL and removing property-specific regulations for Nee Noshe and Neesopah STLs (p. 66).
- Establishing visitor management regulations at Turkey Track Ranch STL (p. 71).
- Adding Twenty Mile Pond SWA Fishing Easement to Appendix B.1 (p. 77).

Emergency Regulations

14 10:35 (A) Krista Heiner,
Regulations Manager

Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" - 2 CCR 406-0 and those related provisions of Chapter W-2 ("Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2) and Chapter W-3 ("Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0 (Step 1 of 1).

Open for consideration of emergency regulations necessary to create a new product that allows resident senior lifetime fishing customers the opportunity to upgrade to an annual combination fishing and small game hunting license at a discounted rate, similar to the recently created annual resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license.

Draft Regulations

15 10:40 (I) Krista Heiner,
Regulations Manager

Chapter W-16 - "Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" 2 CCR 406-16 (Step 2 of 3)

Open for consideration of draft regulations including, but not limited to:

- Revising the process by which the Division and the Commission respond to citizen petitions for rulemaking (p. 10-11).

16 11:05 (I) Priya Nanjappa,
MSc, Director of Operations,
Conservation Science Partners

North American Model of Wildlife Conservation

17 11:40 (I) Travis Long,
Hunter Education Coordinator

Awards and Recognition

11:55

Lunch

Wildlife Contests

18 12:55 (I) Katie Lanter,
Policy and Planning Supervisor

Wildlife Contests follow up

Draft Regulations

- 19 1:20 (I) Krista Heiner,
Regulations Manager
- Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 1 of 2)
- Open for consideration of draft regulations including, but not limited to:
- Prohibiting contests for black-tailed, white-tailed and Gunnison's prairie dogs, Wyoming (Richardson's) ground squirrels, and all furbearer species (p. 2-3).

Citizen Petition

- 20 1:40 (I/A) Aubyn Royall,
Colorado State Director, The Humane Society of the United States
Johanna Hamburger,
Wildlife Attorney, Animal Welfare Institute
- Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" - 2 CCR 406-3
- At its March meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission will consider a Citizen Petition for Rulemaking related to contests involving small game and furbearers, as follows:
- A Citizen Petition for Rulemaking requesting that the Commission prohibit all wildlife-killing contests.
- 21 1:55 (I)
- Wildlife Contests Commission Discussion/Public Comment
- 2:55
- Break
- 22 3:10 (I) Katie Lanter,
Policy and Planning Supervisor
Reid DeWalt,
AD, Wildlife and Natural Resources
Brett Ackerman,
SE Region Manager
Justin Rutter,
AD, Financial Services
Lauren Truitt,
AD, Information and Education
- CPW Operational Plan 3
- 23 3:55 (I) Emily Orbanek,
Parks and Wildlife Program Manager, GOCO
- GOCO Update
- 24 4:10 (A) Fletcher Jacobs,
State Trails Program Manager
- 2020 Non-Motorized Trail Grants Recommended Funding
- 25 4:30 (A) Fletcher Jacobs,
State Trails Program Manager
- LWCF Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant Recommended Funding
- 26 4:45 (I) Fletcher Jacobs,
State Trails Program Manager
- Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind Update
- 5:00
- Recess

Thursday: March 19th

<u>#</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>
	7:00	Commissioners Breakfast Summit Conference and Event Center
	7:00	Herd Management Plan Sub-Committee Meeting Summit Conference and Event Center

Forum

27	8:00	(I) See Forum Agenda Below	Connecting Kids and Families to Parks and Wildlife
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The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission is convening a panel of community partners to engage in conversation about connecting kids and families to state parks, wildlife-based recreation and other outdoor experiences. The objectives of this forum are to:

- Discuss services that connect kids and families with outdoor opportunities with attention to working toward more equitable and diverse participation in outdoor programs and workforce.
- Identify opportunities for CPW to build and enhance partnerships with community organizations.

