



BIG LAKES COUNTY POLICY

TITLE: Coyote Control Policy	
POLICY NUMBER: ASB-13	
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Agricultural Pests Act	
APPROVED BY COUNCIL: October 25th, 2017	
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Policy Statement

Big Lakes County recognizes that livestock producers may require assistance in managing coyote predation to safeguard their livestock. This policy will provide guidelines and procedures for the control of coyote in accordance with the Agricultural Pests Act (APA) and the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (406/86) and the Coyote Predation Management Program.

Definitions:

“Livestock” shall refer to poultry, cattle, sheep, goats, or any commercially raised animal.

Policy

1. All coyote control work completed by Big Lakes County shall be carried out in accordance with the Agricultural Pests Act (APA), the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (406/86) and the Coyote Predation Management Program.
2. Big Lakes County will appoint staff holding valid Form 7 permit(s), trained and authorized by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, as inspectors under the Agricultural Pests Act. Identification of the appointment will be provided to staff.
3. Agricultural Services will make available information to prevent coyote predation and/or harassment to all Big Lakes County residents.
4. When livestock predation has been confirmed, the inspector may assist the livestock producer by issuing Compound 1080 tablets or neck snare devices as a control measure when the inspector is satisfied that other control and management options have been exhausted. These options could include but are not limited to:
 - a. Close supervision of stock
 - b. Proper carrion disposal
 - c. Use of guardian animals
 - d. Predator-proof barrier of electric fences



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- e. Scare devices
 - f. Shooting
5. A Form 8 permit must be completed and signed by the land owner prior to issuance of a registered controls. All parts of the PCP Act label for the poison must be reviewed with the producer.
 6. The inspector must emphasize the risk and potential hazards of using poison control methods such as; accidental poisoning and/or snaring of off-target species.
 7. The livestock producer is responsible for informing neighbours when restricted devices are being used and must set out the provided warning posters that poison or snares have been set. Refer to schedule A.
 8. The inspector will issue Compound 1080 tablets to a maximum of 6 tablets total to any one livestock producer between May and April of any given year.
 9. The landowner is responsible for disposal of poisoned carcasses so as to minimize the possibility of off-species poisoning through scavenging.
 10. Should the livestock producer meet the maximum allotment of Compound 1080 before April, it is the responsibility of the producer to adopt new management and prevention methods against future coyote predation.
 11. Control measures shall not be issued for instances of harassment or feelings of fear, nor for the use of control of coyote predation of unconfined poultry, pets, hobby animals, or for any other reason not directly associated with livestock predation.
 12. The Annual Coyote Control Device Use report to Alberta Agriculture and Forestry will be completed annually and submitted to the Animal Health and Assurance Branch by the Agricultural Fieldman.



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Chief Administrative Officer



Date of Final Signature