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I would weigh in on the idea of limiting the hunting of coyotes to six months a year. That would be a mistake. Coyotes are predators that can easily multiply but who, to my knowledge, have few natural predators in Maine to keep their populations in check. I would suggest that most who wish to limit hunting to the six months during the colder seasons of the year do so in an effort to limit hunting in general. Not simply because they believe year round hunting of coyotes is cruel or unnecessary. There are valid reasons to keeping the coyote population under control and year round hunting helps achieve this. Coyotes can be a threat to household pets, small livestock, etc... And to my knowledge, at this time, coyotes are not as significant threat to humans who enjoy Maine's natural environment. My goal would be to keep it that way. Coyotes have a place in our ecosystem; however, as humans work to balance living in this beautiful state and helping preserve its beauty with managing our lives and communities, keeping the population of coyotes in the state low helps assure that all can continue to safely enjoy the Maine woods. Limiting the hunting of coyotes in a seasonal way threatens that balance. In addition, I do not believe that year-round hunting, as it has been occurring for coyotes, has been detrimental to the number of coyotes in our state. Since the coyote population, I believe, is doing well with year-round hunting, I don't think there's a reason to change this practice. And there are more reasons for keeping year round hunting of coyotes in place.