

Wildlife killing contests, which are counter-productive to science-based wildlife management principles, offer cash prizes and/or guns for the winner who kills the most, the largest, or the smallest animals over one or two days. Participants lure coyotes and other wildlife in for an easy kill using high-tech electronic calling devices that mimic the sounds of prey or even pups in distress.

Oregon's wildlife is held and managed for the benefit and enjoyment of all Oregonians. Allowing a small group of individuals to engage in wanton waste of a wildlife species as part of a contest is an abdication of the state's solemn duty to protect the public's wildlife.

A 2019 poll by the Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all of the state's congressional districts support public policy to ban wildlife killing contests.

Science does not support the indiscriminate killing of coyotes as an effective means of reducing coyote populations, minimizing conflicts with pets or livestock, or increasing the number of game species. It can even lead to an increase in the coyote population by disrupting stable family packs and increasing their reproduction rate.

Eight states, including five in the west—Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado—and Maryland, Vermont, and Massachusetts have banned wildlife killing contests, primarily through their state wildlife commissions.

Wildlife killing contests violate the state's solemn duty to protect wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians.

Wildlife killing contests are motivated by financial rewards and are grossly out of step with the principle of fair chase, modern, science-based wildlife management, and Oregon's conservation-minded values.

Wildlife killing contests are cruel and undermine responsible sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife.