

Public Comments on H.357

March 1-12, 2019

**From:** Colleen Schuster

**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2019 3:34 PM

**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>

**Subject:** F&W bills

Hi,

I wanted to email you to let you know that I support the following bills for the following reasons:

1. H.190- I think that wildlife should be governed by everyone, not just trappers/hunters/anglers. All people enjoy wildlife, and everyone should play a role in how to manage and sustain wildlife today. Values in society have changed, and the regulations need to reflect those cultural values and conservation principles.

2. H.357- There is no reason to kill wildlife if a person does not intend to consume the animal meat for food or make use of the fur. Dumping of dead animals serves no purpose. This is wrong, and should not be allowed today. This violates the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, and Vermont should abide by this code of conduct.

3. H.411- The idea of trapping any animal today is wrong. It is cruel and inhumane, and causes the animal to experience fear, pain and eventually suffer a cruel death. This outdated practice needs to end. All forms of traps should be outlawed, and the drowning of trapped animals should also be outlawed. These cruel and inhumane practices should no longer be allowed. If someone needs to use a have-a-heart trap to relocate an animal (such as a beaver) that is fine.

4. H.99 and S.29- these bills should be passed to reduce demand and end Vermont's participation in this practice. These animals should be protected, not exploited.

Finally, I recently saw a story on the news where some people's dogs chased a coyote onto a person's property in Craftsbury and the dogs attacked and killed the coyote. The woman who owns the house is now posting her land and was very upset to see this type of barbaric, bloody hunting occur in front of her children. What was even more disturbing was a man interviewed on the news segment who said that this type of hunting is enjoyed by lots of families in Vermont.

As a teacher, I find this view of "family time" to be very disturbing. Any parent who would model this type of behavior for their children (hounds cornering and attacking any animal in this fashion), is sending a very bad message to their children. This promotes violence, bullying and abuse. There is a strong correlation between people who abuse animals who later go on to abuse people. There was nothing moral about this situation, and I feel that there are many other ways for parents to spend time with their children. I hope that something can be done to end this type of hunting practice.

Could you please share my thoughts with the Fish and Wildlife Committee?

Sincerely,

Colleen Schuster

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From: angela.prince15  
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 3:48 PM  
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
Subject: Please share my email with the committee

Thank you for taking the time to review my email. As a Vermonter, as an American, we need our laws to reflect our core values, not our pocketbooks.

We need these bills and I fully support them:

H. 190 Reforming Vermont's Wildlife Funding and Governance H. 357 Stopping Wanton Waste H. 411 Nuisance Wildlife and Trapping H. 99 and S. 29 Trade in Animal Parts or Products- this is so important also- please prohibit the sales of ivory here in Vermont! No blood money!

Also, I do not believe in having hunting seasons for crows, fox, beaver, coy dogs or coyotes. Trapping for profit should be illegal. No one should be able to kill unless they plan to use it or it's a nuisance.

Thank you and best regards,  
Angela Prince

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On Mar 11, 2019, at 8:46 AM, Jim White <jimbylakec@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Representative:

I would like to express my strong support for H.357 banning wanton waste of wildlife, and ask the Committee to forward the bill to the full legislature for a vote. I'll briefly explain my reasons.

First, wanton waste is the result of behavior that degrades all humans. It shows disrespect for wildlife and therefore for all forms of life, including our own. In most humans, it draws an immediate response of disgust, horror, anger and sadness. That response has to go somewhere and it goes to targeting and labeling all hunting.

Second, such waste mocks the very idea of ethical hunting. I understand that most hunters are respectful of wildlife and would disavow wanton waste. Hunters originated the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation a century ago and, as you know, made avoidance of wanton waste a key feature of the Model. Today, hunting organizations like the Boone and Crockett Club affirm the principles of ethical hunting, and individual hunters speak out against purposeless killing. The failure to address this issue only hurts hunters in general by giving non-hunters solid reason to be judgmental.

Third, the Department of Fish and Wildlife is unwilling to provide real leadership in addressing this issue. In 2009, they supported a rule against wanton waste that the Fish and Wildlife Board rejected. The proposed rule arose because data collected at that time indicated numerous incidents of wanton waste. Also, the Department's strategic plan for 2017-21 calls for "ethical harvest techniques...to ensure animal welfare and preclude the wanton waste of fish and wildlife resources." Plus, Commissioner Porter frequently cites the North American Model as a template for his own management approach. The Model unequivocally condemns wanton waste.

