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Leeds
LD 716

I am in opposition to LD716. There should be no closed season on this non-native varmint. I believe closing coyote hunting during the 6 months for rearing pups will hinder the states effort to build the deer heard, during this time is when the adult coyotes are very active in finding food for their young and teaching them how to hunt and what better to hunt down then the young fawns and turkey poults. Maine is already heavily populated in all areas with coyotes. As mentioned in most cases you should trust the hunters that get "boots on the ground" that see the destruction of a deer that has been killed by coyotes run down and eaten from back to front. I believe Maine needs to leave the open hunting of coyotes and let the state biologist manage coyotes how they are and not let the state be misguided by whimsical feelings of anti-hunters who are just using this as another way to end some form of hunting.