



**Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc.**

250 Rabbit College Road  
Petersburgh, NY 12138

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Non-lead Hunting Ammunition**

WHEREAS, the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc. (“Association”) is a quasi-governmental entity representing state, provincial, and federal fish and wildlife agencies in the Northeastern United States and eastern Canadian Provinces; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Association include: (1) To encourage and promote better understanding and cooperation among its several members in dealing with the conservation of fish and wildlife resources; (2) To assist in the coordination and implementation of fish and wildlife programs of mutual interest to its members; (3) To encourage and provide for regional projects that conserve wildlife, fish, and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies adopted a resolution in 2010 entitled “Lead ammunition and fishing tackle;” and

WHEREAS, this resolution affirms that lead from ammunition under certain circumstances of exposure may pose health risks to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, this resolution emphasizes the importance of public education, outreach, and voluntary efforts to inform stakeholders about choices associated with hunting ammunition; and

WHEREAS, the North American Non-Lead Partnership (“Partnership”) was established to conserve wildlife and the hunting heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership’s goal is to “work collaboratively to minimize the unintended impacts of lead ammunition on wildlife and support the continued contributions of legal hunting to wildlife conservation;” and

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WHEREAS, the Partnership has designed and promotes voluntary measures to increase the use of non-lead hunting ammunition; and

WHEREAS, the Association recognizes the importance of consistent approaches across jurisdictions on public education and outreach related to lead and non-lead hunting ammunition; and

WHEREAS, the Association affirms the importance of voluntary approaches related to the use of lead and non-lead hunting ammunition; and

WHEREAS, the existing hunter education system provides a highly efficient opportunity to educate new hunters about various forms of hunting ammunition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc. join the North American Non-Lead Partnership at the "In support of" level thereby endorsing the efforts of the Partnership focused on outreach and education, and to establish a formal relationship with the Partnership to improve and implement outreach and education methods throughout the northeast; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc. encourages its members to consider joining the Partnership at a level they deem appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc. send a letter to the President and Executive Director of the International Hunter Education Association requesting that hunter education content standards be revised to include specific curricula on the topic of non-lead hunting ammunition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northeast Wildlife Administrators Association is hereby charged to establish and maintain an awareness of the ecological, technical, and socio-cultural elements associated with lead and non-lead hunting ammunition, including understanding any population effects on wildlife associated with lead hunting ammunition, and to ensure that education and outreach strategies thoroughly address all

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aspects of lead and non-lead hunting ammunition, including any limitations or disadvantages associated with the use of the various forms of hunting ammunition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northeast Conservation Information & Education Association network collaboratively with the Northeast Wildlife Administrators Association to identify the most effective communication and outreach strategies on this topic for use by each respective fish and wildlife agency, as those agencies deem appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc. is hereby authorized to sign the North American Non-Lead Partnership (Attachment A), and to convey a copy of this resolution to the President of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, as well as to the Presidents of each of the regional associations of fish and wildlife agencies to facilitate an on-going dialogue about progress, strategies, and opportunities associated with education and outreach initiatives on lead and non-lead hunting ammunition.

Adopted: November 7, 2019

Attachment A. North American Non-Lead Partnership

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*- a partnership to conserve wildlife and hunting heritage -*

*The undersigned recognize that sportsmen and -women have been at the forefront of natural resource conservation throughout North America for over a century, and hunters have successfully met numerous conservation challenges in the past. The ability of the sporting community to voluntarily prevent wildlife lead poisoning from ammunition continues that tradition; provides an additional, high-visibility opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to the conservation of America's wildlife; and a mechanism to minimize unintentional impacts on wildlife health while protecting the public image of hunting and the associated benefits to the conservation of wildlife and habitat;*

**Whereas**, legal, regulated hunting has been and remains the foundation of the highly successful North American Model of Wildlife Conservation; and

**Whereas**, effective ecosystem management requires engaged and passionate advocates for wildlife and habitat, including both hunters and other conservation-minded citizens; and

**Whereas**, there is credible and substantial scientific evidence showing that lead ammunition can cause unintended impacts on our wildlife resources; and

**Whereas**, we believe expansion of current proactive conservation efforts by hunters will help conserve wildlife and continue to maintain public support of legal hunting; and

