



We are fighting in the state capitol for fairness for wildlife

Dear Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies,

Voters said they wanted us to go to the Colorado Wildlife Commission and the state legislature to address our serious concerns with trophy hunting, hounding, and commercial trapping of our native cats.

That's exactly what we are doing.

A New House Bill This Week Champions Science and Wildlife

CATs, Animal Wellness Action, and dozens of other groups are working with Colorado State Reps. Tammy Story and Elizabeth Velasco to enthusiastically introduce HB 1258, "A Bill Requiring CPW Commission to Use the Best Available Science to Manage Wildlife"

Read the [bill language by clicking here](#).

In Colorado's wildlife statutes, the legislative declaration currently commits the state to use hunting, trapping, and fishing as the primary methods of "effecting wildlife harvests."

That looks to us like a trophy hunting mandate, and it rigs the system against wildlife.

HB 1258 is a better, balanced, science-based approach. The bill requires the parks and wildlife commission to use the best available wildlife and ecological science to adopt rules that benefit wildlife, whole ecosystem health, and all Coloradans.

We are building a major coalition to support this bill as it advances in the legislative process. We hope you'll write your state Representative and state Senator right away, but also recruit organizations you know or volunteer with to back the bill.

CATs Feels the Love for Jay Tughton, CPW Commissioner

We are also working to shape a Colorado Wildlife Commission with serious-minded citizen commissioners who will call balls and strikes and not automatically revert to support the extreme practices of the trophy hunting lobby.

CATs formulated a letter, thanks to CATs OG **Charles Seymour**, signed by 101 organizations and citizens of Colorado, asking state lawmakers to reappoint and reconfirm Jay Tughton to the Wildlife Commission.

That letter was set to be sent on Valentine's Day to the Senate Ag Committee. We hope they receive it as if it were a box of chocolates and a dozen roses.

Here is where you can help: on our [Cats Aren't Trophies](#) homepage is a link to send or simply create your own letter to support Tughton's reappointment.

Today, [please use this legislative contact tool and write to your state lawmakers in support of HB 1258.](#)

And finally, please make sure that you sign up to attend the March CPW Commission meeting! The deadline is Feb. 20: Sign up here: [Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission | Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#)

Again, our fight for our native cats is still our priority. We want it to be your priority, too.

Spread the word, we welcome more CATs in the den. Always.

We are better together.

Please donate to protect Colorado's native cats!

For the cats,
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