

# Petition to Prohibit Coyote Killing Contests in Oregon

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# APA Petition

Requests rulemaking process to prohibit coyote killing contests in Oregon

Proposes new rules:

- Unlawful to conduct or participate in events with the objective of taking coyotes for cash or prizes
- Exceptions for predatory animal control activities



# Wildlife Laws

(ORS 496, 497, 498, 501)

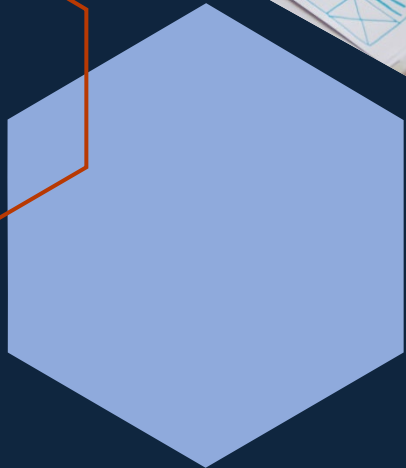
## ORS 496.162 (1-2)

**Commission prescribes the times, places, manner and amounts of wildlife species that may be taken**

# Wildlife Laws

## ORS 496.162 (3)

**Commission shall not prescribe limitations on the times, places or amounts for the taking of predatory animals**





**PREDATORY  
ANIMAL  
LAWS**

**ORS 610.002**

**“Predatory animals” include swine, coyotes, rabbits, rodents, and certain birds that are or may be destructive to agricultural crops or activities**



**PREDATORY  
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LAWS**

**ORS 610.105**

**Upon discovery of their presence, any lawful landowner, occupant or agent may proceed to control predatory animals by poisoning, trapping or other appropriate and effective means.**



**PREDATORY  
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LAWS**

**ORS 610.060**

**Nothing in the wildlife laws is intended to deny the right of any person to control predatory animals as provided in ORS 610.105**

# Regulatory Scope for Rulemaking

- Commission can regulate the manner of take of wildlife but otherwise cannot prohibit the ability to control predatory animals
- Commission could consider direction to develop rules regarding the petition's intent to prohibit coyote killing contests as a manner of take but cannot impede predatory animal control activities authorized outside the wildlife laws



# Process Impact and Balances

- No set timeline for APA but must occur within a reasonable timeframe
- Division Program(s) and workload
- Contest prohibition by Commission could be limited/incomplete

# Options for Consideration

**Accept Petition and  
Initiate Rulemaking Process**

**Deny Petition**

