



ORDER NO: 2014-WD-001

Effective Date: January 11, 2014

Expiration Date: None, unless rescinded or modified

## State of Delaware

### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

#### DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

#### Coyote Depredation Order

The Department has determined that the coyote, *Canis latrans*, can be seriously injurious to livestock, domestic animals or human safety and hereby pre-authorizes pursuant to Delaware Code Title 7, Chapter 7, Subchapter VIII, § 802:

Landowners or their agent(s) in the State of Delaware to use deadly force on said landowner's property to take coyotes under circumstances that present an imminent threat of injury to human beings, livestock or domestic animals, or where coyotes are in the act of causing such injury, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Coyotes may be so taken all year (from January 1 through December 31).
- 2) Coyotes may be so taken with rimfire or centerfire rifle up to .25 caliber, shotgun, muzzle-loading rifle/shotgun, longbow or crossbow.
- 3) Firearms to include archery equipment shall be used in accordance and in compliance with all state and local firearm laws, regulations or ordinances.
- 4) The individual so taking a coyote(s) under this Order shall report such take to the Division of Fish & Wildlife within one business day by telephoning (302) 735-3600 and provide information to include the location of and reason for take, with such information to be used by the Division in determining the distribution and abundance of coyotes for the purpose of evaluating coyote impact on landowners and appropriate management approaches.

So ordered this 11 day of, January 2014, and effective until such time as may be rescinded or modified by future Secretary Order.

A blue ink signature of Collin P. O'Mara, written in a cursive style.

Collin P. O'Mara  
Secretary