

V.4 – 2025-2026 #305 - 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) FOR THE PURPOSE OF HONORING HISTORIC HUNTING AND FISHING ACCESS, USE, AND OPPORTUNITIES, THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A RIGHT TO FISHING, HUNTING, AND THE TAKING OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, INCLUDING 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) HUNTING AND FISHING SHALL BE THE PREFERRED MEANS OF RESPONSIBLY MANAGING AND CONTROLLING FISH AND WILDLIFE.

(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 PREVENT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF COLORADO FROM REGULATING HUNTING AND FISHING IF THE LAW DOES NOT VIOLATE SUBSECTION

(1) OF THIS SECTION AND THE LAW IS REASONABLY RELATED TO A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST.