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When we weigh the risks and benefits of coyote hunting, the results are clear. The risks: something other than a coyote might get shot - domestic dog, or human. The benefits: zero. None. Coyotes aren't used as food, and their coats aren't used to keep people warm. There is no scientific evidence that suggests shooting coyotes helps to reduce the population in any meaningful way. Coyote groups reorganize immediately, and go on to reproduce effectively. Coyote has lived with us humans for a long time, and is one of the most well adapted mammals on the planet. Any effort to manage the population is futile. Efforts are better put in educating the public on practices that support healthy coexistence.