**Whereas**, continued research and current efforts indicate that hunters have a very high willingness to take action if asked by a credible peer or group within the sporting community;

**Therefore**, we declare that it is our goal to work collaboratively to minimize the unintended impacts of lead ammunition on wildlife and support the continued contributions of legal hunting to wildlife conservation by:

- Design and promote voluntary measures to increase the use of non-lead ammunition
- Supporting the continued long-term viability of scientifically managed hunting and the associated conservation culture by providing programs that encourage sports-men and -women participation in conservation actions
- Supporting continued efforts to conduct scientific research into the relative risk associated with specific lead exposure pathways between use of lead ammunition and wildlife
- Use scientific evaluation to assess and improve programs

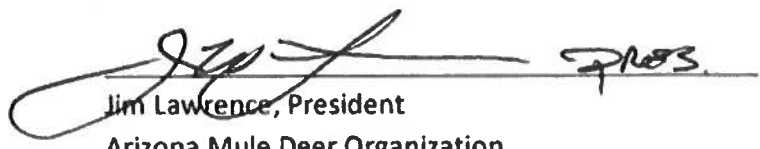
The groups hereto endorse the formation and intent of this partnership as defined by this resolution.

  
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Steve Clark, Executive Director  
Arizona Elk Society


Date 3/13/18

  
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Don McDowell  
Arizona Deer Association

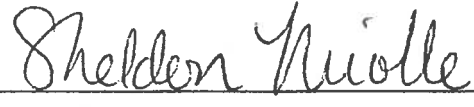
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Jim Lawrence, President  
Arizona Mule Deer Organization


Date 03/16/2018

  
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Ken Meadors, President  
Arizona Antelope Foundation

Date 4/8/2019

  
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Sheldon Nicolle, President  
North American Falconers Association

Date 12/4/18

  
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Rick Cerwick, President  
Iowa Hunter Education Association

Date 5/18/19

  
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Rich Williams, President  
National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona State Chapter

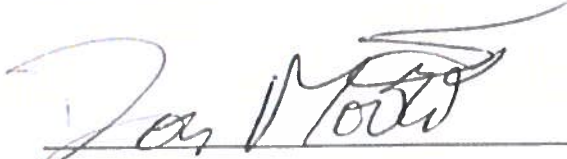
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The partners hereto represent support of this resolution as of the last written date below.



Rick Watson, President and CEO  
The Peregrine Fund

Date 3/26/2018



Don Moore, Director  
The Oregon Zoo

Date 4/2018



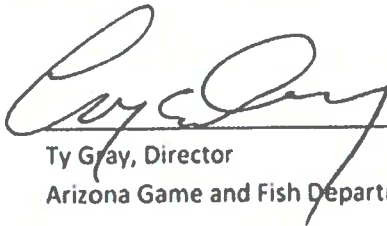
David Garcelon, President  
Institute for Wildlife Studies

Date 3/22/18




Curt Melcher, Director  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Date 4/9/18



Ty Gray, Director  
Arizona Game and Fish Department

Date 3/15/18



Mike Fowlks, Director  
Utah Division of Natural Resources

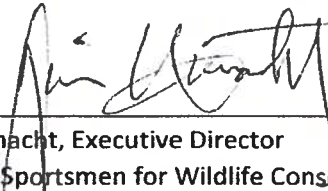
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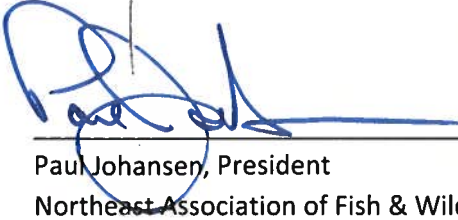
Mike Ayers, President  
Oregon Hunters Association

Date 12/8/18

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Jim Unmacht, Executive Director  
Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation

Date 6/11/19

  
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Paul Johansen, President  
Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc.

Date 12/11/19

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Kenton Carruth, Co-founder  
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Brad Powell, President  
Arizona Wildlife Federation

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**APPENDIX A  
PRINCIPAL CONTACTS**

The principal contacts for this resolution are:

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