

## Introduce Year-Round Coyote Hunting

The Problem; Coyote hunting and trapping seasons vary from public lands and private lands. The only time that coyote hunting with a firearm is not allowed on public or private is during the 9 day gun deer season.

Coyote populations by most estimates range between 17,000 and 20,000. Coyotes have proven that they are very capable of taking down adult deer and are one of the primary predators of fawns. Coyotes are also major predators of turkeys and other small game.

By keeping a coyote hunting season continuous through deer rifle season we can reduce coyote populations to a more tolerable level. Also, with the introduction of a wolf hunting season we can help ensure that would-be wolf hunters will not shoot a coyote out of season.

Be it resolved; The Conservation Congress at its annual Spring Hearing on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 recommends that action be taken to introduce a rule change allowing a continuous coyote season.

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