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CGR 525: Coyote Hunting Contests
C/O Secretary of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission
6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120
Reno, NV 89511

Re: **CGR 525: Coyote Hunting Contests**

Dear Commissioners and Director Jenne:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on CGR 525, proposed regulations relating to coyote hunting contests.

SCI generally opposes increased regulations on hunters such as those contained in CGR 525. In this case, participants in hunting tournaments are already subject to the same hunting wildlife laws and regulations, such as methods of take or hunting hours, as those hunters who don't participate in hunting tournaments. Further, the tournaments or contests do not present a biological risk to the species as hunters are constrained to the same bag limits as those hunters who don't participate in tournaments. There is not a discernable biological or legal difference that warrants imposing additional regulations on individuals that participate in a hunting tournament than individuals hunting without a tournament.

However, if there are going to be new regulations related to coyote hunting contests, we appreciate the effort that went into determining the biology for the proposed season and also the financial value that will be added to NDOW's wildlife management and conservation work through the implementation of requiring hunting licenses for individuals participating in hunting tournaments.

SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, 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 CGR 525. 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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Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International