

CHAPTER 2 - BIG GAME

#201 - LICENSE FEES

A. Big Game License Fees

1. Nonresident Big Game Licenses

In accordance with the provisions of 33-4-102, CRS, nonresident big game fees for the year ~~2002~~ 2003 shall be as follows:

Nonresident License Type	<u>2002 License Fee*</u>	<u>2003 Statutory Maximum License Fee**</u>	<u>2003 License Fee*</u>
Antelope	\$285.00	\$290.79	\$290.00
Deer	\$285.00	\$290.79	\$290.00
Elk	\$470.00	\$484.66	\$480.00
Bear	\$470.00	\$484.66	\$480.00
Mountain lion	\$470.00	\$484.66	\$480.00
Moose	\$1,580.00	\$1,615.52	\$1,615.00
Mountain goat	\$1,580.00	\$1,615.52	\$1,615.00
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep	\$1,580.00	\$1,615.52	\$1,615.00

*Adjusted after application of Consumer Price Index by rounding down to the nearest \$5.00 increment, in whole numbers.
**Based on 2002 Consumer Price Index increase of 2.158%

2. **Nonresident License Fee Reduction:** the following nonresident big game license fees shall be reduced to the fee specified herein, from the level set forth in §§ 33-4-102, CRS:

Nonresident License Type	License Fee
Nonresident Bear, fall	\$250.00
Nonresident Mountain Lion	\$250.00
Nonresident Antlerless Elk	\$250.00

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 Basis and Purpose
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Draft Basis and Purpose Statement: Non-resident big game licenses are modified to reflect fee indexing for consumer price index changes. The fees for deer, elk, antelope, bear, mountain lion, rocky mountain bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose are increased for the second year, in accordance with 2001 statutory changes which required indexing annually based on the consumer price index for the Denver-Boulder area. The CPI for 2002 was 2.158%. The fees were rounded down to the next lowest \$5 increment for administrative convenience, but the absolute value based on the 2001 CPI of 5.4% is used for calculation of the base figure to be used for each annual increase. These base values in 2002 were: \$284.65 for antelope and deer; \$474.42 for bear, elk, and mountain lion; and \$1,581.39 for mountain goat, moose, and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. Since there are no nonresident desert bighorn sheep licenses issued, there is no fee shown. Bear and mountain lion fees previously reduced as agreed with the legislature are maintained at that lower level of \$250, to maintain hunter participation in predator management. The nonresident antlerless elk license fee of \$250, which was first reduced in 2002, is maintained for 2003 to for continued encouragement of nonresident participation in Colorado hunting and especially in the achievement of population objectives through antlerless elk harvest. This is again important in 2003 as many herds remain above objective. Drought conditions in 2002 place even further emphasis on the need to achieve population objective through herd reduction.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations is sections 33-1-101, -102 through -108, -110, 33-4-102, Article 6 of Title 33, and 24-4-103, all C.R.S. as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2003 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 2003.

**Rick Enstrom
Chairman**

ATTEST:

**Marianna Raftopolous
Secretary**