

Citizen Resolution # 134122

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Wisconsin Conservation Fund to Minimize and Mitigation Impacts of Lead on Wildlife and Human Health

Lead is a well-known neurotoxin with health impacts to humans & wildlife. It can bioaccumulate in the body, has the potential to cause neurological problems, and greatly impacts children's brain development. Chronic and acute exposure in wildlife causes neurological problems which can lead to death. Wisconsin's sportsmen and sportswomen can lead the country by developing a sound policy to minimize and mitigate the impacts of lead on wildlife and their families. Research shows 50% of all Bald & Golden Eagles suffer from chronic lead toxicity. Other wildlife impacted include loons, swans, ducks, and other wild birds. There is also well documented evidence of lead ingestion in humans from spent lead in harvested wild game. This resolution proposes establishment of a CONSERVATION FUND for LEAD MINIMIZATION, collected through an excise tax on all lead ammunition & fishing gear. Funding would be used to: 1) Support to DNR for administration and research; 2) Financial support to non-profit organizations and wildlife rehabilitators (WI Statute 23.0955); 3) Support local manufacturers to expand production of non-lead alternatives; 4) Improve monitoring by setting up portable X-ray stations to examine game meat for lead contamination; 5) Develop a comprehensive public education program; 6) assist local gun clubs with lead cleanup. This resolution is to create a state model similar to 2 successful federal programs, Pittman-Robertson (1937) and Dingle- Johnson Act (1950), which provide financial support for wildlife & fisheries management & planning. Passage will prevent health risks to humans, meet our responsibility to protect all wildlife, especially the bald eagle which has significance in Native American culture and as our national symbol

Do you support creation of a Conservation Fund to Minimize and Mitigate the impacts of lead on Wisconsin's wildlife and human health?

Additional Information provided by author:

1) Demographic implications of lead poisoning for eagles across North America (science.org 2022); 2) Ingestion of Spent Lead Ammunition: Implications for Wildlife and Humans (2008 Conference Proceedings)

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