

Citizen Resolution # 131723*



Phase out lead in hunting by 2030

A recent study that sampled 1200 eagles in thirty-eight states, including Wisconsin, found nearly half of all bald and golden eagles suffer from chronic lead poisoning. Unsafe levels of lead are present in many of our state's game species, impacting the health of our ecosystem and the safety of our food chain. Lead-based ammunition rapidly expands on impact and fragments into hundreds of pieces. Fragments may scatter as far as eighteen inches from the entry point, rendering the practice of trimming around the wound unreliable and fragment detection difficult. A 2008 report from Wisconsin's Department of Health Services reported on the potential for ingestion exposure of lead fragments in donated venison. WI DHS recommends the use of non lead ammunition to avoid lead poisoning, in both humans and wildlife, for pursuit of game with firearms. The retail price difference between hunting grade lead and lead-free ammunition is nominal, but prices in Wisconsin are spread further because they're sold as specialty items. Providing a timeline would allow supply chains and retailers to adapt and compete as demand normalizes. The use of lead shot is already phased out for waterfowl hunting, and for all game on some properties. As stewards of the land and consumers of Wisconsin's resources, it is our responsibility to phase out lead use in hunting to protect Wisconsin's wildlife for generations to come.

Do you support phasing out lead ammunition for harvesting game by 2030?

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