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Colorado Parks and Wildlife Financial Update

Bill Number	Bill Title	Action Required from CPW
HB23-1036	Non-Toxic Bullet Replacement Program	CPW to create a two-year pilot program for non-toxic bullet replacement; work with one or more nongovernmental entities to create and promote the program.
SB 23-177	2023 Colorado Water Conservation Board Water Projects Appropriations	Section 18 appropriates \$8,000,000 from the wildlife cash fund to the division of parks and wildlife to purchase up to 924 acre-feet of orphan shares from the CWCB as part of the Chatfield reservoir reallocation project.
SB23-267	Chatfield State Park Water Quality Fee	CPW Commission must establish, by rule, (1) a process for Chatfield Watershed Authority to request an additional fee on Chatfield State Park day passes, (2) criteria for approving requests, and (3) criteria to determine which state park users the fee should apply to (must exclude annual/KCW pass holders). If the Commission approves a fee, it must (1) review/re-evaluate the fee on January 1, 2030 and every five years thereafter, and (2) require the Chatfield Watershed Authority to expend up to 25% of the fee revenue (as determined by the Commission) on water quality projects within the boundaries of Chatfield State Park. CPW must collect the fee and distribute the revenue to the Chatfield Watershed Authority every 6 months. CPW must perform an annual analysis on net incremental costs of collecting and administering the fees.
SB23-059	Local Access Funding to State Parks & Wildlife Areas	<p>1. PWC by 7/1/2024 must establish (1) a process for local governments to request an additional fee to be charged on a daily vehicle pass that authorizes the use of a state park located within the local government's geographic boundaries and (2) criteria for approving such a request.</p> <p>2. CPW to conduct a study in consultation with local governments on: (1) transportation infrastructure and services used to access state parks, (2) sources of funding and partnerships to address the deficits in local transportation infrastructure and services.</p>

<u>HB23-1265</u>	Born To Be Wild Special License Plate	CPW to use the money collected and credited to the wildlife cash fund from revenue generated from the Born to Be Wild license plate for implementing nonlethal means of mitigating and preventing conflict with gray wolves, among other eligible uses of funding outlined in the bill.
<u>SB23-255</u>	Wolf Depredation Compensation Fund	Creates the wolf depredation compensation fund to compensate livestock owners and owners of livestock guard or herding animals for depredation by wolves. CPW must spend any unencumbered and unexpended funding on implementation of the Wolf Plan. CPW may expend money from the fund for compensation. CPW may promulgate rules on criteria necessary to receive compensation, including for indirect livestock loss.
<u>HB23-1086</u>	Due Process Asset Forfeiture Act	CPW law enforcement officers to abide by new reporting requirements for seizure and forfeiture
<u>SB23-069</u>	Requirements To Operate A Motorboat	The bill requires a motorboat operator be at least 14 years of age. It also requires anyone under the age of 18 to take a boating safety course that is either approved by CPW or meets CPW requirements. CPW likely needs to update rules & regulations to reflect the updated law.

SB23-254	Search Warrant Procedures	The bill establishes limitations and requirements for search warrants executed by law enforcement officers. CPW Law Enforcement Officers must comply with new limitations and requirements outlined in summary, excluding requirements related to body-worn cameras given that CPW is exempt per CRS 24-31-902 (I)(a)(II)(A)
HB23-1296	Create Task Force Study Rights Persons Disabilities	Creates the Task Force on the Rights of Coloradans with Disabilities in the Colorado Civil Rights Division (CCRD) in DORA .The task force must create a minimum of 4 subcommittees to study and make recommendations on specific issues related to persons with disabilities. CPW presumably to be involved in outdoors subcommittee (must study and make recommendations related to the basic accessibility of outdoor spaces for persons with disabilities) or potentially the government subcommittee (must focus on basic physical and programmatic accessibility within state and local government).
SB23-092	Agricultural Producers Use Of Agrivoltaics	CPW must provide consultation to CWCB and CDA regarding impacts of research projects directed through the bill on wildlife. (CRS 33-1-110 (9)).
HB23-1057	Amenities For All Genders In Public Buildings	Requires new state-owned buildings and existing buildings undergoing significant restroom renovations. CPW Capital Development Program personnel responsible for building management, sign purchase and installation, changing table purchase and installation by January 1, 2024.

SB23-163	CPW Officers Classified as State Troopers	Modifies the definition of “state trooper” for PERA purposes to include CPW wildlife officers and parks and recreation officers. This change applies to individuals hired on or after January 1, 2011. This will likely require staff communication needs.
HB23-1274	Species Conservation Trust Fund Projects	Bill appropriates \$5 million from the species conservation trust fund for programs submitted by the executive director of the department of natural resources that are designed to conserve native species that state or federal law lists as threatened or endangered or that are candidate species or are likely to become candidate species for such listing as determined by the United States fish and wildlife service
SB 23-270	Projects to Restore Natural Stream Systems	<p>The bill states that a project that is designed and constructed within a natural stream system (stream restoration project) that is limited to certain minor restoration activities or has obtained any applicable permits or is under construction or completed by August 1, 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does not cause material injury to any vested water right; and - Is not an unnecessary dam or other obstruction. <p>CPW's wetlands and Fishing is Fun grant programs are adapting to a changed legal landscape for stream restoration projects, and these changes include, but are not limited to, SB23-270.</p>