



Tracking Number: (2024-03)

To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, (physical address) 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, (mailing address) P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 or via email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Note: This form is not intended for listing petitions for threatened or endangered species (see Section 670.1 of Title 14).

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. A petition is incomplete if it is not submitted on this form or fails to contain necessary information in each of the required categories listed on this form (Section I). A petition will be rejected if it does not pertain to issues under the Commission's authority. A petition may be denied if any petition requesting a functionally equivalent regulation change was considered within the previous 12 months and no information or data is being submitted beyond what was previously submitted. If you need help with this form, please contact Commission staff at (916) 653-4899 or FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

SECTION I: Required Information.

Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages

1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)

Name of primary contact person:

Organization Requesting Change: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

Contact Person: Mary Maerz, PETA Foundation

Address: 2154 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested:

California Fish and Game Code §§ 200(a), 203(c), 203(d)

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations:

PETA urges the Commission to take the following actions:

1. Enact additional regulations that would prohibit local governments from contracting with private trappers to trap coyotes on public land.
2. Amend existing regulations to prohibit the use of carbon dioxide as a killing method for coyotes.



4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change:

A more detailed rationale is included in the attached document.

PETA urges the Commission to enact regulations that prohibit local governments from contracting with private trappers to trap coyotes on public land. Research has continuously demonstrated that these trap-and-kill programs are ineffective, a waste of resources, and threaten the health of urban ecosystems. Moreover, the cities' particular programs do not, even in theory, address the public safety concerns they cite as reasons for implementing these programs, and California law already provides solutions for managing "harmful" coyotes. Specifically, the lethal removal programs are inconsistent with other state statutes and regulations, which give authority to the state entities with expertise to address harmful coyotes and do not support the propriety of local government's use of a private trapper to indiscriminately trap coyotes on public land.

Second, PETA urges the Commission to amend its regulations to prohibit the use of carbon dioxide as a killing method for coyotes because it is incredibly inhumane for larger animal species, as California recognized when it outlawed its use for cats and dogs, the latter of which are nearly the same species as coyotes.

SECTION II: Optional Information

5. Date of Petition: April 1, 2024

6. Category of Proposed Change

☐ Sport Fishing

☐ Commercial Fishing

☐ Hunting

☒ Other, please specify: Trapping and killing of nongame mammals for purposes other than fur or recreation.

7. The proposal is to: *(To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)*

☒ Amend Title 14 Section(s): 14 C.C.R. § 465.5(g)(1)

☒ Add New Title 14 Section(s): 14 C.C.R §§ 472(a)(1), 475(d)(1)

☐ Repeal Title 14 Section(s):

8. If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition:

9. Effective date: If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation.
If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency:

10. Supporting documentation: Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents:

Please see the attached document, a more detailed petition that includes data, reports, and other documents.



- 11. Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing:
- 12. Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: [Click here to enter text.](#)

FGC staff action:

- ☐ Accept - complete
- ☐ Reject - incomplete
- ☐ Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

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Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: _____

Meeting date for FGC consideration: _____

FGC action:

- ☐ Denied by FGC
- ☐ Denied - same as petition _____
- ☐ Granted for consideration of regulation change

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