Bill Young Cumberland LD 1293 Good Day,

My name is Bill Young and writing in support to curtail coyote hunting contests as I find them inhumane and nothing but sport hunting. I have been a hunter since my very early years. I was taught conservation and ethical hunting. This not that. Coyotes exist where food is plentiful. Deer are plentiful. This is proven by the amount of anterless deer permits that are available during the fall firearms season. In Unit 21, where I mostly hunt, there were over 2000 permits that were not purchased. That says a lot as the IF&W evidently feel that there is an over abundance of deer. So killing coyotes is a poor excuse for game management. It is nothing but sport hunting and that is not hunting. Killing animals for sport is not hunting and hunting is a Maine tradition. Everything in nature has its place for a reason. Man is the problem.