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Sonke Mastrup
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Dear Mr. Mastrup:

At the April Fish and Game Commission, Commission Staff was directed to write a regulation eliminating prizes and inducements in predator hunt contests. The Sportfishing Conservancy suggests that such a regulation contain the following two elements:

- The term "inducement" needs to be very carefully and exactly defined. There is a great deal of concern and confusion on whether this includes only physical awards with a monetary value such as a shotgun, physical awards without a monetary value such as a perpetual trophy, or ephemeral inducements such as being acknowledged 'Top Gun.'
- In addition, an exclusion should be included for contests held for the benefit of the environment to reduce populations of invasive or destructive species such as ground squirrels or feral pigs.

Thank you for considering these points. While neither will be easy to put in writing, the first will be important so that all know when they are in compliance and the second is consistent with the mission of the Commission.

Sincerely,



April Wakeman
The Sportfishing Conservancy