

## Minnesota Humane Society

## founded 1869

October 18, 2019

Commissioner Sarah Strommen

MN Department of Natural Resources

500 Lafayette Road

St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Petition to the DNR for Adoption of Rules Requiring Non-toxic Fishing Tackle and Non-toxic Ammunition

Dear Commissioner Strommen:

On behalf of the Minnesota Humane Society (MHS), we are writing to support the petition presented by the Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas (FMSNA) for Adoption of Rules Requiring Non-toxic Fishing Tackle and Non-toxic Ammunition.

MHS is a statewide education, advocacy and rescue organization dedicated to animal protection.

Founded in 1869, it is the oldest humane society in Minnesota. Public education on the impacts of lead ammo on eagles and loons has not reduced the number of deaths. More regulation is needed. Non-toxic ammunition and non-toxic fishing tackle are already available and reasonably priced.

We strongly urge the Minnesota DNR to adopt rules to require non-toxic ammunition and non-toxic fishing tackle.

Howard Goldman

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