

Lead Fishing Tackle and Hunting Ammunition Resolution

Whereas, our mission is “To conserve, maintain, protect, and restore the soil, forest, water, and other natural resources of the United States and other lands; to promote means and opportunities for the education of the public with respect to such resources and their enjoyment and wholesome utilization.”

Whereas, lead is ubiquitously used in fishing tackle and hunting ammunition projectiles.

Whereas, fishing tackle is commonly lost in waterways as a normal part of fishing and the discharge of a firearm while hunting leaves projectile material in the environment and in game.

Whereas, lost projectiles and fishing tackle accumulate in the environment and are commonly ingested by birds.

Whereas, lead is a toxic metal that has adverse effects on wildlife (especially birds) and on humans.

Whereas, non-toxic fishing tackle and hunting ammunition are readily available, effective, and affordable.

Whereas, toxic hunting ammunition and fishing tackle are already banned in certain states and federal lands of the United States and Canada and several waters of the United States, Great Britain and Canada without detrimental effect on outdoor recreation.

Whereas, most toxic hunting ammunition is already banned in the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge without detrimental effect on outdoor recreation.

Whereas, in most lands and waters of Minnesota, toxic hunting ammunition and fishing tackle is unregulated and widely used.

Whereas, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages Minnesotans to “get the lead out.”

Whereas, the Izaak Walton League Chapters in Minnesota sponsors fishing events and provides tackle.

Whereas, given lead’s toxicity and the availability of non-toxic alternatives, there is no compelling reason to use lead fishing tackle or lead hunting ammunition whatsoever.

Be it resolved, that the Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America in Convention on April 27th, 2019 calls on the Minnesota Legislature to ban the use of lead hunting ammunition and fishing tackle within the State of Minnesota.

Be it further resolved, that the ~~Bush Lake Chapter of the~~ Minnesota Izaak Walton League calls on sporting goods retailers and trade associations to offer and to promote non-toxic fishing tackle and hunting ammunition: and,

Be it further resolved, that the Minnesota Izaak Walton League calls on its membership to choose non-toxic ammunition and fishing tackle whenever possible.

Bush Lake Chapter of the Izaak Walton League

Be it further resolved, that the Minnesota based Chapters of the Izaak Walton League shall insist on the use of non-toxic ammunition and fishing tackle at any event sponsored, in whole or in part, by this chapter.

Be it further resolved, that the Minnesota Izaak Walton League supports educational programs that teach about the implications of lead in the environment and alternatives to lead fishing tackle and hunting ammunition.

Be it further resolved, that resolution 2011, number 4, Lead Ammunition is hereby repealed