

V.1 - 2025-2026 #302 - Final

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** Section 13 to article XVIII as follows:

Section 13. Right to fish and hunt.

- (1) THERE IS ESTABLISHED A RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO TO HUNT, FISH, AND TAKE FISH AND WILDLIFE. THE RIGHT INCLUDES HUNTING, FISHING, AND HARVESTING FISH AND WILDLIFE BY THE USE OF TRADITIONAL METHODS. THE RIGHT APPLIES TO ALL SPECIES OF FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGED BY THE STATE EXCEPT NONGAME SPECIES, ENDANGERED SPECIES, OR ANY SPECIES THAT IS ILLEGAL TO HUNT UNDER FEDERAL LAW.
- (2) THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF COLORADO IS THAT HUNTING AND FISHING ARE THE PREFERRED MEANS OF RESPONSIBLY MANAGING FISH AND WILDLIFE POPULATIONS.
- (3) THIS SECTION IS NOT INTENDED TO AUTHORIZE TRESPASS UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY OR TO MODIFY ANY PROVISION OF STATUTES RELATING TO TRESPASS OR PROPERTY RIGHTS.
- (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF COLORADO OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REGULATE HUNTING, FISHING, AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT IF THE LAW IS NECESSARY FOR SOUND SCIENTIFIC WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, OR TO PRESERVE THE FUTURE OF HUNTING AND FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL SPECIES STATEWIDE.