

Citizen Resolution # 280521

(For Hearing Officer completion)



In past decades there have been many steps taken to get lead out of gasoline, paint, waterpipes, etc. that have posed danger to the health of humans. Every year 10 – 20 million birds and animals die of lead poisoning in the US by the ingestion of lead from ammunition and fishing jigs and weights. A number of years ago, steel shot was introduced and required for waterfowl hunting. This had a major positive impact reducing the number of poisonings with no impact on the ability to harvest waterfowl. There were formidable alternatives.

In recent years there has been an effort to realize the toxic impact of lead bullets for deer hunting. Lead is a great bullet but when it strikes an animal small fragments soften to a liquid state and scatters in the meat and entrails before resolidifying. Therefore anyone who eats the meat from that part of the deer could be ingesting lead. The lead in the removed entrails or mortally wounded deer could and is consumed by scavenger birds and animals.

Be it resolved, on April 12 2021 that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Jefferson County work with the DNR and Legislature to promote and educate the citizens of Wisconsin on the importance of using lead free alternatives for hunting and fishing.

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