



To: Colorado Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commission
Re: Retail Fur Ban
Position: Oppose
Date: March 4-5, 2026

Chair Reading and members of the Commission,

On behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), we are strongly opposing the citizen's petition for rulemaking to prohibit the commercial sale of wildlife fur in Colorado

Founded in 1989, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation is the informed authority across outdoor issues and serves as the primary conduit for influencing public policy. Working with the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC), and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), CSF gives a voice to hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and trappers on Capitol Hill and throughout state capitols advocating on vital outdoor issues that are the backbone of our nation's conservation legacy.

There is a stark difference between the unregulated market hunting of the 19th and 20th centuries and today's legal, regulated trapping and hunting activities that are guided by CPW's science-based approach to wildlife management. CSF strongly believes that well-regulated, science-based trapping is consistent with the provisions of the North American Model, and our position is congruent with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' perspective, of which CPW is a member.

Reading from page 3 of the AFWA Conservation Brief on Regulated Trapping as a tool of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation;

“Modern regulated trapping and the management of furbearers operates very differently than the economically driven system that imperiled some species. The fur trade no longer exploits populations or causes them to become endangered, but rather, the highly regulated harvest of furbearers helps agencies maintain sustainable populations of furbearers within social carrying capacity. The key is regulation; unregulated harvests have been brought to an end, and current markets are highly regulated and serve a conservation purpose.”

Banning the sale of fur will in turn limit the ability of agencies to rely on regulated trapping as the proven wildlife conservation tool that it is. Instead, CSF proposes that the Commission continues to rely on the expertise of CPW's professionally trained staff who have, time and time again, demonstrated a strong commitment to the conservation of Colorado's public

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trust wildlife resources, including the importance of well-regulated harvest and utilization requirements as outlined in the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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