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TO: Agency Staff, Parks and Wildlife Commissioners, and Members of the Public  
FROM: Krista Heiner, Regulations Manager  
RE: January 13-14, 2021 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary  
DATE: January 20, 2021

At the January 13-14, 2021 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission heard proposed changes to regulations as follows. All final regulations approved at the January 13-14 meeting will go into effect on March 2, 2021 unless otherwise noted.

### FINAL REGULATIONS (PARKS and WILDLIFE):

#### Agenda Item 10 - [Chapter P-8 - "Aquatic Nuisance Species" 2 CCR 405-8](#)

The Commission adopted regulatory changes based on a Citizen Petition for Rulemaking related to aquatic nuisance species regulations, as follows:

- Adding rowing shells to the list of vessels that are exempt from the aquatic nuisance species inspection requirement.

#### Agenda Item 11 - [Chapter W-1- "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1](#)

The Commission adopted regulations including, but not limited to, clarifying the fishing closure dates on the Colorado River below Shadow Mountain Reservoir, including Lake Granby and Shadow Mountain Spillway (pp. 29, 46).

*These revised fishing regulations will become effective on April 1, 2021.*

Agenda Items 12-15 - [Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2](#) and those related provisions of [Chapter W-0 \("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0\)](#) 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-2

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

#### Multiple Species

- Annual changes to season dates, limited license areas, quotas and manner of take provisions for bighorn sheep and mountain goat (statewide) (throughout Chapter W-2).
- Annual changes to season dates, limited license areas, and manner of take provisions for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, moose and bear (statewide) (throughout Chapter W-2).
- Changing the application deadline dates for the Secondary Draw and Fall Turkey Draw, and adding the fall turkey license to the list of eligible qualifying licenses for the Secondary Draw (statewide) (pp. 9, 20 in Chapter W-2, p. 1 in Chapter W-3).
- Standardizing mandatory check form regulations across species (statewide) (pp. 60, 65 in Chapter W-2, p. 9 in Chapter W-0).



- (Step 1 of 1) Creating a new season type “G” for guaranteed licenses due to natural disaster relief, adding “G” hunt codes and their quotas to denote guaranteed licenses corresponding to applicable sheep, goat and moose hunt codes, and adding regulations to indicate that returned guaranteed licenses will be manually reissued to applicants from the previous years’ limited license drawing of the original hunt code (statewide) (pp. 34, 39-40, 46-47, 178, 183 in Chapter W-2, p. 1 in Chapter W-0).

#### Bighorn Sheep

- Invalidating the SMS4801R hunt code in select years to account for the Bighorn Sheep Access Program in GMU S48 (SE) (p. 38 in Chapter W-2).

#### Mountain Lion

- Annual changes to season dates, harvest limits and manner of take provisions for mountain lion (statewide) (pp. 60-64 in Chapter W-2).
- Implementing the West Slope Mountain Lion Management Plan, including changing harvest limit groups, making electronic calls legal for mountain lion hunting during open seasons only for harvest limit group L-50 and the Glenwood Springs Special Management Area, and creating an April hunting season for the Glenwood Springs Special Management Area (NW and SW) (pp. 60-64 in Chapter W-3, p. 11 in Chapter W-0).

#### Deer

- Creating 4th season antlerless deer hunt codes in the northern portion of GMUs 4, 11, and 211 to manage high prevalence of chronic wasting disease (NW) (pp. 80, 81-82, 90).
- Creating a 4th rifle season antlered deer hunt in GMU 40 (NW) (p. 85).
- Eliminating the late season antlerless hunt code DF211L1R (NW) (p. 96).
- Converting hunt code DF481L1R to DF481P5R (SE) (p. 4, 97, 107).
- Creating season choice whitetail-only deer licenses in GMUs 87 and 88 (NE) (p. 3, 4, 99).
- Creating private land only either sex deer hunt codes for the 4th rifle season in GMUs 3, 301, 4, 441, 5, 11, 211, 12, 13, 23, and 24 (NW) (p. 101).
- Creating private land only antlered and antlerless licenses in GMU 102 (NE) (p. 106).
- Changing the season closure date for hunt code DM391P5R to November 30 (NE) (p. 106).

#### Elk

- Converting all antlerless elk list B licenses to list A in GMU 521 (SW) (p. 4, 110, 113, 115, 125, 140).
- Converting either-sex muzzleloader, first season rifle, and fourth season rifle elk licenses in GMU 70 to sex specific licenses (SW) (p. 114).
- Eliminating the hunt code EF074P5R (SW) (p. 149).
- Removing GMUs 105 and 106 from the EF104P5R hunt code (NE) (p. 150).
- Changing the season dates and license category for hunt code EF009L1R (NE) (p. 4, 154).
- Changing the season dates for hunt code EF085L1R (SE) (p. 155).

