23 July 2025

3 CSR 10-7.410: Hunting Methods
C/O Missouri Department of Conservation
Department Headquarters
2901 W Truman Blvd
Jefferson City, MO 65109

Re: **3 CSR 10-7.410: Hunting Methods regulation**

Dear Commissioners and Director Sumners:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 3 CSR 10-7.410: Hunting Methods regulation.

SCI supports the proposed changes to 3 CSR 10-7.410: Hunting Methods, changes that would increase the number of months that allow the use of artificial light, night vision and thermal imagery equipment when harvesting coyotes from 2 to 9, excluding the spring turkey hunting season. The proposed changes to the 3 CSR 10-7.410: Hunting Methods regulation generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of coyotes while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters.

Further, it is proven that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including carnivores 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 3 CSR 10-7.410: Hunting Methods. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Department and the Commission. SCI is always First for Hunters.

Sincerely,

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