Panelists:

- Amanda Jameson, Community Relations Director, Big City Mountaineers
- Ernest House Jr., Senior Policy Director, Keystone Policy Center
- Jessica Newton, CEO & Founder, Vibe Tribe Adventures
- Jes Rau, Executive Director, City Wild
- Rafael Salgado, Executive Director, Cal-Wood
- Rico Munn, Superintendent, Aurora Public Schools

Agenda

8:00 am	Presentations on Current Programs & Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Orbanek and Erika Meyer, GOCO • Lauren Truitt, CPW
8:30 am	Commissioners' Welcome
8:40 am	Panel Introductory Remarks
9:00 am	Panel Discussion - <i>Connecting youth and families to the outdoors</i> Moderated by Jody Kennedy, CPW
9:40 am	Commission Discussion
9:50 am	Public Comments
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	Panel Discussion - <i>Partnering with CPW</i> Moderated by Jody Kennedy, CPW
10:35	Commission Discussion
10:45	Public Comments

10:55 Wrap up and Adjourn - Chair Zimmerman

11:00 Lunch

- 28 2:00 (I) Molly Katz, CPW Relevancy Study Progress Report
Strategy Director, Cactus
- 29 2:25 (I) Karlyn Armstrong, PE, 122.2 Overview of the Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan
Sr. Water Resource Engineer and Water Project Mitigation Process
Coordinator
- 30 2:55 (I) Jody Kennedy, Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships
Public Involvement Planning Specialist
Dan Zimmerer,
Statewide Partnership Coordinator
- 31 3:05 (I) Matt Eckert, Chronic Wasting Disease Update
Terrestrial Programs Supervisor
Dr. Mary Wood,
State Wildlife Veterinarian
Dr. Mike Quartuch,
Human Dimensions Specialist/Researcher

3:45 Break

- 32 4:00 (I/A) Amanda Nims, Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program: 2020 RFP
Land Protection Specialist
- 33 4:20 (I) Public Comments, Input and Presentations
- 34 4:40 (A) Michelle Zimmerman, Consent Agenda
Chair
- 35 4:45 (I/A) Jake Matter, Legal Report
Assistant Attorney General

5:00 Adjourn

A Look Ahead -

Potential Items for the May 2020 meeting scheduled for Grand Junction include Final regulatory changes for Chapter W-3 “Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds”, and Chapter W-16- “Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules”. There may also be changes to W-2 “Big Game” quotas for deer, elk, pronghorn, moose and bear and the Western Slope Mountain Lion Plan along with a citizen petition to ban trapping. Other Items include a Mule deer & energy report and OHV Trails Grants Funding Approval, Herd Management Plans. Game Damage, License Suspension Appeals and Real Estate matters may be heard at any meeting as needed. For additional information, please visit the CPW website at <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/CommissionMeetings.aspx> for complete Commission Calendar details.

Agenda Item Times -

Except the time indicated for when the meeting is scheduled to begin, the times indicated on the Commission agenda for each agenda item are approximate and subject to change. Generally, upon completion of each agenda item, the Commission will immediately move to the next agenda item. However, the order of the agenda items is tentative and, when necessary to accommodate the public and Commission’s schedules, the order of the agenda items is also subject to change.

Public Comments -

Members of the public wishing to provide comment to the Parks and Wildlife Commission on any topic not otherwise on the agenda can do so during the “Public Presentations” agenda item. However, comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes of time in which to address the Commission and all persons must submit a “Request to Speak before the Parks and Wildlife Commission” (blue) slip indicating the topic for comment prior to the start of the “Public Presentations” agenda item.

Public Presentations -

Persons wishing to provide a presentation to the Parks and Wildlife Commission that exceeds 3 minutes in length or requires the use or provision of specialized equipment (slide show, power point, video, etc.) must submit a written request to the Chairman of the Commission at least thirty days in advance of the Commission meeting setting forth the subject matter of the presentation, the time requested and the equipment needed for the presentation. The granting of such requests is up to the discretion of the Chairman of the Commission.