On the other hand, Department management steadfastly supports an open, year-round season on coyotes and no bag limits for coyotes, bobcats, fisher, otter, mink, weasel, red fox, gray fox, muskrat, beaver and other furbearers. The end result of their position is the encouragement and enabling of wanton waste. Given the Department's ambivalence, there is no choice but that the legislature itself take action.

One objection to the proposed ban is that proving violations would be difficult. A certain percentage of violations would be hard to prove, but that's not grounds for dismissing a ban. Here's why:

A. Many crimes are difficult to prove. Do we just tolerate murder, rape, complex financial crimes, speeding, etc. because they are difficult to prove? No, we trust that law enforcement agencies will do the best they can and that their capability will increase with their experience in dealing with such things, as typically happens.

B. There are more tools to help enforcement in 2019. One is social media where hunters and trappers who kill for recreation can't help but strut their stuff. Those images are being seen by more and more of the general population. They are sources of information for law enforcement too.

C. As more people understand that wanton waste is not acceptable, more people will report and record it when they see it happening. There are many current examples of how this is changing certain aspects of society. It will work with wanton waste, also.

If people believe there is no reason to report because nothing will be done, i.e., the way it is right now, they will take actions like posting their land. The Department is forever scratching its head about why people post. People post because it's the only way they can impact the situation.

D. Messaging is important. If authorities only give lip service to opposing wanton waste, guess what? Wasters continue to waste; the public just shakes its head in disgust and feel more disillusioned with government and hunters; and animal lovers post their land, or whatever they do. But a ban on wanton waste puts everyone on notice that this is a priority for people with their heads on straight. Will we end all wanton waste? Of course not, but it will make a difference, and that matters.

Thank you for considering my feedback.

Jim White  
Shelburne

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**From:** Claudia Mucklow

**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 5:06 PM

**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>

**Subject:** Letter in support of H.357

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to lend my full support to H.357 regarding wanton waste. Although I personally do not hunt, my parents were avid hunters and I'd often accompany them out into the fields and woods. I was accustomed to seeing dead carcasses hanging in our back yard and game was regularly on our menu. One thing that I am absolutely certain of is that my parents never killed an animal that they would not use and I'm sure that most people that hunt follow that principle. Unfortunately, there are some that have no regard for ethical treatment of animals.

I recently learned that about 30 coyotes have been killed on a nearby farm this winter. Apparently, they arranged a bait pile and picked the hungry canines off one by one. Most likely their lead-riddled bodies

were dumped back on the bait pile to be scavenged by other predators that might now succumb to lead poisoning. Is there anything more perverse than that!

Coyotes are not the only ones. Any wild animal that has no closed season is fair game. Opossums, skunks, crows, no limit as to how many can be killed and dumped. I even once witnessed a truck veer out of its way to run over a mallard that was following its mate across the road to the pond. There are some really bad actors out there and they should be held accountable.

Commissioner Porter would like to pretend that no wanton waste law is needed, yet the images and comments on social media paint a different picture. Since he makes no effort to rein in those rogue hunters other than to plead with them not post any controversial material, we rely on the legislature to do it for him. Therefore, I implore you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Claudia Mucklow

Charlotte, Vermont

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**From:** Bvejohn

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:51 AM

**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>

**Subject:** wantpn waste

Hello Laura,

Please share with the House Fish and Wildlife committee that I support bill H.357 which proposes to ban wanton waste.

Thank you,

Barbara Johnson

Shelburne, Vermont

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**From:** Dottie Nelson

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:33 AM

**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>

**Cc:** Amy Sheldon <ASheldon@leg.state.vt.us>

**Subject:** Support H.357

Hello,

I would like you to support H.357, the Wanton Waste bill that would make the killing of animals and birds for target practice and other useless, cruel reasons illegal. Please forward this to all members of your committee.

Thank you,

Dottie Nelson

Middlebury

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Fax Message:

Curtis R. Whiteway

Craftsbury, VT

March 1, 2019

Dear Editor,

I understand that there is a bill before Vermont legislature H. 357. I am a hunter of very many years, perhaps twice as many as most of you. In my day as a young boy in the teens, my dad and uncles taught me to have a gun and use it properly. At first, I was given a small boys gun, a Rolling Block single shot .22 rifle, I still have it. One had to open the block, carefully place a .22 round in the chamber, close it properly, and place it on safety. I was taught, some times rather harshly when I became careless. I was given three rounds, (bullets), one to shoot my prey, one to finish it off if necessary and one to shoot if I got lost, no other rounds. Make your first shot count psychology. Years later I was given a .221long rifle and later a 30/30 rifle. The psychology carne in handy during W W-1I as I hunted man and dispatched them.

