

Citizen Resolution # 132122

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Get the Lead Out of Ammunition

Throughout the 20th century, federal regulations were established to ban lead exposure to humans in their daily lives for the purpose of health and human safety. Yet we have failed to take into account the safety and suffering of wildlife through their exposure to lead via ammunition and fishing tackle. Lead poisoning, which occurs when waterfowl ingest spent lead shot, or wildlife consumes gut pile remains left by hunters, is a preventable disease because it is caused entirely by humans. Lead bullets fragment into tiny shards which can lead to a slow, miserable death when ingested by birds, particularly, bald eagles. Since non-toxic bullets and fishing weights are widely available and in many cases, comparable in price to lead, it is incumbent upon the hunters in this state to discontinue the use of lead ammo and switch over to non-lead shot, if they care about preventing the unnecessary suffering experienced by animals that scavenge off of their deer gut piles.

BE IT RESOLVED: The WI DNR must end the preventable deaths of millions of birds and wildlife by imposing a statewide ban on hunters' use of lead ammunition, since suitable, moderately priced copper and non-lead alternatives are available.

Additional Information provided by author:

1) huntingwithnonlead.org; 2) The Raptor Center of the University of Minnesota; 3) SOAR (Saving Our Avian Resources); 4) Ducks Unlimited

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