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Hi Sonke and Adrianna,

We spent some significant time with this and hope our ideas here contribute to the discussion in a meaningful way.

While this document appears to include most CA code related to predators, there are other F&G codes and Food & Ag codes that cover predators that are missing. We didn't pull them in here, but we should talk about how to add and include in this process.

Top-level issues/principles we want to highlight:

- Need to recognize intrinsic as well as instrumental value of predators
- Control practices must be humane, justified and achieve intended benefits
- No population control under depredation unless a thorough planning process has occurred
- Need to unify depredation and nuisance codes/policies
- Ensure consistency across all CA codes (e.g., depredation policies in Food & Ag Code)
- Eliminate use of poisons
- End to wildlife contests
- Serious reconsideration of the following: dog training/use, bobcat take, and unlimited take
- Reflect recent legislation/regs and agency name change issues
- Comprehensive pig management reboot
- Revisit non-game versus fur-bearer classifications and implications

We recognize these are each big conversations, but we feel that this modernization effort is timely and we look forward to working hard on this throughout 2014. We are grateful for the opportunity to participate.

Best,



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