# WDFW - North American Nonlead Partnership

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#### **Outline**

- What is the North American Non-lead Partnership (NANP)
- WDFW/NANP Agreements
- Partnership activities
- Looking forward







### North American Non-lead Partnership

(Formed in 2017)

• 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.





### North American Non-lead Partnership

- Promote voluntary measures
- Support long-term viability of scientifically managed hunting
- Support continued scientific research
- Scientific evaluation





# **Broad Membership**















































































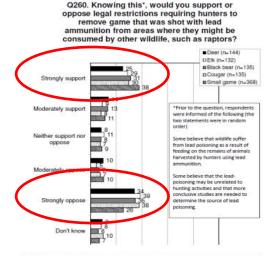








# **Building on Past Efforts**



- Fish and Wildlife
  Commission Presentation
- WDFW Joined NANP in 2021

#### Game Management Plan 2015-21

- Survey Washington hunters: 2015-21 GMP hunter survey results (August 2014)
  - Regarding restrictions to remove game that is shot with lead, opinion is polarized: from 38% to 49% of the hunters support, while 36% to 45% oppose.



## **WDFW/NANP** Agreements

#### **Outreach and Engagement**

- Workshops public and staff
- Bighorn Show, RMEF Rendezvous
- Evaluation of efforts

#### **Partnership Benefits**

- Technical assistance/strategic plan updates
- Access to NANP professionals and outreach materials





## **Partnership Activities**

#### Workshops – Public and WDFW

- Public
- WDFW
- Hunter
  Education
  Instructors

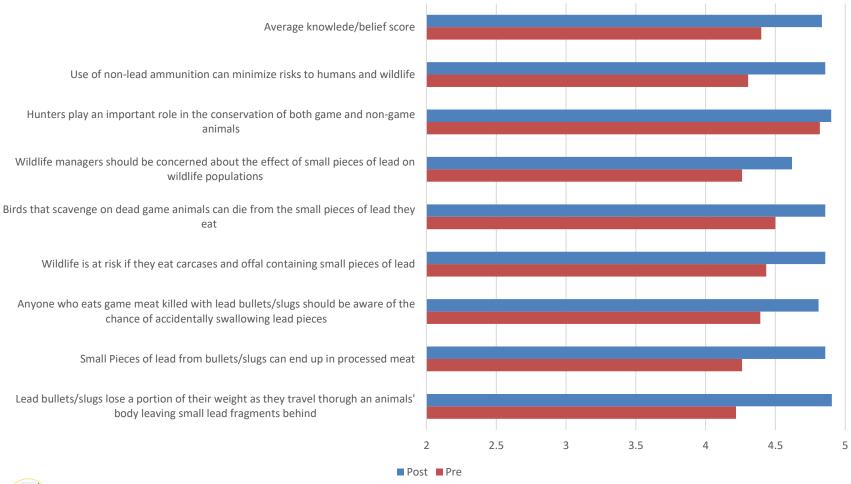




NANP Workshop classroom

#### **Workshops – Post-Workshop Surveys**

Knowledge and beliefs on ammunition performance and potential impacts of lead

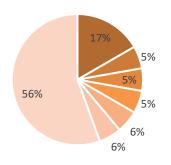




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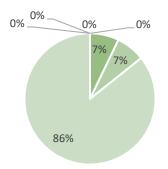
Percentage of hunters planning to use non-lead (by proportion of game types hunted)- <u>pre-workshop</u> (N=23)





■ 25% Non-lead use

Percentage of hunters planning to use non-lead (by proportion of game types hunted)- <u>post-workshop</u> (N=21)







#### Workshops – Post-Workshop Surveys

#### Ways to increase voluntary use in WA

- Increased Education/Mentorship
  - Personal Health Issues
  - Wildlife Health Issues
- **Increased Availability**
- Incentives/trade-in Programs







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## **Looking Forward**

# **Partnership Activities**

### **2024 Communications Plan (living document)**

#### Goals tied to NANP

- Increase the use of nonlead ammunition for all hunting
- Support the continued long-term viability of scientifically managed hunting and the associated conservation



Bullet fragments collected in test

# **Partnership Activities**

#### **NANP/WDFW Plan Actions**

- Develop Strategies Content and Messages
  - Social media, videos, web content
- Develop Incentive Programs
- Develop Curricula
  - Hunter Ed, Mentor Programs
- Conduct Workshops



NANP non-lead demonstration



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