



26 December 2024

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
C/O Predator Control Incentives, R657-64
Main Office
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Re: Predator Control Incentives, R657-64

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Shirley:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to Predator Control Incentives, contained in R657-64.

The proposed amendments to Predator Control Incentives, contained in R657-64, generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of wildlife while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI supports increased payments for coyote removal in crucial mule deer habitat while maintaining \$50 compensation elsewhere and removing the ear and pelt check-in requirement and providing alternative ways to prevent duplicate submissions such as removing both premolar teeth or keeping the jaw.

Further, SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including predators such as coyotes, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to Predator Control Incentives, contained in R657-64. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Division and the Wildlife Board. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

W. Laird Hamberlin
Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International