

FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-2 - BIG GAME

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

#201 - LICENSE FEES

A. Big Game License Fees

1. License Fee Reduction:

In accordance with the provisions of §33-4-102, C.R.S., the following big game license fees shall be reduced to the fee specified herein, from the level set forth in §33-4-102, C.R.S.:

License Type	<del>2022-2024</del> License Fee	2023 License Fee
<del>Resident Bear</del>	<del>\$38.70</del>	<del>\$42.03</del>
Nonresident Bear	<del>\$101.85</del> <u>250.00</u>	\$110.59
Resident Bear (Youth)	\$14.26	\$15.48
Nonresident Bear (Youth)	\$50.93	\$55.30
Nonresident Mountain Lion	<del>\$356.48</del> <u>500.00</u>	\$387.08

B. Combination Big Game/Annual Fishing Licenses for Nonresidents

- Big game licenses issued to non-residents shall be issued as combination Big Game/Annual Fishing licenses, and for each such combination license purchased each year by a nonresident \$10 of the above license fee shall be allocated to the fishing portion of such combination license.

#209 - SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

A. Private Land Only Seasons

- All applicants for "Private Land Only" licenses must obtain permission to hunt from at least one private landowner within the game management unit prior to hunting.
- Private land only licenses are valid on all private land within the game management unit upon which the license holder has permission to hunt.

~~B. Special restrictions for the James John State Wildlife Area.~~

- ~~Hunting access during the regular rifle deer and elk seasons is restricted to big game hunters only and to no more than twelve (12) permitted hunters per season. Access permits will be issued to successful applicants through a drawing as provided in these regulations. Group applications will be accepted. No more than two (2) applicants per group.~~
  - ~~Permits will be issued for the following time periods:~~
    - ~~1st Season - Separate Limited Elk - Entire Season~~
    - ~~2nd Season - Combined Deer and Elk - Entire Season~~

~~3rd Season – Combined Deer and Elk – Entire Season~~

~~4th Season – Combined Limited Deer and Elk – Entire Season~~

~~b. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> combined rifle seasons, a minimum of five (5) out of the twelve (12) permits will be issued to hunters with a valid GMU 140 deer license.~~

~~GB.~~ Off - Highway Vehicle (OHV) Weapon Restrictions during Big Game Seasons

1. All firearms, except pistols and revolvers, carried on an OHV during deer, elk, pronghorn or bear season must be fully unloaded (both the chamber and the magazine) and fully enclosed in a hard or soft case (no scabbards or cases with open ends or sides). All bows carried on an OHV during any deer, elk, pronghorn or bear season must be fully enclosed in a hard or soft case (no scabbards or cases with open ends or sides). This regulation shall not apply to any person; any member of such person's family, or an employee or agent of the person, carrying a firearm on an OHV for the purpose of taking depreddating wildlife on property owned or leased by the person, pursuant to §§33-3-106 or 35-40-100.2, C.R.S.

~~DC.~~ Fluorescent Orange or Pink Garments

1. Except for archers hunting during a limited bear season, archers with an auction or raffle deer, elk, pronghorn or moose license hunting outside of a regular rifle season, private hunters hunting with archery equipment under the Ranching for Wildlife program, and archers hunting with an archery bear, deer, elk, pronghorn, or moose license, all persons hunting bear, deer, elk, pronghorn or moose shall be required to wear daylight fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink garments which comply with the requirements of §33-6-121, C.R.S.

~~ED.~~ Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Testing Requirements

1. Mandatory CWD Sample Submissions

The Director of the Division may establish and enforce mandatory CWD submission areas for species known to contract CWD. Such submission areas may be established and enforced where necessary to meet sampling requirements, and mandatory submittal shall end when the Division achieves sampling goals, as stipulated by Division staff prior to enacting any such mandatory submission requirement. At such time that mandatory submission areas are established public notice shall be given, including posting of mandatory submission requirements in applicable Division offices and license agents, and when possible inclusion of such requirements in Division publications. Upon establishment of mandatory CWD submission requirements, it shall be unlawful to fail to submit CWD samples for the designated species harvested in designated mandatory submission areas.

~~FE.~~ Baiting of Big Game

1. It shall be unlawful to hunt big game over bait, regardless if the person hunting over such bait personally placed the bait or not.

**Basis and Purpose:**

**Differential pricing for nonresident black bear, resident black bear, and nonresident mountain lion**

Following the passage of the Hunting, Fishing, and Parks for Future Generations Act (SB 18-143), the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission has the authority to adjust most wildlife licenses annually with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). During the commission meeting, the Commission voted to raise the nonresident black bear license price and nonresident mountain lion license price over the CPI adjustment while staying below the statutory cap. The new license prices are \$250.00 for the nonresident bear licenses and \$500.00 for nonresident mountain lion licenses. Therefore, these licenses will retain differential pricing at this time, as they are still not priced at the statutory cap. In addition to these changes, the commission also voted to remove the differential pricing for resident bear licenses. This license will now be priced at the statutory cap of \$58.30. All other license prices were adjusted with CPI as proposed by staff.

**Cleanup to James John State Wildlife Area special restrictions**

The special restrictions for the James John State Wildlife Area are now covered in Chapter W-9 "Wildlife Properties" regulations after the W-9 regulations were updated at the June 2023 commission meeting. This cleanup will provide consistency with Chapter W-9 "Wildlife Properties" by removing the conflicting regulations from Chapter W-2.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing [dnr\\_cpw\\_planning@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us) or by visiting the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216.

**The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, C.R.S.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.**

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**OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RENDERED IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE RULES ADOPTED BY THE  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife (406 Series, Wildlife)  
ON 11/16/2023**

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The above-referenced rules were submitted to this office on 11/17/2023 as required by section 24-4-103, C.R.S. This office has reviewed them and finds no apparent constitutional or legal deficiency in their form or substance.

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