



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
**THE GENERAL COURT**

STATE HOUSE BOSTON 02133-1053

January 15, 2019

Ronald Amidon  
Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 400  
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Commissioner Amidon,

We are writing to respectfully request that you schedule an upcoming regular monthly meeting of the Fisheries and Wildlife Board on Cape Cod. We further ask that regulations regarding the hunting of coyotes be placed on the agenda for that meeting and that you accept public comments at the meeting.

We are making this request because we have many constituents who have reached out to us after the well publicized coyote hunting tournament was sponsored last year by a Barnstable business. Our constituents and animal rights organizations have all expressed that the killing contests are both inhumane and pose a safety hazard to local residents.

We believe that a public meeting, at which people have the opportunity to be heard, is an important mechanism for ideas, concerns, and solutions to be aired. Furthermore, we prefer administrative action to regulate such contests, and therefore avoid the precedent of the Legislature setting rules for hunting and fishing activities in the Commonwealth. This, despite the fact that many of our constituents are calling for us to file legislation to address the issue. Because the Fisheries and Wildlife Board has oversight over all of the relevant regulations we would like them to have the opportunity hear citizen's concerns and take appropriate steps.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. We are happy to help you find and reserve an appropriate venue on the Cape.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julian Cyr".

Julian Cyr  
State Senator  
*Cape & Islands District*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah K. Peake".

Sarah K. Peake  
State Representative  
*Fourth Barnstable District*