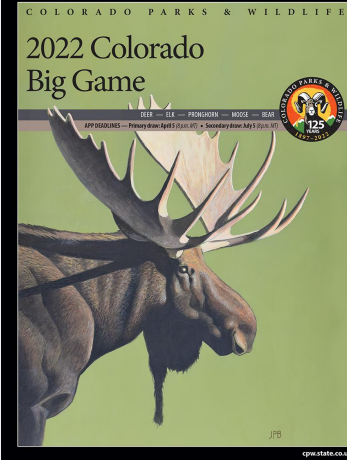
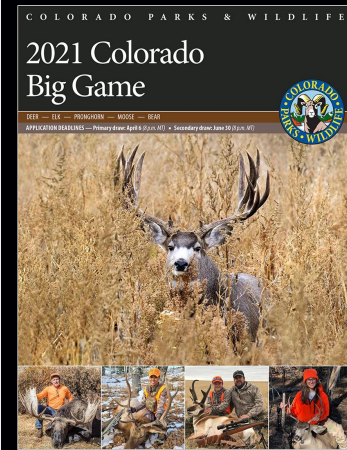


Big Game Season Structure 2025-2029

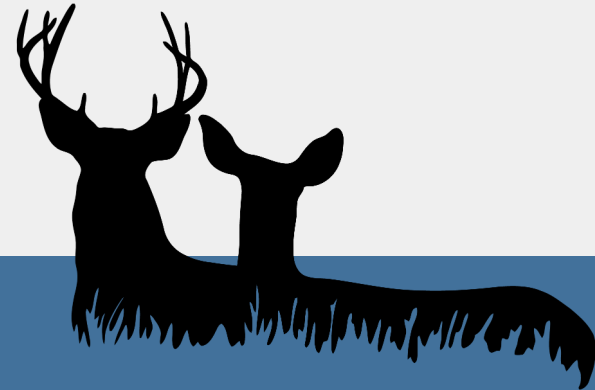
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Big Game Season Structure (BGSS)

Establishes a framework to guide annual big game hunting regulations statewide:

- Sets the dates and length of big game hunting seasons
- Specifies hunting seasons by method of take
- Provides consistency in management and predictability for the public
- Framework is reassessed every 5 years
- Includes extensive staff and public involvement

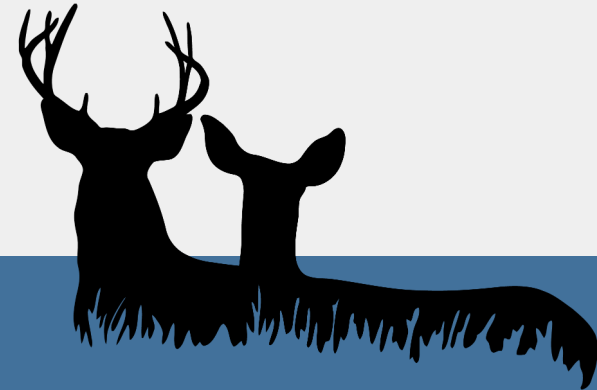


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Public Involvement (*completed 2022*)

