



LEAD AND FISH & WILDLIFE HEALTH WORKING GROUP

Chair: Bernadette Graham-Hudson (OR) – [will not be present; meeting will be led by Sonja Christensen]

AFWA Committee Staff Support: Sonja Christensen / Mark Humpert

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

2:15 PM – 4:15 PM

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions
Agenda Review
Review of Working Group charge
Working Group Mission and Vision
5-Year Strategic Plan • Year 1: MSCG Proposal • Year 2-5: Goals
Round table updates –<i>time permitting</i>
Summary and adjourn

Working Group Charge (approved by F&W Health Committee, March 2026):

Advise the Fish and Wildlife Health Committee, and coordinate with other relevant committees, including but not limited to, the Engagement and Education, Hunting/Shooting Sports Participation, One Health, and Angler and Boater R3 Committees on:

- Implementation of the Voluntary Best Management Practices for Reducing Unintended Ingestion of Lead Ammunition and Tackle Residues in Wildlife (BMPs).
 - Identify objectives, strategies, techniques, and funding needs for implementing voluntary BMPs, including evaluation and adaptive management.
 - Provide guidance to state fish and wildlife agencies, regional Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, and AFWA on implementation strategies and processes that address unintended lead ingestion in fish and wildlife while proactively supporting sustainable hunting and fishing programs.
- Appropriate options for managing unintended consequences of the use of lead by hunters and anglers.

Provide a forum for exchanging information and identifying research needs related to environmental effects of lead tackle and ammunition, lead-free ammunition and tackle options, and human dimensions of hunter and angler choice.

Prepare an annual work plan for developing recommendations on research, training, education and outreach, incentives, or other strategies to address unintended lead impacts to fish and wildlife.

Subgroup Proposed Mission and Vision Statements:

Mission Statement:

Advise AFWA on impacts of lead on fish and wildlife health and methods for mitigation.

Vision Statement:

To reduce the unintended ingestion of lead ammunition and tackle residues in wildlife, thereby sustaining public support for hunting and angling while minimizing regulatory burden.