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Restricting coyote hunting in the State of Maine is an ecologically unsound proposition. The coyote population in my area, and on my own 160 acres has increased significantly over the last five years sighting mild winters that increased pups chance of survival. Unchecked, an overrun population of predators negatively impacts small game and deer herds. I have had 4 coyote in the last week and a half roaming a 26 acre parcel alone and often see them during spring hunting. With the significant population of coyote in our state now is not the time to limit hunting.