

# 2016 VICTORIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## A first in fostering coexistence.

In March of 2016 Project Coyote, Fibershed and the County of Marin co-sponsored the first Ranching with Wildlife Workshop, designed to share wisdom and build knowledge around non-lethal approaches to protecting livestock from predators.

With close to 100 attendees, workshop presentations addressed innovative and traditional predator deterrents, such as Foxlights and E-Collars, livestock guard animals, effective fencing, and the science behind predator management.



## Commitment to protect wildlife.

Project Coyote presented its first annual Coyote Warrior Award this year, honoring Roger Hopping of Adin, California.

Project Coyote created the award to recognize the courage and compassion of everyday heroes who are unwavering in their commitment to protect wildlife.

The Fund for Wild Nature announced its selection of Project Coyote Founder & Executive Director Camilla Fox as their Grassroots Activist of the Year. The Fund for Wild Nature Board Member Jeffrey St. Clair praised Project Coyote for the small organization's disproportionately large impact on native predators' safety and survival in urban and suburban areas throughout North America.



## Championing current science.

Project Coyote representatives and supporters testified at a Wolf Conservation Planning meeting in Sacramento, California to press for a science-based approach to wolf recovery in California, and for a plan that recognizes the ecological importance of these apex predators.



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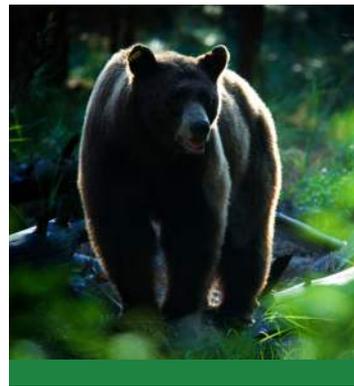
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**PROMOTING COEXISTENCE**  
**BETWEEN PEOPLE & WILDLIFE THROUGH**  
**EDUCATION, SCIENCE & ADVOCACY**



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**Project Coyote reached more than 10,000 people with our message of compassionate coexistence.**

### REFORMING PREDATOR MANAGEMENT

Project Coyote and allies used the courts to:

- ❖ **challenge USDA Wildlife Services' authority to kill any of the approximately 81 remaining gray wolves in Oregon.**
- ❖ reach a settlement requiring **Mendocino County to suspend its contract with Wildlife Services** and consider non-lethal alternatives for reducing livestock-predator conflicts.
- ❖ **challenge Monterey County's renewal of its predator management contract with Wildlife Services.**

Project Coyote and the Center for Biological Diversity **petitioned the California Fish and Game Commission to amend state regulations to ban night-time hunting and lethal trapping within the range of the gray wolf**, a species protected by both the federal and California Endangered Species Acts.



Project Coyote delivered a letter to the Nevada State Board of Wildlife Commissioner signed by **50 prominent scientists, who support a state prohibition of killing contests, derbies and tournaments.**



Testifying before the New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission, Project Coyote's New Hampshire and Vermont Representative Chris Schadler and allies convinced the Commission to withdraw a proposal that would have allowed hunting, trapping, baiting and hounding of bobcats, a species that had been protected in the state since 1989.

### SCIENCE & STEWARDSHIP

Science Advisory Board members Jeremy Bruskotter, Bob Crabtree, David Parsons, Michael Soule and Adrian Treves spoke at the North American Congress for Conservation Biology Conference on carnivore conservation, the mismanagement of predators, and better uses of sciences to address human-predator conflicts.



On Endangered Species Day, we collaborated with the Union of Concerned Scientists to submit **a petition signed by nearly 1,000 U.S. scientists and scholars that called for a renewed allegiance to the 240-year tradition of our nation's wildlife trust, and the reestablishment of the scientific community as the final arbiters of the best available science by which to recover our endangered species and threatened ecosystems.**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service updated its peer review policy for endangered species listings, taking a step forward in safeguarding the science that informs listing decisions, and providing more robust and transparent peer-review at the agency.

### COYOTE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES



Randi Feilich, our Southern California Representative, assisted **the city of Los Angeles to adopt a proactive coyote coexistence plan that emphasizes public education and outreach.**

Working with San Francisco's Animal Care and Control, Parks and Recreation Department and SF Dog, Project Coyote developed doorhangers and signs for trails and parks with tips for coexisting peacefully with coyotes. **The materials offer SF residents and visitors advice on how to handle coyote encounters.**

Project Coyote Representatives conducted over **70 presentations across the country about living with coyotes and other native carnivores.** Topics covered included wildlife behavior, the value of predators to healthy ecosystems, and best practices for living safely and peacefully with our wild neighbors.

