



Attn: Michigan Natural Resources Commission
Re: Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment #4 – Coyote Season
Date: April 8, 2025
Position: Support

Honorable Members of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission,

I write to you today on behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) in support of Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment #4, which would revert the coyote hunting season to be year-round and return coyote management to be based on sound, science-based principles rather than emotion. I respectfully request that the members of this Commission vote in favor of this amendment.

Founded in 1989, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation is the informed authority across outdoor issues and serves as the primary conduit for influencing public policy. Working with the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC), and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), CSF gives a voice to hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and trappers on Capitol Hill and throughout state capitols advocating on vital outdoor issues that are the backbone of our nation's conservation legacy.

Hunting is the preferred tool for wildlife management, as it continues to be the most effective, cost-efficient and socially acceptable method of population control. Coyote populations across the country have exploded in recent decades, increasing the likelihood of human-wildlife conflict, livestock depredation, and impacts to prey species including small game and white-tailed deer – and Michigan is no exception. There was no scientific justification for shortening the state's coyote hunting season, which this Commission did in 2024, and only stood to limit opportunities for hunters to participate in the active management of the species.

I respectfully request that the members of this Commission reverse the 2024 decision to shorten the coyote hunting season and return to offering hunters, who are the original conservationists, the ability to actively manage coyotes through the most effective, most cost-efficient, and most ethical method of population management year-round. I thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony and welcome any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

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