

September 17, 2019

Commissioner Sarah Strommen
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Petition for Adoption of Rules Prohibiting Lead Fishing Tackle and Lead Ammunition
Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas

Dear Commissioner Strommen:

Howling For Wolves is a Minnesota-based wolf advocacy organization that formed in 2012 to educate the public about the wild wolf to foster tolerance and to ensure the wolf's long-term survival. Howling For Wolves opposes recreational wolf hunting and trapping and all wildlife snaring. We currently support the continuation of federal protections for the wolf by the Endangered Species Act.

Howling For Wolves submits this letter **in support of a Petition** for Adoption of Rules Prohibiting Lead Fishing Tackle and Lead Ammunition, recently filed by Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas. To ensure the health and survival of wolves – and all other living organisms, including humans – we need to remove lead from the food chain as soon as possible and wherever possible. Non-toxic tackle and non-toxic ammunition are already available and are reasonably priced.

Howling For Wolves **thanks you** in advance for adopting rules that adequately protect human health and the environment, including our iconic wolf population.

Sincerely,

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