

Citizen Resolution # 131621

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Give Coyotes Protections From Year-Round Open Season Hunting

Coyotes provide a number of free ecological services including controlling disease transmission (Lyme, LCM, hantavirus and many others), cleaning up carrion, keeping rodent populations in check, increasing biodiversity, removing sick animals from the gene pool, and protecting crops.

A science-based hunting season considers protections of a species during denning of cubs and pups and the raising of young. A hunting season is established for some fur-bearing animals (fox, raccoons, bobcats). The hunting season for coyotes is open year-round. They do not have any protections.

Furbearing Animal Hunting Seasons (excerpted from DNR-PUB-WM-153-2020)
Raccoons-Residents Oct. 17 - Feb. 15.

Raccoons-Nonresidents Oct. 31 - Feb. 15.

Fox - Red and Gray Oct. 17 - Feb. 15.

Coyote - Year-round open hunting season.

The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation adheres to the principle that any animal harvested is used in some way: meat, pelt. Current hunting seasons allow the harvest of animals when the fur pelt is at highest value. The fur pelt is of lesser value during the warm season and when the young are in the den and being raised through early summer months. 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.

Resolved: Adopt a hunting season for the coyote which falls in line with the fox and resident raccoon hunting season.

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