I came home and returned to hunting with my dad again in pat4s of Maine, NH, and Vermont and to many experiences of other hunters now joining the game. Many with little or no training with weaponry, never mind hunting itself. Through the years I saw many bored men shooting up small animals, beavers, including family dogs or cats let out to pee and a run. Some to shoot a tree to see if they could cut the tree in half, or insulators on the telephone/power poles, but others really discussed me. Example; on the last day of hunting, as I arrived at a spot to hunt only to find about a dozen men already set up, some sitting at folding card tables by their cars. A poor deer suddenly ran past, going up the hill and all of them followed it with fire making Hamburg out of it with no consideration that there was a house just beyond their fire. Then arguing as to whose deer it was. Another time I pulled up to an area I wanted to hunt and a hunter I hadn't seen fired at me &the cap•. I got out, walked up to him, taking his rifle away, emptied it and broke the rifle over a tree and handed it to him. I had to carefully repair the bullet holes so the wife didn't see them. These are the bored, untrained hunters, most from out of state but we Vermonters also have a few of these, so called hunters too. I consider this bill is to help stop the boredom and careless shooting of our cows, Horses and pets. It has little to do about the rest of our hunting and guns, just our safety.

Curtis R. Whiteway

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March 12, 2019 telephone messages from constituents in support of H.357:

Dr. Judith A. Glowicz, DMV of North Troy

Linda Burns of South Burlington

Ellen Celnik of Greensboro

Jane Hoffman of Greensboro

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**From:** Jim White

**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 8:47 AM

**To:** Amy Sheldon <ASheldon@leg.state.vt.us>; Paul Lefebvre <PLefebvre@leg.state.vt.us>; Trevor Squirrel <TSquirrel@leg.state.vt.us>; Chris Bates <CBates@leg.state.vt.us>; Kari Dolan <KDolan@leg.state.vt.us>; Robert Forguites <RForguites@leg.state.vt.us>; Jim McCullough <JMcCullough@leg.state.vt.us>; Leland Morgan <LMorgan@leg.state.vt.us>; Carol Ode <COde@leg.state.vt.us>; Harvey Smith <HSmith@leg.state.vt.us>; Thomas Terenzini <TTerenzini@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Cc:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** Comment on H.357

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Thank you for considering my feedback.

Jim White  
Shelburne

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**From:** Linda Burns  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 12:55 PM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** H.357

Dear Ms. Bozarth,

I am writing to express my support for H.357 and ask that the Committee support it. I was sickened to learn of the wanton waste that is happening in my beloved state of Vermont. We have to be better than this as a state by being stewards of all the natural resources, especially animals, that we are blessed with.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would forward my letter to the other committee members.

Thank you,  
Linda Burns  
South Burlington, VT

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**From:** Walter Medwid  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 12:22 PM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** Comments Re: H 357

March 11, 2019

Memo to: Members of House Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Committee

From: Walter M. Medwid, Derby, Vermont wmedwid@gmail.com

Re: Comments in Support of H. 357

I urge members of this Committee to support the passage of H. 357. I take this position for three key reasons:

1. Current practice allowing wanton waste violates the North American Wildlife Conservation Model—a low bar calling for basic ethical principles in the hunting of wildlife
2. Current practice violates the standards of the Fair Chase Doctrine describing ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of game
3. Current practice flies in the face of the identity of this state known for embracing high environmental standards

What is particularly unsettling is the fact that the Department of Fish and Wildlife, once again fails to stand for ethical, sportsmanlike standards. It mirrors the Department's stance on coyote killing contests. H. 357 and last year's bill prohibiting coyote killing contests represent the lowest of the low hanging fruit in this state's effort to ensure that the full range of wildlife values and not just wildlife uses are considered in our formulating wildlife regulations and public policy. Yet the Department chooses to continue to function as the Fish and Game Department serving license holders as its singular customer, not the Department of Fish and Wildlife serving all citizens.

It is regrettable that issues like this come before the legislature rather than being addressed by a functional Fish and Wildlife Board or Department. This leadership void must be filled by the legislature until such time as our wildlife governance can be addressed so that it can become fully relevant to all citizens.

