

Initiative 2025-2026 #302
Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish
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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** Section 12c to article XVIII as follows:

Section 12c. Right to fish and hunt.

- (1) THERE IS ESTABLISHED A RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO TO HUNT, FISH, AND HARVEST FISH AND WILDLIFE, INCLUDING BY THE USE OF TRADITIONAL METHODS, AND SHALL APPLY TO ALL SPECIES OF FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGED BY THE STATE.
- (2) HUNTING AND FISHING SHALL BE THE PRIMARY AND PREFERRED MEANS OF RESPONSIBLY MANAGING AND CONTROLLING FISH AND WILDLIFE POPULATIONS.
- (3) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE TRESPASS UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY OR TO MODIFY ANY PROVISION OF STATUTES RELATING TO TRESPASS OR PROPERTY RIGHTS.
- (4) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REGULATE HUNTING, FISHING AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT; HOWEVER, ANY SUCH REGULATION MUST BE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY FOR SOUND SCIENTIFIC WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, OR TO PRESERVE THE FUTURE OF HUNTING AND FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL SPECIES STATEWIDE.