

Resolution #2008-2

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 hound coursing pens; and

WHEREAS, importation of coyotes has contributed to the establishment of coyote populations in many locations where the species is 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 Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges the adoption of state-by-state regulations prohibiting the importation or interstate movement of foxes and coyotes for the purpose of stocking coursing pens or for release and pursuit by hounds outside of coursing pens.