I urge you to support H. 357.

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From: Lynette Courtney  
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:11 PM  
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
Subject: H357

I would like to add my voice to those supporting this bill!  
Thank you,  
Lynette Courtney,  
Greensboro Bend

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**From:** Jane Hoffman  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 10, 2019 12:24 PM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** House Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Committee - support H.357

MS Bozarth:

Please inform the House Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Committee Members of my strong support for H 357.

I am urging the members to pass H 357 out of Committee.

Wanton Waste is killing, or attempting to kill, a wild animal with no intent to consume the meat for food or to make use of the fur ... this is not ethical hunting and has no place in VT hunting culture.

Thank you

Jane Hoffman  
Greensboro, VT

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**From:** Tom Zenaty  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 10, 2019 11:23 AM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** Please support H.357

Hello, Laura. I would ask that you share this email with the House Fish and Wildlife Committee:

Please support H.357. This measure holds us hunters, trappers, etc. to a logical, fair and ethical standard of harvesting of our kills. It should be the norm and all of us should be held to this standard.

Tom Zenaty  
Shelburne

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**From:** Vivian Jordan  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 10, 2019 8:27 AM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** H.357

Hi Laura,  
Please pass this along for the 3/12 hearing:  
I am in support of H.357 and oppose any and all pointless killing of wildlife.  
Thank you!  
Vivian Jordan  
Shelburne, VT

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**From:** Gillian Franks  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2019 5:32 PM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** Support for H 357

Please distribute this to the committee before March 12.  
Wanton waste in plastic is bad. So is waste of flesh.  
Please accept this support from a carnivore and a pro (responsible) hunting that I desire to eliminate wanton waste even of "vermin" carcasses.  
Imagine if city landlords left rat carcasses in parking lots. This is what a field I walked through a few years ago looked like after a shooting "party" had killed crows.

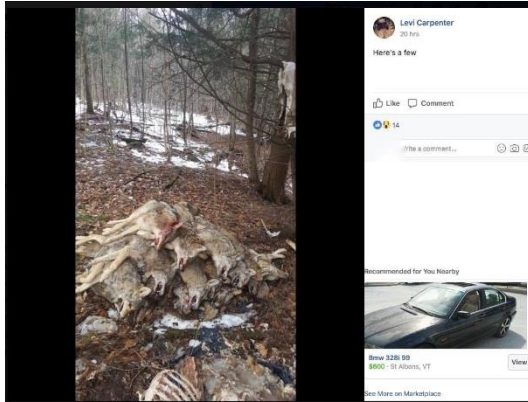
Gillian Franks  
Essex Junction.

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**From:** Diana Mara Henry  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2019 7:52 PM  
**To:** Amy Sheldon <ASheldon@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Cc:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** Action Needed on VT Wanton Waste by March 12

What is Wanton Waste?

The term refers to killing, or attempting to kill, a wild animal with no intent to consume the meat for food or to make use of the fur. Wanton waste reflects a dark underside of contemporary hunting culture. For more discussion of that topic by hunters themselves, read this **article** (it's lengthy).



**Wasteful killing happens year-round in Vermont.** The evidence is in the piles of dead crows or coyotes killed for “recreation” or target practice, and left to rot where they died. Perpetrators often rationalize such behavior by telling themselves these animals are “vermin.”

The practice is nominally denounced by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, which claims to adhere to the tenets of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. One basic tenet of the Model, originating in the 1920s as a response to the wholesale slaughter of target species by hunters, is prohibiting wanton waste killing. The Model was actually established by hunters who were disturbed by the actions of other hunters.

**Yet both the Department and the Fish & Wildlife Board allow, if not aid and encourage, wanton waste killing** by permitting an open 24/7/365 season on coyotes, and by having no bag limits for coyotes, bobcats, fisher, otter, mink, weasel, red fox, gray fox, muskrat or beaver. Their bodies are often riddled with spent lead shot and present an added threat to raptors and other wildlife, including bobcats and bald eagles, who scavenge on the carrion.

This wasteful killing also occurs with deer, bears, and other “big game” species. According to a retired Vermont warden in an April 2018 letter to Department management, “During my career as a state game warden I have seen bears, deer and wild turkeys that were harvested, hung and left to rot. I have also witnessed numerous spring shot muskrats, pelts intact, discarded by the side of the road.”

