

Establishing a Seasonal Hunt of the Coyote in Wisconsin

The hunting season for coyote is open year-round. A hunting season is established for other fur-bearing animals (fox, raccoons and bobcats). A science-based hunting season set by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources considers preservation of a species during denning of cubs and pups and the raising of young.

Furbearing Animal Hunting Seasons and Regulations

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2019 (except as noted)	
			Opens	Closes
Raccoons—Residents	Unlimited	Statewide	Oct. 19	Feb. 15, 2020
Fox—Red & Gray	Unlimited	Statewide	Oct. 19	Feb. 15, 2020
Coyote	Unlimited	Statewide	Year-round open hunting season	

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State management plans of Wisconsin wildlife follow the tenets of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, namely, that any animal harvested is used in some way (e.g., meat, pelt). The fur pelt is at highest value during the seasonal hunt established by the Department. The coyote's fur pelt is of lesser value during the warm season and when the family structure is intact. **A small game license is required for hunting fur bearers. Existing state laws allowing property owners to hunt or remove nuisance wildlife, including the coyote, from their property without a license (S. 29.337(1)) will not change.**

Be it Resolved, that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress adopt a hunting season of the coyote which falls in line with the red fox and resident raccoon hunting season, and ending on the Saturday before March 15.

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