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Linda Dionne  
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Re: Rulemaking Petition to ban the use of dogs to take coyote.

Dear Ms. Dionne,

I received your letter with the enclosed petition dated February 16, 2023 requesting the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department commence rulemaking to ban the use of dogs to take coyotes.

After thorough consideration, the Department has determined no adjustments to our existing methods and manner of take for coyotes is warranted at this time. Coyotes are a highly adaptable, generalist species, with populations in NH, which have been stable over time. New Hampshire's existing harvest methods are similar to those of neighboring states such as Maine, Massachusetts, and a number of other Northeastern states. The Department is not aware of negative population impacts in NH attributed to the allowance of this method of take. Therefore, following consideration, lack of population level impacts, and stable population trends in NH, I have decided to deny your request to initiate rulemaking to prohibit the use of dogs to take coyotes.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Mason  
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