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To: [FGC](#)
Subject: Submitted Written Comment about Predator Policy Worksheet
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Dear Commissioner,

I am sending my email in response to some of the comments on the Predator Policy Worksheet. I commented on the areas I felt knowledgeable enough to respond to. The last meeting seemed to have only one side represented and it looks like they came up with many comments. I hope to see more people involved in this meeting so we can have good conversation on how to address these concerns. I noticed there was a number of grammatical errors which the HSUS found and I think it is great to address those as well. The codes being cleaned up will only help us follow the code better.

I look forward to being helpful and working together.

Thanks,

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Existing F&G Code	Predator response 1-02-2014	HSUS comments	Project Coyote Comments
2003 -1Possession and Take General	We feel the current code is working and shouldn't be changed. We feel this is a direct response to the "Coyote Drive" which was done in the Northern part of the state. We feel there are better ways to handle this situation then to Eliminate the entire sections.	(1) Eliminate subsections (c) and (d)	**Intent here is to prohibit ALL contest hunts- REGARDLESS of prize \$ or other inducements- hence why section d should be removed
4002 -Trapping of Fur-Bearing Mammals 4003 Trapping of Fur-Bearing Mammals 4011 Trapping of Fur-Bearing Mammals	We feel this needs section needs to get a response given by the Trappers Association. The last meeting they were not present. We feel this is important to have a response from the organization that possible speaks on behalf of trappers. We like the idea that some of the section should be cleaned up to be better understand. But we feel nothing should be removed/eliminated without a response from the Trappers.		
4152 Nongame Mammals	I think before the need to change any daily timeline to 24 hr period we need to here from the trappers. We feel this section could use some grammatical clean up like the HSUS is recommending. We feel the intend of the code is good and that it allows for the Fish and Wildlife officer to make good judgement.		
472 - General Provisions	This section is meeting the current need and we see no change needed or necessary unless there is science or study to show the need.		
475 Methods of Take for Nongame Birds and Nongame Mammals	We feel there is nothing wrong with this section and that there is a need for the use of Electric calls. This is a useful tool and is being used by many professionals.		
478 - Bobcat	We feel hunting should be allowed and that commercial hunting is a separate topic. We feel nothing should be changed unless it is based on science and the study proves changes need to be made.	**We think bobcats should not be hunted or trapped in California. It is largely a commercial hunt and not justified.	