#### Pronghorn

- Changing PH-39 archery licenses from unlimited to limited draw licenses and removing GMU 561 from the list of valid units for the either-sex unlimited pronghorn archery license (SE) (p. 158, 159).
- Creating late season private land only doe pronghorn hunt codes for GMUs 89 & 95 (NE) (p. 170).
- Adding buck and doe private land only hunt codes for the PH-18 primary rifle season (SE) (p. 170).

#### Moose

- Creating bull and cow moose hunt codes for GMUs 25, 26, and 231 (NW) (pp. 174, 181).
- Creating cow moose hunt codes for GMU 43 (NW) (p. 175).
- Creating bull and cow moose hunt codes in GMUs 47, 444, and 471 (NW) (p. 176, 182).
- Creating hunt code MM056O1X for GMUs 56 and 561 (SE) (p. 182).
- Allowing antlerless moose hunters to present either the entire head or an incisor during a mandatory inspection (statewide) (p. 184).

The Commission also discussed the timing of the 4th rifle season and concerns raised related to the Thanksgiving holiday and seasonal road closures. The Commission opted to retain the current season structure for the 2021 season, with the option to review the issue before the 2022 season if necessary.

#### Agenda Item 16 - [Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0](#)

The Commission finalized regulations in its annual review of the entire chapter, including, but not limited to, Game Management Unit (GMU) boundary modifications, regulations relating to fish management, health, importation, prohibited species, and other annual changes. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Adding additional crustaceans to the list of aquatic wildlife that may be possessed (p. 21, 70).
- Implementing a ¼-mile hunting closure on public lands around both Guanella Pass and Kenosha Pass (p. 40).
- Creating the new bighorn sheep GMU S-86 (p. 67).

#### Agenda Item 17 - [Chapter W-16 - "Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" 2 CCR 406-16](#)

The Commission adopted regulations including, but not limited to, clarifying the processes applicable to license suspension appeals.

#### DRAFT REGULATIONS (WILDLIFE):

#### Agenda Item 18 - [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 heard and forwarded-on draft regulations including, but not limited to, revising the requirements to access State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands leased by the Division and creating Colorado State Wildlife Area passes.

#### Agenda Item 20 - [Chapter W-16 - "Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" 2 CCR 406-16](#)

The Commission heard and forwarded-on draft regulations including, but not limited to, adding a process for a person to petition the commission to end or modify a current license suspension under certain conditions.

#### ISSUES IDENTIFICATION (WILDLIFE):

#### Agenda Item 21 - [Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3](#)

The Commission initiated its annual review of 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. Specific regulatory changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Modifying the harvest limit, season dates, and hunting area boundary for greater prairie chicken.

Agenda Item 22 - [Chapter W-5 - "Small Game - Migratory Game Birds" - 2 CCR 406-5](#)

The Commission initiated its annual review of waterfowl and migratory bird hunting seasons and related provisions, including season dates, bag and possession limits and manner of take provisions. Specific regulatory changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Eliminating the Northern Front Range goose zone and combining it with the Balance of the Central Flyway zone.

Agenda Item 23 - [Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9](#)

The Commission initiated its annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited 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 regulatory changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Prohibiting all water contact activities at Douglas Reservoir State Wildlife Area unless actively fishing. (NE)
- Prohibiting unsafe activities at Watson Lake State Wildlife Area. (NE)
- Adding property-specific regulations for the Brett Gray Ranch State Trust Land to specify access points and parking areas, as well as clarifying camping restrictions on the property. (SE)
- Prohibiting fires and hunting at Sands Lake State Wildlife Area and the adjoining CPW property located downstream of Colo. Hwy 291 bridge to Chaffee County Road 175. (SE)
- Consolidating Burro Springs 1 & 2, Carnero, Biedel Creek, Mogotas Arroyo, Sanderson Gulch, and San Juan Creek State Trust Lands under one name and set of regulations. (SW)

CONSENT AGENDA (WILDLIFE):

CITIZEN PETITIONS

Agenda Item 37.1 - [Chapter W-11 - "Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-11](#)

The Commission adopted the Director's written recommendation to DENY a petition for rulemaking requesting that *Echinops telfairi* (lesser hedgehog tenrec) be added to the list of unregulated wildlife.

Agenda Item 37.2 - Chapter W-16 - "Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" 2 CCR 406-16

A Citizen Petition for Rulemaking concerning preference point reinstatement was WITHDRAWN at the petitioner's request.