



FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

RESOLUTION ON THE USE OF NON-TOXIC SHOT FOR WATERFOWL HUNTING

WHEREAS, it has been conclusively demonstrated that lead is a toxic substance, serving no beneficial role in biological functions,

WHEREAS, the ingestion of lead pellets from shotgun shells has been shown to result in the annual mortality of up to 3 million ducks,


WHEREAS, it has been conclusively demonstrated that shotgun shells loaded with non-toxic steel pellets represent a safe, effective, and economically feasible alternative to the use of lead loaded shells for the harvest of waterfowl,

WHEREAS, efforts to reduce the loss of waterfowl due to the toxic effects of lead ingestion have been obstructed through litigation and legislation sponsored by poorly informed individuals,

WHEREAS, the Florida Chapter--The Wildlife Society, Inc. is an organization of professional wildlife biologists dedicated to the sound management of the natural resources, including waterfowl resources, of the State of Florida,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florida Chapter--The Wildlife Society, Inc. fully endorses the mandatory use of non-toxic shot in all gauge guns for waterfowl hunting in those locations identified by professional wildlife biologists as sites where lead ingestion is an existing or potential problem.

ATTEST


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