

IAFWA Resolution No. 9

Resolution on Regulation of Interstate Movement
of Foxes and Coyotes for Hound Coursing Pens

WHEREAS, there are potentially serious disease risks to native wildlife, domestic livestock, and human health associated with the importation of wild canids used for stocking in foxhound coursing pens; and

WHEREAS, importation of coyotes has resulted in the establishment of unwanted populations in many locations; and

WHEREAS, coyotes often negatively impact red fox populations and in certain situations are associated with agricultural depredation problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges the adoption of state-by-state regulations prohibiting the importation or interstate movement of foxes or coyotes for the purpose of stocking coursing pens or for release and pursuit by hounds outside of coursing pens.

RESOLUTION ON REGULATION OF INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF FOXES AND
COYOTES FOR HOUND COURSING PENS

WHEREAS, there are potentially serious disease risks to native wildlife, domestic livestock, and human health associated with the importation of wild canids used for stocking in foxhound coursing pens, and

WHEREAS, Echinococcus multilocularis, a non-indigenous tapeworm which causes alveolar hydatid disease in man, occurs in wild red foxes and coyotes elsewhere in the United States and has been detected in foxes imported into the southeastern United States, and

WHEREAS, feasible methods are not available to certify that live animals are free of Echinococcus or certain other diseases including rabies, and

WHEREAS, importation of coyotes has contributed to the establishment of coyote populations in many locations where the species was not indigenous, and

WHEREAS, coyotes often negatively impact red fox populations and in certain situations are associated with agricultural depredation problems, and

WHEREAS, the local procurement of animals for stocking coursing pens would greatly reduce the risk of disease introduction and also would serve to minimize the rate of range expansion by coyotes, now

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges the adoption of state-by-

state regulations prohibiting the importation or interstate movement of foxes or coyotes for the purpose of stocking coursing pens or for release and pursuit by hounds outside of coursing pens.

RESOLUTION ON REGULATION OF INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF FOXES AND
COYOTES FOR HOUND COURSING PENS

WHEREAS, the numerous foxhound coursing pens which have been established in the southeastern United States during the past 10 years have provided substantial benefits to houndsmen in the conduct of their recreational activities, and

WHEREAS, the use of these coursing pens also has helped eliminate conflicts between houndsmen and landowners, other sport hunters, and trappers, and

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THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Southeastern Fur Resources Committee urges the adoption of state-by-state regulations prohibiting the importation or interstate movement of foxes or coyotes for the purpose of stocking coursing pens or for release and pursuit by hounds outside of coursing pens.