

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION
ANNUAL MEETING

September 14, 2014

Resolution #3

Deerwood, Minnesota

Stronger State or Federal Restrictions on Lead Ammo to protect Eagles and other Birds

WHEREAS, more and more studies are indicating a strong relationship between eagle deaths and lead poisoning, and

WHEREAS, some of those increased deaths to eagles can be traced directly back to eagle consumption of deer guts left behind by hunters, and

WHEREAS, the federal government already prohibits that use of lead shot over federal production areas, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has worked hard to reduce the use of lead sinkers for fishing purposes that have affected loons, ducks, and geese, and

WHEREAS, the DNR, the Raptor Center, MN Deer hunters, and others have prepared a LCCMR proposal to continue work on “alternative ammo” like copper for hunters:

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that The Minnesota Conservation Federation meeting at its annual meeting in Deerwood, Minnesota on September 14, support the DNR and Raptor Center in their research project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MCF lobby the Minnesota State Legislature for further restrictions on lead shot used in ammo and fishing tackle.

Submitted by Conrad Botz