Code of Ethics



All Members, regardless of class, must ascribe to the following Code of Ethics.

I will strive to follow all laws and regulations pertaining to wildlife damage management.

I ascribe to a professional code of conduct that embodies the traits of honesty, sincerity and dedication.

I will show exceptionally high levels of concern and respect for people, property and wildlife.

I will promote the understanding and appreciation of the many values of wildlife and scientific wildlife management, as well as an appreciation for the economic and health concerns of people adversely affected by wildlife.

I acknowledge that NWCOA supports sound, scientific wildlife management principles including, but not limited to: hunting, trapping, and any other lethal population control measures in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations.

I will be sensitive to the various viewpoints of wildlife damage management.

I will provide expertise on managing wildlife damage to my clientele upon request, within the limits of my experience, ability and legal authority.

I will promote competence and present an image worthy of the profession by supporting high standards of education, employment and performance.

I will strive to broaden my knowledge, skills and abilities to advance the practice of commercial wildlife damage management.

I will, in good faith, select new or time proven methods for resolving wildlife damage conflicts and give due consideration to humaneness, selectivity, effectiveness and practicality.

I will treat my competition and clientele in a courteous manner and in accordance with honorable business practices.

I will encourage, through word and through deed, all Commercial Wildlife Control Operators to adhere to this code and to participate in state associations of Commercial Wildlife Control Operators.