Thank you for caring about Vermont's wildlife.  
Diana Mara Henry

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**From:** marc beaudette  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2019 4:37 PM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** H.357

Dear Laura

Please let the committee know that I support banning wanton waste with bill H.357  
It breaks my heart what some people are doing to animals for no good reason. This would at least curb that.

Best Wishes  
Marc Beaudette  
Windsor

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**From:** Ann Milovsoroff  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2019 2:36 PM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** no open seasons

I support bill H 357 to ban the 'wanton waste', which is what it is, in hunting and trapping. There should be no 'open seasons' and very tight bag limits. Actually what I feel is that shooting animals for any reason other than to seriously protect crops or domestic animals, or for food, should be prohibited entirely. Shooting for fun or to develop skill should be confined to ranges and targets.  
Ann Milovsoroff, Landscape Architect, Shelburne

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**From:** Gabrielle Baraby  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2019 1:47 PM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** Wanton Waste

Hello Laura,  
I'm just writing to express my support for passing the bill that bans wanton waste.  
Truly,  
Gabrielle Baraby

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**From:** bobsummers  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2019 12:40 PM

To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
Cc: Amy Sheldon <ASheldon@leg.state.vt.us>  
Subject: H.357 - Supporting!

Ms Laura Bozarth:

Can you please forward this e-mail to all House Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife Committee members?  
I very much support H.357 as a means of limiting / stopping Wanton Waste of Vermont wildlife!  
It is something that responsible hunters do not do, yet happens all too often.

With thanks in advance,  
Robert A. (Bob) Summers  
Burlington, VT 05041

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**From:** Abigail Hagler  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2019 12:28 PM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** bill H357

Please support this bill - wanton waste is reprehensible.

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**From:** Heidi Dorr  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 02, 2019 1:47 PM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** Wildlife Related Bills--Please Share w/ Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Greetings!

I am writing in support of a number of recently introduced wildlife bills. I believe it is important to pass all of these bills since they update outmoded laws that do not respect the integrity of animals.

Though these bills are not perfect, they move us in the right direction.

Please let my representatives know that I urge a **YES** vote on all of these reasonable wildlife bills.

**Yes on H.357** "Stopping Wanton Waste" -- I believe that it is reasonable to prohibit a person from killing or crippling wildlife and then failing to make a reasonable effort to retrieve an animal and use it for consumption or for its fur. This bill addresses a reasonable expectation--don't kill animals unless you are using them to feed yourself or need their pelts for warmth.

Thank you for forwarding this email to the Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Yours sincerely ~ Heidi Dorr (Montpelier)

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Heidi Dorr

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**From:** larkshield@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2019 5:08 PM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** Please forward to Fish and Wildlife Committee

Dear Fish and Wildlife Committee,

I am writing to you today to request that you **support H190, H357, H411, H90, and S29**. Each one of these bills would be a step forward for Vermont in the treatment of wildlife and moving into the 21st century. It is time that all Vermonters had a say in regard to the wildlife in the state. For too long only hunters and trappers have decided their fate. They are no longer the majority but have a lock on the leadership of the Department. The Fish and Wildlife Board answers to no one and even goes against their own Department and biologist in many cases.

Wanton waste occurs way too often. That is not good conservation or ethical hunting. No species should be hunted 365/24/7 and in many cases left to rot. Crows have been deemed to be highly intelligent social birds and yet they are used for target practice for many. This too must stop.

Nuisance wildlife operators need to be regulated and should take a course before they get a license. The Department should require this.

We should limit the sale, purchase, and possession with intent to sell any protected animal products.

I hope you will consider all of these bills seriously and take action for the sake of Vermont and the wildlife. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lark Shields  
Craftsbury, VT

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**From:** Carol McGranaghan  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2019 9:29 AM  
**To:** Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Subject:** Wildlife matters!

I'm writing to let you know that I believe there needs to be more control of how, where and what wildlife is hunted, killed, and trapped. All life matters, but some wildlife is considered a "nuisance". It's a nuisance to those who forget HUMANS are the intruders, not the animals who have been here always. Wanton waste is a serious problem - I am Abenaki and believe that any creature who is killed has given it's life for a purpose. That life was given not to be left behind to rot. Killing is not a sport to those who die.

The bills which support education of those hunting and also lawmakers and the public are SO important - everyone needs to have information to make wise decisions. Please help by supporting all wildlife, limiting the sale and possession of protected animals, stopping wanton waste, reforming hunting and trapping governance, and changing the regulations for nuisance wildlife and trapping.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Carol Mcgranaghan

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