

Resolution

BAYFIELD COUNTY FORESTRY AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

SUPPORT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN NON-LEAD PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, Bayfield County recognizes that sportsmen and -women have been at the forefront of natural resource conservation throughout North America for over a century, with both hunters and anglers successfully meeting numerous conservation challenges in the past; and

WHEREAS, legal, regulated hunting and fishing have been and remain a vital part of the highly successful North American Model of Wildlife and Fish Conservation; and

WHEREAS, effective ecosystem management requires engaged and passionate advocates for wildlife, fish and associated habitat conservation, including natural resource professionals, hunters, anglers and other interested citizens; and

WHEREAS, there is credible and substantial scientific evidence showing that lead ammunition and tackle can cause unintended, negative impacts on our wildlife and fishery resources; and

WHEREAS, reducing the amount of lead ammunition and tackle deposited on the landscape has the potential to improve overall ecosystem health and habitat quality; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of current proactive conservation efforts by hunters and anglers has the potential to help promote healthy and productive wildlife and fish populations and continue to maintain public support for legal hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, continued research and current efforts indicate that hunters and anglers have a very high willingness to voluntarily reduce the use of lead ammunition and/or tackle if provided with information by a credible peer or group within the sporting community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Parks Committee, meeting this 10th day of August, 2020, supports the North American Non-Lead Partnership and shares a common goal of working collaboratively to minimize the

unintended negative impacts of lead ammunition and tackle on wildlife and fish populations, which includes the natural habitats in which they reside.

BAYFIELD COUNTY FORESTRY AND PARKS COMMITTEE

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Fred Strand, Chairman