Prizes for coyote hunting banned by Calif. panel

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California Fish and Game officials vote to prohibit contests for hunting coyotes and other nongame animals
The California Fish and Game Commission voted Wednesday to ban hunting contests that award prizes for nongame animals such as coyotes, beavers and bobcats.

In a 4-1 vote, the commission prohibited “giving inducements of any kind” in hunting contests for “nongame species and fur-bearing animals,” said Clark Blanchard, a Fish and Game spokesman. The ban will put an end to organized coyote hunts in rural parts of California that awarded up to $500 and other gifts to top hunters.

The ban is expected to take effect in early 2015.

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