In all cases, the Parks and Wildlife Commission appreciates and encourages the provision of written materials on the subject matter of the comment or presentation 30 days prior to the meeting in question.

NOTE: All programs, services and activities of Colorado Parks and Wildlife are operated in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need an accommodation as a result of a disability, please submit your request to Tracy Gripp, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216 or 303-291-7485 or tracy.gripp@state.co.us. To assure that Colorado Parks and Wildlife can meet your needs, please notify Tracy Gripp of your request at least seven working days prior to the scheduled event.

34 (A) Consent Agenda

Proposed Parks and Wildlife Commission Consent Agenda
March 18th and 19th, 2020

In order to increase the Parks and Wildlife Commission’s efficiency and allow more time for consideration of wildlife policy and contested issues, the listed items are noticed for action by the Commission as part of the March, 2020 “Consent Agenda.”

Note: The process for placing matters on the Consent Agenda is as follows:

The Director identifies matters where the recommended action follows established policy or precedent, there has been agreement reached or the matter is expected to be uncontested and non-controversial. Staff will provide written memos to the Parks and Wildlife Commission members explaining the matters on the Consent Agenda. Copies of the memos will be available to the public.

Matters on the Consent Agenda are noticed for hearing at the same time and in the same manner as other agenda items. If a member of the Commission requests further consideration of an item on the consent agenda, that item will be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and discussed and acted upon as determined by the Commission. The Consent Agenda may be voted on without the necessity of reading individual items. Any Commission member may request clarification from the Director for any matter on the Consent Agenda.

Game Damage Claims Over \$20K

34.1	(A)	Approval				
		06-Y20-15	James Bair Jr	\$25,575.88	Sheep by Bear/Mtn Lion	
				AWM:		
		DWM: Bailey Franklin		Bill de Vergie	RM: JT Romatzke	
34.2	(A)	Approval				
		06-Y20-07	Anthony Theos	\$31,834.20.88	Sheep by Bear/Mtn Lion	
				AWM:		
		DWM: Ross McGee		Bill de Vergie	RM: JT Romatzke	
34.3	(A)	Approval				
		10-Y20-10	Cross Mountain Ranch	\$20,379.27	Sheep by Black Bear	
				AWM:		
		DWM: Justin Pollock		Kris Middledorf	RM: JT Romatzke	

Game Damage Claim with Recommended Denial

34.4	(A)	Denial				
		15-Y20-08	John Nielson	\$5,696.69	Growing Corn by Elk	
				AWM:		
		DWM: Tyler Kersey		Matt Thorpe	RM: Cory Chick	

License Suspension Appeals

34.5	(A)	Lujan, Modesto H.	HSS 8789	5 Years		
34.6	(A)	Walker Sr, James F.	DEN 8825	1 Year		

Herd Management Plans

- 34.7 (A) D-14 - Brush Creek Deer Herd Management Plan (Step 2 of 2)
- 34.8 (A) D-53 - Basalt Deer Herd Management Plan (Step 2 of 2)
- 34.9 (A) PH-14 - Northern San Luis Valley Pronghorn Herd Management Plan (Step 2 of 2)
- 34.10 (A) PH-16 - Southern San Luis Valley Pronghorn Herd Management Plan (Step 2 of 2)
- 34.11 (A) PH-39 - Collegiate Range Pronghorn Herd Management Plan (Step 2 of 2)
- 34.12 (A) RBS-12 - Collegiate Range Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Herd Management Plan (Step 2 of 2)

Real Estate

- | 34.13 | (A) | <u>Project #</u> | <u>Project Name</u> |
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| | a. | 18-048 - NW | Piceance Creek SWA - Dry Fork Hay - Lease |
| | b. | 19-025 - NE | Lonetree Reservoir SWA - Berthoud-Heritage Metro District - Lease |
| | c. | 19-060 - NW | Neiley-Maniscalchi 2018 RFP Fee Title |
| | d. | 19-089 - NW | Jensen SWA - Colowyo Coal Company - Lease Exchange |

End of Consent Agenda