Sy Schotz Northport LD 716

I operate a farm in Northport, Maine, where I raise ruminants, chickens, and grow apple trees. The local coyote pack keep away all foxes, racoons, and other smaller predators which have taken significant numbers of chickens on other farms where I've lived, and the coyotes themselves have taken none of my animals. I have livestock guardian dogs, who keep the coyotes at a respectful distance, but who are not able to completely protect against smaller, sneakier predators like foxes and racoons. I have a vested interest in this particular pack of coyotes remaining intact so that more aggressive ones don't move in.

I would also like to clarify, that I'm some naive environmentalist against killing all wildlife. I shoot porcupines regularly because of the damage that they do to my apple trees.