

Scotty L. Kelly

From: Ed Holden <edwardlholden@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 8:00 AM
To: Scotty L. Kelly
Subject: Coyote Depredation Presentation for City Council Feb. 3

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Good Morning

I understand there is an upcoming presentation on managing the coyote attacks on sea turtle nests. I've been involved with enough of the SCCF programs to respect their assessment of the situation and what might need to be done to rebalance the predators.

I cannot make the Feb 3 presentation to personally take a position. I believe this situation has been well studied and a phased approach to identifying coyotes that have learned about this particular food source and habitually prey on the defenseless need to be culled and offset the damage to many.

My opinion is the success rate of sea turtle nests is statistically much lower than the survival of a handful of coyotes.

If it results in a systematic and managed killing or removal of a percentage of the coyote population so be it. It should be accomplished with measurable results and occur over time so one species is not driven to extinction.

Thinning of the heard is not a new strategy.

 Ed Holden

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From: Linda Linsmayer <lindalinsmayer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 6:38 PM
To: Dana A. Souza
Cc: Holly Milbrandt; James Evans; Chris Lechowicz; Kelly Sloan; Nick Linsmayer; Bernard J Arroyo; Scotty L. Kelly
Subject: Re: Coyote "Stalking"

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Thank you for making note of this Dana.

Gratefully,
Linda

On Dec 9, 2025, at 5:21 PM, Dana A. Souza <Dana.Souza@mysanibel.com> wrote:

Linda – Thank you for your email. I'm sorry to learn that you had an uncomfortable encounter you had with a coyote today. I will forward your email to the City Clerk so it is added to the record when this matter is discussed with the City Council next month.

Best wishes,

Dana

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From: Linda Linsmayer <lindalinsmayer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 5:09 PM
To: Dana A. Souza <Dana.Souza@mysanibel.com>; Holly Milbrandt <Holly.Milbrandt@mysanibel.com>; James Evans <james.evans@sccf.org>
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As I jogged along the tideline at 7am with Frankie the coyote stealthy followed us only about 100 -150 feet behind until a neighbor came in one beach access and warned me that we were being stalked. when I picked up Frankie the coyote confidently sauntered past us to the sea oat line and continued to follow along for half mile where it laid down in the open by beach access 3 sitting in waiting for us. Several other neighbors also observed the uncomfortable coyote behavior and insisted on walking me home for safety.

Again, I sure don't know the solution, but I appreciate knowing you are aware of this on going threat to our hatchlings (almost 40% were predated) and to the concern of residents.

Gratefully,

Linda Linsmayer
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Subject: FW: Coyote "Stalking"
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From: Alison Hussey <ahussey@crowclinic.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 3:17 PM
To: Holly Milbrandt <Holly.Milbrandt@mysanibel.com>; James Evans <james.evans@sccf.org>; Kevin Godsea <kevin_godsea@fws.gov>
Cc: Jessica Comolli <jcomolli@crowclinic.org>
Subject: Coyote Working Group

TO SCCF, City of Sanibel and JJ “Ding” Darling Wildlife Refuge:

CROW, as a member of the Coyote Working Group, joins in the distress of our partners and the public regarding the loss of sea turtle eggs and hatchlings from coyote depredation on the islands. We appreciate the ongoing communication and exploration of alternative strategies by our partners; however, as a wildlife hospital whose mission is “saving wildlife” we must abstain from the targeted lethal removal discussion which will be presented to City Council. That said, please continue to count on us for research, education, and outreach as we work together to educate the residents and businesses on Sanibel and Captiva and beyond on community-based and prevention initiatives. We look forward to sharing our recommended communication strategies with you and the community in the coming weeks.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or Dr. Comolli should you have any questions or concerns.

Alison
Alison Charney Hussey

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