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TO: Agency Staff, Parks and Wildlife Commissioners, and Members of the Public  
FROM: Krista Heiner, Regulations Manager  
RE: September 2-3, 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary  
DATE: September 10, 2020

At the September 2-3, 2020 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission heard proposed changes to regulations as follows:

### FINAL REGULATIONS (PARKS and WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 11 - [Chapter P-1 - "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1](#) and those related provisions of [Chapter W-5 \("Small Game - Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-5\)](#) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter P-1

The Commission finalized regulations in its annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, the following:

- Managing limited waterfowl hunting opportunities at Sweitzer Lake State Park through the Hunting Reservation System.
- Clarifying Trinidad Lake State Park regulations.
- Modifying regulations related to living aboard vessels to ensure consistency with other camping regulations.

### Agenda Item 12 - [Chapter P-7 - "Passes, Permits and Registrations" - 2 CCR 405-7](#)

The Commission finalized regulations in its annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, the following:

- Updating the income requirements for the Centennial annual parks pass.
- Requiring a \$4 daily pass per person for all visitors sixteen years of age or older entering Castlewood, Eleven Mile, Golden Gate Canyon, Jackson Lake, John Martin Reservoir, Lathrop, Mancos, Mueller, Navajo, North Sterling, Ridgway, Roxborough, Paonia, Spinney Mountain, Staunton, and St. Vrain State Parks, except those entering the park in a motor vehicle with a valid and applicable parks pass or those entering the park with a valid and applicable annual parks pass receipt.
- Adding additional camping types to update and clarify fees.

### Agenda Item 13 - [Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" - 2 CCR 406-0](#)

The Commission approved proposed regulations including, but not limited to:

- Authorizing the use of a Temporary Authorization Number (TAN) as proof of privilege for most division products for up to 45 days.
- Authorizing the Director to grant temporary exemptions that allow hunter education to be delivered online to ensure compliance with applicable public health directives or where otherwise necessary for the protection of public health, safety and welfare.



**Agenda Item 14 - [Chapter W-16 - "Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" - 2 CCR 406-16](#)**

The Commission approved proposed regulations including, but not limited to:

- Revising refund and reissue regulations to provide more consistency and customer service opportunities. These regulations will go into effect on March 1, 2021.

**[Agenda Item 15](#) - License Reissue Working Group Recommendations**

The Commission considered the Division's recommendations related to the license reissue program and the release timing of reissued big game licenses. The Commission instructed the Division to release reissued big game licenses during a set time window each week. The Division will determine the best day of the week and time window to release the reissued licenses.

**Agenda Item 16 - [Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" - 2 CCR 406-2](#)**

The Commission approved proposed regulations including, but not limited to:

- Removing restrictions on the cutoff of license sales to allow the sale of all big game licenses after the start of the respective seasons at CPW locations, sales agents, online, and by phone. These regulations will go into effect on March 1, 2021.

**DRAFT REGULATIONS (PARKS and WILDLIFE):**

**[Agenda Item 17](#)** - 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-15 ("License 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

The Commission heard and forwarded-on draft regulations related to adjusting license fees and license agent commission rates according to adjustments to the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index.

**ISSUE IDENTIFICATION (PARKS and WILDLIFE):**

**[Agenda Item 18](#)** - Chapter P-7 - "Passes, Permits and Registrations" - 2 CCR 405-7

The Commission heard and forwarded-on regulations including, but not limited to, increasing daily vehicle pass fees by \$1 at select parks.

**[Agenda Item 19](#)** - 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

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:

- Clarifying the criteria for establishing an emergency closure of fishing waters.
- Establishing a limited harvest of mountain whitefish statewide.
- Revising the bag and possession limit and minimum size regulation for tiger trout at Meadow Creek Reservoir (Grand County) to one fish greater than 18 inches in length.

- Reducing bag and possession limits for trout at Meadow Creek Reservoir (Jackson County).
- Shortening the fishing closure dates on the Colorado River below Shadow Mountain Reservoir.
- Restricting bass fishing, and revising bag and possession limits and minimum size restrictions for crappie and redear sunfish at Berthoud Reservoir.
- Implementing a 10" minimum size limit for black and white crappie at Boedecker Reservoir.
- Adding East Fork Roaring Creek to the current Roaring Creek regulations limiting fishing to artificial fly and lure only, and requiring that cutthroat trout be returned to the water immediately.
- Eliminating the special regulation for largemouth and smallmouth bass at Lagerman Reservoir.
- Prohibiting fishing at Webster Pond in Boulder County.

**Agenda Item 20b** - Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0 necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2

The Commission heard and discussed regulations related to the implementation the West Slope Mountain Lion Management Plan. The Commission forwarded-on the proposed regulations, which are due to be finalized at the January 2021 Commission meeting.

**Agenda Item 21** - License Allocation Discussion

The Commission discussed the method used to determine which hunt codes fall above or below the current six-preference point threshold that is used to determine the resident/nonresident allocation of licenses in the regular limited license draw. The Commission instructed the Division to report back during the November meeting with information on units that may be affected by alterations to the license allocation method.

**Agenda Item 22** - Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3

The Commission initiated its annual review of regulations related to turkey hunting, including but not limited to, license areas, season dates, and manner of take provisions for the 2021 turkey hunting seasons. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Splitting the regular turkey season on the Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land into two seasons to reduce hunter crowding and creating a youth-only turkey license for this area.

**Agenda Item 27** - Chapter W-9 – "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-9

The Commission considered potential regulations related to the license requirements to access State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands leased by the Division. The Division will continue to work with partners and stakeholders on potential changes to the license requirement, and the possible creation of a separate product that would allow access to State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands.

**EMERGENCY REGULATIONS (WILDLIFE):**

**Agenda Item 28** - **Chapter P-1 - "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" - 2 CCR 405-1** 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 P-1

The Commission approved emergency, park-specific regulations for Fishers Peak State Park necessary to ensure public safety, to protect natural and cultural resources, and for CPW and its partners to continue collecting further cultural and biological data while allowing for some limited trail and public hunter access during the master planning process. This includes regulations requiring a \$4 daily pass per person for all visitors sixteen year of age or older entering Fishers Peak State Park, except those entering the park in a motor vehicle with a valid and applicable parks pass or those entering the park with a valid and applicable annual parks pass receipt. These regulations will go into effect on October 10, 2020.

#### CONSENT AGENDA (WILDLIFE):

##### ISSUE IDENTIFICATION (WILDLIFE):

[Agenda Item 25.7](#) - 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

The Commission initiated its annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to:

- Changing fishing regulations for selected streams in the Southwest region to protect Colorado River cutthroat trout and Rio Grande cutthroat trout conservation populations.
- Implementing minimum size and bag limit regulations for walleye at Horseshoe Reservoir.
- Implementing minimum size and bag limit regulations for walleye at Lake Loveland.