

AMENDMENT 83:

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH



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SUMMARY

Amendment 83 would enshrine the right of Colorado residents to hunt and fish into the state constitution, joining 24 states that already provide this protection.

The measure would designate hunting and fishing as the preferred means of managing fish and wildlife populations, bar any new trespass on private property or changes to property rights, and preserve state agencies' existing authority to manage and regulate wildlife. CSI's companion report to this one-pager quantifies the economic footprint of the hunting and fishing activity that Amendment 83 seeks to protect, drawing on 2026 participation, industry, and state revenue data.

If passed, the measure would establish a constitutional right to hunt and fish that the legislature could not repeal without voter approval.

KEY FACTS

- Hunting supports \$1.2 billion in direct annual revenue, 8,879 jobs, and 963 Colorado firms.
- Fishing supports another \$1.2 billion in direct revenue, 5,887 jobs, and 718 firms. Combined, the industries directly support \$2.4 billion in revenue, 14,766 jobs, and 1,681 firms.
- Including spillover effects, hunting and fishing generate more than 25,000 statewide jobs (more than 23,000 private-sector), \$6.1 billion in business revenue, \$1.5 billion in personal income, and \$1.3 billion in disposable income.
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife's wildlife revenue reached \$220 million in FY2024-25; 68% came from hunting and fishing licenses, passes, fees, and permits.
- An estimated 305,000 hunters (89,000 nonresidents) and 975,000 anglers (358,000 nonresidents) will participate in 2026. Fishing license sales could exceed 1 million as soon as 2027.

HUNTING & FISHING GENERATES

\$6.1B

IN ANNUAL BUSINESS REVENUE

HUNTING & FISHING SUPPORT

25,304

STATEWIDE JOBS

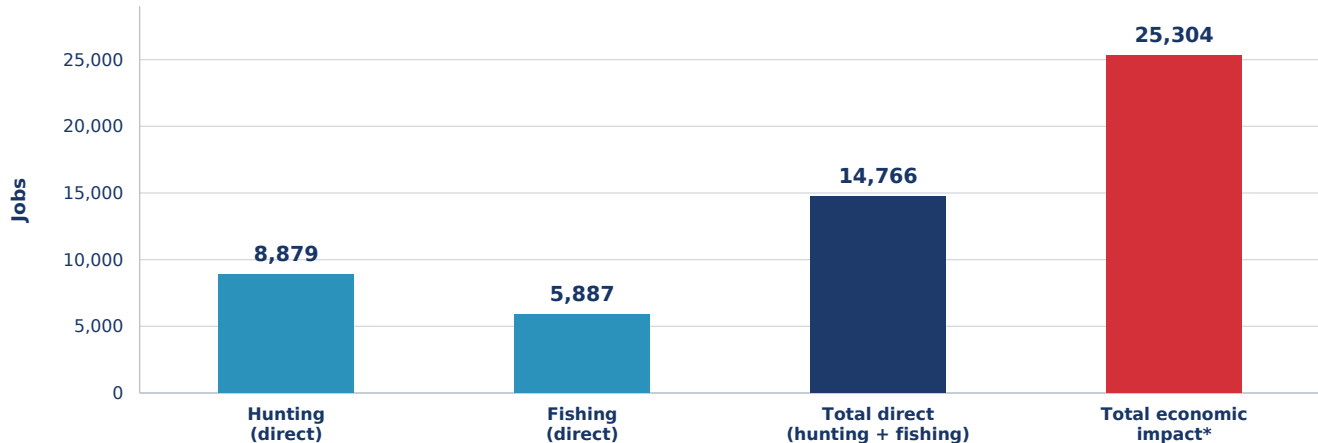
HUNTING & FISHING PROVIDE

68%

OF CPW WILDLIFE REVENUE

Employment Supported by Hunting and Fishing in Colorado, 2026

Direct hunting and fishing activity supports nearly 15,000 Colorado jobs; counting spillover effects across the broader economy, that total rises to over 25,000 jobs statewide.



Source: Common Sense Institute, The Economic Impact of Hunting and Fishing and Its Connection to Ballot Initiative 302 (Sept. 2026). *Total economic impact includes direct, indirect, and induced spillover effects.



BOTTOM LINE

Amendment 83 aims to constitutionally guarantee the ability to hunt and fish in Colorado. The full economic impact of the amendment itself is difficult to isolate. The hunting and fishing industry in Colorado provides thousands of jobs, billions of dollars in business revenue, and tens of millions in state and local government revenue.