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TO: Agency Staff, Parks and Wildlife Commissioners, and Members of the Public
FROM: Krista Heiner, Regulations Manager
RE: March 17-18, 2021 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulations Summary
DATE: March 22, 2021

At the March 17-18, 2021 meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission heard proposed changes to regulations as follows. All final regulations approved at the March 17-18 meeting will go into effect on May 1, 2021 unless otherwise noted.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Agenda Item 10 - [Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" - 2 CCR 406-2](#)

The Commission adopted necessary corrections and administrative clean-ups to regulations previously adopted for the 2021 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 2021 big game seasons.

Agenda Item 11 - [Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3](#)

The Commission finalized regulations in 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 12 - [Chapter W-5 - "Small Game - Migratory Game Birds" - 2 CCR 406-5](#)

The Commission finalized regulations in 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 13 - [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 finalized regulations in its annual review of 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:

- Revising the requirements to access State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands leased by the Division and creating Colorado State Wildlife Area passes.
- Prohibiting all water contact activities at Douglas Reservoir State Wildlife Area unless actively fishing. (NE)
- Adding Elk Springs Ranch State Wildlife Area and removing Sagebrush Draw State Trust Land. (NW)
- Prohibiting fires and hunting at Sands Lake State Wildlife Area and prohibiting hunting at the adjoining CPW property located downstream of Colo. Hwy 291 bridge to Chaffee County Road 175 in Mount Shavano SWA. (SE)
- 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)
- 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)
- Removing Arkansas River State Wildlife Area. (SE)

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

The Commission adopted 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.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

[Agenda Item 19](#) - Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3

The Commission adopted the [Director's written recommendation](#) to DENY a petition for rulemaking requesting that the Commission revise furbearer and small game regulations, as follows:

- A Citizen Petition for Rulemaking requesting that all traps, including box traps, for the purposes of recreation, sport or commerce be prohibited

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION:

[Agenda Item 21](#) - Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" - 2 CCR 406-2

The Commission heard and forwarded-on regulations including, but not limited to, the following:

- Prohibiting hunters from attaching objects to their bows or firearms that make the hunter look like wildlife.