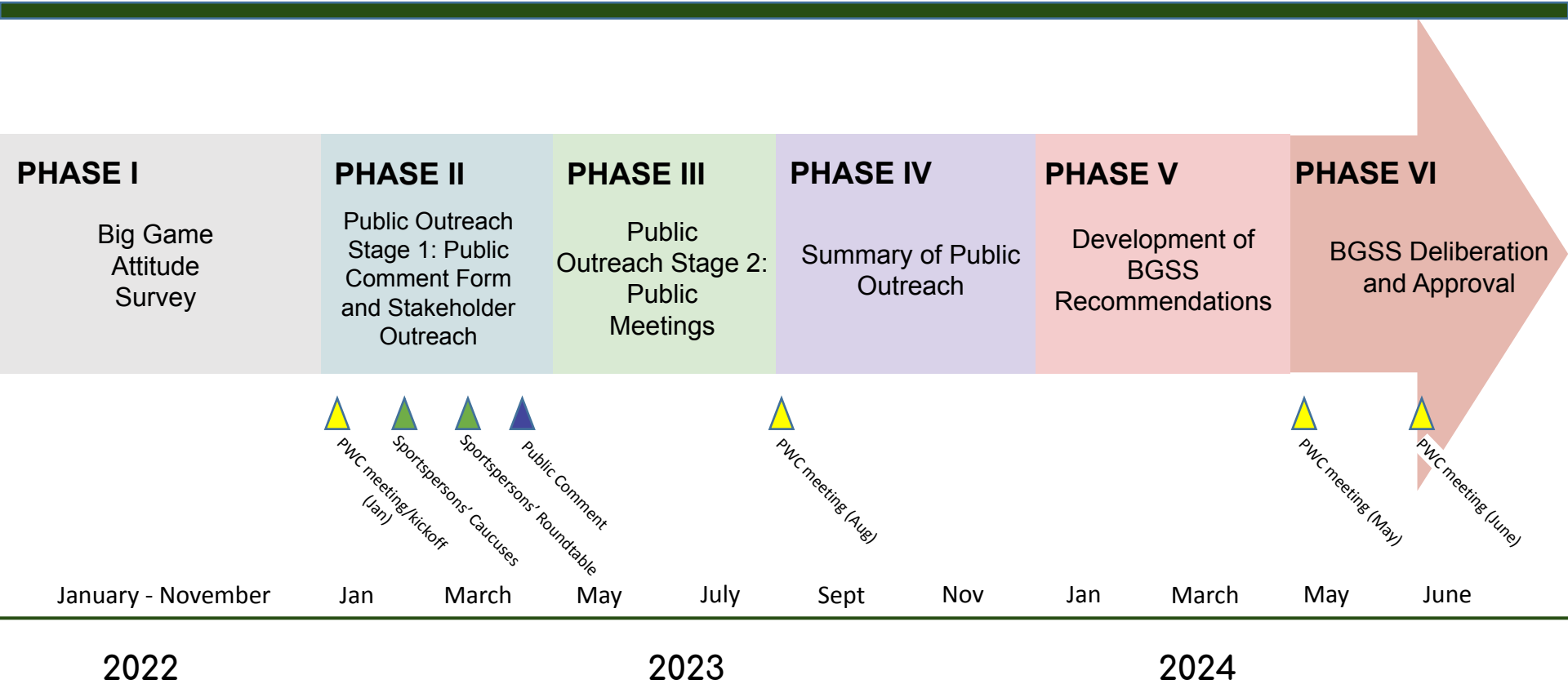
Informing the License Distribution and BGSS Processes:

- Big Game Attitudes Survey (BGAS)
- Public comment form
- Staff comment form
- Public focus groups
- Stakeholder involvement



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Big Game Season Structure Timeline



Primary BGSS Topics

1) Limitation of Over-the-Counter Elk Licenses

- Archery, rifle, both, or none
- Nonresidents only, or resident and nonresidents

2) Dates and Length of Early Seasons and Rifle Seasons

- Preference between 2020-2024 BGSS and 2015-2019 BGSS
- Additional alternatives

3) Weighted-Point Draw Process Modification

- Commission to consider improving the likelihood of high-point holders to draw a sheep, goat, or moose tag

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Administrative BGSS Changes

a) Private Land Only (PLO) Black Bear Season

- Clarify intention of 2020-2024 BGSS Section XI. 00.
- Better align PLO bear license setting with DAU management strategy

b) Mountain Lion

- Clean-up of 2020-2024 BGSS Section X.II. (Fall concurrent lion season)

c) Regional Management Issues

- Flexibility requested in BGSS for the option to make cow moose season choice (NW and NE Regions)
- Flexibility requested in BGSS to allow opting out of the fourth rifle seasonal for elk

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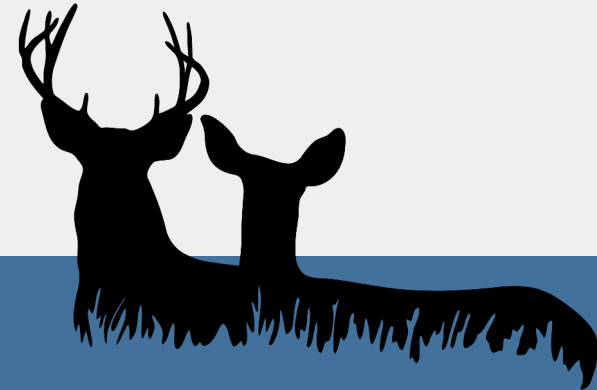
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Topics Not Included in the 2025-2029 BGSS

- Preference points
- Preference point banking
- Group preference point averaging
- License allocation



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Discussion

- 1) Limitation of OTC Elk Licenses
- 2) Dates and Length of Early and Rifle Seasons
- 3) Weighted-Point Draw Process Modification

Administrative Changes:

- a) OTC PLO Black Bear Season
- b) Mountain Lion Fall Concurrent Season
- c) Regional Issues
 - Cow Moose Season Choice Optional
 - Fourth Rifle Elk Season Opt-Out Optional



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